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Andy Pearce 是 ACBC 支持的宣教士。Andy 的宣教對象和工場是在LA地區的國際學生，Andy 在Caltech 提供英語會話班，在家中有學生團契...都是針對附近國際學生傳福音的工作。Andy也即將開始 (2019 Oct.) 日本學生團契，和印度學生團契。



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Andy Pearce "Zooming forward" with International students ministry (2020 April 16)

"How about Zooming Tomorrow?"

A typical text message from me to colleagues, international students, and friends during the past few weeks reads "How about Zooming tomorrow?" If the reply is 👍, we set a time, then a Zoom meeting invitation arrives on our calendars. Before COVID-19, Zoom, a video conferencing service, was mostly used by businesses. Due to the stay-at-home restrictions in place throughout the U.S. (and many other countries), Zoom has become the most popular way to meet. And it has spawned new phrases as you can see.



In addition to one-on-one or small group meetings, Zoom also works well for classes. Class members who receive the link can join, and each appears in a window on the screen. A Zoom class reminds many of the popular television game show, Hollywood Squares (shown in the photo). Hollywood Squares ran from 1966 to 2004 and featured a

celebrity sitting behind a desk in each of the nine windows. They answered questions as two contestants tried to guess if their answer was correct or a bluff. The goal was to get “three in a row” as is done in tic-tac-toe. A Zoom class of nine can look exactly the same!



Our weekly English Conversation class for Caltech internationals now meets using Zoom. We usually have 10-12 join. We learn six idioms, then we use the breakout rooms feature provided by Zoom to split up into three virtual “rooms” for discussion, just like we did before COVID-19 when we could have the class split into three different physical rooms. The format has worked very well, and an added bonus is

that 2-3 former class members who recently went back to China have been able to join. Being able to see each other “face-to-face” by video makes a big difference as well. We are thankful that, in spite of COVID-19, we can continue to live out Hebrews 10:24-25, “And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching” (NIV). We are very thankful that Zoom helps us to not give up meeting together!

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