

Lamp Lighters World Ministries

November 2021 Newsletter

We are entering into Thanksgiving season here in the States. My hope and prayer is that we will truly be thankful to our God for his continued grace and goodness to us as his children.

This newsletter is filled with the good things God is doing and how he is working. But even when things don't seem so good we know that God is still on His throne, and He will bring good from every situation and trial we may face.

I am always reminded this time of year how God lead the pilgrims to this land where we live. They faced numerous trials, many of them died. Food was scarce, the stress of everything they were facing, yet their faith in God remained unshakable.

It's doubtful that any of us have faced trials as severe as what they did. Sad to say sometimes our faith tends to waiver during times of trials.

They are a good example to us. And as we look into the scriptures we see person after person who went through extreme trials yet remained faithful. The book of Hebrews refers to them as "a great cloud of witnesses". They are examples to us to trust God during trials and continue to rejoice.

We are thankful to God for your prayers and faithful support!

You are such a blessing to us and this enables us to continue the work of ministry in Sri Lanka.

May God bless you abundantly for how you are a blessing to us!

Truly celebrate Thanksgiving this year.

Because of Christ, Steve, Niranjana and Sona

NEWS FROM NIRANJANA AND SONA

Dear brothers and sisters we greet you in the name of Jesus Christ.

November starts with new thinking and freshness, looking toward the future and we are anticipating celebrating Christmas next month.

Due to Covid and all the closures we could not conduct any church programs this year such as VBS but we are eagerly waiting to gather children for Christmas.

I thank the Lord our savior Jesus Christ for protecting us from the evil disease and strengthened us day by day and returned to normal. Thank you very much your prayers for us. God bless you all.

We have many plans and thoughts ourselves but God says I have the plans and thoughts for you and they are for goodness and peace. He does everything in his time. His timing is perfect. He makes the ways to bring success when we wait for his plans and thoughts. What we have to do is not to lean on ourselves but, keep our faith on him and wait for his timing. It will bring success to us and glory to God.

Because of Jesus' love, Niranjan and Sona

SRI LANKA IS RETURNING TO NORMAL

The Sri Lankan government has been lifting the restrictions one by one and is trying to bring the country back to normal.

All the workers are going back to work and towns are fully open to resume daily activities.

Food supplies have improved as daily needs are once again available.

Vaccinations are going on all around the island. Travel restrictions between the provinces will be lifted on the 31st of October.

Less than 500 new cases of Covid were found island wide. Everyone must wear masks and maintain social distance whenever they go out and participate in gatherings.

And our Churches have resumed services once again which is a great praise to God!

CHURCH ACTIVITIES RESUMING

We thank God, that finally we have received permission to reopen the churches under certain restrictions by following hygienic conditions.

A maximum of 50 people can gather in worship places at any time by following social distance and wearing masks.

Some of our churches will conduct two worship services on Sundays.

Our pastors have already started regular visiting of church believers.

Even though the churches are open, we wish to continue to share the Word of God daily with all believers with the help of our pastors via Whatsapp. (a cell phone app)

NEW PASTOR AND FAMILY JOIN THE MINISTRY

We all have been praying for the pastor and family for Mahiloor Christian church. God met our request and brought a family to join with us to glorify God's kingdom from the central part of Sri Lanka which is called Passara.

Pastor Kalaichelvan and Sister Kowsalyadevi will join us from the 1st of November 2021. They have a son 6 years old.

Thank you all for your prayers.

This has been a year long search for the proper person to come and work.

We're looking forward to working with our brother and his family. Please pray for him and his family as they begin their ministry in Mahiloor.

COMMENTS FROM STEVE

I'm praising God that finally the Covid threat has reduced, and things are getting back to normal in Sri Lanka. The people there have faced, I believe, even greater trials than we have faced here in the States.

It was such a joy and relief to hear that the churches were finally going to be allowed to reopen, even though there are still restrictions. The need for fellowship with other believers has been a severe trial as no one was allowed to meet for services of any kind for so long.

Thank you for your continued prayers for Niranjan, Sona, their children as well as all my children as almost all of them came down with Covid but God protected them! Their symptoms were not severe, none had to be admitted to the hospitals and all are doing well now.

PRAYER CONCERNS

1. For the unity of the co workers and for their commitment to doing the work of ministry.
2. For the members to be encouraged and disciples to be raised up to follow Jesus and to lead out in the churches.
3. Praise God for the great improvement in the country. Continued prayers that things will get back to complete normal.
4. Pray that the Christmas programs will be conducted this year.
5. Praise for God leading the new co worker for the Mahiloor church.

