

August 2017

Trevor's Ministry Update

Hello friends! After a great summer, school has begun once again at Faith Academy! Here's what I've been up to so far:

Summer in Manila

Rather than go anywhere, I stayed in Manila for most of the summer. I spent my time reading books to prepare for teaching this year and doing things I never had time for during the summer, such as learning how to go to the market, finally going to the dentist, and taking some Korean lessons.

I also was able to spend a week on vacation in Baguio, a city in northern Luzon, the island Manila is on. It was great to experience cooler weather, walk through pine tree forests, and eat fresh strawberries!

New Staff Training

In July, I attended New Staff Training with the other new staff members. I learned some things, even though I'd already been here for a semester, but mostly it was great to get to know the new staff and realize how much more adjusted I am than when I first arrived in January.



Me and the other new Faith Academy staff

New School Year

Classes resumed on August 2nd. This year I'm teaching three sections of Bible 11 and two sections of Bible 6. Because I am teaching more Grade 11 classes than Grade 6 classes, I am now technically part of the High School Division instead of Middle School.

Both classes are going really well. I'm especially enjoying my grade 11 class. The topic of first semester is "Doctrine and Apologetics" and second semester is "Christian Living." It's great to work through theological topics with my students, giving them opportunities to wrestle with difficult concepts.

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PRAYER REQUESTS

- Please pray for my grade 6 students. The transition from elementary school to middle school can be pretty intimidating!
- Please pray for my grade 11 students. They are all in different places in their faith. Some are still learning what it means to follow God, others are passionate about proclaiming the Gospel, and still others are deeply skeptical.
- This week we are beginning the Bibliology unit in Bible 11. Please pray that the students come to a fuller understanding of the significance of Scripture.
- In Bible 6, we're learning the story of Abraham. Please help my students understand this very important section of Scripture.
- I'm still adjusting to teaching 5 classes a day. Please pray for me as I learn to use my time wisely without tiring myself out.
- In three weeks, I will be speaking in MSD chapel. Please pray that God guides me as I prepare my message.

We just finished the Revelation unit and had a discussion on whether God's Word is trustworthy. In one class, my students were saying that they think Bible is filled with errors. Listening to this, I resisted jumping into the discussion and instead watched to see where they were going with this. My self-control was rewarded in that by the end the students had unanimously decided that the Bible was in fact trustworthy and without errors. It's great to see the students wrestling with what they believe, rather than what they think their teachers want to hear.



The Flag Raising Ceremony on the first day of school

Meanwhile, in Grade 6, we've been going through the book of Genesis. This group of students is extremely academically driven and take their journaling projects very seriously. We're having a lot of fun together and they always have great insights and questions.

Want to Join My Support Team?

While I have been receiving significant one-time donations (thank-you!) I am still behind on my monthly pledges. Right now, I am fully supported until February 2018. However, I would like to raise an additional \$500 monthly support so I know I will continue to be supported. Please consider whether you would like to support me monthly.

If you would like to partner with me financially, you can do so on my support website at:

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