

Lamp Lighters World Ministries

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Greetings to you in the Name which is above all names!

By the time you receive this in the mail most likely Resurrection Sunday will have passed.

Truly we celebrate the Resurrection every Sunday. Which is why the early church gathered on Sunday rather than Saturday to worship.

At our church in Joplin we are hosting Operation Egg, which is food, games, candy and of course an egg hunt for all the little ones to enjoy. But most importantly we are sharing with them the story of Jesus, his love, his death and resurrection.

Every child will receive an egg carton filled with plastic eggs with different items inside to remind them of the story of Jesus.

We're praying for a good turn out and also no rain which is suppose to hit Wednesday night and continue through Saturday.

For us there is no greater story than the crucifixion of Jesus for the removal of our sins, and His rising from the dead to show we will also rise to spend eternity with Him!

You are helping our workers in Sri Lanka to fulfill the great commission of Jesus to go and make disciples.

As you will read in this newsletter Satan is always ant work to destroy the work. But our God is all powerful and they and we will overcome!

Thank you for your faithful prayers and financial support which make it all possible. May God richly bless you!

Because of Christ,

Steve, Niranjana and Sona

News from Niranja

May you be blessed with grace and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ. We thank God whenever we think of you, we pray for you all every day.

Not only in Sri Lanka, but all over the world people are currently facing a crisis. Wars between nations and their effects have directly and indirectly affected people. When we hear or see news of war and its consequences through the media, it is necessary to carefully consider the warnings of the Bible and draw closer to God and share the love of the Lord more quickly. There is a shortage of fuel and gas in the country, and the prices have risen to unimaginable levels.

Due to the fuel shortage in Sri Lanka, some offices and businesses have been given an extra day off (Wednesday) in the week. The government is considering further changes to deal with the effects of the war in Iran. They have also announced power cuts and price hikes during the onset of extremely hot weather.

Even though unacceptable trials surround us, just as Abraham interceded before God, we, the beloved and righteous chosen by God, must remain in prayer.

Thank you for your prayers and generous supports help us to carry out ministry in Sri Lanka and glorify God.

Gospel Training for Leaders Continues

As I mentioned in the last newsletter, we continue the training program among the church leaders who are involved eagerly in gospel ministry.

The second phase of the training was conducted in Periya Neelavanai Christian church.

We are equipping the leaders and believers to share Christ's love individually, pray for them personally and build them in faith. Some because of this training have met new people, shared love, and even submitted prayer requests to pray for them.

We have decided to conduct this training in our branch churches in the coming months.

Direct and Indirect Opposition

You are aware that new Satellite Sunday schools were started in many places at the beginning of this year. As they were being run, the number of children gradually decreased.

When our ministers and Sunday school teachers met and talked to the families directly, they gave various reasons. However, it is to be found that these are untrue and that in the

background there are other religious leaders and village leaders in certain areas and organizations that are working against Christianity in Sri Lanka.

Such continuous harassment and oppression continue to pose a challenge to starting ministries in new places. In some places, they have directly banned Satellite Sunday schools in the areas we have begun working.

Threats are also being made that if you send children there, you will not be given any village privileges. In some places, there is a situation where less than five children attend. But we pray and continue to fully conduct the Sunday schools.

Prayer Concerns

1. Faithful preacher and family for Periya Neelavanai church.
2. For all churches and ministers to be dedicated to making disciples.
3. To be committed to the Lord and to sharing gospel.
4. Amidst the challenges facing the country now, due to high prices and limited fuel. For the workers and believers to remain steadfast in the faith.
5. For the building approval for Porativu Church.