



Bernhardt Update October 2018

Dear Friends and Family,

Just wanted to send a quick update from our side of the earth. One quarter of school has already flown by, and we just had our short week-long fall break. Now we will have a mad dash until Christmas!

Casey keeps plugging away at all of the major campus projects. There continue to be upgrades, development and the sudden major repair issues. There is a never dull moment in his area. On the home front—after waiting for several years, he was able to get a motorcycle and enjoys riding it and exploring the island and the mainland.

Sharon is teaching AP Biology, Biology and 7th grade Life Science. She also helps lead the science club and helped coach Middle School girl's volleyball last quarter. She really misses some friends who left in June and is also saddened by her father's failing health.

Ryan is a junior. He is on the junior class executive committee as photographer. He is mostly involved in photography and is not doing other extra-curricular activities this year. He has a heavy course load (particularly Pre-Calculus, AP Language and having his Mom as his Biology teacher--yikes). He is surprised by how much he enjoys choir and was able to travel to Bangkok for the International Choir Festival this month. He just turned 17 and is now working on getting his Malaysian driver's license.

Niko is a freshman. He has adapted well to high school and is doing awesome in school, in spite of the increased rigor. He loves basketball (try-outs are tomorrow!) and he likes to play guitar and draw. He has really blossomed and has grown a lot taller this year. He has almost caught up with Ryan.

Chase is a 3rd grader. His great love is still soccer. He takes piano lessons and just loves to play with friends. He has strict teachers this year and that has really kicked learning up a notch for his class. They are growing and maturing at this age/grade-level with greater expectations.

What's ahead?

Sharon's brother and family will be here for a few days during our Christmas vacation. We have the Church of God Asia Pacific Missionary Retreat here on our island in March. We are doing a lot of planning for that event.

Prayers & Praises

Please pray for several of our friends here in Malaysia, who are facing great challenges and having their faith tested. God has enabled us to help out in some ways, and we are thankful for that. Pray that He will continue to provide for them.

Pray that we would be a light to the people around us, in spite of the busy schedules we keep. Please pray that they will know His love through the way we love.

Pray for strength to keep doing the work that we are doing here.

Pray for Sharon's parents—Marvin and Karen, as they walk through these tough days.

We love you all and would love to hear from you!

Casey, Sharon, Ryan, Niko and Chase