

Day 10–12

Tuesday, August 20th to Thursday, August 22nd



“The journey of a thousand miles begins with one step,” is a well know proverb and sums up our trip home! On Tuesday we got packed up, met together to pray through what we had experienced and who we had encountered, turned in our room keys, said good-bye to Pastor Pramila, and took a cab from Kandy to the Colombo International airport. The ride took two and a half hours. Security at the airport was quite high in the wake of the Easter bombings. Every car had to drive over cameras designed to discover IED’s and we had to show our passports to armed guards just to enter the airport grounds. Once at the doors we

had to go through our first security check. We had to show our tickets to a guard at the door (who couldn’t figure out why would be so many hours early for our flight). Then our bags were put through scanners and we had our *first* pat down. We whiled away our time by walking, checking out the few shops in that part of the airport, and chatting in the chairs.

At 9:30 we were able to go to our next level of waiting. We got our bags checked in and we went through our last security check with our second pat down. Once through, we got some dinner and walked around checking out the shops available in that part of the airport. Then we went to our gate and played euchre (Cliff and David won two and a half games) until it was time to board our flight to Hong Kong (5 hours and 45 minutes). We were a little concerned about our connection because it was tight in the first place and then it was delayed for 20 minutes. However, we made it to our gate with no issues. So we settled in for our 15+ hour flight to Toronto. This final flight was uneventful and we were all able to get some sleep.



Once we landed we headed to customs and baggage. We said good-bye to each other and then went our separate ways: Cliff and Karlene went home, David to his mom’s for the night, and Jaylynne to one more hotel. We left at 12:30 am on the 21st and arrived at 2:30 pm on the 21st and had over twenty hours of travel. Tomorrow night Jaylynne and I will head home to Saskatchewan.



It has been a good trip. Yes, we were able to do lots of fun stuff as a part of it, but more importantly, we were able to be with the church in Sri Lanka. The goal of our trip was to connect, build relationships, and encourage the FMC in Sri Lanka. We did that. Along the way our team deepened in our understanding of the needs in Sri Lanka as well we have reflected on our own lives and ministries in Canada. This has been a journey of many miles and Jesus has been with us in every step of it.