

# *Lamp Lighters World Ministries*

## *October 2024 Newsletter*

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

We pray that you are doing well by God's grace.

The year is quickly drawing to a close, how fast the time is moving! It seems like I just returned from Sri Lanka, but it has been 2 1/2 months ago now. When I speak with my kids each weekend, they are already asking when are you coming back dad. I am planning to return next year and while there hopefully two of my daughters will be married.

The oldest, Logi has since my stay there, migrated to the Netherlands and was married on August 31st. She sends lots of pictures of her and her husband going to different sights and they seem very happy. Praising God for how He worked all that out.

Sri Lanka had a presidential election recently and a new party has come into control. He has definite Marxist leanings, but has made many statements of how he is working for the entire country. Some prices have already started to come down on basic items such as fuel, and food so this is good. Please pray for this new government.

Of course we are gearing up for our own elections in just a month, I'm weary of all the political mail, calls, and TV advertisements. We need to be involved, but it gets wearisome after a while. I hope you will get out and vote GODLY VALUES! Our nation is like a train wreck and we need our government and all our people to turn back to God.

But what we must always remind ourselves of is this fact, God is in control! No matter what party is in power, who controls congress God is overseeing everything. In spite of all the turmoil, we can have peace regardless of what happens as a nation.

Thank you so much for your faithfulness in prayer for the ministry and for your financial gifts which help us to take the good news of Jesus to the people of Sri Lanka.

May God bless you abundantly!

Because of Christ, Steve, Niranjana, and Sona

## **News from Niranjan**

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

At the end of last month, a new change has been created by the presidential election held in our country. God has allowed changes in our country so that the people can elect a president from a party that has not been able to get power so far.

“He changes times and seasons; He sets up Kings and deposes them. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the discerning.” Daniel 2:21

The new president is seen as a total anti-corruption campaigner with plans to steer clear of corruption and waste. It is hoped that this will create a stable economic situation in the country and that all people will be able to buy goods. It seems that there are new educated humanitarian leaders in this party. But there is no doubt that everything is allowed and conducted by our God. Many of the God’s people in Sri Lanka believe that God has ordered the answer to their continuous prayers about Sri Lanka.

Let's look to the hand of God for the good changes that will continue to come.

God bless you all, Niranjan and Sona

## **VBS Training Day**

We held a one day VBS training session for the teachers and helpers of the Sunday school to prepare for VBS on October 17th at their churches. 45 volunteers participated in the training. Some of them are new to this. Pastor Satheesraj family joined for the first time in our training. All of them eagerly involving in the session and enjoy the day. We continually pray for the VBS this year. We believe that God will bring new children to the VBS.



## **Boundary wall built in Onthachimadam**

As we mentioned before, we sold off half of our church land at Onthachimadam and used the money for ministry projects. The first project was building the boundary wall of the Onthachimadam church. We have built a half-length wall on both sides (right and left) of the plot. The left side of the land is usually built by the neighbors who are connected to the land. The neighbors have agreed to build it accordingly. The other half is walled and the main entrance is gated.



## **Prayer Concerns**

1. For the purchase of the property in Porativu to be finalized and a building to be built.
2. VBS programs in all the churches on October 17th.
3. Praise for a new preacher and family to fill the vacancy in Periya Kallar.
4. Pray for a preacher to come to fill the vacancy in the Periya Neelavanai church.
5. Faithfulness in all the preachers, families, and believers.

## **New Preacher and Family join the Ministry**

As you know we are seeking for faithful full time coworkers for our churches. Many came from several places and their intension was not satisfied. Some tried to expect only financial support, some tried to implement their ideas in our mission.

Finally God brought a new family; we discussed many things and prayed for God to guide us peacefully. Thiruchelvam, his wife Tharshika and two kids are going to take over the Periya Kallar ministry beginning in October. They are involved in sharing the gospel through Sunday school ministry in up country side of Sri Lanka (Telewakella). Thiruchelvam shared the word of God in the church last week and it was good. We hope they will do the kingdom's work faithfully with God's fear.



Thiruchelvam, Tharshika, Mercy, and Mark Our new preacher and family in Periya Kallar