

Day 6

Friday, August 16th

Today was another travel day. In fact, we could call this trip “Trains, Planes, and Tuk Tuk’s.” It was very nice to be able to get up and have breakfast together with Superintendent Jayamani, his family, and pastor Pramila. Afterwards, we visited two churches in Colombo. This involved us being split into two Tuk Tuk’s (three wheel taxi vehicles). After a few of these rides we decided it was a bit like the old video game, “Frogger.” If you don’t know what that is, Google it.



When we arrived at the first church we had the added challenge of climbing a steep set of stairs. It felt like climbing into a crow’s nest on a ship. In fact, it was playfully referred to as the upper room. That would be an apt description from what goes on in it. There was a good group of people who were meeting there and we were welcomed warmly. The church treasurer greeted us (her English was superb) and declared that they had been praying we would come for a long time so we were brought there by the Holy Spirit.

We had refreshments together, talked about the church, took pictures, and prayed. Before we left the treasurer sang a song, both in English and Tamil. Then they asked Jaylyne and Karlene to sing the song, in Tamil, that they sang at the Family Camp. Afterwards we all sang a song together while the children played a drum and tambourines. We said our goodbyes and climbed back down to the street. They described themselves as a new family and we felt included in it.

We then went on to a second church a significant distance away in heavy traffic which meant an even shorter visit as we had to make sure we were leaving for the train by 2:15 pm. After our visit we stopped at KFC to pick up lunch, returned to the ministry centre, eat lunch, and then said farewell to Jayamani and Rani (his wife). We loaded the luggage into two taxi’s and headed for the train station.

After a two and a half hour train ride we arrived in Kandy. On the way we passed lush forests, high hills, and deep valleys filled with mist.



Everything was so green! When we arrived it was raining and getting dark quickly. Sister Pramila tried to

arrange a taxi van, but there was a traffic jam so we had to rent two Tuk Tuk’s and take two trips to our hotel. Once we had some dinner we spent some time hanging out chatting before getting to bed. We’re all ready for a good sleep and a slow start tomorrow.

