

Hi everyone! I'm Padmini and am currently studying Accounting at Monash University Malaysia. After my GCE A-Level examinations in 2004, I decided to take some time off my studies and participate in the St.Chad's Volunteer Programme. I had the pleasure of working in two parishes, St.Margaret's Church, Betley and All Saints Church, Madeley. As both churches see children as a vital part of their ministry, I was working closely with the primary schools in the area and the church. Coming from a small town, Ipoh, I was living in a bubble. Working as a volunteer in England opened my eyes to see that there is more than one way to serve God in whichever ministry we are called for. The passion that I have seen in many people I met in Madeley and Betley was a great inspiration to me. Although my time in England was very brief, it was still a worthwhile experience and definitely life changing as I got to learn more about myself as well as how churches in England function as part of God's mission. I have so many fond memories of England and am very grateful for the friendships that I've established with the leaders and parishioners. I personally encourage young people to join the St.Chad's Volunteer Programme as it is for anyone who is serious about serving God and is willing to accept the challenges in serving God in a different culture.