

Lamp Lighters World Ministries
Newsletter December 2021

Greetings to you in the precious name of our Savior Jesus!

Here we are in December with all the celebration and busyness of the season I hope that we all remember the real reason for the celebration, which is the birth of our Savior.

This year has been filled with challenges for the ministry in Sri Lanka and also for life in general. Covid seems to have complicated almost every area of our lives. And this is especially true for the churches and Christians in Sri Lanka.

Each time the government would allow the churches to reopen it would only last for a short time and the government would institute another shut down.

Over all these challenges God has been glorified! The preachers have been able with available technology to continue “meeting” together.

But even now it is questionable whether things will remain stable enough for the churches to have their Christmas celebrations.

Whether they can or not Christmas is not about the gifts or the parties but it is about Jesus! Lets never forget that.

We are so thankful to our heavenly father for you, your faithful prayers and for support of the ministry in Sri Lanka. We always pray for God’s blessing to be on you as you continue to be a blessing to the churches and preachers in Sri Lanka.

Because of Christ, Steve, Niranjana and Sona

Merry Christmas
and
Happy New Year!

NEWS FROM NIRANJANA

December, the last month of the year, reminds us how fast the days are moving and what we have done in this year and not been able to do.

However we all have come to send off this year with Christmas celebration. We all ready to celebrate the Christmas. Everyone had good plans and completed some, started some and made some progress by God’s grace. God allows everything for our good.

Romans 8:28 says “And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

Rainy season has started here in Sri Lanka and it is almost continuously raining. Many parts of Island are affected by flooding, which is normal. Many people have been displaced and very few lost their lives. Please continue to pray for Sri Lanka.

YOUTH PROGRAM

Thank God, He finally made the opportunity to conduct a Youth program after 6 years. Youths from all our Christian churches gathered at Mahiloor Christian church on the +18th of November which was full moon day, this is a national holiday each month.

More than 70 youths took part and were eagerly involved in the events and committed themselves to God. Pastor Kireskaran from the Onthachimadam church, and Pastor Liyaskar from the Periya Neelavanai church shared the Word of God during the program.

All of the pastors cooperated to make the event successful.



NO PERMISSIIION GIVEN FOR CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS

The Government did not issue permission to organize special programs such as Christmas programs this year too as the new cases of Covid 19 gradually increase here in Sri Lanka.

So, we are unable to conduct Christmas programs. However we have purchased school supplies and these will be distributed by the preachers to the Sunday School children.

NEW PREACHER AND FAMILY AT MAHILOOR

After a year of praying for God to lead and searching for a new preacher we are pleased to introduce you to our new preacher and family who have taken on the Mahiloor church.

Brother Kalai, his wife Kowsalydevi and their son have joined with us very enthusiastically in the ministry there. He has been working in a church alongside his father for several years in the central mountain region of Sri Lanka.

He is preaching sound Bible sermons and already the people have welcomed him into the church, and many who had left the church are now returning by God's grace.



GOD HAS ANSWERED OUR PRAYERS

We thank God for He met our prayer request. At the beginning of this year, we made a prayer request to buy a house for ourselves. We had been renting a house which was not very suitable for our needs and was also quite expensive. God answered our prayer, and we have purchased a land with house. We have done some modifications and remodeling and moved into it this last week. Thank you for your prayers!

PRAYER CONCERNS

1. Praise we had a good turn out for the youth program.
2. For youths who committed for ministry.
3. Praise we have a preacher to work in Mahiloor which frees Niranjan up for other ministry work.
4. For increase in making disciples in each Christian church
5. For Christmas celebrations even though we can't celebrate as we would like to.
6. Praise God has provided a house for us to live in .