



*Encountering the risen
Christ,*

*"He has risen from the dead &
going ahead of you"*

. Matthew 28 v 7

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**The photos below are
Ayan Fiaz & Joshua
Appathurai baptism.**



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I was looking forward to the New Year in Sri Lanka and my Mum's planned visit for two months. I had planned to go on mini tours of the island in between working. However, unfortunately a few days after her arrival, I became ill with dengue. The best paid, plans! So the first month of her holiday was spent taking care of me. I am grateful for the way some of the ladies rallied around providing food in the initial stages of the illness. In the final weeks of Mum's visit we did manage to explore different areas of the country. This was a blessed time of relaxation. A big thank you for those who were aware and prayed for me during this time.

It was a pleasure to meet Rev John Boardman, from the East Anglia District, & his wife, on their visit to Colombo whilst on a tour that was arranged particularly for those interested in looking at Fair Trade throughout the island.

This month I was able to host Rev Michael & Jill Giles from Leeds for a couple of days at the tail end of his Sabbatical to India. On their arrival we had a detour to Negumbo, to minister alongside asylum seekers from Pakistan, whose baby daughter had just died. Together we were able to support & minister to the family being involved in the funeral service.

During the last month I have been involved in confirmation classes with 14 young people who will be confirmed in May during a trilingual service. Recently baby Ayan was baptised, & Joshua who is 16 years was baptised on Palm Sunday.

Holy Week was a very busy week with services each evening, and a three hour Good Friday service with six preachers. The theme was "were you there?" Reflecting on the characters who were there at Christ's crucifixion, and our response. On Easter Sunday I lead the early sunrise communion services at 5.30 & 8.4am preaching on the theme: "encountering the risen Christ".



Prayers: Highlight of Mums trip being prayed for by youth at Methodist College Hostel.

Please join me in prayer for the following needs

- For continued good health & to be able to continue to cope with the very hot & humid weather.
- For being able to start to learn the language when the new term starts
- For the various ministry programmes planned for the year at KMC
- Give thanks to God for the international ministry staff at KMC and working together as a team. (Tamil, English, Korean & Chinese speaking)

Thank you for your partnership and prayers. I can't do this alone, but together we can.

Toby & his new best friend!



Independence Day was held on 4th February, where the people of Sri Lanka celebrated independence from British colonialism in 1948. The celebrations in Sri Lanka include a flag-raising ceremony and the President's speech as well as parades, ceremonies, singing, and dancing that showcase the country's culture and national unity.

The weather has been unusually hot & more humid than normal at this time of year, with some places in danger of experiencing a drought. Although the locals are feeling it, I thank God I have been able to cope so far.

In recent weeks an instructor has come to train with me early each morning. This is not only an opportunity to get fit but also some me time. He has encouraged me to invest in a boxing bag of all things. Makes me smile remembering how I was asked by the World Church what will you do for leisure? I didn't envisage a boxing bag! May prove to be a good invest, for those times, of frustrations we can all experience

During our trip around the island we encountered many interesting sites & people. The photo is taken by the roadside of tea plantation workers weighing in the tea leaves they had picked that morning. Also a visit to the ancient city of Polonnaruwa

In February I moved house again for the final time and I thank God for the apartment where I experience peace & great views of the sea & sunsets.



Thank you for your interest in my serving as a Mission Partner. May you encounter the risen Christ in the circumstances you face & the people you meet.

Happy Easter



Love Angleena