

02-03-15

Hi everyone!

As many of you know we arrived safe & sound Sunday night. We had an interesting introduction to SL. The airport is on one peninsula & the city is on another which meant a 30 minute boat ride (in the dark) across the bay. We got to our “apartment” and settled in, getting to be a little after midnight.

Monday morning came early with a 7am departure to training. The first day was good – although to our jet lag bodies it was hard to sit, listen, & stay awake at the same time. The afternoon we practiced putting on our “gear” for pt care in the treatment center...needless to say we were all a little hot & sweaty afterwards. I think our bodies may take a little while to adjust from the snowy frigid temps of Boston to the very humid warm temp here. About 75% of our class are nationals who have been in the fight for some time. They have some heartwarming & heart wrenching stories of before & after this crisis. One nurse I had lunch with today has not been paid since December (this is not the first time she has not been paid), yet she continues to care for her patients. Although as you drive down the street “everyday” life appears to be normal, until you start to peel back the layers & take a closer look....

We have training everyday this week from 830am-4pm. On Friday we will leave immediately after class to take to drive to P, then will have our “real world” training Saturday & Sunday. Needless to say I am a little tired.

The team is great – 8 DRs & 8 RNs. Amazingly 8 of the team are from WA & OR – not by design. This is quite a diverse group with a wide variety of backgrounds & expertise; It is fun getting to know each other.

I am going to cut this short....I need to get to bed. Unfortunately I managed to pick up a head cold in Boston – my first illness of the winter ☹ I did try to call (Jeff, Amanda, Lauren, Andrew, Mom, Linda) tonight & could not get a call out before I just gave up. Hopefully I can get through later this week.

Love you all!!!!

Cindy