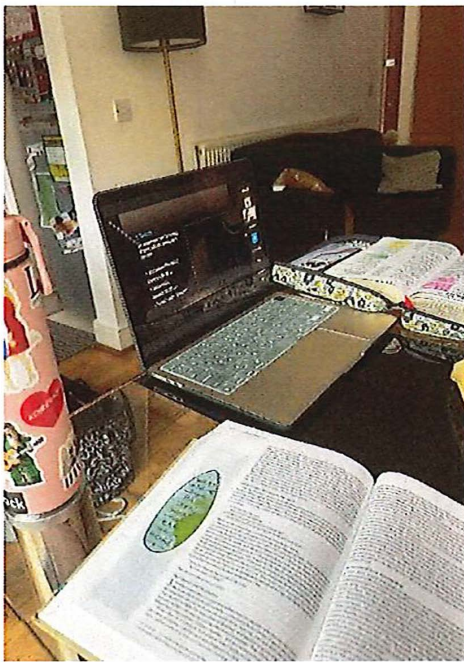




SONYA'S ENGLAND REPORT



I was given the opportunity to go to London, England this summer. This was not always the original plan as I was supposed to stay in Leicester, yet I would not change this past month for anything. I have learned so much and grown so much in my faith. In England I stayed with 2 girls who moved to London for a year to do ministry work. Lydia Todd and Kayley Wadlington quickly became some of my favorite people and it was so inspiring to see their love and dedication to God.



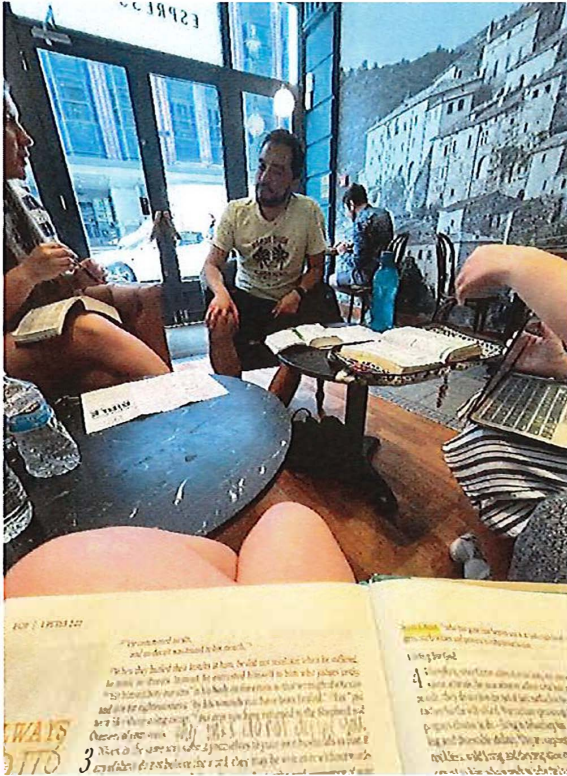
As soon as I got there, we immediately got on a Wednesday night bible class zoom, since the congregation is still working on getting their own building. The zoom bible classes have about 40 people every week. The rest of the week was filled with bible studies. Kayley and Lydia have multiple ways of finding people and introducing them to God through things such as free English classes, girl connection groups. I got to be a part of 3 English classes and can see what an impact this is having on those who attend.



The girls host these free English classes every Saturday from 7-9pm and anyone in need is free to attend. All the material used for this class is from the books of Luke and Acts. Along with the reading passage there are discussion questions so that the student can practice speaking. This opens up many opportunities for the students to ask about God and the things they are reading about. Each week I worked with Itchi, he had lots of good questions and ended up setting up a bible study so that he could continue to learn!



Every Saturday was filled with singing, bible studies, then English class. The first and third Saturday I was there, we had ladies' days. The 1st ladies day was more singing and fellowship oriented and the 3rd week was devotional. A church in London would host the event and all of the other congregations would be invited to join! Although the majority are from different congregations, they all treat and love each other as one big family. Then on Sunday I got to be welcomed by the wonderful Stratford Church of Christ. This was truly the most welcoming congregation, and they were so excited to have guests! The church members quickly took me in and helped me feel at home. I am forever grateful for the friendships I made at this congregation.



Once a month the youth of London gets together, and all go to the same congregation which switches monthly. So, this month we all went to Wembley Church of Christ and had a fellowship lunch afterwards. I really enjoyed being able to see other congregations and meet new people.

Most weekdays were filled with meeting people to do bible studies. The girls have sets of different studies to do based on what the person they are studying with needs or wants. It is very encouraging to see people accepting God's Word.

Every Monday night, the girls of the Stratford congregation get on a zoom and study together. While I was there, we were going through the book of Mark. The ladies of this congregation are very insightful and ask such good questions that really got me thinking. The men of the Stratford congregation also have a weekly study.

And of course, we made time for some fun and got to go visit the church in Leicester one Wednesday! This meant so much to me because I have a great love for that congregation and the people there. I was able to introduce Kayley to so many people from Leicester whom I love and adore.



This was one of the best experiences of my life and I am so thankful for this opportunity. I could not have imagined how big of an impact this would have on my life. Thank you to all who supported me and allowed me to have this opportunity.

With much love and gratitude,

Sonya Wilson

People who you can pray for:

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| - Itchi | - Kayley |
| - Francesca | - Lydia |
| - Juliana | - Andres |
| - Camilo | - Samuele |
| - Seongkuk | - Na |

