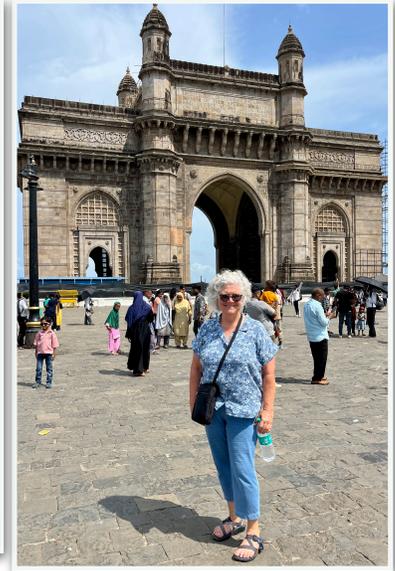


“I don’t know if I believe in an all-powerful God, but I am spiritual. Actually, I do pray to one god. I’m not sure if you will believe this, but I’ll share it anyway. A couple of years ago, my sister got really sick. She had a fever for over a month. Nothing helped. Then, one day she sat up and took the position of the god Shiva and said, ‘I have done this to her, bring her to my temple and devote her to me, and I will heal her.’ So my family and I took her and all the food and money we had to the temple of Shiva. As soon as we laid her in the temple, her fever broke, and she got better. So, I pray to Shiva for protection.”



Josh, T. R. and Patrick

Josh, the Brooklyn team leader, and I went with a group of students to South Asia. One of the students Josh met, T, shared that experience with Patrick and him. T’s experience is not an isolated one. The city and country that we were in is predominantly Hindu. Everyday, people take trips to Hindu temples to try and attract the attention and affection of their chosen god and idols. At one temple we visited, people danced in front of the statues and pressed money into the concrete wall. If the money stuck to the wall without falling, it meant that their offering was accepted. If it fell, their sacrifice wasn’t. Below the wall was a large basin covered by a grate that caught all the money that fell.

Please pray for T and the people of South Asia. Pray that they would know that “The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything” (Acts 17:24)

Cru in New York City is committed to raise up students and staff from our ministry and send them on short and long term missions to make Jesus known in South Asia. Pray that we would have wisdom on how to navigate the challenges that accompany this.

Pray for the people who are serving there long-term. Pray for endurance, favor, courage, and for God’s Kingdom to be built through them.

Thank you for partnering with me as we work to share Jesus, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life with people in New York and around the world. I couldn’t do this without you.

Thankfully, I was healthy while I was there and had no issues with my knees. Thanks for praying for me. I did test positive for Covid a few days after I returned. It was not a bad case and I’m feeling good now.

Because God so loved the world that He gave His only Son,

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