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Dual citizenship

When applying for a passport, the process can be long and complicated. You must read through the guidelines carefully; all 25 pages tell you what to do if this or that applies to your situation. You need to include proof of identity and have a professional who knows you, willing to countersign the form and your photo.

A large fee is sent with the application. However, if one of the requirements is missing, your request may still be rejected. Finally, after waiting for weeks or months, the precious document is in your hand! Two out of four of the Leremore family members are currently going through this process!

The Sunday School lesson for 10 and 11-year-olds this week focused on Paul's letter to the Philippians, sent about ten years after Paul and Silas started the church in Philippi. Acts chapter 16 recounts the story of how, as Roman citizens, their rights were overlooked when they were beaten and thrown in prison. Only later did the Philippian officials apologize to them for this.

Our Sunday School craft activity was to create a dual passport-like booklet belonging to Paul. The children designed a symbol on the front cover for his Roman passport and included details on the inside such as - Paul of Tarsus, a citizen by birth. They created stamps from the places he visited – Damascus, Ephesus, and Philippi. Some added a fingerprint too.



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The most exciting part came when the booklet was folded inside out and a second passport made, this time for Paul's true citizenship. The symbol of the cross was drawn on the front, and inside were the words copied from Philippians 3:20 –

*“We, however, are citizens of heaven,
and we eagerly wait for our Saviour,
the Lord Jesus Christ,
to come from heaven.”*

While we are waiting, let us continue with our mission to tell others about Jesus.



Points for Prayer:

- Praise God for the opportunity to serve the children in Sunday School.
- Give thanks to God that our true citizenship is in heaven.
- Pray that the practical process of obtaining passports will go smoothly for the Leremore family.
- Remember the Theological Education by Extension (TEE) writing team in prayer as they meet during this month and work on their deadlines.