

Sri Lanka

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The month of June was filled with a variety of events that kept me quite busy.

I began my month in Sri Lanka by meeting the NextSteps team and joining in on their first 3 weeks of in class learning which was incredibly beneficial to me. I was able to meet and make connections with Missionaries Brother and Sister Lynden Shalm, Brother and Sister Allan Shalm, Brother and Sister Bruce Howell, and Brother and Sister Patrick Miller. In addition to these amazing couples, I was also working closely with the Regional Directors here, Brother and Sister Prince Mathiasz.

Another thing I was part of was working with CSI (Compassion Services International). This is a group of medical professionals who travel around the world offering free medical clinics. My job with them was to prepare pamphlets, assist with setup and take down, traffic control and helping people choose the proper prescription for reading glasses. In three locations that we traveled to for CSI, we had approximately 650 people come through.

We have been doing prayer walks throughout various areas herein Sri Lanka. It's very interesting because you cannot openly pray so your prayers have to be silent or very quiet and under your breath. But I know that God hears all our prayers regardless of how they are said, I have already seen Him move here and in my last month abroad, I have high expectations for what He is going to continue to do.

As for touring goes, I have had the great opportunity to travel with the NextSteppers to some really cool places. One of my favourites so far would most definitely be the Elephant Orphanage. Here we were able to interact with the elephants and I actually got to ride one which was absolutely crazy. I love how these animals are so gigantic but they are so gentle with people (under certain circumstances).

I am loving my time here with the people of Sri Lanka and I know I'm going to have a hard time going home. I am thankful for all the e-mails, texts and direct messages I have been receiving from everyone back home informing me that they are praying for me-I need it and so does the rest of the team here.

Blessings to all,

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