



# #NSPSRILANKA18

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**“Do not curse  
the darkness,  
but rather  
shine a light”**

July 21, 2018 is a day that this man will never forget. He and his wife got baptized in Jesus name.

Previously this man was an Assembly of God pastor. He told Brother Mathiasz (the missionary in Sri Lanka) that he had been

telling the people the wrong thing. He realized the truth.

But before this baptism and 4 others took place, I saw a man working very hard for the church.

We Next Steppers were there to help with

construction, and during our work this man also worked.

After he worked, he served us food. What I saw was a servant. I have learned a great lesson from this man that I won't soon forget. To lead you must serve.

# love.

If I could sum my experience up in Sri Lanka in one word, it would be love. Love for people, God, the bible, new experiences, and even strange foods.

We built, we preached, we testified, we sang, we prayed, we cried,, we laughed, but most of all we poured everything out here. We gave it all we had.

God, in return, gave us more than we could ever imagine. The end of Next Steps, for me, marks the beginning of a new chapter of ministry in the U.S.A.



Some of us girls posing with our lovely translator and our friend that toted us up the hill on his motorcycle. (above)

# faith.

Time would fail me to tell all of the testimonies of some of the people here. They have come out of IMPOSSIBLE circumstances. God has done mighty acts among the people of Sri Lanka. I am forever grateful for this experience.



I bonded with one pastor's granddaughter as we painted their church. (above)



Pictured above is my roommates and me. We lived in an apartment together on the top floor of the building. We cooked, cried, laughed, shared, and prayed together while we were there. They will always be my sisters! (From left, myself, Amber Dycus, Jewel Bolieu, and Vanessa Hoffman)

## For God's Glory.



On the last Wednesday of our stay in Sri Lanka, Brother Mathiasz asked me to share my testimony with the congregation. Pictures of me before I got in church were shown. God always gets the glory for His work. Two other ladies shared their testimonies during this service. Many were touched through our testimonies and delivered at the altar.

