



THE LAVENDER BULLETIN

Let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth. (1 John 3:18)

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Getting To Know...

...our sister, Kirsten!

The
Lovable
Big Sister



written by Chew Li Ting

Kirsten Kwa is a big sister you won't want to miss. Her friendly disposition makes her approachable to many no matter when, no matter where. She was born in New York and came to Singapore the first time when she was six years old and she is a true-blue ABC (American-born Chinese). Her parents, I'm sure, are familiar faces to many in the congregation; I got to know her father as a man with an avid interest in the Chinese language during church camp. Oh boy, I wish I could get him to pass on some of that interest to me. Anyway, that aside, Kirsten also has another younger brother, Kenaz, who is in the USA. One interesting fact - do you know that Kirsten is half Peranakan as well?

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COME WORSHIP WITH US !

Sunday – Worship: 9.30 am | Bible Class: 11.15 am

Wednesday – Midweek Service: 8.00 pm

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She graduated from the Texas A&M University. You can tell from that golden ring she wears on her finger. The golden ring – which I had thought to be a family heirloom – was obtained from Texas A&M, exclusive to graduates only.

I know Kirsten for her spontaneity – such as her funny rendition of The Office Lady in the youth skit, and her dynamic and entertaining facial expressions in the Samaritan Women skit in Cambodia. (It cracked the kids up!) Perhaps, you may also want to applaud her for her courage: for six long years she has been battling the silent war with The Durian Fruit and finally conquered it in June 2010, when she finished a whole durian by herself! *clap clap*

She, in my opinion, is also an extremely agreeable person who takes initiative, playing the role of a bigger sister to the Lavender youths. To cite an example, she helped take care of the youth's logistic needs during the youth camp and lent a helping hand in buying necessities and drinks for us. She is also ready to open her house for youth functions, such as the recent sleepover and barbeque. We really appreciate her for that!

When asked how she sees God acting in her life, she replies that there are numerous examples she could give. For example, during one trip to Singapore, her bag was literally ripped apart. Miraculously, the things inside remained intact. I guess one thing I have learnt from Kirsten is that if you just choose to open your eyes, you can see God everywhere, even in the most mundane experiences such as a safe trip to Singapore. Here are some quirky answers I got from Kirsten, read on!

If you were an animal, what would you be?

A bird, so I can soar without a parachute.

Name three blessings you are grateful for no matter what.

1. My parents. I know everyone says that, but I really don't say it enough. And now that I see my friends getting married and having their own kids, I am beginning to stand in awestruck appreciation for what my own parents have sacrificed for my brother and me.



The Kwa siblings on a cycling trip in Pulau Ubin

2. *My bi-cultural background. 'Third Culture Kids' hate it or love it, but for me, I love it because I think it's easier to adopt a 'culture of Christ' attitude when you don't fully belong to any earthly historically-defined culture.*

3. *God's patience. I kick and scream. I challenge and spit in His face. I give Him ultimatums and deny His name. But He still loves me just the same. It's really beautiful.*

What is one thing you hope to learn/do in the future?

One of my life goals is to be sufficiently quad-lingual (English, Chinese, Spanish, and French). I have achieved 30% of this goal.

What is your favourite movie?

"Pride and Prejudice" with Kiera Knightly - classic story with gorgeous cinematography and a beautiful soundtrack.

Favourite food?

There is no favourite. There is only food and good food. Good food includes nasi lemak, seafood hor fun, fish head curry, Chili crab gravy, xiaolongbao, egg tofu, big fat juicy chilled mangoes in the heat of summer, Grandma's mee-siam, home-grilled hamburgers on the 4th of July, County Line Texas barbecue, Chipotle steak burritos, Texas chili on a cold winter day, Mom's spaghetti sauce made with hidden veggies, any cheesecake from the Cheesecake Factory, Marble Slab amaretto ice cream mixed with cherries... <sigh>... and 'Austin coffee' (that's the name of the coffee bean) brewed at midnight and served by Mom during the days of all-night study/cram sessions.



Ice cream at Ben & Jerry's

As you can see what a gastronomist Kirsten is, it wouldn't be surprising to see a Singaporean streak in her – where food equals love! Another point to note about Kirsten is that she doesn't really buy her own bags. More often than not, she always gets them as gifts from her friends and family. So, perhaps you'll know what to get for her birthday!

And yes, let's not forget to encourage her on her road to becoming a quad-linguist (if this term exists). God bless!

- Chew Li Ting

CONGREGATION UPDATES

A Warm Welcome

We like to bid a warm welcome to all our guests. We thank you for coming, and we hope to see you again next week!

Midweek Service

This Wednesday (1 Sep 2010) at 8.00pm, we will be concluding our study from the DVD "God's Answers to Life's Difficult Questions". The final topic for this week is: "How Can I Ever Change?"

Upcoming Birthday

Sep 03 – Sharon Chew-Low
Sep 05 – Fernando Lipardo



Tea Break Preparation

05 Sep – Grace Hiew
12 Sep – Eileen Wat
19 Sep – Kavitha
26 Sep – Irene Ho



CMW -Baptisms at Prey Ta Chey

We rejoice with the angels in heaven over the baptism of 27 souls (3 ladies and 24 children age between 12 and 18) in the Prey Ta Chey village congregation in the past week. Praise the Lord!

We thank our full-time worker, Ouk Channy and the local preacher, Ton, for their labour of love to share the gospel of our Lord with our new brothers and sisters in Christ. Let's pray for their spiritual growth and the expansion of our Lord's kingdom in Cambodia.

Prayer Requests

- Our expectant mothers, Elgie and Jeannie.
- The appointment of elders.
- Sergius will be going back to the USA this afternoon for his final year of study. We bid him Godspeed, and do continue to remember him in your prayers.



LAST WEEK'S NUMBERS

22 August 2010

Attendance : 94

Contribution : \$1,922.40

SERVING IN WORSHIP

	29 August 2010	5 September 2010
Song Leader	Ivan Ho	Peter Low
Preacher	Chang Chee Wee	Kuek Lee Hock
Ushers		
Scripture Reader (OP)	Kevin Wee	Patrick Khoo
Lord's Supper I/C	Mervin Wee	Michael Wee
Lord's Supper Asst	Peter Low	James Wong
Announcer (CP)	Roger Hiew	Wat Tat Chuen
Premises Steward	Patrick Khoo	Chang Chee Wee

Men who are serving – please gather at the back of the auditorium at 9.25am.

Lord's Supper September 2010	Preparation : Karen and Esther Lee Washing : Tan Suat Kheng and Grace Teo
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