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# Serving the Lord in Sri Lanka

News from the Vanderhydes

## Not Just Music...

Not only does our work in Sri Lanka involve music, but God is also using Grace's skill and training as an artist in service to the proclamation of the Gospel. For the last few months, Grace has been working closely with Dr. Edward Naumann, another missionary here (theological educator to South Asia). He and his family live near us in Colombo. One important aspect of his work is managing publications. Currently, he is working on having the book of John translated into simple, readable Sinhala and Tamil for children. He is enlisting Grace's help for the illustration of the book.

The John book will contain around 30 illustrations. Grace is providing Sri Lankan painters with descriptions and sketches of the illustrations. Then they set to work on large acrylic paintings that will eventually be photographed and incorporated into the book. These paintings may also be framed for use as decoration in sanctuaries. The first few paintings are complete now, and more are on the way. We hope we will get to see the finished book before we return to seminary, but it's been fun seeing what the artists come up with. Not only will the book be a blessing for the South Asians who read the words of John's Gospel, but also for the local artists who are encountering God's word as they work.

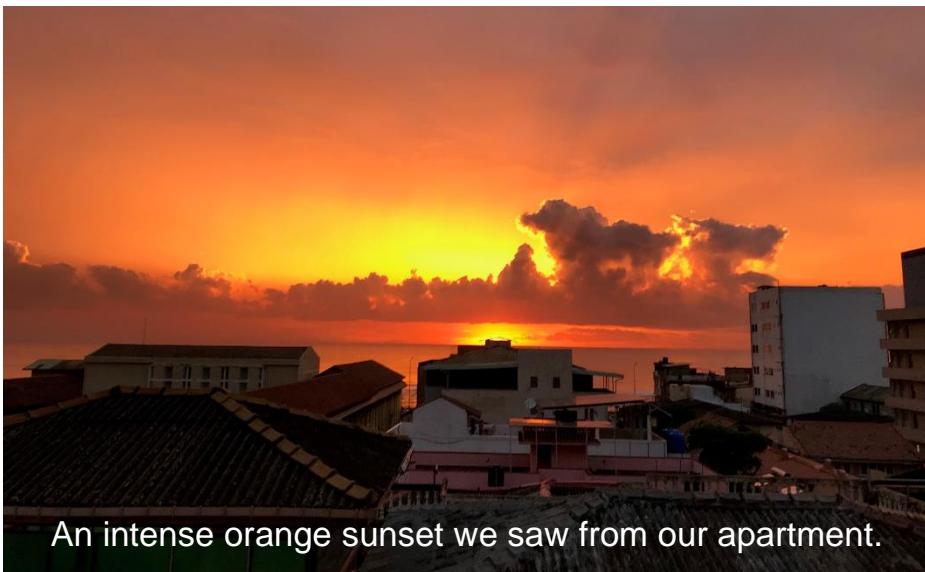




Family selfie at home.



Beany caps are necessities in the Up-Country but accessories, apparently, in Colombo. Larson's idea.



An intense orange sunset we saw from our apartment.

## Please Pray for Us

For peaceful elections in this country. Election day is Nov. 16.

For good health and safety.

For strength and perseverance.

## Give Thanks For

God's word, which when proclaimed in voice or song, never returns void.

The gifts of music and art with which we glorify God and beautifully adorn his word.

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