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The Winslows

Movements everywhere so that everyone knows someone who
truly follows Jesus



Members of Matthew's mentoring group enjoying lunch.

God's Providence

Proverbs 3:5-6 says "*Trust in the LORD
with all your heart, and do not rely on
your own understanding
Acknowledge him in all your ways,
and he will make your paths straight.*"

It is a verse that is often quoted, and like many children, our son Hudson recently memorized it. Yet trusting in God is not always easy.

In my role as Dean of Students, I have been overseeing the financial aid committee at EAST and through this role I've been learning a lot about trusting God and looking to him for provision. Many of the students who come to EAST have very little money and they often end up in my office to hand me a financial aid application. We generally don't have enough funds to give every student all that they ask for. So often, I am left wondering how they will survive. And yet, God seems to work in remarkable ways. Recently a family of 4 came to the school from Thailand. To our surprise they arrived with almost no money and upon getting here they found out that the money that they thought their church was sending them would not be given. I was amazed to see their confidence in God as we prayed together and sought out ways for them to survive in Singapore. While we were able to give the family some financial aid from the school, it was amazing to see how God provided cheap housing for them, more finances from a local church and a place for their teenage kids to go to school. It is indeed true that when we trust the Lord, he provides for us!



A few of the EAST Students

Faith and Science

Recently, I (Matthew) gave a talk to a group of Medical students regarding the relationship between faith and science. This is generally a popular topic of debate on university campuses and something that I am interested in as well. I was glad that several non Christians showed up to the talk and after I gave a 30 - minute lecture, we had a good discussion regarding the topic. Initially we talked about whether a true scientist could make decisions based on a belief in God; that led to the more specific question of whether a doctor could make medical decisions based on a belief in God. In both of those cases, I tried to explain that ethical judgements are always required and an ethic based on belief in God is just as useful and appropriate as one based on secular atheism. Eventually a few students also asked about evolution and how one could believe in God in the face of evolutionary theory. I came prepared for that question and tried to explain how atheistic evolution, in my view, requires more faith than just assuming that God created everything! In all, I think that the time was encouraging and I hope it gave both believers and non-believers something to think about and discuss further.



Matthew praying during Chapel.



Please Pray for Us!

- The semester at EAST is almost finished and graduation will be in mid May. Pray that all of the students would finish well.
- During the May - June break several teams of students will be going on mission trips. Teams will go to Mongolia, Vietnam and one team will do cross-cultural ministry here in Singapore. Please pray that the students would work well together and that God would use them to bring others to faith!
- Pray that our kids would know the Lord and trust in him and that both of us would continue to grow in our faith.

Love,

Matthew, Sijie, Hudson, Amber and Alethea

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