



# The Winslows

*Developing Christlike leaders for the Great Commission*

## TIME FLIES BY

We can't believe that October is already here! It seems like the summer flew by and now we suddenly find ourselves deep into the fall! Over the summer, Matthew enjoyed taking a Greek class on 1 Peter and then a Hebrew class as well. He has now finished his competencies in Greek and Hebrew. This year he is working on studying Chinese and then may begin studying Latin next semester - lots of languages to learn!

Despite the usual challenges of parenting, the kids and I are doing well. We are getting into a rhythm for homeschool and are so thankful for the amazing people that God has sent our way. He has handpicked friends for our children just like we prayed about! The kids have also found lots to keep them busy. Hudson loves playing all kinds of sports and just being outside. Amber has been spending much of her time doing various kinds of art; her recent interest is origami and we have paper shapes all over the house! Alethea loves going to gymnastics and riding her bike around the cul-de-sac where we live.

A recent highlight for me was having dinner with



an Italian family. Francesco studies at Trinity with Matthew and is planning to return to Italy to be a pastor there. Listening to he and Manuela was very refreshing as it reminded me of the need for laborers to preach the gospel all over the world. I also had my first homemade Italian pizza and learnt a few tips to make it for our family.

God's been very gracious to us and we desire to help our kids grow in counting their blessings from God. Every good gift is from above!

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Matthew is struggling with his Chinese. Please pray that God would give him wisdom and diligence as he studies characters, so that he will be able to read and do some research in Mandarin.

Pray for patience, persistence and our dependence on God to homeschool our kids. God is sanctifying us as we work with our children.

## WHO CARES ABOUT DOCTRINE?

This semester at school I (Matthew) am in a theology seminar with eight other doctoral students. The class has really provided a great opportunity for all of us to think carefully about what we believe and how we can teach others. It has also reminded me of the importance of doctrine in all of our lives. Right doctrine is essential to growth and discipleship. In the past, when I would tell people that I teach systematic theology, they would often respond with something like, "Wow that stuff is so difficult." The implication seemed to be that it was not something that the average Christian needed to worry about. That's not true though. What we believe about God is at the core of our faith.

In the Great Commission, Christ commands his followers to make disciples and this happens as we teach them to obey everything that the Lord has commanded. This is doctrine! We

can't make disciples and we can't grow as disciples ourselves without doctrine. We need to think carefully about God so that we can seek to obey all that he has commanded us. Right

teaching, right belief are at the center of our mission as believers. It impacts how we live and how we view the world around us.

I am so thankful that God has given me the privilege to teach his Word to others. Sijie and

I are both looking forward to spending many more years helping others understand the great doctrines of the Bible so that we can all grow to be more and more like Christ. To that end, I'm also so thankful that we can be here at Trinity for this period of time. So far, it has been a great time of growth, learning, refreshment and preparation as we gain greater competence with the vision of training men and women who will be ministry leaders in Asia and around the world!

*"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."*

Matthew 28:19-20

## THANK YOU!

Thank you for sending us to be equipped for ministry. We are very blessed to have your prayers and financial support as we follow God's leading for our family during this season of life. May the Lord bless each of you as you continue to serve him. Please let us know how we can be praying for you.

In His love,  
Matthew and Sijie Winslow



*Amber hanging from a tree in our front yard (Hudson's idea)*



*Matthew and the Kids with our new dog Caspian (he'll grow to be just the right size to fit in our flat when we get back to Singapore!)*

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