

## Day 5

### Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup>

Today was a quieter day after our whirlwind few days of camp. This morning we checked out of our hotel and headed to the camp at about 8:30 am. The morning session was just finishing when we arrived so we went straight to breakfast. It was wonderful the way we felt so close to everyone after only a few days of spending time together!

After breakfast we gathered for the final worship service. Newly re-elected Superintendent Jayamani brought the word to us and then the pastors came forward and together sang and prayed hand in hand. Bishop Cliff came forward to offer the closing blessing and to pray for Jayamani. The spirit of the camp was joyful and hopeful as we went for tea and then lunch.

During the break many took pictures of their family and friends. We were asked to pose with many families for pictures and we were included in a lot of selfies (the term us-ies didn't catch on). After lunch the new Board of Administration (BOA) had their first meeting. This was a short meeting for new members to be brought up to speed on the current state of the Free Methodist Church in Sri Lanka and for some priorities to be set for the new year.

#### For Prayer

- Please pray for the Sri Lanka BOA as they work on forming a nominating committee this year. There are challenges due to distance of churches and cost of connecting pastors and lay people over those distances.
- Please pray for their work as they discern what God is saying (Scripture verse for the year) and the plan for getting their (strategic plan). Cliff referred to Proverbs 29:18, "Where there is no vision, the people perish."
- Please pray that all legal issues are finally resolved.

After the meeting it was time for us to pack up and go to the ministry centre for the night. Jayamani's family graciously have made space for us and we enjoyed hanging out for a bit. Then we had a rest time and then KFC for dinner. For dessert we had several fresh fruits! After dinner there was a few power outages so we played shadow puppets on the wall using a phone flash light and Cliff's arm hair! Once the power came back on we spent sometime talking about our families and now we've headed to bed to be ready for tomorrow.



#### **The new Sri Lanka BOA**

Superintendent Jayamani is Chair (middle on Cliff's right)

Pastor John Peter is Vice-Chair (far left)

Pastor Pramila is Secretary (far right)

Brother Rohan is Treasurer (between Jayamani and John Peter)

Sister Murial is a Member at Large as wasn't there as she was attending a family funeral