

Greetings to you in the mighty name of Jesus our Savior and Lord. We pray that you are well by God's grace and mercy.

We in America are preparing to celebrate Independence Day. A time to enjoy family, fun, food, and fireworks, to celebrate our freedom.

Freedom, something we can easily take for granted. But the freedoms we have here in America have come with a great price tag. Many lives were given in order for us to have freedom. In fact all freedom comes at a cost.

We need to thank God for how He has made it all possible.

We should also pause and thank God for the freedom we have in Christ. This freedom also came at a high cost, the price was the blood of Jesus Christ.

But many around our world and especially in Sri Lanka are still in chains, bound by Satan's power. They don't know that Jesus Christ can set them free.

Imagine what it would be like to have freedom, that your freedom was bought and paid for, but no one told you that you had been set free.

This ministry is committed to loose the bonds of slavery to sin and Satan by sharing the Gospel message, freedom in Christ.

You are making a difference through your prayers and finance which keeps the ministry in Sri Lanka going. We thank God for all you do for us!

May God bless you abundantly for your partnering with us in this ministry.

Because of Christ,

Steve, Niranjana and Sona

### **NEWS FROM NIRANJANA**

We greet you in the name of Jesus Christ.

We hear much news from around the world, some which inspires us and some frightens us. But we have this certainty that no matter what happens, we can remain steadfast as we wait for our God.

In Sri Lanka, we have gone through many unexpected circumstances but our hearts are not confused. These are the times we remember that He is God, "be still and know that I am God" Psalm 46:10.

God has shut doors to protect us from evil things which are happening in the world right now. Just as God closed the door to the ark of Noah to protect him.

We are still able to worship God from house to house and break bread in our homes as it says in Acts 2:46.

Thank you for your prayers and support.

### **OUR SITUATION HERE IN SRI LANKA**

The entire nation has been on total lockdown and will be until June 25th. During this time the government has only allowed people who perform essential services to leave their homes. Government workers, doing relief work only.

No gatherings of any type are allowed. And no church services can be conducted until further notice.

Because of these restrictions many day laborers, which many of our church members are in this situation, are suffering greatly due to lack of being able to go to work so they can earn the necessary money to support their families.

Please pray for God's blessing and provision for all these people.

### **MINISTRY CONTINUES DURING PANDEMIC**

Even with the restrictions of no church meetings our coworkers continue to minister in various ways.

Some are contacting believers through their cell phones, encouraging them to remain faithful to God during this trying time. And also encouraging them to reach out to others in their areas as they can with the love of Jesus.

We have recently begun some Bible study programs and prayer meetings using Zoom among our coworkers and also the church believers.

At least in this way we can communicate and teach and encourage each other.

## **A TIME TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE**

Even with the difficulty of restrictions we believe this to be a very good time to share the Gospel, so that all can understand the love of Jesus Christ and his sacrifice for us.

This past month we were able to distribute some dry food parcels to the believers who have been suffering due to lack of money to buy food items. Not only is this a big help to them but it demonstrates the love of Jesus.

This has been made possible by you and your gifts. Thank you for your support that enables us to do this help to many in the churches.

God bless you for what you do to help us!

## **SOME PERSONAL NEWS**

We're all dealing with the ongoing battle with Covid and all the difficulties it brings. But I do believe that the situation will continue to improve.

Your brothers and sisters in Sri Lanka are finding it very difficult not being able to attend church services and some to afford food items.

Please pray for their encouragement and steadfastness in their faith.

Because of this situation there is still no word on the visas for my kids. Many people I know continue to pray for this and I believe it will happen according to God's will and in His timing!

## **PRAYER CONCERNS**

1. For a preacher to join with us and take on the Mahiloor church ministry.
2. For the control of Covid in Sri Lanka and for church services to be restarted soon.
3. For the church believers to stand firm in their faith and share it with others during this time.
4. For the Zoom prayer meetings and Bible studies to be of great encouragement to the believers.