

# *Lamp Lighters World Ministries*

## *May 2023 Newsletter*

I think spring has finally arrived, hopefully we won't have the continued roller coaster temperatures we've been having, and it won't go straight into summer.

April and May is the hot season in Sri Lanka and they are really getting it this year. Temps over 100 degrees are common for days in a row.

This of course not only makes everyday life difficult, even dangerous, but ministry work is also hampered due to the heat.

This past month I sent personal money to my kids so they could hire a van and take a one day trip into the central highlands. They toured a tea plantation, a tea factory, went to several National Botanical gardens, took a boat ride, and in general had a good time. It was a long day, but the kids loved getting away to see some sights and enjoy some cool weather.

I just wish I could have enjoyed it with them. Separation is not an easy thing.

This past month I performed the funeral for one of my best friends in the church here in Joplin. We are separated now, but only for awhile.

The promises in God's word is what gives us hope for a great reunion in heaven one day with all the family and friends we are presently separated from.

What a joyous time that will be!

This is why Lamp Lighters exists, to bring the people of Sri Lanka to a saving faith in Jesus Christ and to enjoy eternal life in heaven.

Thank you so much for your faithful prayers for the ministry, the workers and their families, and my children! And for your financial gifts which are being used to build God's kingdom there.

Because of Christ, Steve, Niranjana, and Sona

## **News from Niranjana**

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

Here in Sri Lanka, the weather is so hot these days. I think there were record high temperatures recorded in some parts of the country in previous weeks. Two deaths were recorded due to exposure to the high temperature. (Over 100 degrees) Doctors have advised pregnant mothers and children not to go out in the hot sun.

Some believers are sick as they have gotten measles and chickenpox. The health sector told everyone to drink plenty of water or natural juice (250 ml per hour) to protect from dehydration and other disease.

We remember farmers, laborers and others who are working in the hot sun in our prayers. His grace gives us protection and help to live.

Thank you for your prayers and financial supports for the ministry. We are praying for you all. Sowing for God's kingdom will be repaid by our Lord.

## **Gospel meeting at Eruvil**

As we informed in last month's newsletter we are going to have 2 days Gospel meeting on the church premises. All cleanup work of the property and arrangements are in progress.

It will be held on 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> of May. There is some oppositions to have church meetings in Eruvil. However we believe that our amazing God will do miracles among the local people in the village. Please uphold in your prayers.

## **Bible study for the Church Leaders**

We are going to have a Special Bible study program for the second level leaders on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> of May as both days are holidays in Sri Lanka. These are individuals who are eagerly involved in ministry activities. It will be held in Koddai Kallar Christian church. The purpose is to encourage them to meditate on Bible verses, encourage Bible reading and make them disciples. Please keep these meetings in your prayers.

## **Resurrection Day Services Well Attended**

Good Friday services and Resurrection Day services were held wonderfully at each church with good crowds.

Still the security forces give their protection while the service is going on, due to the bombings on Easter Sunday during church services across the island a few years ago.

There are more than 100 who participated in Mahiloor Christian church service. Attendance was 20 in October 2020, but God brings the believers and it is above 100 now. He will do the same for rest. Glory to God alone!

## **Prayer Concerns**

1. Gospel Meeting In May at Eruvil church.
2. Disciple making programs and church growth.
3. Future ministry plans and new mission points to be started.

**Periya Neelavanai Resurrection Day Service**



**Mahiloor Resurrection Day Service**

