

# News from Singapore

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Dear Friends,

Our first month home from our summer sojourn in the US has gone by quickly. We are still savoring great memories of the trip and wonderful times with friends and family and we're beginning to work off some of the extra weight accrued from one too many fantastic meals. I'm especially grateful to my parents for letting us use their car. We put quite a few miles on it from Tennessee to Texas and back (Memphis, Searcy, Edmond, Lubbock, Abilene, Arlington, Austin, Bentonville, Searcy, Dexter, Searcy). The flight home to Singapore was a little longer than usual since we had to fly from Memphis to New York with a 11 hour layover, the last two spent sitting on the tarmac.



Our first weekend home we enjoyed having Dr. Steve Allison from Abilene Christian University (Robert & Mary Ann Hall Endowed Chair of Psychology & Intercultural Studies Professor of Psychology Abilene). He conducted two engaging and useful workshops. One for our married couples on Saturday August 15th and the other for everyone on Sunday the 16<sup>th</sup> (dealing with conflict). Steve was on a trip to visit with and encourage missionaries in Asia. He also participated in the excellent Asian Mission Forum in Beijing. It was especially meaningful to us Hogans since one of the outcomes of our summer sojourn was Breda's decision to transfer to ACU in the spring. (photos: above right, Steve leading marriage seminar; left, teaching Sunday morning class).

The Moulmein church is in a two month process of identifying and affirming the servant leaders who will serve for the next two years. I will be leading the adults in a combined class in the weeks leading up to the leadership selection in October. We still prayerfully move toward having elders. Some of our young leaders need a few more years behind them!

Last week Edwin Choy and I led a group of 8 adults (and one 7 year old) on a trip to Cambodia. We met with two missionary families in Phnom Penh last Sunday: Andrew and Natalie Hayes and Chris and Casey Allison. Then we traveled to Siem Reap and spent some time with some of the street kids that our Moulmein young adults have served so well each March over the past three years in the "Angkor of Faith" trips. Today in worship Christopher Lee and Wong Suen Kwong who were with us on the trip shared their impressions with the Moulmein church. Deeply moving. (photo left: from left to right in front of Angkor Wat, Christopher Lee, Kwai Yuoung, Margaret Goh, Russel Lee, Glynnis Hou, Chia Boong Kheng, Choy Lay Koon, Edwin Choy, Jennifer Wong, Wong Suen Kwong and four Cambodian kids who joined in).



Deb, Breda and I are thrilled to be back in Singapore and back in full swing. Deb is especially busy with counseling and training of counsellors. Breda has a full load of courses. Plans for next year's Angkor of Faith are underway and we will be tapping a group who will serve together with other young adults from all over Asia.

Grateful,

Dave, Deb & Breda