

Lamp Lighters World Ministries

March 2023 newsletter

Greetings to you in the precious name of Jesus,

I can look out my window and see jonquils blooming, and robins hopping in my yard. Even though winter hasn't been unbearable for us this year I'm definitely ready for spring.

Spring time is the renewal of flowers, trees, grass, and gardens. After the lifeless winter months seeing these first signs of spring are encouraging!

As much as I appreciate the change in season it pales in comparison to the renewal that comes through knowing Jesus Christ!

Recently I read this saying and I can't remember where or to whom to give proper credit. I've used this a few times in preaching it goes like this:

“Sin doesn't make us bad, it makes us dead. Jesus didn't come to make us good, He came to make us alive!”

What an amazing thought and how true it is! We were dead in our transgressions and sins but God has made us alive through Jesus Christ!

This is what this ministry is about telling people the news of Jesus so that they too can be made alive!

Thank you for your prayers for the ministry and for your financial support as well they are needed in order to take the message of Life to Sri Lanka!

Because of Christ,

Steve, Niranjana and Sona

NEWS FROM NIRANJANA

Beloved brothers and sisters in Christ,

We just feel the good weather is here after the rainy season has ended. Our weather pattern has totally changed and now we starting to feel the hot weather.

The people of Sri Lanka are still facing the difficulties due to the lack of employment, sources, goods and the high prices of goods. Many sold their properties and moved abroad with their families as they felt Sri Lanka is not the place to live peacefully and safely.

As Christians we have the peace and protection from our Lord and Savior Jesus. He protects us from evil and gives his peace for us and guides us in his ways. Glory to God.

Because of Jesus' love, Niranjana and Sona

Youth Meeting this Month

We have planned and scheduled the combined youth meeting on the 6th of March which brings all the youth from all our branch churches together to the Eruvil church. Last time our meeting a few new youths came. We are holding this meeting after 5 months.

Each church has new youths individually and it will give a new experience to the new youth.

My friend and pastor Titus Ansalan will join us as the guest speaker. He is from Mannar which is situated in the Northern part of Sri Lanka. Please pray for this meeting.

Gospel Meeting at Mahiloor Christian Church

According to God's guidance, Pastor Sivakumar organized the deliverance and Gospel meeting at Mahiloor church. It was held on 24th - 26th of February.

God used the co workers in an amazing way to share the Gospel and deliverance to the local people.

New people joined the meeting and were healed, delivered and committed to the Lord.

All our coworkers worked together for building of God's kingdom in Mahiloor. Glory to God only.

Gospel Meeting at Eruvil Christian Church

Pastor Selvakumar has fixed the date to have a Gospel meeting on the 1st and 2nd of April at Eruvil Christian church. They have not held a Gospel meeting there for 15 years.

Regular church meetings and prayer meetings have been held, but no Gospel meeting for additional outreach.

We feel this is also needed to spread the Gospel there in that village.

Please keep this in your prayers

Utility Bill Charges Increased

The government has announced they have revised the electricity bill from the 16th of February that there will be no more daily power cuts.

No power cut is the happy news, but the revised electricity bill charge brought a huge burden to everyone. The unit price for electricity has increased by more than 250 percent.

This is big burden for the churches also. The churches have Bible studies, fasting prayers and services regularly, so they have to use the fans, lights and musical instruments. We have advised the coworkers to minimize the usage of electrical items as much as possible.

Steve's Thoughts

By the time you receive this newsletter I will have made a phone call to Sri Lanka to speak with all the coworkers. It has been some time since I've done this. In fact many of the workers we have now I have not met personally.

It's difficult to arrange this because of the time difference, I will call at 9:00 PM tonight which will be 8:30 AM tomorrow morning for them.

This is going to be during their regular staff meeting and hopefully I will have been an encouragement to them.

I truly believe these new workers who have joined with us in the ministry recently is according to God's will. Already they are at work and the churches are recovering from the difficulties of preachers leaving as well as all the difficulties of the pandemic.

Of course when things go well Satan is always close at hand to try and destroy the work that God is doing, so please pray for the preachers, their families and the churches to remain faithful and strong in their love for Jesus Christ.

For me personally I'm recovering well from my knee surgery just not as quickly as I would like. But everyone says I'm doing great.

So I praise God that soon I'll be back able to do all I want to do without as much pain.

I'm able to speak with my kids each week and they are doing well. Hopefully I'll be able to return to Sri Lanka for a visit this year. Pray that God will open that opportunity for me to go.

Thank you for your prayers.

PRAYER CONCERNS

1. For the Gospel meeting already concluded and the one yet to take place.
2. For the people of Sri Lanka to meet Jesus and make him savior of their lives.
3. For the making disciples throughout this year.
4. For unity in the churches, and among the coworkers as well.
5. For the economic struggles all are facing in Sri Lanka.