July 2024 Newsletter

[1]I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds.
[2] I will be glad and exult in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High. Psalm 9

This month has been a change of pace and scenery for me. Being able to visit family and friends in Singapore with my son was a huge blessing! I'm very thankful for the Lord's protection and provision throughout the trip. The day after we came back, we learnt about the computer problems that caused huge delays in both the Singapore and the US airports. I'm glad that we didn't have to go through that.

1. **Singapore Visit**
   A. Family

I'm thankful that God sent some Christian friends to surround my parents. While going for a morning walk with my mom, I found out that one of her close friends is a Christian. She shared her testimony of how she came to Christ through her daughter's sickness and God's healing upon her. She has been praying for their other walking partner who has been plagued with nightmares. It's encouraging to see how God is using an elderly little-educated sister to be a testimony among her friends. After praying for many years, her husband became a Christian two years ago. Incidentally, her husband is a friend of my dad. Thank God for answering my prayers to place Christian friends close to my parents. The day before I left, we prayed together to bless one another.

Another one of my mom's friends is a Thai lady who works at the mini market that my mom frequents. She speaks Mandarin and dialect like a local. One day, she said that she was thankful when my mom gave her some food. I commented that she used the word "thankful" and she said that she's a Christian. She said that she wished that God would bless my mom with long life and good health.

One day, we went for a walk in the park with my uncle and aunt Yayin. During the last visit, I had found that my aunt was open to the Gospel and has Christian friends. I shared with her something I heard from a sermon and left her a book to read.

Walk with my uncle and aunt

B. Home church in Singapore

I had a blessed time visiting my home church in Singapore. We invited a young friend of my son, Eric, to join us for Sunday service. Eric is here from the US as an exchange student. Initially, he said that he wasn't sure he could make it because he had planned to go to the bar the night before. But God

had other plans. Eric wasn't allowed into the bar because he wore shorts. So, he ended up coming to church and we had lunch together afterwards.

I caught up with a few old friends and met up with a recently retired pastor who had helped me in my spiritual journey when I was there as a young Christian. From his sharing about their church planting efforts, I saw that God often redirects us and has something even better for us. Also, a key person is usually needed before the work can go forward.

Chinese service at Singapore Life Church

Tea with pastors from home church

C. Hudson Taylor Movie Project

I attended a sharing about the Hudson Taylor movie project at the Singapore Bible College. The movie project is managed by Half Crown Media, a spinoff from the Overseas Missions Fellowship. The sharing about Hudson Taylor's life and the movie project was inspiring. Their goal is to use media to inspire young people and raise up many missionaries in these last days. If you would like to know more or support the project, please visit: https://www.halfcrownmedia.com/the-hudson-taylor-movie/ It was also a blessing to connect with Christian leaders and missionaries at the event.

Attended movie project sharing at Singapore Bible College

2. New convert, Helen

We continue to have one-on-one discipleship each week, sharing about basic albeit important Christian disciplines such as devotion time, prayer, reading the Bible etc. I also learnt that Helen's father has advanced stage cancer and is very weak. Helen is conflicted about whether to stay here to

help her son or to go home to take care of her father. We've been praying for God's healing upon her father and God's guidance.

3. **Outreach**

A. Church neighborhood

We passed by the Guruwara Sikh Temple. The priest there spoke little English, but he was very friendly. He wanted to show us the facilities, but we politely said that we can see inside from the front steps. They said that it's open 24/7 and they provide food. We passed tracts to a few people there.

At the laundromat, we met an Indian lady, **Rita**. She immediately opened up to us. She said that her husband passed away and her 23-year-old son was recently in intensive care. Her son**, Arihantt Mehta**, suddenly passed out one day and was sent to the hospital. His organs were failing, and the doctor said that he wouldn't survive. A nurse prayed for him and miraculously he survived. He's taking insulin shots, and his blood sugar fluctuates wildly. The doctor said that he doesn't have diabetes and his condition may be Covid vaccine related. We prayed for his healing and her financial situation. Rita said that she's a Christian, but we found out that she's unclear about her faith. We shared the Gospel with her and advised her to commit to Jesus Christ and not to pray to other idols. We invited her to church, and she said that she would try.

B. Cantiague Park

Thank God for beautiful weather as several of us, including our pastors' families joined us! We gave out VBS and Chinese school flyers to several people. A father who's a Muslim said that his children are already registered for summer camp, but he asked if he could keep the flyer. I shared the Gospel with him briefly through the sacrifice of Abraham. A Chinese couple, **Mr. Xiong and his wife** are in the US to take care of their grandchildren. Mr. X has been to church in Malaysia mainly to socialize. We shared about Jesus with them. We asked a Roman Catholic, **John**, how he can have eternal life and he said that it's only through faith in Jesus Christ and not by anything we do. He shared that he heard teachings from the internet, and he reads the Bible himself. We shared "Our Daily Bread" with him.

Some prayer items:

1. My parents, aunt and other family members would receive the gift of eternal life in Jesus.
2. More children would attend the church VBS and Chinese school. Please pray for all the teachers, helpers and preparations.
3. Planning for the ESL ministry – recruiting teachers, students, curriculum etc.

Thank you for your prayers! Please let me know how I can pray for you and your ministry. If you do not want to receive future communications from me, please let me know and I will take you off my mailing list.