

Lamp Lighters World Ministries

November 2024 Newsletter

August, weather wise has been crazy. Hot then cool, but not much rain in our area. One thing I know I'm ready for fall.

Last month I sent photos of preachers, and churches and had reported briefly that things were going well. Of course Satan is always ready and eager to disrupt anything that God is doing.

Almost as soon as I returned home from Sri Lanka in July Niranjana sent word that the Periya Neelavanai preacher and his wife were having horrible marriage problems and had left the church. I had sensed something when I was there but they never gave a clue as to what was going on.

Then a week later the preacher at Periya Kallar also resigned from the ministry. So once again we're on the search for two preachers.

In the meantime Niranjana is busy preaching at both locations, in addition to working with our accountant there to get things straightened out, and regular ministry oversight.

I also need to mention another thing which took place while I was in Sri Lanka.

When we purchased the Onthachimadam property several years ago it was one acre of land. The front one half is where the church building, preachers quarters, playground, and the old church hut are located. The back half acre we had intended to develop into a children's home, but due to government restrictions, that was not possible.

A gentleman wanted to purchase it as it adjoins his property and we worked out an agreement with him selling the half acre undeveloped for over four times what we had paid for the original one acre! This gives us operating capital for other land purchases, improvements and repairs to church buildings. God is good!

As always we thank God for your faithful support and prayers for the ministry! God bless you!

Because of Christ, Steve, Niranjana and Sona

NEWS FROM NIRANJAN

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

We have entered this month by the grace of God. What happens in Sri Lanka this month will determine how Sri Lanka will be seen in the next few years. Sri Lanka will hold an election to elect a new president on the 21st of this month. So praying for this election is very important.

For the sake of God's children in Sri Lanka, God's guidance is necessary to choose a leader who can lead the country and the people of the country on the right, honest, and free path.

Our God is the King of all kingdoms, who makes kings. His will only is to be done in our lives.

NEED FOR NEW COWORKERS

In the past two months, some things have happened that are difficult to accept. In the past two months, it has been very painful in that two coworkers have left our mission and ministry due to personal reasons.

Liyaskar and his family and Selvakumar and his family left the ministry. It can be seen that there is an increasing deviation from doing God's work at this time in Sri Lanka,. The act of turning away from being God's fellow workers is painful. In my personal opinion, challenges faced in a life devoted to God can be avoided by trusting God to overcome them. In the future, **we need such dedicated co-workers of God for our mission.**

Sona and I are now leading the churches by changing the Sunday service times of Periya Kallar and Periya Neelavanai. By the grace of God we have received the full cooperation of the congregations during this period. We have appointed people for church's maintenance in those places. Watchmen to protect are necessary since no preacher is living on the premises.

GOSPEL MEETING HELD

A Gospel meeting was organized by the Porativu Christian church in the Kaluwanchikudy area. After fifteen years they held this Gospel meeting it was held on August 16th, 17th and 18th. This was due to the continual persecution by the Hindus in the Porativu village and surrounding area.

Many new people were touched with God's love and His power.

All the Christian churches gave their support to pastor Kushaya and his team for this event. There were oppositions for the meeting from some people, but God controlled everything. Police and special task force supported us with security in order for us to do this Gospel meeting.

VBS PLANS ARE UNDERWAY

According to our mission schedule, we have planned to have one day programs of VBS in October as the school vacation was not given in the proper time.

Usually, we have VBS for 5 days in August during the school vacation. But once again the government did not give any vacation in August. They are going to give the second term school vacation in end of November.

In November we will be getting ready for Christmas programs will consume the time. So we are planning to have one day Sunday school program as we did last year.

We are going to have VBS training during September and the programs will be held on 17th of October. This is always, even with just a one day program, well attended by the children and a great

PRAYER CONCERNS

1. For a land purchase for the Porativu church. They are still meeting in a home and very crowded. Some government land is available but only for a 99 year lease, and is only for homeowners to build not for businesses or any religious use.
2. For the VBS training of volunteers in September, and for the one day programs October 17th. This has always been a great tool for outreach with the young people and their parents.
3. For two new coworkers for the Periya Kallar church and the Periya Neelavanai church. A preacher and family who understands the sacrifices of ministry and who have a passion to carry on the work.
4. For Pushpalogini, who in August immigrated to the Netherlands to be married to a Sri Lankan man living there. I'm confident she will be a great asset to the church they attend and will get involved in ministry there as well.
5. For my kids in Sri Lanka. We have arranged for a lady to come and oversee the home and help with the household.
6. For my daughters, Sowmiya and Tharsha who will be getting married next year. My plans to return for their weddings.