

Lamp Lighters World Ministries

September Newsletter

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Where has our summer gone? It seems we just celebrated the fourth of July a week or so ago and now we're into September.

As you will read we're not the only ones suffering with heat and drought. Having lived through these situations in Sri Lanka myself it is a definite concern when you don't have much water in your well. And the rains are usually still another month away.

But God has it all in his care and control!

Despite all the troubles in the ministry it is continuing and doing well. I see exciting things taking place.

I can remember early in the ministry when we held two VBS programs with basically Shanthi and myself doing almost everything. It is so good to see so many from the churches involved and ready to impact young peoples lives.

Another exciting thing is that many who are teaching are people who grew up in our churches! Just as they were impacted by the Gospel now they are doing the same with this next generation. For these things we are praising God!

The impact of the Gospel is made possible by your continued prayers and financial support for the ministry. You are such a blessing to so many!

We do pray for you that God will also use you and bless you as you labor for Him.

Because of Christ,

Steve, Niranjana and Sona

News from Niranja

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

We are eagerly expecting and praying for the rain to fall in our area because the hottest days are continuing on and there is not much water in the water sources, ground water level is getting lower and lower. We have to run the water pump three or four times to fill the water tanks from the shallow wells. We could imagine the situation in the desert how the Israelites suffered and God provided them water in miraculous ways.

The government announced that we will face power cuts very soon unless the monsoon rain comes within a months time. It would be very tough days as no power, no water and hottest days.

But we believe that God will change the situation. He will provide the rain at the right

time and we will enjoy the rainy days.

Thank you all for your faithful prayers and financial support of the ministry.

We keep praying for you all. God bless you,

Niranjana and Sona

Reuse of Abandoned Land

In the early years of our mission, we had a land on the coastal area in Periya Neelavanai where the first church building for Periya Neelavanai church was built.

As you know, it was destroyed in the tsunami and was abandoned since that time. We have received advice from the relevant authorities to bring the land back into use as a site for the activities of the church.

According to their advice, we have decided to clean and fence the land as the first step and then plant some trees to beautify it. A shelter will be built and then we will use it for prayer meetings, youth camps and children programs.

Bible School Started

As we informed you earlier, we have moved forward with another step in disciple making.

We have started a Bible school at the Koddai Kallar Christian church on the 12th of last month. It is held on Saturday in the evening for 3 hours of study.

Twenty five students registered for the Bible school and will continue the studies. Pastor Jerad Joseph Jebakumar leads the Bible school and conducts the studies.

At the end of two years of study they will be issued a diploma in theology certificate. Please pray for making disciples from this school.

Changes for VBS This Year

We held the teachers training for VBS at the end of last month and those who participated in the training are excited to have the VBS this month at each church.

Altogether 50 people including teachers, helpers and pastors took part in the training session which was held in Koddai Kallar Christian church with help of youths. Sister Sona and Logi conducted the training. The lessons are about the armor of God.

We don't have any school vacations before the middle of October; therefore we are going to have VBS on special holidays and weekends.

Most of the VBS programs will be held on 28th, 29th and 30th of September.

Pray that young people will be touched by the teaching. Pray also for all who will be teaching and assisting.



PRAYER CONCERNS

1. For the VBS programs at the end of this month.
2. For starting the work on the Periya Neelavanai abandoned land
3. For co workers fellowship and unity.
4. For disciple making, especially through the Bible School which just started.