

Lamp Lighters World Ministries

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From speaking with my kids it is very hot in Sri Lanka right now, but that is normal for this time of the year. They say there has been a few rain showers over the last month, but not enough to do much good.

My daughter Tharsha has been struggling with migraine headaches for a few years now. They were finally able to get a CT scan done which showed no problems within her brain which is a praise! Now with continued testing and medicines hopefully she will get some relief.

The economy in Sri Lanka has been a real mess creating lots of difficulties for the entire nation but things seem to be taking a turn for the better finally.

We can get caught up in the roller coaster of physical things, weather, illnesses, and financial troubles and at times take our minds off of the one who is in control of all things.

It's easy for us to forget about the things which truly matter; trusting God, being joyful in spite of trials, sharing our faith in Jesus so that the world will come to know him!

With the way our world seems to be going the return of Jesus can't be far away.

Are we ready? Are we doing all we can to spread the good news of Jesus?

Thank you for your faithful prayers and financial support for the ministry in Sri Lanka! Our coworkers are working hard and faithfully sharing the Gospel and even looking for new areas to begin new works.

Your faithfulness in this is what makes it all possible and we thank God, and we thank you for your participating in this ministry!

Because of Christ, Steve, Niranjana and Sona

NEWS FROM NIRANJANA AND SONA

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

God hears our requests and prayers every day and sends his responses in his perfect time.

Sri Lanka went to Bankruptcy level. God's people in Sri Lanka and out siders started prayers everywhere for our country, God's mercy upon us and he heard our cry for the land and His arms were kind enough to bring us out of darkness into light.

God has graciously loved us and brought some changes in this country and made some situations for people to repent and change and seek Him. These days God's children love God more and seek Him with longing. Now the country has started moving towards some progress. All praise be to God.

We are waiting upon you for your word says "For he spoke, and it came to be; He commanded, and it stood firm" the promise which given to us by God for us never fails.

HELP TO START SMALL BUSINESSES

These days the prices of goods in Sri Lanka is increasing and many families have to spend more money on the things they buy than they earn. Many in our congregations are poor, widowed and abandoned by their husbands, so it is difficult for them to cope with the current situation.

However, we cannot continue to provide financial or material assistance to them. They get used to it and become lazy and not only that they are always waiting for others to help them. We will also face financial problems.

So, if we give them capital to start some self-employment business they will also be transformed from their current situation. The labor of the hand will be blessed. It is a one-stop helper operation. If this idea is good, we will work to implement it.

NEW DISCIPLE MAKING PROGRAM TO START

Last month we organized 3 special Bible studies including discussions, many believers of our church eagerly took part in the Bible study programs.

The second generation youths became very actively involved in the ministry activities after every study to make changes in their lives.

Therefore, we discussed with Brother Steve to start Bible school with the help of the Pastor Jerad Joseph Jebakumar in our church. He will come and teach 20 lessons to complete diploma level. It takes 2 years of time as it will be held once in a week.

We will give applications in our branch churches and the committed people will join in this Bible study program.



Some of my children, Sowmiya and Tharshini, co-director Sona, and some other church workers completed a two year online Bible course and received their certificates.

ERUVIL GOSPEL MEETING A SUCCESS

We had faced many oppositions and barriers in Eruvil to have the gospel meeting as it had happened 15 years ago in that particular area.

We received many threatening calls and direct violence too. We completed the meeting without a single issue happening, by God's grace on the meeting days.

Police gave their protection during the meeting times as we informed them officially. Many people heard the GOOD NEWS. Glory to God



PRAYER CONCERNS

1. Plans for starting Bible school in our church.
2. For the opening of the ways to proclaim the gospel in Sri Lanka.
3. For the unity among the workers.
4. For encouragement of the believers by helping them start small businesses.