

News from Singapore

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Dear Friends,

Deb and I landed home in Singapore on Sunday 26th August after a whirlwind seven weeks in the US this summer visiting friends and family and getting Breda settled into her new life at Harding University. Our USA sojourn was a combination of delight, frustration, and, I must confess, anxiety. *Delight*: because of the rich opportunity to be with family and friends: New York City, Searcy and Bentonville Arkansas, Edmond, Oklahoma, Arlington and Fortworth Texas, Dexter Missouri and Memphis Tennessee. *Frustration*: the time we had was far too brief! *Anxiety*: yes, Deb and I joined the “white knuckle club”. Breda was keen to get her drivers license and passed her written test within days of our arrival in the US. She became our chauffeur for much of the rest of our sojourn so that she could be prepared for her practical driving test and her nervous parents probably didn't make her learning experience as easy as it could have been as we expressed our anxiety more than we needed to. In spite of her hyper-nervous parental passengers Breda did a fantastic job and sailed through her driver's test the week after we left to return to Singapore.

We hit the ground running. Since we got home Deb has hosted three overseas trainers as a service to counselors and corporate coaches in Singapore. She has earned a unique place in Singapore as a leading counselor and trainer of counselors and corporate coaches. She hosted two trainers from Switzerland, Dr. Therese Steiner and Dr. Peter Szabo, and a gifted trainer of educators and counselors from the US, Dr. Linda Metcalf from Dallas, Texas. This broadens our connection with the Singapore community of educators and those involved with the corporate world.

My co-worker Edwin Choy and I have been busy making plans since I arrived home. We are both involved with studies with eager students from China who were recruited from the summer “Let's Start Talking” outreach. We have more students than we have teachers. Edwin and I are trying to take up the slack. On Sunday night 2nd September we had our first leader's meeting since our arrival. This has been followed by several other meetings with leaders of different ministries. I preached last Sunday (9th Sept.). This past week we have been hosting Larry and Jo McKenzie from the Highland St. Church of Christ in Memphis, Tennessee.



Larry conducted a superlative seminar on prayer on Saturday entitled, “With Christ in the School of Prayer”. Today Larry preached from Philippians' 4. I began a 12 week study of the book of Psalms during Bible class. This is a series for our teens and adults to deepen our life of prayer and worship through our encounter with the Psalms.



This morning at Moulmein three young people were baptized: David, Debra and Dana Chang. What a great day!

Dave