

Lamp Lighters World Ministries

Newsletter December 2022

Dear coworkers in Christ,

I can't believe we're in December already. But there is still much more to do in what remains of this year.

In the midst of all the hurry, programs, parties, and family get togethers take a moment to pause and thank God for sending His one and only son to this earth as our Savior.

As each year goes by I'm in greater wonder and awe of the fact that my God left His glory in heaven to become God in flesh and died in my place, so I might enjoy the glories of heaven for eternity!

What an amazing story we can share with others this time of year. Make sure you take advantage of these opportunities as they are presented to you. We have the message of salvation, we are Christ's ambassadors here on earth, and the time is short!

I hope and pray that you will have an Christ filled Christmas. A time of great love, joy, peace, and hope.

Thank you so much for your prayers and your financial gifts which make this ministry possible. We need you to intercede on behalf of the preachers, their families, the teachers of youth and Sunday school especially at this time of year.

May our loving God bless you abundantly as you labor along with us.

Because of Christ, Steve, Niranjan and Sona

Merry Christmas and God Bless!

News from Niranjan

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We have come to a celebration month of this year, Yes it is the celebration of the birth of our savior Jesus. He gave up the glory and honor he had and became a human being on the earth and died for me and you. That shows the great love of God upon us. We can say this is a month for celebration of love and compassion of our Lord.

The people of Sri Lanka are looking for peace in the country. He has come as the Prince of Peace to fill every heart with peace and we believe that this Christmas season will bring them happiness and joy in their lives. We pray your Christmas season is filled with goodness and his grace.

Niranjan and Sona

Christmas programs being organized

We were unable to have proper Christmas programs in the churches for last two years due to the prevailing situation with Covid concerns in the country. But this time God has permitted us to do the Christmas programs to share the love of Jesus Christ among the village people.

Each church has set the dates and started the practices for the Christmas programs. Children are eagerly participating in the practices among the busy schedules of their studies. There is no school vacation until 22nd of December. Usually we have a month period of school holidays in December but not this year.

Gifts are being purchased to give the children who come to church and satellite Sunday schools. But the problem is all goods are so expensive due to shortage of gift items and school supplies.

Thank you for your prayers and financial support which continuously encourages us to work hard for building God's kingdom in Sri Lanka.

Mahiloor Christian church welcomes new Pastor and family

The congregation of Mahiloor Christian Church warmly welcomes their new pastor Sivakumar and sister Shamalee and their kids. The believers are very supportive in the ministry activities and introducing the believers and show the believer's houses to the new pastor.

Pastor Sivakumar started prayer services during weekdays for the believers and visiting unbelievers too.

We will guide and monitor them until their probation period is over. Especially we will extra support to them to carry out the Christmas program at Mahiloor.

Facing opposition at Eruvil

Eruvil is the location where our sister Pushpalogini has been ministering for several years now.

Recently many new Sunday school children started to come to church. Especially the children are eagerly came to church after the one day VBS program.

Now the children are taking part in the Christmas program practices too, but the some of Hindu leaders are indirectly threatening the children and telling them neither go to the church nor take part any Christian activities such as joining the Sunday schools. They did not oppose us directly, but are carrying out some actions against us in these ways.

(This is nothing new and has been going on since Lamp Lighters began our work in Sri Lanka among the Hindu people. They always intimidate people to keep them from hearing the message of salvation in Jesus and participating in church, Sunday school and programs. Please pray that Satan's plan will not be successful!)

Prayer Concerns

1. For the Christmas programs and to share God's love with the children and their parents.
2. For making disciples and using them in the ministry.
3. For starting mission points at new places.
4. Commitment and involvement of preachers and Sunday school teachers.
5. New goals for the upcoming year and commitment of the churches to reach them.

Some Personal News from Steve

This past month I had a small skin cancer removed successfully from my forehead. The doctor is certain they got it all and I'm grateful!

Now on December 19th I'm scheduled for knee replacement. I've been postponing this as long as I can, but the time has come to get it done. So of course I would appreciate your prayers that this will be successful and recovery will come quickly. I debated on doing it right before Christmas but my knee is saying yes this is the time.