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I first came to BGST from Australia as a visiting adjunct lecturer in theology and ethics in 2001. My first impressions were very positive and have remained so ever since. I was struck by the friendliness and helpfulness of the staff, and Dr Quek in particular; the founder of BGST, who has opened his home to me on many occasions.

BGST's vision of doing theology and living the Christian Faith in the market places of the world is a noble and biblical one. Systematic theology has the tendency of becoming static and abstract but at BGST this is not allowed to happen. I have found this a useful discipline for my own mind and faith, in teaching theology and ethics to Christian people from the different professions and with various callings, both men and women.

BGST is an international centre well suited to Singapore itself which, from a Christian point of view, has been called the Antioch of Asia (Acts 11). I have greatly valued my contacts there with students, teachers and leaders from the whole of Asia. This has helped me to think globally about the Christian mission of the church of Jesus Christ.

As a Western Christian I have appreciated this meeting of East and West and can say that I have learned and received as much from BGST, its staff and students, as I have tried to impart and give. As long as I live I will always cherish my memories of BGST and my visits to Singapore. ■