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Chiu on This

Dear Simon,

Hello!

I hope this email finds you and your loved ones well, in every sense of the word. Since I last wrote, our days have been filled with the regular roller coaster highs and lows of work, chores, and caring for a no-longer-a-baby-but-not-yet-a-toddler, exaggerated by the forces of this persistent pandemic. The days are long, but the years are short—it shocked me to find that my last update to you all was back in August 2021! Somehow, it feels like every day is the same, and yet, suddenly, everything has changed.

In light of all this, it has been comforting to be reminded that God is seeing us through every moment of every hour. As someone recently prayed for us: Our

God is a God of seasons, and winter is a season where we learn resilience and discover new depths and breadths of God's faithfulness, patience, and providence. Amen to that!



Evan poking frozen condensation on the inside of our windows on one of those mornings when it was -20C.

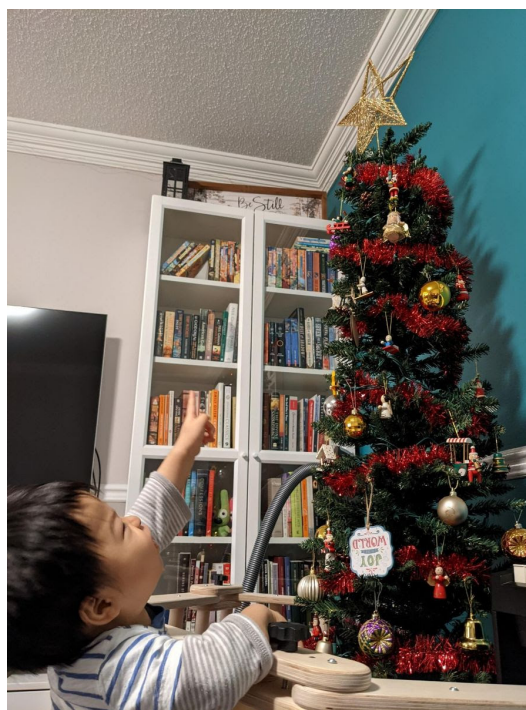
Key Updates

- I'm back on two of the committees I was part of before maternity leave: the **Financial Provision Committee** (FPC) and the **Crisis Management Team** (CMT). Both these groups require clarity of thought, wisdom, and creativity to address the issues or changes that arise. Please continue to pray for us as we continue to review and propose changes to policy (FPC) and pivot and communicate well as the pandemic progresses (CMT). We're all too aware of our limitations and very much need the Lord as we look for solutions and/or next steps.
- **Adjustment to this HR role continues.** On some days, I miss working closely with our Mobilization team. More and more, I'm growing in appreciation for belonging to a team, being supervised by someone who

has experience and expertise in the same area of work, and taking a more active role in effecting internal change. Thank you for praying for me, even though I haven't been able to share many of the details (unlike when I was in Comms)!



My first "work shift" of the day sometimes involves drawing cars in the snow.



Parenting win: Taking your child for a "walk" in the underground parking garage when it's too cold and windy outside.

Unlike last year, Evan took notice of our Christmas tree. Hence the tree fence.

- **Working mom life** is a whole new adventure for our family. We would appreciate your ongoing prayers for physical, mental, and emotional energy, a spirit of endurance, and restful sleep for everyone—especially Evan's grandmothers, who regularly look after him! Please pray also for creativity... if you've ever been trapped at home for hours with a small child, you know intimately this very special blessing in disguise. :)
- Evan's currently *very* into **cows and chickens**. They're his waking thought, if his intra-crib monologues are any indication. Alwin and I are routinely surprised by how our hearts fill with sudden joy, delight, and pride when watching Evan. The pandemic took much away from us as first-time parents, but enabled us to be continuously present for Evan's every milestone. It won't always be this way, and we are thankful for this season of closeness as a family.



Evan "kissing" a cat I drew on a container.

I'd like to leave you with an excerpt of a liturgy from **Every Moment Holy** by Douglas Kaine McKelvey. Alwin and I have been very blessed by McKelvey's reflective writing and heartfelt prayers. Praying that this blesses you today:

When the cacophony of
universal distress unsettles us,
remind us that we are but small
and finite creatures...
justice and mercy,
healing and redemption,
are your great labours.

From "A Liturgy for those Flooded by Too Much Information".
Every Moment Holy Vol. 1

Shalom,

Michelle.

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