

# MISSIONS

Mar 2025

## KY MISSIONS PRAYER MEETING

9 Mar & 13 Apr (Sun) | 10.45am – 12.00pm | onsite @#406  
25 Mar & 22 Apr (Tue) | 8-9.30pm | Zoom ID-975 1199 5770,  
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Want to grow as an intercessor? Join us at the monthly onsite or online prayer meetings on every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month respectively. May we be the House of Prayer for all nations (Isa 5:6-7)!

*"Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer." ~ Rom 12:12*

## 2025 DONKEY TRACTING TRIPS TO JAPAN

**SCHEDULE:**

- 19-26 May 2025  
Hiroshima
- 15-22 September 2025  
Tohoku  
(Miyagi & Fukushima)
- 1-8 December 2025  
Nagoya

God has spotlighted Japan to Singapore through LoveSG. If you want to see Japan through God's eyes instead of through the tourist's lens, do consider joining one of the above trips organised by TransWorld Radio (TWR). You will walk the ground, give out tracts, pray for Japan and connect with the local believers. No age limit!

Check out their website: <https://twr.org/japan-donkey-tracting> or email their staff Jonathon ([jchen@twr.org](mailto:jchen@twr.org)) for more details.

You may also talk to Joshua Woo (from Eng congregation) who participated in 2024 and is thinking of going back for more!



## Seasons of Waiting

Jasmine & Chung En finally set off for Perth on 13 Feb 2025 after one whole year of waiting before they had their visa approved. In their latest newsletter, they recounted that the past year was not time wasted! Although it was not easy, God did marvellous things for them.

I was reminded of some of the bible heroes who had also been through seasons of long waiting. There was Abraham who waited 25 years before he got his promised heir Isaac; David who was anointed as the coming king of Israel in his teens, but had to run from Saul for years, and only became king in his thirties. Then there was Joseph, who dreamt great prophetic dreams but was sold to Egypt and went through much hardship for many years before those dreams came true.

If not for the wait, Abraham might not have been readied to offer up his miracle child and became the Father of Faith; David might not have been known as the king after God's own heart and be covenanted to have the eternal King came through his bloodline; and for Joseph, he might not have been the type of 'saviour' who saved the world and showcased God's glory!

When God calls, God prepares. If you have received the promise or assignment from God, and if you are in a season of waiting, know that you are in the right place! He is probably preparing you. Let perseverance finish its work in us so that we may be mature and complete, not lacking anything (James 1:4. Trust in His perfect timing (Ecc 3:1).



## The difference between **Cross Cultural MISSIONS** & **Cross Cultural MINISTRY**?

...By Rev James Chan

Cross-cultural missions and cross-cultural ministry, while often overlapping in their engagement with diverse cultures, are distinct in their primary objectives and methods. **Cross-cultural missions** focus on the **intentional sharing of faith** and the establishment of bridges to reach **unevangelized groups**, often with the goal of planting churches or fostering spiritual transformation within a specific cultural context. This approach is inherently evangelistic, aiming to introduce the gospel to those who have not yet encountered it. Missionaries in this context are driven by a theological mandate to "make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19), which requires a deep understanding of the target culture, language, and worldview to effectively communicate the message of Christ. The **emphasis is on spiritual salvation and the growth of the global Christian community**, often involving long-term commitment, cultural adaptation, and strategic planning to ensure the gospel takes root in a way that is both meaningful and sustainable within the new cultural framework.

On the other hand, **cross-cultural ministry** is broader in scope and does not necessarily prioritize evangelism as its primary goal. Instead, it focuses on **serving and ministering to the practical, emotional, and social needs of individuals or communities, regardless of their religious background**. This could include providing healthcare, education, disaster relief, or other forms of humanitarian aid. **While faith may inspire such efforts, the act of sharing the gospel is not a requirement**. Cross-cultural ministry is often rooted in the belief that serving others is a tangible expression of God's love, as seen in Jesus' example of feeding the hungry, healing the sick, and caring for the marginalized. This approach emphasizes compassion, justice, and meeting people where they are, often earning trust and building relationships that may later open doors for spiritual conversations. However, the immediate focus is on alleviating suffering and improving quality of life, rather than on direct evangelism.

**The confusion between the two** often arises because both involve crossing cultural boundaries and require cultural sensitivity, humility, and a willingness to engage with people who are different from oneself. Additionally, both are motivated by a desire to reflect God's love and bring about positive change. However, the **key distinction lies in their primary focus: missions is inherently evangelistic, while ministry is service-oriented**. For example, a missionary might learn a local language to share the gospel, whereas a minister might learn the same language to provide medical care or teach literacy skills. Both are valuable and necessary, but they serve different purposes within the broader scope of Christian work.

Understanding this distinction is crucial for individuals and organizations seeking to engage in cross-cultural work. It helps clarify goals, allocate resources effectively, and avoid misunderstandings with the communities being served. For instance, a community may be more receptive to humanitarian aid if it is not perceived as a covert attempt at conversion, while another may welcome both spiritual and practical support. **By recognizing the unique contributions of both cross-cultural missions and ministry, Christians can more effectively fulfill their calling to love and serve others, whether through sharing the gospel or meeting tangible needs, all while respecting the dignity and autonomy of the people they seek to serve.**

## UPDATES & PRAYER FOCUS FOR MARCH 2025

### REV JAMES (PJ) & THE JAPAN TEAM

As announced in Dec 2024, Rev James is stepping down from his Mission Pastor role wef 1<sup>st</sup> Apr 2025. He and the team (see picture on the right) will enter a season of equipping under the guidance of Victory Family Centre.

#### Let's keep the team in prayer:

1. Smooth application process for their religious visa
2. Effective equipping from Apr-Aug
3. God to prepare a place for them that they will find in the shortest time possible when arrive Nagoya in Sep
4. For their language acquisition



The Japan Team. From left to right: Sarah Chan, Rev James, Theodor Chua (M-intern), Ng Si Hui (from the Renewal Christian Church) and Priscilla Tan

### KY MISSIONS COMMITTEE & MISSION PASTOR

With PJ transiting to his new role, our PIC Rev Stefanie will double up as the Mission Pastor.

Pray for her grace and strength to take on this added responsibility, and for her and the Mission Committee to continue spearhead and lead the whole church strongly in responding to the Great Commission.

Chairman : Liow Chee Hsiang (Mandarin)  
Lana Tang (Cantonese)  
Vincent Ling (Cantonese)  
Alex Chen (English)  
Lam Siong Hung (English)  
Kerin Goh (Youth)  
Stephanie Tay (Children)

### MISSIONARY & MISSIONS WORKERS

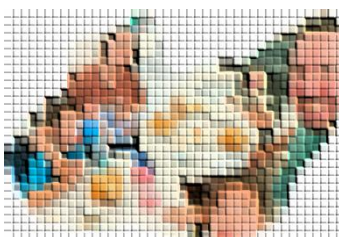
#### BS & Shan



#### Prayer pointers:

1. For our staff retreat next week. We have invited a Singaporean friend, Victor Seet, for a workshop on Strengthfinders. We currently have 15 staff from 9 nations
2. For our ongoing language learning as we move into Phase 2 of the language program
3. For stability in Lebanon, as we prepare to receive a team from Brazil and India in Apr
4. For our 5 new staff and their adjustment to local language and culture. They came from Mexico, Russia and Singapore

#### EY & LO



#### Prayer pointers:

1. We are slowly getting into our rhythm as a family with the arrival of baby Y and getting back into our roles at YWAM. Thankful for God's grace and the support from different ones who have come alongside us
2. LO's thyroid issue seems to have returned and this caused some unusual readings for the baby's liver. Please pray for covering and healing for mommy and baby
3. Pray for the fear of the Lord that leads to wisdom to carry the tension of healthy marriage, caring for our kids, faithfully serving in the base, loving the lost and building us towards the call to Morocco
4. For continual provision for the family

JT & CE



It's been almost 2 weeks since we came back to Perth. The first week was just focused on unpacking, organizing the house, getting the twins enrolled in school. The twins have since started school at a public school near our base and are enjoying it so much. Thankful for a smooth transition to a new school. It has been a very fast paced transition for the kids since we got our visas but they all have adjusted well, including our youngest son, J who was having a challenging time at first.

We have slowly gotten back into base & ministry routine with our ministries, with CE overseeing training schools and Jas with ARMS (a mercy ministry). We are still in the midst figuring how our schedules will look like as we flow with the changes that happened during the time we were away.

**Prayer pointers:**

1. For the kids to continue to adjust well especially for the youngest one
2. CE & Jas to be able to maintain healthy balance of family & ministry life
3. God to continue planting new visions into our ministries here
4. We have built such deep and fruitful connections with our churches in both Singapore & Malaysia during the last year. We hope to be able to keep connected and not lose touch as we get into the routine of life back in Perth

Ana & Steve



This week our DTS team came back from outreach and is graduating on 28 Feb. We are so thankful that another school is graduated. We will be starting a new school, the Discipleship Bible School, in end Mar. This is our first time running it at our base and in HK. I recruited someone to join us in pioneering it.

A few other staff (including Erwin from YC who joined YWAM Harbour City in Sep 2024) will be traveling to Cambodia to equip a Chinese church on worship leading.

I am also occupied with my studies and planning for the leadership course that Steve and I will be leading in July.

**Prayer pointers:**

1. Grace, wisdom and strength to oversee the ministries and personal study, not neglecting the needs of family and self-care
2. Continue to make waves in advancing the Kingdom of God in the region through the various schools, courses and mission trips
3. Protection and provision for us and for the base

Noe & Jul

WL



**Prayer pointers:**

1. God's protection against spiritual warfare
2. Good health and proper self-care
3. Daily refreshing touch from God and Joy in ministry

**PRAYER & FASTING SEASON**

We are called to be the House of Prayer for all nations/peoples and the peacemakers. Starting from 1<sup>st</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> Mar is the Ramadan season. Inviting all to keep the salvation of our unreached neighbours in prayer. Pray also that we may grow in courage and the love of God to reach out to them.

**Note: E-prayer guide (for adult or children) is available at \$3 per pax. Contact Licheng if keen.**