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Finally!!

When we started to write this newsletter, the word "finally" came to our mind. After about a ten hour direct flight from Frankfurt to Colombo, we *finally* arrived. Since Jocy got sick with a stomach flu just before we left Germany, the flight turned out to be very long for us. It took about another week till Jocy *finally* felt better and became a happy and active girl again. During her sickness she became so weak, that she was hardly able to walk. Two weeks after our arrival we moved into our house, and two long weeks later our moving items arrived - *finally*! Slowly our kids are getting adjusted and we can tell, that they *finally* start to relax. As you can tell, we are Europeans, and nothing gets done fast enough. And this is also a huge cultural difference. But we are willing to be learners... ☺

How are we doing?

After the turbulences in the beginning with our children being sick, we are doing pretty good now. We realized, that many things just take time. It takes time to get used to the climate, since the humidity here is very high. It takes much time to really understand the culture and learn the language. In Bible-College we studied about different cultures, but it is different, when you are actually live there and it also depends in what country the different cultures face each other. In any way, it is a challenge, especially as a family. One cultural difference Daniel is experiencing at his working place is, for example, the difference, how to go about solving a problem. Direct confrontation, how we are used to do it in Germany, will be rather avoid here.



Exploring

Everything is new. Everything is different. So we have to explore everything. Sometimes it is fun, sometimes it is frustrating. We enjoy the variety of fruits to low prices. And we always have barbecue weather ☺. On the other hand, to walk on the streets, is an adventure in itself - we always need a good eye and fast reaction. For now, our means of transportation to get around, is what the locals call "Tuk-Tuk" or "Three-wheeler" (as you see in the picture above). We also need to explore, what to get where. There are some small supermarkets around, but often it is rather "who knows who?" and "Who knows what?"

What are we doing?

After about one week of arrival, Daniel started his job at *New Life Literature* (the printshop). His area of operation is to oversee the production department. It is a good challenge for him to get to know the area of printing. He loves the idea to make it possible, that thousands of people are able to read the powerful Word of God. Also conflict management is part of his activities. Irene is managing the household with the two children we have. She also has to do with conflict management... ☺. For now, we are visiting a small church, which is in walking distance. But we would like to get to know different churches, as soon we have a better transport opportunities.

Finance Update

We are still at the 80% of our regular monthly budget. We want to say thank you very kindly to everyone, who supported us by one-time donations or regular support.

What you can pray for

- to be able to learn and understand the culture and language
- Wisdom for Daniel to make decisions at work. Until the end of May, he is taking some responsibilities of the director, who is in furlough right now.
- Strength, perseverance, wisdom and much patience for Irene with the two children at home.
- for safety and security. Daniel is going regularly to the capitol, where there had been quite some attacks lately.
- we are looking for a suitable car
- happy donors for the remaining finances

We are thankful, that you accompany us on our journey!

Your friends,

Daniel & Irene Kort
with Jocelin and Josias

P.S.: You are able to call us on our IP-Phone by dialing the German phone number below. You will reach us at our home in Sri Lanka, but only pay the rates to Germany. Looking forward to hear from you!

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Donations possibilities are on the attached sheet. You can also find the information on our website.

Sri Lanka



The road in front of our house



The church we attending right now. The first Sunday of the month there is a combined service. The sermon is in English and is being translated in Sinhala and Tamil.



We take a Tuk-Tuk when going shopping. We sit together in the back, each holding a child on our lap.



The lunch room in *New Life Literature*. Here during the devotion time in the morning before work starts.



Josias is already crawling and Jocy enjoys being a big sister!

Thanks for partnering with us in world evangelism!

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*"Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God."
2 Corinthians 5:20*



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