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'CONFERENCE SEASON'

Dear Friends,

I've been thinking about what it means to 'commune' with the Lord (I'm reading 'Enjoying God' by Tim Chester - great book!). Some Christians talked about the "means of grace" - 'the things God graciously does to draw us close to him and make us more like his son' (pg 132) - eg prayer, Bible reading but also baptism and suffering. Chester prefers to talk about the "means of communion" - 'the means that God gives us to enjoy and deepen our relationship with him' (pg 133). Before I read the Bible, I've been reminding myself - 'These are God's words! God is about to speak to me. Listen'. The Lord might not speak to me of my particular situation, but He *is* speaking to me. I'm praying - 'Lord, help me to commune with you as you speak to me'. THIS is the most important way to prepare for a 'conference season'. **May the Lord encourage us all as we commune with him regularly.**

As I'm about to enter another 'Conference season' (4 in 5 weeks), I'm conscious of the importance of your Partnership in prayer. These conferences are (mostly) aimed at people considering 'full time ministry'. What do they need to hear? What do I have to share? How can I encourage people to/as they consider cross cultural missions?

Jesus said "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." - Lk 10:2. **Would you join me in committing to pray every day of September @ 10:02am - 'Lord, please raise up more cross cultural missionaries for East Asia?** I just set a daily reminder on my phone. We pray for God's work all the time but maybe this is a good way to make it more deliberate for Sept. Send me an email if you decide to do this - I'd find it super encouraging.



Conference #1 - 16th-18th Sept - SPUR 2022 - I'm running a seminar for those considering cross-cultural missions. And talking to people.



Conference #2 - 23rd-25th Sept - Mission Matters - (like Reach out for those in NSW or a mini Urbana for those in the USA). I will be MC-ing a couple of sessions and looking after the OMF 'Display' table



Conference #3 - 1st-3rd Sept - Y Conference - This is a general young adults conference - I'm just 'hanging out' meeting people - many people have never met a missionary before. 'Yes' - missionaries do exist and we need more :)



Conference #4 - 15th-16th Oct - OMF Missions Coaching Weekend - Half in person/zoom - 'an interactive course designed to help people discern God's leading as you explore cross-cultural missions. With focused workshops, guided personal reflections, coaching sessions and time to interact with others on a similar journey, people will gain a clearer idea about the next steps they can take.' I'll be helping coach participants and run the QLD bit.