



The Winslows

Building Christ-like leaders for the Great Commission.

Different Cultures, One Passion



A couple of weeks ago, I (Matthew) had a delicious dinner with the guys from my mentoring group at EAST. We all went to the apartment where three of them live and they cooked for us. It was a flavorful meal with curry and spicy vegetables from Myanmar; kimchi and rice cakes from Korea; grilled, Indonesian style fish; and a special Chinese soup. Eating such a variety of food reminded me of the diversity of the students at EAST. We all come from different cultures and backgrounds. When the students leave here

they will go out to many different places as well. Yet one of the great things about the school is that even with all the diversity, we have a great community.

One of the key things that bonds all of us together is a common passion and purpose. Regardless of our distinct cultures, we are all passionate about knowing God and helping others to know him as well.

This means that in the classroom and around the dinner table we can genuinely enjoy each other and can celebrate what God is doing in and through each of us. The unity that we have is based in God. In the gospel of John, we see Jesus praying for the disciples saying, "I ask that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me" (John 17:21). Our unity is based in God and it also testifies to him!

Changes Ahead!

As we mentioned in our last letter, EAST has asked Matthew to consider pursuing further studies. With that in mind, we are planning to move back to the US for 2-3 years before returning to Asia to continue teaching and training pastors in this part of the world. We have not finalized all of our plans but we are considering moving to the Chicago area. Matthew will study at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School and we plan to be involved in ministry at Northwestern University as well. Please pray for us as we seek God for further clarity and direction.

A WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY AND FELLOWSHIP TIME

This year, I (Sijie) started a weekly bible study with the wife of one of the students (her name is Ji Hyung). Though she was previously in my PIM mentoring group at EAST, since she gave birth to her baby she has been unable to attend. It has really been a joy for me to be able to continue this discipleship journey together with her as we spend personal time together every Monday morning. I love starting the week off by praying together with Ji Hyung - committing to God our faith challenges and struggles, and asking for His empowerment for the days ahead. Since Ji Hyung came to Singapore she has struggled a little as she grapples with the challenges of being a new mom and also living in a foreign country far from friends and relatives. One thing that she has impressed me with though is her genuine recognition of her sin and her deep personal

understanding of the grace and love of God that covers her. I am challenged to have that same spirit of gratitude that she carries with her. Ji Hyung's husband had ministered in East Asia for 10 years before coming to EAST to equip himself. They are praying, if God wills, to bring them back to the same land that desperately needs the accurate preaching and teaching of God's word.



PLEASE PRAY FOR US!



- * Pray that we would continue to grow in our faith and God would give us opportunities to proclaim the gospel to others.
- * Beginning in 2017, EAST will begin rebuilding a portion of our campus. Please pray that God would provide for the school as we look for a temporary place to have classes. Also pray that the planning and building process will go smoothly (building is expected to last about 15 months).
- * As we plan to move, please pray that God would provide all that we need. You can specifically pray that we would all adjust well, and that God would provide a good place for us to live as well as other things that we will need.
- * The purpose of going to study is for Matthew to learn more about church history and especially the history of the church in Asia. Pray that this time away from Singapore would be a good time of rest and growth for all of us.



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