

# *Lamp Lighters World Ministries*

*November 2024*

Fall is my favorite season of the year. I guess it's because it reminds me of my years growing up on the farm, and harvest season, most likely I've mentioned this before but it's still true.

One of things I enjoy, beyond the cooler weather, are mums. They were one of Shanthi's favorites. Each year I buy a couple, keep them in pots on my porch and try to get them planted before frost kills them. Sometimes they just don't survive though.

This year the trees did have some color but this didn't last long.

I also visited my home church in Roseville, Illinois this past month and spoke for their annual Faith Promise rally and gave a short report about the ministry in Sri Lanka.

They, along with you have been faithful supporters and prayer warriors for the Sri Lanka churches.

You'll read about various ways in which God has been blessing the ministry in this newsletter.

I do want to thank you all for how you continue to support the ministry by prayer and finance. You are a blessing! And this being the month for Thanksgiving we are thankful to God and to you as well!

May God richly bless you as we labor together for His glory!

Because of Christ,

Steve, Niranjana and Sona

## **LAND PURCHASED FOR PORATIVU CHURCH**

Praise God for his wisdom and guidance to enable us to buy 40 perches of land in Porativu for building a church.

While a condition was given to the people by Hindu Temple Associations that no land should be sold to Christians in Porativu area, God gave us His wisdom and grace to buy the land in a secret manner. Even if the price is a bit high, it is because of your continuous prayer and financial help that we can get that land with a small house (which needs to be repaired) near the road in a place where everyone can come.

Our long times of prayer has been answered by God. Please continue to pray and help to build the church building at that place without any problems.

All glory to God!

## **NEWS FROM NIRANJAN**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We just entered to the new season of the country we are experiencing the monsoon rain now in our area. We get heavy rain with thunder and lightning occasionally and feel the cool climate here in Batticaloa area.

Even though the weather is cold, there is continuous hot news and programs going on in the country. Parliament was dissolved by the new president last month and parliamentary elections will be held this month to elect new members. Because of that, scandals of politicians come out as hot news. Some are also trying to confuse the minds of people who are waiting for new changes. Hence, these days are seen as the most active period even during the rainy season.

When they act so quickly to protect their existence and themselves, we wonder how we should act as children of God who have concern for the souls of others. The gospel of salvation must be preached with more zeal and efficiency. Those who create people for themselves act like that, but we who create people for God are the ones who have grace in His eyes.

### **A WONDERFUL VBS**

As we planned, we had a one day children's program with the theme of the "Wordless book". This is a book with colored pages and each color represents a different part of the Gospel message. This was held in all the churches on 17<sup>th</sup> of October 2024 except Periya Kallar Christian church. We are going to have their one-day program this month.

Pastor Thiruchelvam and Tharshika are busy visiting the Sunday school kids. God's hand was upon us as He brought many children to VBS. They learned about and enjoyed the program.

A total of 459 children participated.





Porativu Property, House on the left is also ours.

### **PRAYER CONCERNS**

1. Faithful preacher and family for Periya Neelavanai Church
2. Upcoming Christmas practices and programs in December.
3. For fellowship among the coworkers
4. Prayer for VBS in Periya Kallar.
5. Praise for the purchase of the Porativu property.