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Dear friends

As we write this update we do so with grateful hearts. Grateful for the encouragement of so many people over the years while we have been serving overseas. Grateful for our 'friends of old' from before we began our 13 year adventure, as well as for 'new friends' made while we have travelled.

And of course we are very grateful to our families who have supported us all throughout. The most difficult thing of all is being away from them. Therefore it was a great joy for us to be able to spend nearly a month in the UK recently, with the highlight being our middle son David marrying Vicky. All three sons are now married and as I reminded my daughter-in-laws at the wedding that they are fully their responsibility! Soon after the wedding it was also wonderful to have a reunion of many of Ineke's family including those from South Africa and Holland. Ineke has been able to spend time in Perth helping to care for our grand-children as Monique studies for her pharmacology Master's degree. We are so grateful to the Lord for his provision in so many ways.

Since the last newsletter Peter had a great time in June at the Holy Trinity Church Singapore camp-cum-conference. It was real a joy to teach and minister to a group who are keen to build their community life and to reach out.

In July we went to Maesot Thailand and Ineke was able to come along. This time we could include a weekend in the visit so we were able to do some training on prayer on the Saturday and then preaching and presiding at communion on the Sunday. Being part of their regular worship and fellowship is such a privilege. We also watched the world cup semi-final at a bar at the side of the road in a monsoon strength downpour! On the way we were also able to spend some time with our good friends in Bangkok which was so refreshing.

The day after arriving back in Singapore Peter went off to KL for a meeting at St Paul's Theological College with the director James Harding and the visiting International Director of St Melitus UK to share ideas and hopes for regional training centres. Always a stimulating time.

Ministry has for a while settled down to a regular pattern. One particular highlight was baptising a group of Filipino migrant workers who have come to faith in our Filipino language service.

Also there was the privilege of preparing over 40 Singaporeans from all sorts of backgrounds, and baptising them at our 11.15 service. It is always great fun baptising whole families. See photo of one of them.



For Ineke a very interesting opportunity has opened up. She was asked to help out at a Christian mental health clinic, with its main focus of helping those with addictions of various types, providing specialist

psychologist and counselling services. It began with bringing some training to the front of house reception team, but over time has developed where it has drawn in her previous experience in the UK as a medicines manager. She has also advised in improving their systems and recruitment, and has an ongoing role in their staff development. This has been able to fit in around her travelling.

Our final news is we are moving house again! At the end of last year we moved into our current cathedral flat (after some renovations) and Peter installing a whole new Ikea kitchen. Well the whole block has been sold and we need to vacate. So currently another cathedral flat is being renovated and Peter will again do the kitchen as part of this. Keeps him out of trouble!

PRAYER POINTS

- Pray for the cathedral as we undertake the logistics for running one of the Celebration of Hope evangelistic meetings at the National Stadium. This will be for the Filipino community mainly, of which there is a large population. We need to raise and train 1000 volunteers!
- Pray for a smooth house move in middle to end of November and that we will quickly settle into the new area.
- Pray for our planning for future ministry and what that will look like as we are seeking to spend more time with family.

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