



College Update and Points For Prayer

From the Principal

It has now been just over seven months since I moved to Singapore. Those seven months have been taken up with continuing to finding a place to live, looking for faculty, finding premises, setting up necessary legal and structural aspects of the organisation, preparing submissions for the Ministry of Education, and a whole host of other things. A few days before Christmas, my wife Heather joined me.

In terms of staffing, we have appointed a fulltime administrator (Joy Kwan), a second faculty member in New Testament, Rev Dr Rohintan (Ro) Mody (arriving in Singapore permanently in mid-May) and we are currently pursuing a possible theology/doctrine faculty member. We have also negotiated various visiting and adjunct faculty members.

I have also been working on developing a curriculum that will reach our goals of training the next generation of Christian leaders for the ministry of the word of God in Singapore and Asia.

Setting up a new educational institution from nothing when you have little infrastructure and personnel is an enormous task that would not have been possible without the effort,

prayer, and financial support of numerous people. There are times when the grace of God toward us in this has been tangibly evident and other times when there are just those wonderfully encouraging small signs of God's generosity, kindness, and blessing. Often these have come through multiple people who have offered their services or financial help in a variety of ways, and the directors and I would like to thank those of you who have been agents of God's blessing in such ways!

In the remaining part of this little catch-up on how things are going, I thought that I'd outline some things for prayer and some of the encouragements of our open day and student registrations.

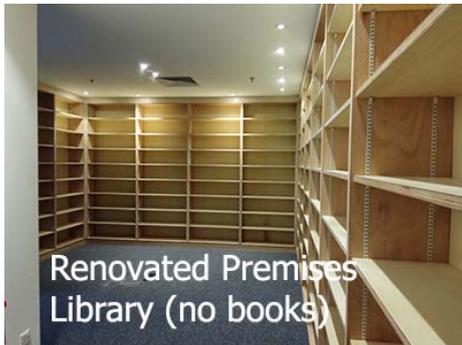
Finally, if you would like to receive a copy of the personal prayer letter that Heather and I send out each four to six weeks, please feel free to email me and ask for it at newsletters@the-reids.id.au.

Thanking God for your partnership with us in this ministry!

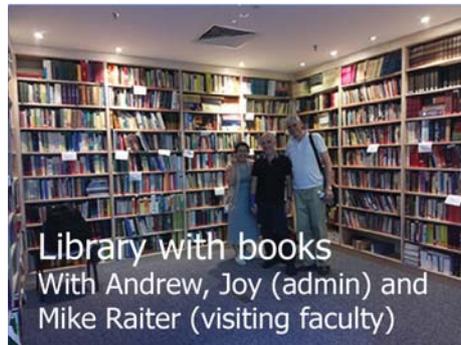
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College Premises

After an extended search with many properties visited, bids made, and negotiations over contract details, we finally settled on premises in the Parklane shopping mall at Selegie Road. Since then, a contractor who is a member of one of the congregations that support ETCAsia, indicated that he thought that the premises could be reconfigured so that we might not have to rent another unit for at least the first three years of our contract. We agreed and the end result is reflected in the pictures you see here.



Renovated Premises
Library (no books)



Library with books
With Andrew, Joy (admin)
and Mike Raiter (visiting faculty)



Student study space
(later a second lecture room)



Administration Space



Faculty Office



Main Lecture Room
(fits 25-28)

Open Day

Despite varying expectations about numbers, we were delighted with the number of people who came. If we exclude board members, staff, and faculty, there were about 80 or so people genuinely interested (or just curious). This has already turned into about seven applications and we expect more to come in before the deadline of mid-May.

We wanted to make the day as representative of the normal life of the college as possible. The chair of our board, Denesh Divyanathan chaired the whole morning. I began by giving an exposition on Ephesians 4:1-16 as might happen in chapel or the like on an ordinary day at the college. I chose to speak on this passage because of how it applies to preparing ministers of the word to equip the people of God for ministry. The photo here is of Denesh and me chatting (with Ro and Mike looking on).





You can get a feel for the encouraging numbers in this photo, taken at the Singapore YMCA auditorium (on the auspicious date of Saturday 1 April!)

The second piece of input was by our New Testament faculty member, Rohintan (Ro) Mody. He gave an overview of the book of Galatians and made constant references to how it applied to ministry of the word and

Christian life. It was delightful to see how well he was accepted by the people there and how they greatly warmed to him (he doesn't officially start until May but flew in from the UK for the occasion).



One of the great blessings of being in Singapore is that people regularly pass through Singapore on the way to somewhere else. This has enabled us to gain access to well known scholars, external faculty, and people involved in significant areas of Christian ministry. We thought we should therefore showcase this aspect of the life of the college as well and so invited Mike Raiter from the Centre for Biblical Preaching in Australia. We hope that he might be an adjunct faculty member for us in the area of Missions and Preaching. Mike spoke on missions.

Please thank God for the good interest that there has been in the college and its rationale (you can check out our growing website for more information at etcasia.com.sg). See the next page for the college calendar and upcoming events.

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College Calendar/Upcoming Events

Evening Courses



Thursday (20, 27 April, 4 May): Bible Overview with Andrew Reid

This evening course is designed to give you an overview of the Bible in eleven short readings. Not only will it be helpful personally but it is designed to be used in mentoring and discipling young Christians so that they might be aware of key themes in the Bible and how the Bible hangs together. See website for more details (<https://etcasia.com.sg/etcasia-frontpage/upcoming-events/>). Closing date for applications Monday 17 April.



Tuesday 13 and 30 May: New Testament Overview with Ro Mody

This evening course is designed to give you an overview of the New Testament in four sections: Gospels, Acts, Paul's Epistles, and Revelation. See website for more details (<https://etcasia.com.sg/etcasia-frontpage/upcoming-events/>). Closing date for applications Friday 19 May

Upcoming Important College Dates

Saturday 1 April	Applications for enrolment at ETCAsia open
Friday 12 May	Closing day for applications for enrolment in college
Monday 31 July	ETCAsia formally begins! First Semester of 2017/2018 academic year
Saturday 5 August	Visiting Lecturer: Bryan Chapell, 'The Gospel According to Daniel: Preaching God's Grace in Jesus Christ from the Book of Daniel'
Monday 22 January 2018	Second Semester of 2017/2018 academic year begins
Monday 5 February 2018	Ministry and Mission Week with Philip Percival and Emu Music
8-9 March 2018	Visiting Lecturer (Don Carson), on Biblical Theology
Saturday 10 March 2018	Formal Opening of ETCAsia with Don Carson