



Taj Mahal | South Asia

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Desert River | South Asia

Despite arriving past midnight and not getting into bed until 6 AM, Jonathan was up in the morning roaming the streets of South Asia, feeling both shock and awe for where God was calling his team to serve the next 10 days. Streets were crowded. Honking and yelling came from seemingly every direction. Poverty was visible in plain sight. The culture shock was real and the whole time he wondered, "God, we are here--but why are we here?"

Tricia had the opportunity to coach Jonathan and his team, who serve in East Asia, during their mid-year conference this past January. After adjusting to living in the East Asia this past year, Jonathan found himself learning yet another new world. Despite a rough arrival in South Asia, joy and excitement quickly grew in him as God showed his team where He was already at work.



Tricia (top-left) and the JN & HD, East Asia teams.

One difference he noticed was the presence of spirituality in everyday lives. Unlike East Asia, where spirituality is frowned upon and discouraged, it was encouraged and practiced by most. Although this meant most students were open to talking about Jesus and faith, very few had the desire to find absolute truth. To them, Jesus was just one of the thousands of gods they already worship!



Children playing at the river.



Jonathan & Abijeet sharing their faith.



The humming & whirring of traffic.

The purpose of Jonathan and his team coming to South Asia was to join the short-term team that is already there and to jump start their ministry. During their visit, they engaged in 583 spiritual conversations, shared the Gospel 17 times, 6 students indicated a decision to follow Jesus, and 2 volunteers were challenged to help with the local ministry!

For one of those students, Abijeet, it was clear God wanted to use him as a co-laborer to reach the rest of his campus. Abijeet's story traces back to him growing up in a Hindu family and struggling with depression and anxiety. Just a year ago, his brother's girlfriend shared the Gospel with him. After reading the Bible and choosing to follow Jesus, Abijeet experienced healing from his depression and hopes to share this new life with his family and friends! **Join us in praying for Abijeet as he continues to tell people on his campus and in his home community about the transformative life and love of Jesus!**

Praise God for the lives changed through His Spirit, as well as the many faithful men and women who have gone before Jonathan and his team in seeing South Asia know the Source and Creator of all things. Thank you for reading and continuing on this life-long journey with us.

Much love in Christ, *NICH & Tricia*