



Dear Supporters and Friends,

I first met Stephanie Lau, a Filipino, just over two years ago. She was a new Christian who had just enrolled at Four Seas Bible College in Singapore. She was anxious to tell me how her college classmate had invited her to a Bible study which ultimately led to her watching “Searching for Truth” and her obedience to the gospel. Little did we know then that she would marry another student, Ernest Lau, enrolled at Four Seas and that the two of them would now as husband and wife be working full-time with the Lim Ah Pin congregation in Singapore. They, along with Alvin Lin and Peter and PooiFun Chin, were responsible for



The Youth Impact Day attendees from the Kota Kemuning, Klang, and surrounding congregations in Malaysia and Singapore. It was a fantastic event!



Stephanie and Ernest Lau - graduates of Four Seas Bible College, now working with the Lim Ah Pin church of Christ.

many of the logistics associated with the recent mission work Carla and I had planned for Southeast Asia. To see Stephanie writing, teaching, and working alongside her husband made us realize how important it is to continue our video work with World Video Bible School, and to further teach at schools like Four Seas and Bear Valley Bible Institute. She and many, many others greatly encouraged us in our work of guiding souls to Jesus and in training others to share the gospel. There is much to do in reaching the 7 billion souls on planet earth, and your support of Bible Passages is making a huge difference.

Having just returned from Southeast Asia we are still a little disoriented and suffering from a bit of reverse culture shock, but so excited about the blessings of working in the

Kingdom. It is truly so encouraging seeing the power of the gospel at work and to hear stories of those who were converted out of Communist China, Buddhism, Taoism, ancestral worship, and various denominations. We spent a lot of time with the Four Seas Bible students who come from several different nations. One of those students is from Vietnam (her name is Yen). She just graduated and is headed back home to work among the people of her community where she grew up. The government persecuted the church of Christ at Ho Chi Minh and they had to disband, but, as in the Bible "they went everywhere preaching the word." One of those places is in Yen's hometown, where many of her family are Christians. A graduate of Four Seas Bible College name Hi (who I met 2 years ago) is preaching there. Members of the Lord's body have to meet quietly to keep from receiving complaints from neighbors who may report them to the government. They are meeting illegally, but Yen is so optimistic and happy. Her aunt, a member of the church there, is a "good talker" with the authorities, as Yen puts it, and has a good reputation for doing so much good for the poor and for the children that the officials there "look the other way".

Our work also took us to Malaysia, where I conducted a gospel meeting in a combined effort of two separate congregations. We also participated in an all-day young adult seminar where Carla and I spoke several times. In Malaysia, we met several Christians at a Chinese restaurant owned and operated by a member of the Kota Kemuning congregation. She (Eva) and her husband moved here from mainland China 8 years ago to go to school, and ended up obeying the gospel, committing their lives to Jesus. They were introduced to Christianity when she met a woman in the congregation who teaches children in the community. She, and now her mother, are dedicated Christians who have a very successful business in this area of Malaysia. The area is known as Kota Kemuning, near Kuala Lumpur. Malaysia has a population of 31 million; 70% Muslim and the remaining 30% are mostly made up of those who are of Chinese descent. It was such a delight to hear Eva talk about finding the Lord and how happy she is to be a part of the Kingdom of God. I wish I had space to tell you of the many, many others whom we met, taught, and worked with during our stay. Story upon story would delight your heart as it has ours.

On April 9, after a thirty-hour trip, we arrived in Singapore and were blessed with a day of needed recovery time before we began our work. The first effort involved a gospel meeting - a joint effort conducted by the Jurong and Lim Ah Pin congregations. There were well over 300 hundred present each night with nearly 400 in attendance on the last night. There were at least 50 visitors who attended one or more nights of the meeting, including one man who, after attending the gospel meeting, decided to enroll in the courses that I was to teach at Four Seas Bible College. As well as preaching in two gospel meetings, I conducted teacher training workshop, spoke several times at the young adult impact day for the Kota Kemuning and Klang congregations, and taught at Four Seas Bible College. Carla also delivered numerous lessons to ladies'

groups both in Malaysia and Singapore. Having her with me was so joyous and comforting. She was an integral part of the work, helping to encourage and counsel many of the Christian families, preacher's wives, and women of the various congregations where we worked.

We are still searching for congregations and individuals to help support our work. We have yet to meet our budget. Please contact us with questions!

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Among all of the Christians we met, we were so very encouraged. During the last week of our work we stayed at the Bible College at Jurong. We had our own room, but we shared the same facilities and accommodations with the students, giving us a chance to spend more time with each of them. While there, I taught a course on Revelation and another on "Introduction to Christian Counseling". During the day, we would eat lunch with students from the class and spend most evenings with various members of the surrounding congregations. On our final Friday night, Carla and I prepared ice cream and treats

for the Four Seas students. We played games until midnight and thoroughly enjoyed the company of these bright souls.

As we look back over our work during the month of April, we could not possibly capture in one four page report all of the blessings we witnessed in the lives of others, and most especially ours. We believe that much good was accomplished and we thank God for all that HE has done. We thank Him for allowing us to be in the ministry to share with the others the unsearchable riches of Christ, the gospel of the Kingdom, the marvelous grace of God, and the plan for His church. There is so much to be thankful for and excited about in the work of our Lord. God is changing lives everyday through various works all over the world, and we see how each of you are affecting the lives of others through the faith and love you have for Him. Please pray for us and God's everlasting Kingdom. In Him, *John W. Moore*



Clockwise from top left: we enjoyed ice cream and games with the Four Seas Bible College students...a welcome from the Kota Kemuning congregation in Malaysia....students in John's Revelation class at Four Seas...with PooiFun and Peter Chin, and Nico and Christie Chan....a great crowd for the gospel meeting at the Concorde Hotel in Singapore, hosted by the Lim Ah Pin and Jurong congregations...Alvin Lin, Tian Sing, Geok Eng and Cornelius Lee, and Shanice - wonderful people... (center) John Goh, Eng Kim Leng (one of the elders at Kota Kemuning), and his wife Shirley Goh in Malaysia.

Carla's Comments

I've always leaned toward being cautious. "Cautious" sounds better than "fearful". So, truthfully, I've always leaned toward being fearful – especially of what *might* happen, or fearing *the unknown*, or fearful of not being in my comfort zone. I came across a passage this month that spoke to my heart: "The fear of man brings a snare, but he who trusts in the Lord will be exalted," (Prov. 29:25, NASB). The word "exalted" seemed strange in the context, so I used my fantastic Logos Bible program to dig into it, and it means "to be high, to be inaccessible, unattainable." It made perfect sense, then: fear is a trap – it grabbed me like a trap set for an animal, then refused to let me go. But trusting in God will lift me high above that snare; He will not allow that trap to hold on to me anymore.

I've seen how true that is, in the last few years and especially in the last month. I am (as I recently told someone) an "introverted, 'fraidy cat homebody", and I've let fears keep me from doing things I knew I should. But I knew if I truly trusted the Lord to keep His promises (and I do), then He would bless me by lifting me high above my fears (and He has!) Making the long, long (long!) journey to the other side of the world was something that I feared. That may seem silly to some, but I'm just being honest. I feared being that far from my kids, I feared the flight, I feared making conversation with a LOT of new people. But John wanted me to be with him, and I knew it was the right thing to do, and I had faith that if I obeyed Him, God would bless me. And, my kids were fine, the flight was fine, and the people: oh, the people! God's people in southeast Asia are among the most wonderful, kind, thoughtful, evangelistic, friendly, happy, humble people I've ever had the privilege of knowing. God blessed us with health, stamina and productivity. He used the trip to humble me and remind me, again, that He knows best. That being served motivates me to be a servant myself. That the pattern for His church can be, and has been, followed all over the world. That no matter the culture, distance, and language, God uses His people to demonstrate His love, mercy, and grace. This is such a blessing! And though I know there are a lot of personal pronouns in this report, this is not meant to be all about me: I hope to encourage you to rise above your fears and do the scary things that God puts in your path. Let Him bless you by humbling you, and teaching you. Go through the doors that He opens and see how you will benefit! Test Him, and see how He will open "for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you a blessing until it overflows," (Mal 3:10).



Youth Impact Day with Sandra Leong and Willy Ling - they will be married in December!



Karen, a new Christian from the Kota Kemuning congregation in Malaysia - so sweet and kind!

The trip to Singapore and Malaysia was wonderful. What did we do there? Well, John held a gospel meeting at the Concorde Hotel in downtown Singapore, hosted jointly by the Lim Ah Pin and Jurong congregations. He preached on two different Sundays for Lim Ah Pin, and the other Sunday at the Kota Kemuning congregation in Malaysia. In Singapore, he held a teacher training seminar for the Jurong congregation, and taught for the entire last week for the Four Seas Bible College – a course on Revelation and a course on Counseling. In Malaysia, he spoke at the Youth Impact Day several times, and held another gospel meeting (hosted jointly by Kota Kemuning and Klang). I spoke to the ladies during Jurong's teacher training seminar, spoke twice for the ladies at the Kota Kemuning congregation in Malaysia, and then for the young women at the Youth Impact day. We stayed busy! But it was a great "busy", and NOW, we are thankful to be home again with our family. May God bless all of you! – *Carla*