

# *Lamp Lighters World Ministries*

## *April Newsletter*

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

March was supposed to come in like a lion and go out like a lamb, but that doesn't seem to be the case this year. We've had very high winds the last week of March and first week of April, but by God's grace no tornadoes for us at least. The wind the other night blew several small branches out of the trees in my yard which happened two days after I had just picked up the winter drop of branches, but I'm not complaining it could have been much worse!

Others States have not be as fortunate with tornadoes that have destroyed property and taken lives it seems everywhere. We pray that you have been safe through all this as well. Spring has been back and forth with weather it seems the trees and plants are confused as to what to do.

Our lives can be filled with unexpected storms, trials and turmoil. The unexpected can happen, or even what is expected brings anxiety and discouragement.

But thanks be to God, He is always steadfast, unchanging, the solid rock and firm foundation, our shelter in the storms. We can always depend upon Him regardless of storms or turmoil in our lives.

I just went through a storm last week, which is why the newsletter is late getting to you. A very close friend of over 40 years went to be with Jesus and I preached his funeral. It was very difficult to say the least, but God saw me through it and I know I'll see him once again when I get to heaven.

We don't know what tomorrow holds, but we know who holds tomorrow!

May God bless you for your faithful prayers and financial support of this ministry.

Have a wonderful Resurrection Sunday!

Because of Christ,

Steve, Niranjana and Sona

### **NEWS FROM NIRANJANA**

Greetings to you all in the name of our Savior and Lord Jesus,

I hope you are all happy and peaceful in the presence of our mighty God. God is always good . We pray for everyone who supports this ministry in Sri Lanka through your prayer and financially .

We face many trials, persecutions and oppositions against the proclaiming of the Gospel in Sri Lanka.

Some Hindus form organization and society make huge troubles for the Gospel. Recently they filed a case against having the Gospel meeting in Batticaloa town area. The High Court gave the permission to have Gospel meeting in the town but the Hindus gathered and protested so the meeting was then shifted to another place. We have never faced these kinds of activities in Sri Lanka earlier but nowadays it is increasing in all parts of Sri Lanka.

Each and every word of God is being fulfilled these days. We have to be ready and make the people to be ready because Christ is coming soon! Keep pray for this island to repent and allow us to proclaim Jesus Christ.

### **GOSPEL MEETING POSTPONED**

We were unable to have the gospel meeting at Eruvil Christian church as we had planned due to the bad weather. It rained unexpectedly and heavily and the church premises flooded. So, we are planning to have it in May.

There are many oppositions to do the ministry in Eruvil but nothing is impossible with God. Please keep it in your prayers.

### **NEW SUNDAY SCHOOLS STARTED**

Even though evil tries to demolish the kingdom of God in Sri Lanka but nowadays coworkers are eagerly doing the ministry among the villages. They have started new satellite Sunday schools at each church area. Details are following

- Mahiloor Christian Church - Mahiloor 2 area (Little far from Church)
- Eruvil Christian church - In Kurumanvely (with the help of Sister Logi)
- Onthachimadam CC - Beach side of the village
- Periya Neelavanai CC - Thurai Neelavanai (next village much opposition )
- Periya Kallar CC - Beginning of village (Close to bridge)
- Koddai Kallar CC - Koddai Kallar 2 (Close to the main school area)

Sona and I are starting a new Sunday school in Batticaloa (Thiraimadu) where we live. It is outside area from town.

Please pray for these new points which God opens to start Sunday schools.

### **RECENT COMBINED YOUTH PROGRAM WAS WONDERFUL**

We had good numbers of youth for the one day program and they connected with God deeply while 2nd session was going on. They felt the love of our heavenly father, it touched them and many cried and submitted themselves to the Lord on that day. PRAISE GOD

## DISCIPLESHIP PROGRAMS DRAWING BELIEVERS CLOSER TO GOD

We have started the GEMS Bible study and believers to learn from word of God. They ask many questions during these sessions. It shows how their interest and thirst to understand the Word of God.

Especially the younger generations are eagerly joining in the Bible quiz which we are having online. We will give them the numbers of chapters from books (OT & NT) for the week. (Example Mark chapter 1-7 for last week). They will read and be ready for the online quiz. We then give them 50 questions and within 40 minutes after the time is started they answer the questions then the first 10 will be announced as the winners of the week.

We show appreciation to them by giving them certificates and gifts in the last youth meeting.

Even I am becoming sharper while preparing the questions. Thank God for this wisdom which He has given to us.



## **PRAYER CONCERNS**

1. For the new satellite Sunday schools that have been started.
2. For God to open ways for us to proclaim the Gospel in Sri Lanka.
3. To raise up the next generations of Christians to faithfully follow Jesus Christ.