

We have survived a very cold, snowy ice covered, wet and windy March.

Spring is such a beautiful time as the trees put on new leaves, the flowers in my yard have been blooming, and the grass is turning green again. And Resurrection Sunday is just around the corner!

I hope you are looking forward to being able to celebrate our risen Lord this year with other believers, because of Covid that didn't happen last year for most of us, at least not corporately.

I wonder how we would react if we were never able to meet at church ever again. For some it wouldn't make much difference I'm afraid. But I know many who are anxiously waiting to be able to come to services again as they have missed the fellowship with other Christians.

God created us to be in community, as social beings so it has been pretty difficult for a lot of folks this past year. But praise God things seem to be turning a corner and church and other activities are getting back to some sort of normalcy.

Things in Sri Lanka have been much like here with services at church canceled, disrupted, and changed. It's been a real challenge for us all. But God has been faithful.

I do hope and pray you will have a wonderful resurrection Sunday and truly experience the love of Jesus and others as

Thank you as always for your faithful prayers and financial support for the ministry. It is a demonstration of your desire for the fellowship and sharing with other Christians most of whom you have never met.

May God continue to bless and use you to his glory.

Because of Christ, Steve, Niranjan, and Sona

### **NEWS FROM NIRANJAN**

Faithfulness is the key to open the doors of blessing from our God. It helps us to stay in his presence and work for him.

After I obeyed to his call to the ministry we have been going through many kinds of trials but our faith is in him. He gives his peace, wisdom and guides us in his way and gives us victory!

Three months have gone already in 2021, people in Sri Lanka have adapted to the new life style after the Covid 19 spread such as following all kind of hygienic conditions when going out. Wearing mask is important, but nothing affects our church activities.

Everything is going well by God's grace. God is in control.

## **YOUNG COUPLE COMMITS TO MINISTRY**

A young couple, Kethees and Dilu from the Mahiloor Christian church have committed themselves for full time ministry.

Kethees was working in the private sector. He has been involved in the ministry activities and has been very supportive to me since I had taken over the Mahiloor ministry.

He is a good worship leader and his wife grew up in the Mahiloor church and is a Sunday school teacher's helper. I advised them to follow studies from a Bible school and they are following that now.

I have been using them in ministry activities at Mahiloor and Periya Neelavanai and training them for full time ministry.



## **WAITING FOR EASTER CELEBRATION**

The last two years we could not celebrate the resurrection day here. The Easter bombings in 2019 and then Covid in 2020 prevented our celebrations.

All the church believers are eagerly waiting to celebrate this year. We believe that government will not put any restrictions to restrict the celebrations this year.

## **YOUTH GET TOGETHER PLANNED**

We are planning to have a one day youth program in April. After a long time we are going to restart youth program again. Earlier this program was very successful in sharing God's love among non believers.

## **NEW FULL TIME WORKER AT PERIYA NEELAVANAI**

Pastor Liyaskar and his wife Ruth Sunemiya expressed their interest to join with us to glorify God's kingdom.

After the formal discussion and with the approval of Brother Steve they have agreed to join our ministry. They are going to take over the Periya Neelavanai ministry.

They have two children one is 7 years old and another is 1. They will work under our supervision during their probation period.

Please pray for them as their work will from the beginning be very difficult.



## **PRAYER CONCERNS**

1. For a new preacher and family for the Mahiloor church.
2. For unity of the co-workers and their commitment in the ministry.
3. For the church believers to look to God not to the pastors and workers.
4. For training of new disciples and workers for the churches.
5. Resurrection Sunday services to be a great encouragement to all the believers.