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Hi Everyone,

We are back in Australia at the moment. We spent 3 months in Sri Lanka and Bangladesh doing many discipleship and Church Planting Seminars; four in Bangladesh and five in Sri Lanka.

In Bangladesh we traveled to the north twice, the south and east once for seminars. For the north and east seminars we traveled by air, and the south we traveled by car. The weather in the south was extremely hot, 40 degrees and high humidity. We have visited the north three times and we are now hearing some great feedback. One of the local pastors introduced us to his new disciple, who had with him a new disciple. It is exciting to see the application of the training and some multiplication of disciples.

Bangladesh

A Discipleship and Church Planting seminar in the south. Practicing journaling.

Below is a picture of the service on the second weekend of a new church plant in a place called Cox's Bazar. It a holiday city on the south coast of Bangladesh. It is famous for its beach which is 120 plus kilometres long.

The church we partner with in Dhaka has planted about 70 churches across Bangladesh. This is one of their recent new churches and is an English service held in a Hotel Function room. I had the privilege of speaking at the service.

On the left I am speaking in a small House Church

Edwin and Antara Baroi (left) have become good friends. They are a young couple with a great future in ministry. They have been working on team at Dhaka AG Church, working with youth and overseeing one of the location churches in Dhaka. They are currently preparing to move to the Philippines for the next two years to do Bible School. In this picture, Edwin has just received his Ministry Credential with AG Bangladesh.

Sri Lanka.

Pastor Dinesh

This is a great story. Pastor Dinesh has been attending our training seminars in the east of Sri Lanka for a number of years. We have seen his church grow and he is also seeking to plant more churches.

Along with the young man pictured below (grey shirt) he has been visiting a remote Hindu village for almost ten years, helping with crops, cleaning wells and many other services to the community, but not preaching the Gospel.

On the Sunday I spoke in Pastor Dinesh's church, this young man and his friend were going to the village that afternoon on the invitation of the Hindu elders in the village, to have their first church service.

They have persevered in this difficult, hard to reach area, and shown the love and compassion of Jesus to the villagers, and have earned the opportunity to share the message of Jesus with them. God bless them.

Pastor Dinesh's Church

We conducted 4 seminars in the Batticaloa area in eastern Sri Lanka. Above is a group of Assemblies of God pastors and leaders in one of the seminars. It was again a very hot day, and the young lady doing the interpreting for me actually fainted while she was interpreting. I caught her as she fell. She took a few minutes to recover and then continued.

This area of the country has had a lot of difficulty in the past few decades with civil war and the Tsunami in 2004. In spite of all this, the work of the Lord continues and grows.

One of the seminars in the east was in this church which has a large new building after their old building was destroyed in the Easter bombings in 2019.

Moving forward from here, Robyn and I will be attending the Aussie Missions Conference in Phuket in August. After that we will be spending most of September, October and November in Sri Lanka and Bangladesh.

As many of you are aware, as well as our missions work, we have also been leading the church in Moranbah since the beginning of 2022. Most of the responsibility for leading the church has fallen on Robyn and she has done a fantastic job. We are currently handing over the church to Pastor David and Tracey Davies who arrive next week. Our last Sunday at Moranbah is 14th July. We have Loved our time here, but looking forward devoting the whole of our attention to our missions work for the next season of our ministry lives.

Thank you all for you love, prayers and financial support.

Kind regards,

Peter and Robyn.