

July 2008 oracke Newsletter

Singapore International Bible Institute

Greetings from Singapore! We have just cleared our two month hurdle of living and serving here in Singapore. July was a month bustling with activity relating to our mission work. Gerald Paden arrived in the first week in preparation of teaching the Old Testament Sacrificial System (primarily from the book of Leviticus) followed by a related study of the letter to the Hebrews for us on each weekend. We averaged 37 students each day for our studies here in Singapore. Gerald also taught the entire month during the weekdays at one of our associate schools in Batam, Indonesia where 14 fulltime students are enrolled. I was blessed to travel with Gerald to Batam to meet the students and administrators of the Batam ministry training school. This school is taught in the Indonesian language so an English translator is required there.



Gerald teaching in Batam, Indonesia

For those of you who receive our updates by email, you know about the required back surgery that my co-ymgtykyg underwent. With Charles needing to be with Tamara through this painful trial, I carried some of the responsibilities of teaching and preaching commitments that Charles would have otherwise been involved with. These opportunities for me to serve took me back to the Wangsa Maju church in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia for 4 days. It was a joy to be with these brethren again to present a Servant Leadership seminar, to preach for their Gospel meeting and to just share in the fellowship of the saints. The Wangsa Maju church has the heart of God as they are active in a university outreach ministry, seeking to become mature and fruitful in Christ with a Biblical leadership as well as ministering to Myanmar (Burma) orphans.



Students of OT Sac. System & Hebrews



Good-bye kisses for Gerald from Shayla

As I reflect on the Wangsa Maju church outreach and recruiting for the church and the Singapore ministry training institute we have possible students who have expressed interest from China, Thailand, Vietnam, Malaysia and India as well as here in Singapore. The reality is we are approaching the necessary requirements and planning carefully for the responsibilities involved with having full-time students such as the necessity of legal residence issues, housing arrangements and meals to accommodate such students. All of these things are being assessed and in the right time will surely be worked out. We have realized the need to diversify to accommodate the schedules of different SIBI students. Besides our weekend scheduled courses, we have scheduled some Wednesday morning classes to begin soon. We have also realized that we will need to begin some night classes for our anticipated university students.

In relation to evangelistic outreach, I am preparing to develop my own personal ministry similar to what we did while serving in China. With one university campus being so nearly located to the PP church building, I plan to offer conversational English studies for those foreign national students who want to improve their ability to speak in English. Also, because of the diverse and large number of neighbors in our apartment complex and nearby neighborhood, Nancy and I have decided to begin some small group Bible studies in our home. Eventually I hope to use these home studies as a training/mentoring opportunity for some of our SIBI students

Other upcoming calendar events to begin in SIBI (Singapore) include two studies of Old Testament History. These two courses will be taught by Charles Cook from August 15th through September 7th and the second will begin September 19th through October 19th. Following these two courses in November, I will teach the books of 1st & 2nd Thessalonians along with a study of the letter to the Philippians. You can find all of the events of SIBI * <http://focusonjaska.wordpress.com/> I encourage you to check this blog site out weekly for the latest information.

Besides these SIBI courses, my schedule has been filled for the rest of this year with other recruiting, mission, preaching and teaching related work. I am scheduled to preach this Sunday morning (August 3rd) for the am y q t u j k r " u g t x k e g u " y k v j " v j g " R c u k t " R c p l c p i " e j w t e j for a Wednesday night church class to start in October. One other October event that I am excited about is an invitation to join with a group who are planning a trip to Shenzhen, China. This is the last city in China where we lived and served before committing to this Singapore ministry. In December, I am scheduled to share in a planned mission trip and retreat to be conducted in Malaysia.

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Blessing 1: Riding a cable car with Uncle Gerald to Sentosa Island and i q k p i " v j t q w i j " v j g "ô we loved the view from both the cable cars and the views at the aquarium. We also got to see jelly fish, horse fish and Nemo! We even held a live star fish in our j c p f u " c v " v j

Blessing 2: Going to the Jurong Bird Park and seeing all sorts of birds ô we had very close encounters with some colorful Tory. They landed on our arms and hands as we fed them and a few even hopped up on our heads! Jaydon had a blast, but Shayla drew the line when a Tory perched on her head. Then she wanted no part of it c p f " ò k v " y c u " h q t " v j g " d k t f u ò "rmdt

Blessing 3: E g n g d t c v k p i " G o k n { " E j g p ø u " the Clown, and 20+ other excited kids ô just eating birthday cake is great, but this was the first official invitation-delivered-birthday party y g ø x g " g x g t " c v v g o p n f , d i d f i n a g l e t r i c k s a n d d e t u g p e t . his bunny.



Shayla checking out the jellyfish



Jaydon enjoying and feeding the Tory

Blessing 4: Grandma T getting better and getting out of the hospital ô we saw Grandma T a few times when u j g " y c u " k p " v j g " j q u r k v e n . " d w v " O q o " u c k f " p q k u { " r r c v k g p e g 0 " " Y g " e c p ø v " y c k v " ve get to go "swimming with her" at her place."

Blessing 5: Daddy ô We both fight over who gets to sit by Dad at meal times now and eat up any time we get ð F c f f { " v k o g ö " c p f " F c f ø u " h w n n " c v v g p v k q p . " w p n g r k u hard to keep a straight face when Shayla, just as sincere and serious as she could be demonstrated and told O q o . " ð K " e c p " u r c p m " o { u g n h " u q " { q w " f q p ø v " j c x g " v parental duty and our services were no longer required because she could manage herself. A few days later she referred to her bottom as a target. Hmmm ô can you tell who is very independent and often requires f k u e k r n k p c t { " c u u k u v c p e g A " " K " j c f " v q " u m to raise Mynj andp F c f . ö " c " h g y " f c { u " n c v g t 0

H k p c n n { . " u k p e g blessings, We ø fv "c m k n k g " i v ø " d v ø p m " I q f " h q t supporting us in so many ways while we live and serve in Singapore. You continue to be blessings to us. May you always know of our appreciation and that we remember you daily in our prayers.

A survey of the Old Testament history, from Genesis to Esther

Part I of our Old Testament History studies will cover the books of Genesis through Ruth; Part II will span the history from 1st Samuel through Esther. These courses are not intended to be a comprehensive treatment of each book, but rather a survey of the basic story line. Many interesting details of the biblical narratives will be included, but the objective will be an overview of the Scheme of Redemption as it unfolds from book to book.

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