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Did You Know?

- Singapore is a city, an island, and also a nation
- Singapore became a nation in 1965
- Singapore is almost 20% Christian
- English is the primary language in Singapore, followed by Mandarin as well as Bahasa Melayu

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October Highlights:



Below: The chapel of Trinity Theological College (TTC), Singapore. Left, with Rev. Dr. Samuel Wang, Lutheran faculty at TTC who works to help prepare Lutheran students to serve Lutheran congregations of the Lutheran Church in Singapore (LCS).

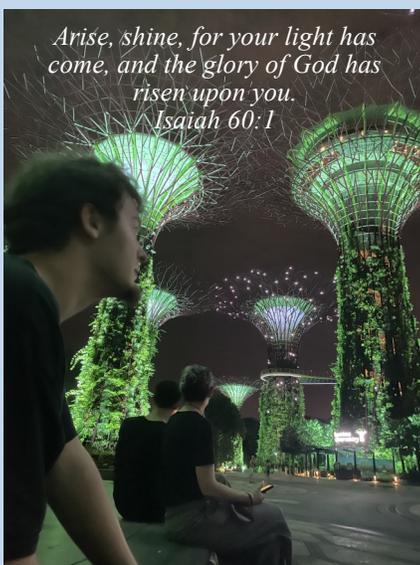


The end of October saw our first visit to Singapore as I met with the Right Reverend Bishop Lu Guan Hoe, head of the Lutheran Church in Singapore (LCS). This was the first in-person meeting between LCMS and LCS folks in several years, and the first meeting with Bishop Lu who was elected in 2021. He shared about their mission outreach to Thai people working in Singapore, among other topics.

Afterwards Bishop Lu brought me to Trinity Theological College (TTC), which helps train pastors for the LCS as well as several other denominations in Singapore. There I talked with Rev. Dr. Samuel Wang, a Lutheran faculty member. He shared the necessity in Singapore (due to the very high cost of living and real estate) of a shared Christian theological seminary. Lutherans make up a very small percentage of enrollment, so looking for ways to encourage young men to consider the ministry is definitely a concern shared by all of us!

Prayer Requests, Praises and Thanks

- Thanksgiving for the safe return of the Wood family to Medan from their summer sojourn in the US and the birth of Kermit
- Praise God for our completion of Unit 5 in language study.
- Give thanks to God for our many faithful partners!



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Mama Amsal



It began with waves and joking with our kids. *Ayo! Membeli ikan saya!* the woman would yell to us as we passed through the market each day back and forth from language school. *Hey! Buy my fish!* We would laugh and wave back, giving the typical Indonesian polite response of *Mungkin nanti—maybe later*.

She was not put off. She continued to laugh and wave and invite us to buy her fish each day. For better or worse it took us a little while to work up the courage to buy fish from the market as opposed to the. But we eventually did. And on our recent trip to Singapore we decided we wanted to surprise her with *oleh-oleh*, an inexpensive (often food snack items) souvenir. If people know you're traveling they always ask for *oleh-oleh*. In part, it shows you thought of them while you were gone, and it's part of the relationship building process here in Indonesia.

So we stopped by her stall one day and presented her with a small box of cookies we brought from Singapore. She was thrilled, and equally thrilled to finally have a chance to get a photo with us all. Though it took a bit to find someone who could get a photo to her satisfaction, eventually we did. She has adopted us into her family, proudly proclaiming we are now members of *marga Limbong*, the Lingo family.

Mama Amsal has an amazing smile and personality. She's one of the folks in the market we're getting to know, building relationship bit by bit through interactions, purchased fish and shrimp, *oleh-oleh*, and photos. All part not simply of making this small area of Southeast Asia home, but allowing the Holy Spirit to build relationships for his purposes and God's glory.

Thank you to everyone who is praying for us, supporting us financially, sending notes of encouragement, and being wonderful partners in general. To God be the glory!

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