

Lamp Lighters World Ministries

February 2026 Newsletter

Welcome to February!

Already one month is gone, it doesn't seem possible.

We here, in Joplin, along with many of you, had quite an end to January. In Joplin we received 6-7 inches of snow last Friday and Saturday and then frigid temperatures which literally brought everything to a standstill. Many of you experienced the same thing or possibly even worse. I don't think there was one church in our area that was able to hold services on the last Sunday in January. But it is winter, and God's grace was on us.

This New Year is bringing several new and very exciting happenings in our churches in Sri Lanka. God continues to guide and bless the efforts of our coworkers, especially Niranjan and Sona. They are hard at work building God's kingdom there, by His grace. You'll read of some of the new things taking place there in this newsletter.

One of the greatest obstacles to the work we've faced over the years has always been faithful workers. Our God is at work in this area and I believe we have some very capable and evangelistic workers on staff now.

We have always wanted to start a Bible training center for discipling our youth into workers for the kingdom and this is now coming to pass.

You are very much a part of this by your prayers and financial support. We ask God to bless you for your partnering with us in His working. You are such a blessing to this ministry! So we say thank God and thank you for your faithful partnership!

Because of Christ,

Steve, Niranjan and Sona

NEWS FROM NIRANJAN

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Our living God has guided us in the first month of this new year according to His plans that are above our own. To Him alone be all praise, honor and glory.

The Holy Spirit is leading the ministries that have begun in some important villages in the Eastern Province of Sri Lanka and are being carried out by the grace of God to move towards the more rural villages this year.

Similarly, God is leading this year so that the Kingdom of God's work can begin in other provinces of Sri Lanka as well. Some workers are contacting us from other provinces, especially from the central and northern parts of Sri Lanka, to work with us. However, we are waiting for God's guidance with prayer because nothing can be done quickly and efficiently without the

voice of God.

We thank God for using us, who were considered useless by the world, as useful vessels to build the kingdom of God in Sri Lanka. We are grateful for your prayers and financial supports. We always pray to God for you.

New Service Started at Devapuram

After a long time, the Christian church started a service in a new place and God gave grace to the people to receive the goodness of God. God has shown grace to start a house church for this new church about 70 km (44 miles) away from the current location of our churches.

In this place pastor Sivarajah and family, who joined us last year, had conducted Sunday school in their home. We are now conducting worship services in that place. A number of families, youth and Sunday school students who were met and led to salvation while conducting Sunday school attended the service there.

Currently, the service is being conducted by Sivarajah with the help of the youth from our other branch churches. The service is held on Sundays at 4 pm. We believe that God will bring disciples in our churches and we will be able to appoint a minister for this new location in the future.

The Seed for a Bible College Has Been Sown

This year, by the grace of God, we started a course for Sunday School Teachers at the Koddai Kallar Christian Church. I believe this is the first seed for a Bible College that we prayed would begin with our mission. This course is held for a full day during the month. 35 students attended the first class. I believe that the Lord will continue to grow this and help us make more disciples to help the Kingdom of God, to use them in the churches and to start ministries.

Brother Bernardson, who has taught at a famous Bible school in Sri Lanka for 25 years, is assisting as the lecturer.

This course includes lessons on how teachers can individually learn theology and develop themselves spiritually, how to teach children with an understanding of their mindset, how to understand children's psychology and lead them to the Lord, and how to maintain relationships with families through the Sunday school and lead them to salvation.

Rejoice in the presence of the Lord

In the first month of the year, God led one of our branch churches, Periya Neelavanai Christian Church, to baptize 7 new souls. This event not only encouraged the congregation to move forward with the vision for the church this year, but also brought joy to everyone in the presence of God.



Prayer Concerns

1. Faithful preacher and family for Periya Neelavanai church.
2. For all churches and ministers to be dedicated to making disciples.
3. For the welcoming program for new youths.
4. That the Bible College lessons can continue, and many people can learn to be better at evangelizing and serving.
5. For permission to be granted to build in Porativu.