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## Philippines & Singapore

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- Rev. Dr. Jose Fuliga was president of the Lutheran Church of the Philippines decades ago
- The Cima family has served in Vietnam and Cambodia for 15 years!

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*Right*—Lunch after Reformation Sunday worship in Singapore. Myself, Haley, Rev. Dr. James Baneck, Stephen, Sam, Johan and SE Asia Regional Director Charles Ferry



*Below*—Rev. Dr. Jose Fuliga & wife, and President Antonio Reyes of the Lutheran Church in the Philippines. Lunch during their 25th National Convention.



In Singapore we welcomed Rev. Dr. James Baneck, LCMS Executive Director of Pastoral Education on his first visit to the SE Asia Region. In the Philippines I was honored to be the guest teacher for their 25th National Convention, where 150-some workers gathered to plan, praise and pray.

I was also blessed to make a pastoral visit to the Cima family, deployed in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, and bring the Word of God in their partner church congregation. And the month began with a pastoral care visit to our LCMS deployed military personnel & families in Okinawa, Japan. My visits there are part of an ongoing partnership with LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces. Rev. Dr. Daniel Jastram, deployed in Tokyo, Japan, and myself make regular visits to Okinawa to provide Word & Sacrament worship and pastoral care.

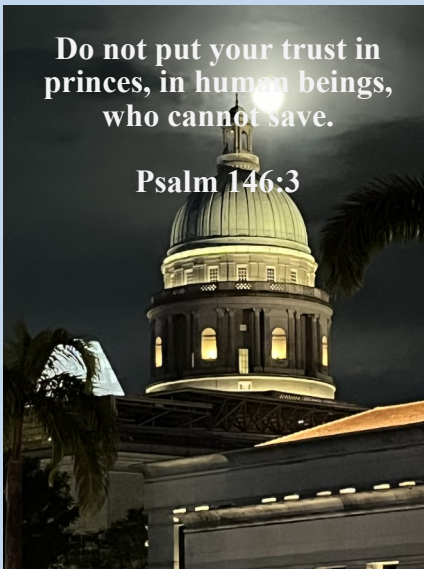
Unfortunately, since I'm a writer rather than a photographer, I didn't remember to take photos during those visits! Please keep the Cimas, the LCP, our armed forces service members and our friends in prayer for safe-keeping, health, and continued faithfulness!

## Prayers and Thanksgivings

- Prayers for safe travels for myself and my family in November
- Prayers as we begin planning our first Home Service next year
- Pray for the Holy Spirit's presence and power as I go to Nepal to help teach next month

Do not put your trust in princes, in human beings, who cannot save.

Psalm 146:3



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## Eyeing the End of the Year

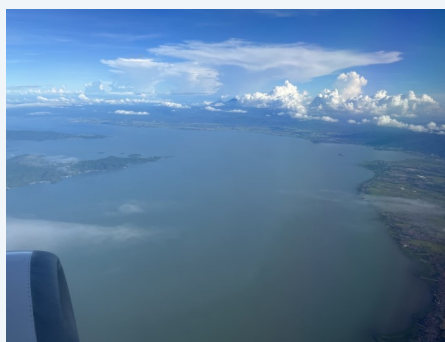
November I will be gone all month with long trips to Nepal and the Philippines and a shorter trip to Kuala Lumpur. My travels will subside the first week of December. This year has been a flurry of travel all over Southeast Asia, getting to see the work our various workers and partner organizations are engaged in. It's been an incredible learning experience! Your partnership is making possible the continued spread of the Gospel to more and more people.

Translations of theological texts are being made into Indonesian, Japanese, Mandarin and Tamil languages. Church partner church workers are being equipped to better share the good news of Jesus Christ with their members, thus equipping them to better live lives of gratitude and joy for what God has done for them. Those lives are beacons to their neighbors who often inquire why Christians are hopeful and helpful. Strengthening the work of God's servants in these varied locales is humbling and very gratifying work.

In December I'll need to apply for a new passport. I obtained my current one just over two years ago. But in two years overseas I have nearly filled the 50-pages in the 'big book' passport! Much of that was due to having to rely on short-term visas for the first year and a half of my time in Indonesia. The rest was due to my travels. I pray my next passport will last a little longer now that I have a work visa in Indonesia which requires much smaller passport stamps upon entering and exiting!

I'm already planning for next year. I'll continue to have regular visits to Okinawa, Hanoi, Singapore, Kuala Lumpur, and the Philippines. In these places I'll be providing pastoral care or teaching or relationship building. I also may have opportunities to be of help in Sri Lanka again with additional teaching and possibly further work in Nepal. And I'd like to expand the work of OIM as I am able and it fits within our overall strategic plans. There are plenty of places where the LCMS has worked in the past but isn't able to at the moment. Plenty of other places we haven't ever worked but maybe could.

And of course the spring will be largely taken up with our first Home Service to the US. That will be an exciting time of reconnection with some of our partners as well as time with family. We're also excited to visit Mission Central in Iowa to provide in-person reports on the work here and to visit the LCMS International Center in St. Louis to reconnect with the Office of International Mission. Our schedule of visits is beginning to shape up, with a fair amount of time in our old stomping grounds of the Central Coast in California, as well as visiting with partners in Arizona, Nevada, Colorado, and South Dakota. We'll post more information as our plans solidify in the coming months.



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