

## Travel Schedule:

### 3/30-4/8 India

Lloyd will be visiting South India to oversee MTW's Tsunami relief efforts. He will then travel to North India (Dehra Dun) to visit the Presbyterian Theological Seminary (PTS), India.

### April 11-22 Manila

Lloyd will be teaching summer Greek at PTS, Philippines.

### May 23-24 Sri Lanka

Lloyd will be leading a seminar on "contemporary theological issues" for churches in Sri Lanka.

### Aug 13-27 Manila

Lloyd and Eda will be hosting a short-term team from NLMC, California

### Sept 17-24 Japan

Lloyd will be teaching a course at Christ Bible Institute in Nagoya. The family will accompany him.

## Theological Education in Asia/Pacific

Things are becoming a bit clearer for me as far as my role here on Asia Pacific team. When I first came on, I was asked to be the theological education guy. What exactly that meant at the time, I'm not sure. The role seems to be evolving even as we speak.

Now that I am about three months into the position, I believe I have a better handle on what I need to do (whether I can do it is all together another question). Here is what I've come up with so far. Our bread and butter at MTW is church planting. We are about initiating and supporting church planting movements. What this often looks like is partnering with national workers, pastors, leaders and equipping them to actually lead the churches. So the obvious need in this scenario is training for these workers and potential pastors.

It seems that God has really opened the door for church planting opportunities in several new places, i.e., Vietnam, Sri Lanka, South India, Bangladesh, Nepal, and Bhutan. And yet, the work is moving faster than we can provide MTW missionaries for these fields.

In order to meet the needs of these church-planting works, we need to provide short-term teachers and professors to train the workers and pastors in these fields. But you say, "that is such a short-term solution." Indeed, but while we are providing short-term teachers, we will also send the best and brightest national workers to places like



Lloyd and Andrew Young (principal of Grace Theological College, Auckland, NZ).

Manila, New Zealand, Australia, or the States to get their training. They will in turn come back as the professors of their local Bible Schools.

But where do the other 14 Bible schools/colleges affiliated with MTW fit in? Part of my role is to get to know these schools and to find out how we can help them achieve their goals, but also to challenge them to be a resource for the new church planting works. Certainly we can send students from the new church planting locations to study at these schools, but we can also encourage the faculty and graduates to go to these fields and assist in the church planting movements. It makes financial sense to use faculty and pastors in Asia to help with these new Bible Schools, but there is also a need for professors and pastors in the States to be a resource for these emerging schools.

Here is what is on the horizon. In order to facilitate communication between potential teachers and the different needs

of the Bible schools, I'd like to set up a web-site that will list the schools, courses that need to be taught, dates for the courses, and requirements for the potential teachers. Those in the States or in Asia can see the needs, feel the burden, and plan ahead to meet the needs.

There will also be a list of books that the different schools might need for their libraries. We want to set up a process that enables the willing donor to provide exactly what the schools need. The idea is to make it easy for people to come and teach or to give to these new works. In addition, we'll be setting up a special fund to help subsidize the travel costs for teachers and professors to go to these different sites.

It is so easy for me to feel overburdened and overwhelmed by the vast needs here in Asia Pacific. My only comfort is that our powerful, sovereign, creator God is more than able to meet the needs and go beyond our wildest imagination. Someone once told me to start small, build deep, and think big.

- Lloyd

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## The Home Front

One of the main things that I struggled with arriving on the field is realizing that my roles of mother and wife haven't changed. Subconsciously, I thought that things would be different once I was on the mission field. Somehow the time would magically appear for me to be more actively involved with ministry. However, the needs of the family haven't disappeared!

In January, I had a medical trip planned for Sri Lanka to help with MTW's disaster relief teams going to Sri Lanka. The logistics did not work out and I cancelled my trip the day before I was scheduled to depart. It was disappointing, but it worked out providentially, as 2 days before I was to leave, I came down with a bad cold and was bedridden for the rest of the week. I would have ended up being a patient myself had I gone to Sri Lanka!

In January, I also started taking language classes once a week and meeting with a tutor twice a week. I am actually enjoying being a student again. In addition, I am helping out with medical needs at one of the street children homes that MTW operates in Manila. That has also provided Kaelyn and Christian opportunities to play with friends! Not only have I become a student, but I am also learning my role as a teacher in home schooling Kaelyn. It has been much more rewarding than I expected, and at times more challenging than expected!

- Eda



Eda, the kids, and some girls from the street house ministry.

### Prayer Requests:

1. Traveling mercies for Lloyd and grace for Eda while Lloyd is away.
2. That the vision for theological education in Asia Pacific would materialize.
3. For many workers to come and serve in Asia.
4. Safety in Manila in light of the recent bombings.

### Family Update

Eda is studying Tagalog about 3 days a week. She is much better than Lloyd at Tagalog. Her secret? Watching Korean Soap Operas dubbed in Tagalog.

Kaelyn is enjoying studying at home with mom, making new friends, and learning how to swim. She has recently discussed with Eda her marriage plans. She wants to marry a prince.

Christian just celebrated his 3<sup>rd</sup> year birthday. He enjoys eating mangos, playing with his trains, and watching Korean Soap Operas dubbed in Tagalog.

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