

SINGAPORE UPDATES

“To make ALL MEN SEE what is the Fellowship of the Mystery . . . “ Ephesians 3:9

IN HIS TIME

*“There is a time for everything,
and a season for every activity under the heavens.
He has made everything beautiful in His time.” Ecclesiastes 3:1 & 11*

Our God is the God of time and timing and there is beauty in His timing! For several weeks now, we spent our time in the Philippines waiting for our Employment Visa to be completed. We exited Singapore for immigration compliance because we were using a Tourist Visa since May this year. A Tourist Visa for ASEAN (Association of South East Asian Nations) members allows only a 30-day stay.

Singapore does not provide Missionary Visas. In order to stay in the country, you have to have (1) a Tourist Visa, which allows a maximum 30-days stay; (2) a Student Visa if enrolled in a government-recognized school, but this is a bit expensive; or (3) an Employment Visa, for which you have to apply and be accepted for a job with a company in Singapore.

We submitted resumes to several companies since May, but the Singapore government is enforcing a quota policy in hiring employees. The quota now is 9 to 2, which means registered companies must first hire 9 Singaporeans before accepting 2 foreigners. We were able to connect and communicate with an employment agency and were scheduled to re-enter Singapore November 10th. We were scheduled to have a meeting with a representative from the employment agency the day after our arrival, but we were denied re-entry as tourists. We were sent back to the Philippines after six hours of being held at the Changi Airport Immigration. We were told by Singapore Immigration that we can only re-enter the country using an Employment Visa. So we are waiting for the employment agency to provide us an update regarding our job applications.

There is beauty in waiting, especially if it is waiting on God’s timing! The Singapore Grace Gospel Fellowship Sunday worship service, started September 11, is still going and growing despite our physical absence for the past several weeks. Since we exited Singapore, the Lord has tapped the potential of our brethren who regularly attend our Sunday worship and fellowship. Some led the Music Ministry while others headed the Ushering Ministry. Another group is taking charge of the Technical details while others from the Bible Study group were mentored to Teach and Preach. We are still actively involved in this regular Sunday worship and fellowship. Most of the time, James preaches live via Skype or a recorded preaching video is played during the worship service. Agape also took part by offering a song rendition through recorded video or Skype. Praise the Lord for technology that can be utilized for His glory! Singapore Grace Gospel Fellowship will hold its 20th Sunday worship service and fellowship on January 15, 2017. That is 20 Sundays in a row of experiencing God’s goodness and faithfulness!



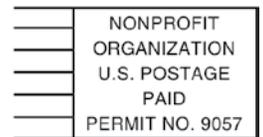
While spending time here in the Philippines, we were able to visit several Grace Churches and Mission-Ministry Partners. We presented our Singapore Mission-Ministry updates at Grace churches in the Metro-Manila/Central Luzon region: Valenzuela City, Paranaque City, Litex - Quezon City, and Balagtas, Bulacan. We also had the privilege to join the CLAG Metro-Wide Youth Fellowship in Cavite and IGBI-Bataan's Foundation Day celebration. We also visited Mindanao and presented Singapore updates at Grace churches in



Molave - Zamboanga del Sur, two in Iligan City, two in Cagayan de Oro City, and the BEMA meeting in Bukidnon of regional TCM workers & officers. We also experienced once-in-a-lifetime events: celebrating the 50th Founding Anniversary of Pilar Grace Gospel Church in Maguindanao and the 45th Thanksgiving and Anniversary of the Masimag Grace Gospel Church in Bukidnon. THANK YOU to the brethren from these areas for your hospitality and generosity! We praise the Lord for your lives!



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As we visited Grace churches and presented **Mission** to more members of the Body of Christ, we believe the Lord is delighted because this is **His Global Mission**:

- > *"to declare His glory among the nations"* (Psalm 96:3),
- > *"to preach the gospel to the regions beyond"* (2 Corinthians 10:16),
- > *"to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery"* (Ephesians 3:9).
- > *"to desire all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth"* (1 Timothy 2:4).

Be with us in prayer that our Lord will grant us wisdom and patience in waiting for the Employment Visa that we need in order to re-enter Singapore **IN HIS TIME**.

Blessings!

James and Agape