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“Look!! Foreigners!!” This is a phrase we hear almost every single day. When people see our family, not only white but mixed races and with THREE children when most families only have one child, it’s a strange site to see! The first question we’re asked is “what is your home country?” On a day to day basis having people touch the kids’ hair or to point at our baby carrier and tell us that Rohan is uncomfortable can be difficult. As a parent you feel defensive and think: “Don’t touch my kid, or tell me that they’re too cold, I know what’s best, I’m their mom”! And of course, if the same things were done or said in America, they definitely would be seen as rude and inconsiderate.

More recently though, I (Tricia) find God has been growing my patience and understanding of where people are coming from. I started to notice, people really do have a love for babies. Their word for baby even means “treasure”. That’s the word they see when they see each of our kids “beautiful treasures”. And their first instinct is to just want to touch or hold them and I just think “isn’t that God’s heart for all children?” God must have instilled that into this culture and to care for one another’s family is like to care for their own. We are growing in appreciating that aspect of life and parenthood here.



Our friends: Patrick & AnAn



Jean and Martin



Homeschool with Jessica's family

Learning to Make Friends

Despite feeling set apart by the way we look, we have really enjoyed developing lifetime friendships with different couples in the city. We realize doing life with people our age gives us the energy we need to reach young students. God provided a family in our complex who had a son just hours within Rohan being born! You might remember that we said we met Patrick as we picked up some mail one day in 2014 as he cruised by on his long skateboard and asked “Do you need some help?” in perfect English. We’ve gotten to know him and his wife Peng Peng, and they have become our local friends. Now our sons are getting to know each other too!

Outside of them, our closest other friends are two foreign couples, Brian and Jessica, and Martin and Jean. They work in our city, have young families and are becoming very dear friends. Each of them support what we’re doing, pray for our team and truly are in the mission with us to reach people in this city for Him. We love them and hope God calls them to stay here as long as He calls us too!

Thanking God this season for you!

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