

Developing Christlike Leaders for the Great Commission



### Change in Ministry Focus

Through the sharing time with the PIM ladies in my mentoring group, God gave me a fresh desire to serve Him alongside Matthew. God has been challenging me to think about how to be a better helper (in attitude and in action) to my husband, not just at home, but in ministry as well. I am excited to change my ministry focus to be an assistant to Matthew, and to have more opportunities to mingle with the main student body at

## \* Partners in Ministry \*

"Interacting with moms from other countries makes me realize God's kingdom is so big!" ~ Jenny (East Asia)

As the academic year comes to a close, the Partner-in-Ministry (PIM) ladies came together for a time of celebration. We rejoice at how God has used the classes and the mentoring groups to shape

survey of the entire bible as they

gain new insights on God's word.

I (Sijie) especially love how one of

them eagerly went home and

taught her children what she

teach God's truth to our next

During this semester, I was

generation!

learnt in the class. It was a good reminder of the great need to

encouraged to see the youngest mom in my group growing in her heart for the lost. Mary, who is from Japan, loves the classes at East. God has used the various

each of our lives. The PIM ladies love the class on the



classes to tutor her heart as she reflected more on God's word. She seeks

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and rejoices in the

opportunities God gives her to share the gospel to her friends here. Our mentoring group had a fun and interesting semester together as we took turns to teach and share with one another a skill or interest we have. It was a challenge for some as English is not their first language. One highlight for me was to learn to sculpt balloons from our Korean sister Jinny!

"I want to live out the life of the Great Commission right here in Singapore." ~ Jinny (S. Korea)

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# Thank you for your prayers and support!

We are thankful for all of you who regularly pray for us and support us financially. Thank you for being a part of our ministry here in Asia.

Spiritual Life and Transformation

At the end of April, Matthew had the opportunity to teach a class to the Cru Singapore campus staff. The class spanned four days and three nights during which all the participants stayed at a local retreat center. Matthew really enjoyed spending time with the staff. He was encouraged to hear about their ministries on campus and it was enriching to talk with them about how to grow in their spiritual life. Even though it can be tiring, Matthew really looks forward to teaching these classes with the Cru staff because it gives him a chance to invest in the lives of men and women who are laboring hard to bring the gospel to college students. He will be teaching the same class again in August to a different group of Cru Singapore staff.



#### You can pray:

1. That we would be refreshed and have energy to wholeheartedly pursue the Lord. It has been quite a tiring year for us!

2. Matthew will be teaching two classes next school term as well as another block class for the Cru Singapore staff. Please pray for him as he prepares

3. We are busy preparing for the new batch of international students to arrive at EAST in June. Pray that they would have a smooth transition to life in Singapore as they prepare for orientation to EAST in July.



### GRADUATION

Last week, the latest batch of students graduated from EAST. While we are sad to see them go, it is always encouraging to see how God will use them and to hear about their future plans. Here are what a couple of them plan to do:

Tak, is a Japanese student who was in my theology class this last semester. He was also the student council president and so I had the chance to spend a fair amount of time with him. I really appreciate Tak's constant desire to share the gospel with others and his commitment to seeking God as he desires to bring the gospel to the Japanese people. During the last couple of years here in Singapore, Tak established a growing church to reach out to the Japanese

Matthew with some of the Student Council Members including Baatara and Tak (the two on the left)

community. I was impressed with how he was able to

raise up leaders to take over the church as Tak prepares to move back to Japan. He and his wife will be ministering in a small church in the Northern part of Japan. They have a vision for planting several more churches in that area.

Baatara, another of the graduates, has been ministering to university students in Mongolia for a number of years and now he is planning to go back to begin a church planting ministry. His vision is to train pastors and plant 200 churches in various parts of Mongolia over the next 10 years! Both he and his wife are committed to reaching all of Mongolia with the gospel. Please pray for all the graduates as they minister in various parts of the world.

Blessings, Matthew, Sijie, Hudson, Amber and Alethea

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