

News from Singapore

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Dear Friends,

September ended with a great celebration and outreach event at Moulmein – “children’s day”. Some of our younger boys (6-12 year olds) participated in worship along with their dads. Then our children’s ministry, collaborating with the youth, young adults, fellowship and welcoming ministries, hosted a sort of “mini-carnival” – games under an awning in our front yard and a big lunch in the auditorium for children and families of our community. Many visitors. Much exuberance and great joy.



Robert Reagan (photo, left), missionary from Chiang Mai, Thailand was our guest speaker. He was in town to encourage our teens who will be going to Chiang Mai in December and January and to see if he could recruit some more. Three of our teens, along with 7 or 8 others from Singapore and Malaysia, are going for the November “Asian Mission Exposure” and one other will be spending the month of January with the Chiang Mai church as a missions intern.



In addition to his wonderful giftedness with our youth, Robert also excels in graphic design – publications – computer “stuff” and spent two days with me showing me a few new things. It all seemed so easy when he was sitting next to me here at my computer but since then, on my own, things have slowed considerably. Amazing how missing one or two steps makes the whole “simple” enterprise come to a grinding halt. We made a short video and “uploaded” it to Google video – a brief interview with Robert about the work we are doing together. Clicking here should get you to it: <http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=2293077190699722142>

Our studies with the “Let’s Start Talking” students are going well. We have 13 students (most from PRC) who are studying with five of us. I meet with three every week: one on Thursday mornings and two on Friday mornings for an hour and a half. We are reading through the Gospel of Luke together. One of the young men that Edwin has been studying with is also attending one of weekly home bible study groups and is also at worship every Sunday. Here is another link to a short video to meet my two Friday morning students. <http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=1027930453802043535>

Our ministry leaders and some of their teams (about 25 of us) met at the “top of the York” – one of Singapore’s older hotels for a Saturday afternoon workshop on Saturday 6th October. We explored ways that each ministry expresses Kingdom values and ways we can improve in the coming year. We spent time praying together for each ministry. We also celebrated four birthdays and enjoyed the great spread that had been prepared for us. (photos, right).



Today we completed our 5th class of a twelve-week series on the Psalms – a combined class for our teens and adults. We have between 60 and 80 in class each week.

Debbie has been teaching the kids during children’s worship hour (5 to 8 year olds). About 25 to 30 of them pack into a little room behind the auditorium. She is enjoying getting to know them better. She has also been running workshop in “Solution-Focused Training” for a group of twenty-five teachers at one of the larger international schools in town, United World College. They meet every Saturday morning for three hours over a period of six weeks.



Grateful for the opportunity to serve together,

Dave and Debbie