

## Sai's Baptism

It was a wonderful answer to your prayers and a great time to Praise God when Sai was baptised by Ian along with 16 other people. It was so special having his wife Maggie and son Hadrian (who were both baptised last year) standing on the platform as part of Sai's spiritual support. Thank you for your role as spiritual supporters through prayer. Continue to pray for Sai's spiritual growth as he starts Moore College's (PTC) Old Testament 1 course this month. Narelle will be teaching the first 5 weeks of this course.



Ian baptising Sai.



Shelley and Jon Polk

## Introducing the Polks

Jon Polk and his wife Shelley (and teenage daughter) are from the US and are attending St Andrew's. Shelley is a teacher at an International Christian School in Hong Kong. Jon is a Baptist Pastor.

## OTLive

Jon is trained in OTLive (a course of Walk Through the Bible) which is a fun, interactive way of learning what is in the books of Old Testament. Jon is currently running the second course at St Andrew's with 150 people over the two course. Narelle and Beth had lots of fun at course No.1.

## Old Testament 1 Course

We are very excited to have 45 people enrolled in OT 1 over the next 10 weeks. Pray that this will be a time when the participants learn about God and his people as well as apply what they learn to their lives and affect those around them for the praise of God's glory. Narelle is teaching half the course and the second half will be taught by Jon Polk.



Narelle teaching Old Testament 1

## Marriage Mentors

St Andrew's has about 1700 people attend church weekly and a lovely church building and so naturally there are lots of weddings of church members. This is one of Ian's areas of responsibility. To help prepare people for marriage, a trained mentor couple is assigned to each engaged couple to meet 4-5 times and work through the Prepare-Enrich inventory (a specific questionnaire of 10+ marriage issues). Ian has recently prepared 8 couples to be marriage mentors to help him in this work and Jon and Shelley Polk were one of those couples. Pray for this growing ministry.



Narelle leads the female university students' Bible Study Group

## Ladies Bible Study

Narelle is very excited that in January 2018 she started leading a new ladies Bible Study group at 9:30am on a Tuesday morning in our home. The group commenced with 5 ladies and they now have 14 women who belong to the Bible study. They range in age from 23 - 83 years old. They come from Hong Kong, Australia, UK, US, Zimbabwe, Singapore and Germany. Give thanks that the group has commenced. Pray that they will grow in Christian maturity as a community.



Narelle's Tuesday Morning Bible Study Group

## On the Personal Front

Narelle was very grateful to return to Australia to celebrate her mum's 80th Birthday. Happy Birthday Rita. I am also thankful to be able to return to Australia, at a separate time, for the funeral of his Uncle Peter in Orange. Pray for Beth as she makes decisions about where she will work in Hong Kong in the new academic year beginning in August. All three of us would be grateful for prayers for our health in this flu season.

## Praise God;

- For the joy of being part of Sai and his family's spiritual growth. Praise God for the answering of your prayers for them and the partnership that you have with us in the work in Hong Kong.
- For Jon and Shelley Polk. They are helpful partners in ministry.
- For Narelle's Bible Study, for the ladies and the opportunity of growing like Christ together
- For the privilege of being able to attend a birthday (for Rita) and a funeral (for Peter) in Australia

## Pray to God;

- For the Marriage Mentors that they would be a help to those about to be married.
- For the Old Testament course and for Narelle and Jon Polk as they teach.
- For the upcoming Easter celebrations that they will bring people to Christ with hope for eternity.
- For Beth as she decides about her next year's school appointment .

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