

# *Lamp Lighters World Ministries*

*December 2023*

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Another year is about to wrap up and I'm sure we've shifted into high gear for the holiday season.

I truly am looking forward to Christmas this year because last year I had just had my knee surgery and couldn't attend church because of the pain and difficulty. Really it broke my heart to not be able to go and fellowship with other Christians for Christmas.

As we celebrate the birth of our Savior I hope that this is actually our focus. Trees, decorations, giving and receiving gifts, food and parties are wonderful things but they can draw our attention away from why we celebrate Jesus' birth!

As we close out another year we thank God for you your faithful financial support and prayers for the ministry and pray God will bless you abundantly.

Let's make Jesus the reason for the season!

*Merry Christmas and God bless you!*

Because of Christ,

Steve, Niranjana and Sona and the Sri Lanka staff

## **Pastor Satheesraj and family joined**

As I mentioned in the last newsletter, God led us to select Satheesraj and his family to serve God in Mahiloor and they moved to the church last month.

He will be ministering under our direct supervision for couple of months to guide and train them to serve God faithfully according to ministry guidelines of our mission.

## **News from Niranjan**

Dear brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ,

We have come to the end of this year we celebrate and give thanks to God the savior of people of all nations.

The whole world is preparing to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, the Son of God who came down from heaven to earth for us. It is a moment when we remember with joy the day when He gave up all His glory for us and humbled Himself on this earth for the sake of His love for us so that all the words spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled.

This month is as busy as it is joyful. This month was full of more than usual activities like rehearsals of regular programs in all congregations, Christmas programs, buying and giving gifts for children, going caroling. But even God guides so that his name may be glorified in all things.

God will bless you all for your faithful supports and prayers.

Niranjan and Sona

## **Seasonal Rains have Begun**

In many parts of Sri Lanka, the monsoon rains have resumed. It is seen as a hindrance in performing daily tasks. It is difficult to get the children to participate, especially when the rehearsals for Christmas programs are taking place. Due to the rain, floods have occurred in some places and people have been displaced.

In particular, the automatic floodgates of the Victoria Reservoir in the Central Highlands of Sri Lanka have opened automatically after 23 years.

Batticaloa channel (river mouth) was cut and flood water was channeled to the sea due to inundation of many areas. Many faithful families are suffering without employment due to the rains.

Flooding at Eruvil church



## **Christmas Program Schedule**

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As we conduct the Christmas program at each church to encourage the children and share the gospel with their family every year, this time also all the schedules were prepared. Information is listed below. Please keep in your prayer to reach the gospel among the families.

Date	Venue	In charge
4 <sup>th</sup> December	Thumpenkerny	Pastor. Kireskaran
7 <sup>th</sup> December	Eruvil	Pastor. Selvakumar
11 <sup>th</sup> December	Onthachimadam	Pastor. Kireskaran
12 <sup>th</sup> December	Porativu	Pastor. Kushaya
16 <sup>th</sup> December	Koddai Kallar	Pastor. Kethees
20 <sup>th</sup> December	Mahiloor	Pastor. Satheesraj
21 <sup>st</sup> December	Periya Kallar	Pastor. Kalaichelvan
22 <sup>nd</sup> December	Periya Neelavanai	Pastor. Liyaskar

### **Prayer Concerns**

1. For reaching families with the Gospel through Christmas programs.
2. To have good weather during the Christmas programs.
3. For the coworkers unity and fellowship.
4. To find and purchase property for the Porativu church.