

SRI LANKA

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Jungle Homes

One of my favourite moments within my three month stay in Southern Asia was doing jungle home visits. We drove into the jungle and had a time limitation due to wild elephants, but we were able to visit multiple homes where we heard the people's testimonies and prayed with them and over them. These people would commit to walking 20 + km's to get to church and if they were not able to get there, the resident Pastor would make visits into the jungle on his motorcycle to

see them and worship with them. It was interesting to see how they survived in this kind of situation with wild animals constantly being a risk to their families and their homes. The amount of faith some of these people have is absolutely incredible.

They depend completely on God to provide for them and in cases where He hasn't yet, they still remain positive. They work so very hard for things that we would simply take for granted but they are appreciative and thankful for everything.

One moment that really stood out to me was when one of the bread makers showed me how he provided for his family. He would sit in a rubber inflated tube with a plank of wood across it in the water and for hours just float back and forth trying to

July was my final month on the field for this trip. I spent my time travelling with the NextSteps group as well as doing an independent practical with fellow AIMer, Katie Miller.

We stayed with Pastors throughout different areas of Sri Lanka doing home visits and working within Montessori schools.

"Roll with the punches" Pastor Prince Mathiasz

This is something I now live by. I was pushed completely out of my comfort zone this month and I am so thankful for that. From being told to learn a Tamil song in a day and performing it the following day, to hiking 13 kms to visit people in the mountains, I have come home a stronger and more confident person than when I left back in May.

Family from Rakwana

