



The heavens declare the glory of God, the skies proclaim the work of his hands
Psalm 19

During August and September I have been on furlough. It has been an opportunity to rest, spend time with family and friends. It's been good to visit family around the country and be here to celebrate in some of their special celebrations. The above photo is taken whilst on holiday with my sister in the Lake District. I have enjoyed the space to do some walking and enjoy different parts of this country. As we walked around Derwent lake at Keswick we came across this beautiful sculpture in the woods. On it was inscribed these words:

“The Spirit of God surrounds you in the air that you breathe. His glory in the light that you see and in the fruitfulness of the earth, and in the joy of its creatures. He has written for you day by day his revelations. He has granted you day by day his daily bread”

What wonderful words to unexpectedly come across and a great reminder to all who passed there of the wonder of God. It reminds me of psalm 19 where the writer reminds us that heaven and earth declares his glory. So during my furlough I have sought to see God in all that I see and hear, the landscapes that have surrounded where I have stayed, the people I have met. The stories I have shared and those I have listened to

Whilst on furlough mission partners are to take opportunities to share their experiences whilst serving the wider church overseas. I am grateful to the churches, circuits and districts that have hosted me as I have reflected and shared stories. The photo is whilst speaking at Red Lodge in the Ely & Newmarket circuit, the former circuit where I was stationed. It was great to meet people again and hear their stories also during the years since last seeing them, and to visit Wroxham Road church in Norwich where I had the opportunity to speak in both morning and evening services.



I had fun sharing with the MWIB ladies group at Farnworth Methodist church in the Liverpool district, especially dressing one lady up in my sari!

Whist at Emmanuel Methodist church in Ormskirk it was harvest, so my theme was the harvest is plentiful from Luke's gospel sharing experiences of the Methodist Church in Sri Lanka in stories and photos and their response to Jesus sending his disciples to share



the news that the Kingdom of heaven is near and what that looks like in their culture and witness in the world.

It was a great joy to share with the congregation the news that Mrs Anne Baldwin a member there on the right of the photo, had been accepted as a mission partner. It was very special to pray with her and her church family as she prepared to go to All Nations College to train to prepare her for her overseas placement. It was a pleasure to meet Mrs Monica

Rhead (center photo) who had been a former missionary with the Methodist church and had served from 1956-1965 in Freetown, Sierra Leone teaching at the Methodist girls high school. My final visit was to Greenbrook church in the Burnley & Pendle circuit. I want to thank all the churches for their kind hospitality during my visit, for their warmth and enthusiasm in wanting to hear more about the ministry of the World Church for their prayers and support. For the opportunity to see and hear God at work in the lives of the many who shared with me.

A big thank you to all who have prayed for me during the time I contracted dengue and whilst I have recovered, I am feeling back to normal and fit again. I look forward to new opportunities to serve God and the World Church in the future. I'd liked to finish with the final words of psalm 19:

“May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O Lord, my Rock, my Redeemer.

May God bless you.

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