

THE BERREY FAMILY



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Dear Praying Friends,

We recently returned from a very full ministry trip to Singapore and the Philippines. Only half of our family was able to go: Susanna, James, and David joined me and short-term GFA missionary Fletcher Frost for the two weeks of ministry. We started our trip in Singapore with three days of Junior Camp. During this time, we averaged 15 to 16 campers a day (aged 9-11 years of age). Space constraints dictated that we spend all day (9 am to 5 pm) in a room perhaps only two to three times the size of an ordinary American living room. Yet the campers had fun with our twice-daily rotation of songs, games, Bible lessons, and crafts.

Only two of the campers normally attend the church (Emmanuel Baptist Fellowship). Most were from Buddhist or ethnic Chinese backgrounds, and one was Hindu.

On the first day of camp, our daughter Susanna shared the story of how the spiritually blind ship captain, John Newton, found forgiveness for his sins. Fletcher Frost then shared the story of Paul and the dark powers of evil at Ephesus.

James taught about the Prodigal Son on the second day of camp, and I spoke on the third. The Gospel was clearly given throughout the three days of camp. At the end of our time together, many of the children indicated that they had learned some things about God, several said they wanted to learn more, and two indicated they had specific questions about God. Because most of these children did not come from Christian backgrounds, we had to start from the beginning in terms of Gospel understanding. For example, I mentioned God's wrath during my lesson on the last day of camp, and one boy suggested that Karma and the wrath of God must be basically the same thing. This gives you an idea of where these children are coming from. Even words like Christian, Christ, and save needed to be clarified.



In one of these pictures, you will see one of the church leaders, leading the song "One Door, and Only One" with the kids. He is the driving force behind this church camp. As a schoolteacher in a public school, he is somehow able to use his position to witness and build relationships. Several of these children are his students. This ministry of his has borne long-term fruit: three or four of the young people currently in the church are the result of his ministry over the years.

One of the highlights of the camp for the juniors was the popcorn machine. One of the pictures shows how entranced they were while watching the popcorn popping. It was fun to see how full of life and energy these campers were: during a whispering game we played, one boy kept muttering to himself, "I have to talk, I just have to." Being quiet for five minutes was sheer torture. All in all, it was a joy and privilege to partner with the church for this camp. Many of the church people pitched in to help.

Later that same week, we transitioned to a four-day Bible Conference at the Jesus Saves Mission church. I spoke each of the four days of the conference (including Sunday as the final day), and my children and Fletcher Frost ministered in music. It was a delight to be with JSM again. I have known some of these dear folks since before I was married!

On Sunday, June 15, I preached my final message of the Bible conference before flying to the Philippines that afternoon. The next day I began teaching a four-day block class on Ecclesiology. Approximately 20-25 students joined the class--some in person and some virtually. Teaching at Bob Jones Memorial Bible College is always like coming home for me and my children, and it was a tremendous blessing to fellowship with students, graduates, faculty, and staff, and to witness the faithfulness of God's servants who continue to labor in that ministry.

On Friday of that same week, Susanna and I attended a wedding of two our Bible college graduates. I had both of them as students. (I have known the bride since she was two years of age.) Weddings in the Philippines last longer than most American weddings: the wedding began at 4 pm and was still in full swing when we had to excuse ourselves at around 9:30 pm.

We finished our whirlwind week of ministry by ministering at two churches on our final Sunday: Gospel Light Baptist Church of Quezon City in the morning, and Lighthouse Bible Believers Church of Paranaque in the evening. Both of these churches hold many precious ministry memories. After the evening service and dinner fellowship, the folks at Lighthouse kindly took us to the airport for our 1:10 am departure flight back to the States.

In summary, our two-week trip to Asia was a wonderful opportunity for me to minister in Asia alongside my children. The phrase "command deliverances for Jacob" from Psalm 44:4b is very precious to me. Indeed, the Lord answered many prayers and delivered me time and time again in very specific ways. What a joy to serve God Most High!

Again, thank you for your prayers and support,
Timothy Berrey

