

Lamp Lighters World Ministries

January Newsletter

Greetings to you in this New Year!

We have entered into a new year by God's grace and mercy. New Years seems to bring many mixed emotions. Sometimes gratitude for how God has enabled and blessed us. Sometimes it is with the anticipation that better days lie ahead. Or that the unknown is ahead it can bring fear and apprehension to us.

Recently I read a Bible verse which I shared with many people concerning the coming New Year.

God's prophet, Isaiah wrote this: "Forget the former things, do not dwell on the past. See I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up, do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland." Isaiah 43:18, 19

We may have had failures or regrets about the past year, most people I speak with do, myself included. But what is past cannot be undone. If all we do is live in the past we will be miserable and ineffective in the new year God has granted us. As Isaiah says do we "perceive the new thing God is doing"

Maybe you had a really tough year, but God brought you through and what we all must do is look for, "perceive "how God is now at work! He doesn't promise everything is going to go perfectly, but He does promise to guide, protect and provide for His children.

Look for how God is at work, maybe doing something completely new in your life.

Thank you so much for your faithful prayers and financial support for this ministry. You are such a blessing to us and making it possible for God to work in the hearts of the people in Sri Lanka. May God continue to bless you and use you to His glory where you are.

Because of Christ, Steve, Niranjana and Sona

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

NEW GOALS SET FOR 2025

Every church can receive their goals for the new year from the feet of God and achieve short term and long term goals easily with God's help.

Each pastor is directed to set new goals accordingly. I believe in God that all goals of this year will be achieved.

We also plan and pray to start house prayers in new places. May the Lord guide!

NEWS FROM NIRANJAN

We greet you all in the Lord Jesus name,

We thank our Savior Lord Jesus for bringing us to this New Year with his grace and love. His protection, guidance brought us to do his ministry in Sri Lanka. Even though we are weak, busy, aggressive, short of knowledge, God's grace helped us to overcome the trials which we faced in personal life, family, ministry and society.

God has helped us achieve the some short of our goals of the last year. God moved barriers and opened the gates for our mission activities. At the same time, not all plans went as we planned in the ministry

He gives us advice, vision and new goals to build his kingdom in Sri Lanka. We have the new goals to start mission points at new places in this year too. Please remember in your prayers. Thank you for your support in finance and prayers.

May God's blessing will be upon everyone and he will guide every one according to his will and plans in this New Year too.

Niranjan and Sona

Christmas programs went well and preached Gospel

We were able to conduct Christmas programs at each church even though the weather was not good.

As you know the monsoon rains with flooding hit everywhere and the places were not recovered fully when we started our Christmas program.

But our almighty God brought many new people to the programs to hear the gospel. It was pleasure and blessed moment for everyone who joined and enjoyed.

All programs were wonderful. We distributed the Christmas gifts to encourage the children to continue to attend Sunday school regularly.

We had a staff gathering on 21st of December all the Sunday school teacher's with families, and preachers' families gathered enjoying food, games and receiving gifts.

Progress on Porativu Land

Last week we built the wire fence around the land we purchased for a church in Porativu.

We hope that soon we can take electricity and water supply connection.

There is a old house with 2 small rooms and a hall which need to be repaired.

Also the land will need to filled with additional sand be as it is getting flood during the rainy season. (this is common for that entire area) We are going to apply for the approval for the building permit as soon as we get the deed from Land Registry.

PRAYER CONCERNS

1. For achieving the new goals set by the preachers and co workers for 2025.
2. For good fellowship and unity among the co workers.
3. Starting worship services at new places
4. Starting Sunday schools at new places
5. For a new preacher and family for Periya Neelavanai church.

I will add that Kushaya sent me some photos of three people he baptized into Christ at the Porativu church. The baptisms were in a small pond formed by all the recent rains. I'll include a couple of them below.

Praise God along with us for these new family members in the body of Christ.



