

Lamp Lighters World Ministries

Newsletter August 2021

Summer officially is winding down, but you wouldn't know it by the heat we're having. I know many people are truly suffering with drought and heat this year and they need our prayers. I pray that you are doing well by God's grace in spite of the heat.

It's hot in Sri Lanka as well, I don't think quite as hot as last year but still hot. During this time it is so difficult to do ministry work as people don't get out nor do they want people to come by for a visit. Add to this all the concerns of Covid which seem to go back and forth, ministry is just difficult.

Regardless of what's going on whether here or in Sri Lanka there is always ministry work that can be done which will bring glory to God. There will always be difficulties because Satan will use anything he can to deter us from doing what is right. And God will protect, strengthen, and enable us do accomplish what he wants done.

God has blessed in spite of all the difficulties. People have accepted Christ, food was distributed to those in the churches who needed it badly, church services have continued when possible, and Bible studies are being conducted online and by Zoom meetings. For all these we can be thankful and praise God for how he is at work.

I thank God for you and ask for his blessing to be on you. You faithfully pray for the ministry, the workers and for me as well. You also give of your finances, which I know seems to be increasingly difficult. So I ask God to bless you for your faithfulness in this as well.

Due to all the restrictions because of Covid, the churches have been opened, closed, reopened and on the story goes. Please pray for the churches, co workers as they face these trials.

Because of Christ,
Steve, Niranjana and Sona

NEWS FROM NIRANJANA

We give you our greetings in the name of Jesus Christ.

Our almighty God continues to protect us from evil things and guides us in his way. Last week one of our church believers in the Koddai Kallar church, tested positive for Covid 19 and we all had to go into quarantine and took the rapid test for Covid

By God's grace we all got negative response to the test. Praise God for protecting us from harm.

Ecclesiastes 8:5 says "Whoever obeys his command, will come to no harm". Thank you for your prayers and support. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

SITUATION HERE IS SOMEWHAT NORMAL

The government has removed most of the lockdown restrictions island wide except in isolated areas where many positive cases of Covid were found. There are still travelling restrictions between the provinces which continue to be implemented.

But we must continue to follow health guidelines and hygienic measures whenever we go out.

CHURCHES ABLE TO REOPEN

We praise God we've been able to reopen the doors to worship Lord Jesus in the churches. We have been shut down for more than 2 months period and all gatherings of any kind were stopped.

We got the written permission to have worship services with limited people on June 10th. We held worship services on the next day and believers eagerly participated and praise God.

Very strict guidelines have been issued to follow while having services. But we are very glad that they gave permission to have services!

PROBABLY NO VBS AGAIN THIS YEAR

As you know the situation in Sri Lanka didn't come back to complete normal, especially the schools have not reopened yet.

The government has not given any information about starting the schools until August. School will start after the vaccination of all teachers and students is completed. These have begun for teachers but the students must be vaccinated also before returning to school. All the examinations have been postponed to November and December which some normally take place in August.

Also we have not received permission to start Sunday school or any gatherings of children in any service.

So due to school starting, exam dates changed and Covid restriction there will not be enough time to conduct VBS again this year.

Please pray for the situation to come to normal so we can have Christmas programs this year.

PRAYER CONCERNS

1. For God to bring a complete resolution to the Covid situation worldwide. For us to be able to minister through this.
2. For our coworkers to work hard at sharing the Gospel and follow up on new contacts.
3. For a couple to join and take on the Mahiloor church ministry.
4. That we can restart children's programs soon and be able to plan for having Christmas programs in the churches.
5. For youth gathering to be able to start again in the next few weeks.

REMEMBER OUR NEW EMAIL ADDRESS IS NOW IN EFFECT.

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PHOTOS OF FOOD DISTRIBUTION



God bless you as your financial support made it possible to bless many church families during a very difficult time.