

The whole Gospel to the whole world by the whole church!

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# The Beginning

Sri Lanka

Supervisory missionaries:  
Bro. And Sis. Prince Mathiasz

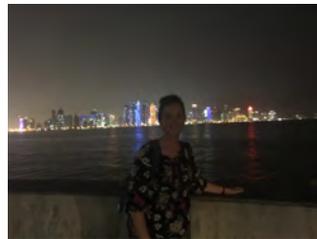


by [Vanessa Hoffmann](#) on June 16th

Greetings to my fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. I am excited to share with you from the wonderful and beautiful land of Sri Lanka! I always knew I had a love for Asia but as Sis. Georgina Shalm would say "I am an addict, I'm addicted to Asia!" When God called me to Asia I never imagined my daily life would consist of Tuk Tuk rides, rice and curry, playing on the beach with Muslim children and befriending their parents as they shared Rambutan and peppered mango with me. I didn't think I would become accustomed to the sound of constant drumming, honking and the daily wake up call from our friendly black birds.



Mere words can only begin to explain how beautiful it is to see the hand of God move all across the globe. From the moment I stepped foot in an all Muslim country (Doha, Qatar) to the tears I cried at the Sri Lankan Alter as God poured himself out on the people of Sri Lanka. I have had the privilege of praying with locals, watching new comers revive the gift of the Holy Ghost and others believe in faith for healing! I am thankful for the work God is doing not only in the North American Church but in HIS church around the world.



As Global Christians I pray everyday that we are given the opportunity to be the hands and feet of Christ as he has instructed us to be. I encourage you today to ask God for an opportunity to be a light to someone this week! The whole Gospel to the whole world by the whole church! It may sound like a great mission statement but to me and I know to you, it's more than a mission statement. It's a way of life! It's an invitation from our Father to continue in the work that he has begun in every tribe and land! .

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### Training highlights!

In week one we were blessed with Missionary and Pastor of the Sri Lanka headquarter church Prince Mathiasz. He has taken time out of his busy schedule to show us the lay of the land. Teach us on how to roll with the punches here in Asia. He has instructed us on how to play cricket and most importantly how to pray with an understanding for the nationals here. A nation that has given itself to idol worship is not a lost cause but an opportunity for God to reveal the Supernatural! Pastor Mathaisz has taught us how to simply keep a good balance of fun and God's wisdom on the mission field. Not to mention he has taught us and reminded us to “ roll with the punches”!

In weeks two and three myself along with 14 other mission minded young people were poured into by an amazing team of passionate teachers. Bro.& Sis. Shalm (The Regional Directors of Asia) have blessed us with their years of wisdom, comedy and love for the things of God. Sis.

Angie Clark, Cori Smith, The Miller family and our very own Global director Bruce Howell and wife have taken the time to teach and train the next generation of missionaries!

The burden for souls and the glory of the Kingdom has only grown stronger and stronger as I continue to follow the footsteps of those that have paved the way before me. Being able to spend face to face time with missionaries who have given their lives to the CALL! This has been an incredible experience that will forever hold a special place in my heart! As we graduated from one step of the process to the next, it was bittersweet. We had to say “see you next time” to our team of leaders but encouraging to know they believe in us as we stepped out of the boat onto the water to follow God’s perfect plan for the next five weeks.



## He is ordering our steps

God couldn't have orchestrated more of a perfect experience for our all girl group when it came to finding him in the midst of noise. As we ventured.



out for a peaceful night of coffee and fellowship God brought these Christian worship leaders to the same coffeehouse where we were able to sing and pray together! Our hearts were warmed and the presence of God moved in the midst of our prayers!

## What I have learned

Finding our voice in a land filled with noise and constant distractions could be tricky, but I have been given the opportunity to truly find the voice that God has placed inside of me. It's ironic because as I found my voice and still continue to step out of the quiet comfort zone I know into a realm of unknown noise I find peace! My voice isn't loud and forceful, (although at times in the physical it can be!) my voice is soft and still, most times it's not even much of a voice at all. It's the voice that I hear and follow everyday to just walk humbly, walk quietly, smile often, love with your eyes and allow God's voice to shine through you as you live. My voice isn't always my actual voice but it can be the simple wave at a stranger, a high five to the children, a helping hand to the market owners! What I've truly found is simply that being a voice, being the voice of God is often times not speaking at all. It involves no words but the overflow of God's love from your heart to others!





I'm thankful God moves on our new friend Susantha during our three weeks of training. This sweet man waited on us day and night and always shared a smile with us. He felt drawn to the presence of God and the following Sunday, he brought his whole family to church for the first time.



Experiencing new things in a new place has been so exciting. On Saturday June 16th we had the privilege of taking a tour of an elephant orphanage. We learned that they recycle all the elephant droppings and turn them into "Poo Paper"! Never in my life would I have imagined I would one day ride an elephant and then the next play with sea turtles!



On medical clinic day I made new friends and played and laughed all day as parents and the CSI team helped over 200 guests.

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