

Greetings to you in the precious name of Jesus.

Sri Lanka is in the middle of their hot season and this affects every aspect of life including ministry work. We are confident that God will protect and accomplish great things in spite of the difficulties. His word will not return to Him empty, but will accomplish the purpose for which is sent!

As you will read some changes are being implemented in the ministry which we believe are good changes and will make the ministry more effective and efficient.

As always we need your prayers for God's blessings on these changes.

I am making plans to return to Sri Lanka on June 18th and will be there for three weeks. I am so looking forward to this as it has been eight years since I've been there to encourage the churches and see my children.

You may remember I had purchased a ticket to go back just before Covid hit so all flights were cancelled. Then with all the restrictions in Sri Lanka it was impossible for me to go until now, It's only been within about the last year all the restrictions were lifted. God has opened the door to return and I am thrilled!

My tickets have been purchased and a new passport secured so just pray for a great visit there. So in anticipation of the trip the July newsletter will be a couple of weeks late.

Thank you for your faithful prayers and support financially that make this ministry successful.

Because of Christ,

Steve, Niranjana and Sona

NEWS FROM NIRANJANA

The Lord has given us grace to see the 5th month of this year. Many challenges are being faced by the workers in building the Kingdom of God in Sri Lanka. Protests when meeting with new families in the villages, holding Hindu classes at the same time as Sunday school with the aim of preventing new children from coming to Sunday school.

Also threats to newly met families are on the rise. However, Almighty God is helping them to work among them and build His Kingdom in Sri Lanka. His will is fulfilled in our lives.

God's word says "I know that thou canst do everything, and that no thought can be withheld from thee." Job 42:2

HOT WEATHER AFFECTS EVERYDAY LIFE

Since last month, the country has been experiencing very severe heat. It is very difficult for people to bear up under the heat.

A red alert was also issued by the government. Sports events for students were also instructed to take place under certain conditions. Many are affected by this climate. Even getting small children to sleep is found to be very difficult.

Due to this hot climate, chickenpox, blisters in the mouth, eye related diseases and other infections are seen to be spreading. Even during the night, due to the influence of heat, sleep is also very difficult.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

We have organized a special program for the Sunday school children who are above 12 years old to get a deeper knowledge of God and his divine love.

We have seen that we have a good number of children in the Sunday school, but many of them leave the church when they become youth.

Therefore, we prayed about it and organized a special program to grow them deeper in Christ, to encourage and teach the word of God.

We believe that it will help us to keep them involved and guide them. We have given them a New Testament Bible. The children are eagerly involved in all kinds of training activities. We have plans to expand this program in future.



NEW CHANGES IN MINISTRY

We have been working in the Eruvil area for 8 years and there has not been much growth. We have only 12 members and Sunday school children. We have the Onthachimadam Christian church within 3 kilometers distance. We have sown the seeds every where in Eruvil. We believe they can join with the Onthachimadam church and the preacher can minister to those who live in Eruvil too.

We can appoint Pastor Selvakumar, who has been serving in Eruvil, to the Periya Kallar church as we have no preacher serving there at this time. We believe this to be a good plan by eliminating some overlap and assigning a preacher to work in Periya Kallar again.

PERSONAL NEWS

I had a motorcycle accident about 45 days ago. There was a small fracture in the leg. Although it is healing now, I am unable to walk or do chores for long periods of time. The affected area becomes swollen and painful.

Similarly, 3 weeks ago Pastor Selvakumar and his wife met with an accident and took medicine with minor injuries.

God protected us in both incidents, pray for complete healing.

PRAYER CONCERNS

1. All workers to minister faithfully with good fellowship.
2. Purchasing land in Porativu (Refusing to sell to Christians)
3. For starting mission points at new areas.
4. Quick and complete recovery for me and Selvakumar and his wife.