

SOUTH INDIA NEWSLETTER – WEEK 6

Hello friends and welcome to another weekly newsletter just updating y'all on all the things I have been up to recently here in South India. This week has been extremely busy so it's a struggle to know where to start with this one. This week I



have mainly been working with the department of Ecological Concerns here at the Synod Centre in Chennai, acting as a spare pair of hands as the Ecology team embarked on hosting a very large international conference. It was nice to have a slight change of scenery (even if it was in the office next door!) and get to know some more of the staff here at the centre. On 31st July a group of volunteers arrived to act as the stewarding team for the conference and I got to serve with them as we prepared over 300+ welcome packs for those who would be attending the following day! That evening I also got to meet Julia Edwards (who I imagine will be reading this!) a Mission Partner from the Methodist Church who was also going to be attending the conference, unfortunately due to the sheer business of the conference our paths very rarely crossed after that, but we have planned to meet before she leaves for the UK. The conference itself went fairly smoothly despite a few planning hiccups along the way, and it was amazing to see so many people gathered from around the world to learn more and have discussions about the environment and climate change, especially considering the Methodist church in Britain also just



declared a climate change emergency. I must admit many of the talks and lectures were quite academic and sometimes it was hard to take in a lot of information, especially when I was trying to function on not a lot of sleep but I enjoyed learning all the same. I also really enjoyed getting to know the other volunteers on my team, and spending some more time with those my age, as you can see in the pictures to your left this also involved a few selfies! I will also attach to my email a video showing you some performances from the local schools who came and joined us in the afternoon.

Before the conference had finished, I was invited to join Ela (who I mentioned in my newsletter last week) as he and a small team of young people travelled to support another youth fellowship by leading some worship and games for their Youth Day. Despite the language barriers I was able to join in with some of the action songs (unfortunately I have no

video evidence of that!) and help lead some of the more simple games. After this I stayed with Ela and his family and returned to the Synod Centre on Monday. Currently we are hosting a Music Workshop at the Synod Centre being led by some German Musicians, but I shall talk to you more about that next week.



Prayer Points: To fit in as many activities and experiences as I can into these last few weeks in South India, to make an impact and a difference in peoples live here, to have more opportunities to serve and show the love of Christ to everybody I encounter.