

News from Singapore

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Dear Friends,

I was sick with a sore throat for most of the past week but managed to complete my sermon and class preparation for today. We had a wonderful Sunday today: ten visitors including a brother who hadn't been to church in over 20 years and four LST students from China, a sendoff for a young family who are moving to Tokyo this week (Chin Boo and Hiyomi Tan and their two children), a special tea prepared by our sisters in honor of the Tan family and a great class on psalms of thanksgiving (number 10 in our 12 week series).



Our Psalms class (*photo right*) has been a rich experience. Chan Kim Kai (*left*) who heads our "education, training and resource ministry" at Moulmein has been my co-teacher in this series. It has included all our adult classes and our teens. Kim Kai is a professor of engineering and administrator at Temasek Polytechnic in Singapore (university level training). I have delighted in our study and planning sessions every week. He is techno-savvy so he puts our notes into beautiful PowerPoint presentations and leads our weekly session after the text study: "implications for worship". Kim Kai is a gifted teacher. I have been especially impressed with our teens who have eagerly participated in this series. Some of them have memorized several psalms!

Yesterday afternoon (Saturday 17th Nov) at the Moulmein church building Edwin and I met with the youth and young adult leaders from three local congregations (Moulmein, Geylang and Bedok, *photo right*) who together with their cohorts in Malaysia (Petaling Jaya, Wangsa Maju and Seremban congregations) have been planning this year's international youth camp since early in the year. They have asked Edwin and me to be the speakers for the 3 day event. So far ninety-six teens and young adults (ages 13 to early 20s) have signed up. The camp will be held in Seremban, Malaysia from the 14th to 16th December. We are delighted to see the wonderful initiative taken by these young people who are growing in their gift of spiritual leadership and we are honored to be asked to speak at the event!



Our LST studies continue every week (at least six and sometime more). More of them visit some of our home Bible study groups and worship. We have more contacts than we have enough people to conduct the studies so we are trying to find more Moulmein members who can help us.

Yesterday (Saturday 17th Nov., *photo left*) Deb completed her special series at the United World College of South East Asia who had invited her to help twenty-five of their teachers learn "solution-focused" skills to improve the atmosphere of their classes. UWC is one of the oldest and largest international schools in Singapore. She met with these gifted teachers every

Saturday morning for three hours over a period of six weeks.

With Love and gratitude from Singapore,

Dave and Debbie