

Sri Lanka October 27, 2025

Dear Mentors, Friends, and Fellow Pilgrims,

Yesterday, I had the privilege of ministering to a group of young people in a deeply marginalized area—many of whom come from profoundly difficult backgrounds. My approach was shaped by the parable of the prodigal son (Luke 15), inviting them into an inner journey of return and restoration.



It was an immersive time of intercession and heartfelt conversation. One moment that stood out was with a 17-year-old boy who, for the first time, acknowledged that his mother had been attempting to take her own life at home. This was something the Lord helped me to discern during prayer. Though others often saw him as a troublemaker, in that moment, he shed tears.

That was just one sign among many. The young people opened their hearts—to the Lord and to the ministry of the Holy Spirit. When I spoke the words, “*Grace welcomes you*,” it seemed to sink in deeply, as if those words had been waiting for them.

After the event, I visited the home of another young man. His mother and father are unwell, and he carries the responsibility of caring for his three younger sisters. He told me, “I’ve tried everything, but only failed.” I felt his pain. As I had promised, I visited his home—a humble dwelling in a very shanty area—and prayed that the Lord would bless him mightily.

This time of ministry was not spontaneous—it was preceded by careful preparation. I had the joy of helping teach and equip the youth committee, who were instrumental in creating a safe and welcoming space. Now, we are prayerfully shaping a follow-up plan and concrete steps for continued support.

There have also been invitations to serve young people in other communities. Often, we assume that the complexity lies in their external world. But in truth, their inner world is where the deeper complexities dwell. Many are journeying away from God, yet their return—their inner journey toward the Lord—is profoundly beautiful, if only we have eyes to see it.



Alongside this ministry, I continue to serve in teaching and administrative roles at the Seminary. I'm also preparing to conduct a workshop on October 31st titled "*Nicene Lessons on Guarding Against Theological Drift*," as part of the Nicaea 1700 commemoration symposium organized by the seminary.

*I walk with those whose stories ache,
where grace and truth must gently wake—
a shepherd through shadowed land,
with prayer and hope in hand.*

Thank you for walking with me in prayer and encouragement. May we continue to be vessels of grace for those who are searching, struggling, and slowly finding their way home.

With gratitude and peace,

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