

Lamp Lighters World Ministries

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It's the Christmas season! I hope we all will take time to remember the true reason for this season, Jesus, the Lamb of God who came to this world.

Probably we all have traditions we use to help us celebrate.

I can remember as a child everyone would gather for Christmas breakfast or should I say feast. Then the whole family would crowd into the living room of our small farm house, what a crew! We would sit in chairs, and on the floor and sing Christmas carols, then dad would read the Christmas story from Matthew and Luke.

Then came gift distribution, the favorite time for me as a child! In turn we would each open one gift at a time, oh the agony of waiting for your next turn.

Over the years though the significance of the celebration has changed for me. The joy in the account of God's amazing love sent to us a baby, but most importantly to be our Savior!

May we all remember and praise our God this Christmas season as we can celebrate His love demonstrated to us. Not just in a manger, but on a cross!

Thank you for your faithful prayers and financial support for this ministry! You are a blessing to so many in Sri Lanka who have had the opportunity to hear the Christmas and the Cross story. May God bless you!

Because of Christ, Steve Niranjana and Sona

Merry Christmas
and a blessed New Year!

NEWS FROM NIRANJAN

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The rainy season is continuing. As I write this, we are being hit by heavy rain and strong winds. Normally, we face such conditions in November and December, but this time, two low depressions had formed and were expecting to affect the Eastern part of Sri Lanka. Since the afternoon of the 23rd, many places have been flooded due to continuous rains. Many houses have been damaged, trees have been broken, roads have been damaged, traffic is disrupted, and people's normal lives have been disrupted and some have been displaced.

But Late November 2025 — Cyclone Ditwah made landfall on Sri Lanka's eastern coast (on 28 November), bringing heavy rainfall across the country. The cyclone, combined with monsoon-driven downpours, led to catastrophic flooding in low-lying areas and severe landslides in the central hills country regions — especially in districts such as Kandy, Badulla, Nuwara Eliya, Kurunegala, and Matale. Major rivers (like the Kelani River flowing through and near Colombo) overflowed, worsening the flood impact in urban and suburban zones.

Over 1.4 million people from more than 407,000 families across all 25 districts were impacted. Official reports confirm at least 410 deaths, with 336 people still missing. Thousands of homes destroyed or damaged (565 houses fully destroyed and over 20,271 partially damaged), tens of thousands moved into hundreds of temporary shelters — 1,433+ safety-centers, infrastructure severely affected.

Many roads, bridges, rail tracks damaged or impassable; power lines, communication, and water treatment supply systems disrupted. Agriculture & food supply hit hard: farmland submerged, crops lost, due to contaminated water, disrupted sanitation, damage to hospitals and clinics.

Despite such difficult losses and unfavorable circumstances, we remain confident in our Rock, Christ. He is a very present helper in times of danger. God allows people to look to Him and draw closer to Him in such situations. Pray for our protection, to draw closer to Him, and to share His love during this tough time.

We pray that you all have a happy Christmas and that His peace will rule you and that you will share His love.

Merry Christmas to you all! Niranjana and Sona

DISASTER RELIEF

During the continuous rains, some families of believers who work in daily jobs were affected, so we were able to provide relief for them. However, we did not give relief to everyone, we gave them to 60 families including all the churches.

Since the families of some more Sabbath students (satellite SS) have also been affected, arrangements are currently being made to provide them as well. Thank you for your continued financial support and prayers. May the Lord bless you.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS

The government decided to complete the academic terms (Semesters) early this year in Sri Lanka. It was announced that schools would resume in the first week of December and conduct examinations.

Accordingly, we have made arrangements to share God's love with the families of the Sunday school students and others by holding Christmas programs. However, due to the disasters caused by inclement weather, the reopening of the school has been postponed again.

Therefore, we have decided to make changes to our Christmas programs and complete them before the start of school.

This year, we are holding Christmas programs in a new location, Devapuram. This is an unchurched area located 30km north of Batticaloa city from where our churches are currently located. Please pray that God will allow us to start services there next year.

12-3 Thumpenkerny	12-4 Koddai Kallar	12-6 Periya Neelavanai
12-8 Onthachimadam	12-10 Mahiloor	12-12 Porativu
12-13 Devapuram (New Area)	12-15 Periya Kallar	

GOD FULFILLS OUR VISION

When we prayed to God about our ministry goals in 2021, He gave us a vision that each of our churches in 5 years would establish their own daughter churches. In fact, God has brought more workers than the number of our churches to work with us part-time by the end of this year.

I have asked for God to act many times in prayer even when those visions did not go as I thought they would. I have been discouraged when workers left. But He who gave the vision

will not forget, even if we forget, He will act, and that our thoughts are not His thoughts, and that He will work in His way, not ours.

Based on that, we have planned to start our ministries in the coming year in those areas where we prayed to meet in unreached places. Pray that God will open doors for ministries to be carried out in those new areas.

PRAYER CONCERNS

1. Faithful preacher families for Periya Neelavanai church.
2. For Sharing God's love during Christmas season through programs.
3. For starting ministries at new places.
4. For affected people in Sri Lanka during the cyclone disaster.
5. For building approval in Porativu.