



SERVING THE LORD IN

SRI LANKA

NEWS FROM THE MAHLBURG FAMILY



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Train Up A Child



PATANA

Over a dozen congregations and mission stations belong to our church partner in Sri Lanka. I visited Patana this month which marks a milestone for me. With Patana, I have visited all of the active congregations and mission stations in the Ceylon Evangelical Lutheran Church.

I will continue to make visits as I serve here, but now when I visit, I will be building upon connections I have already made. I pray continued visits will help me to build up and encourage these people with the Word of Christ.



Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it. Proverbs 22:6

Most of the children in our church partner attend schools that are taught in the Tamil language. There are some that attend English language schools. This means that all their topics are taught in English. However, they live in communities which primarily speak Tamil and Sinhala, not English. Often their parents speak no or little English.

This means that it is difficult or impossible for the parents to provide help with their school work, nor are they able to practice English outside of school.

I was asked to teach an English language Bible class for the youth in the upcountry. I was eager to do this.

The class has been a real blessing for me. I enjoy connecting with the youth and look forward to building lasting relationships with them. Most important, I pray that their faith will be strengthened and their relation with Jesus.

The youth are eager to learn about the Bible and do far better with English than I am with Tamil.

Whether I am teaching children in English or training pastors or encouraging parishioners or telling a taxi driver about Jesus, this is all God's work. I am thankful and humbled that God would entrust us with participating in His work here in Sri Lanka. Thank you for partnering with us by your prayers and support.



Autumn and Duncan joined me to help with Bible study related activities.

Family Dates

Wedding Anniversary **August 11**

Birthdays:

Steven **January 27**

Martha **December 11**

Autumn **September 13**

Liberty **July 15**

Skye **May 29**

Rose **March 19**

Duncan **July 24**



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Family News

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- *Wisdom to better help and encourage our church partner in Sri Lanka.*
- *More opportunities to share the Gospel of Jesus*
- *Autumn as she prepares to begin university in the U.S.*

GIVE THANKS FOR:

- *New believers.*
- *The opportunity to spread the message of Jesus around the world.*

PRAISE GOD FOR:

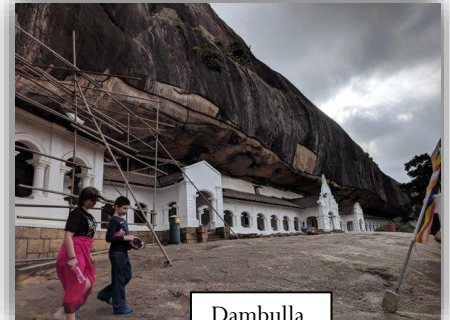
- *People who are not ashamed of the Gospel.*
- *The many congregations and individuals who pray for us, encourage us and partner with us.*

CONSIDER:

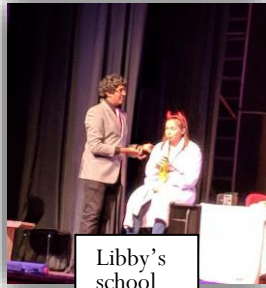
- *Adding us to your congregation's mission budget as a Together in Mission partner (Call 888-930-4438 for details).*
- *Starting, continuing, or increasing financial support for mission work in Sri Lanka (See below).*
- *Having a Skype update with your congregation, Bible study, Day School, Sunday School, Women's group, etc...*



Sigiriya



Dambulla

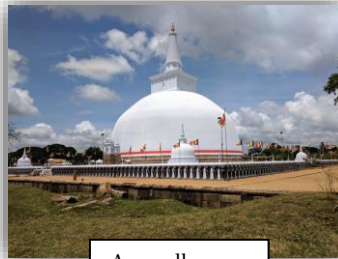


Libby's school drama

We took a trip to visit some cultural sites in Sri Lanka. We visited the cave temples at Dambulla, the ancient ruins at Anuradhapura, and ruins of the ancient fortress at Sigiriya. Liberty and Skye competed in a school drama competition. We also celebrated Skye's 15th birthday.



Happy Birthday Skye



Anuradhapura



Skye's school drama

*In God's peace,
Steven & Martha,
Autumn, Liberty, Skye, Rose, and
Duncan*

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