

Lamp Lighters world Ministries

February 2023 Newsletter

Dear partners in ministry,

The first month of our year is gone; it seems to have just started a few days ago!

The days fly quickly past, which should be a reminder and an encouragement to us to be busy about our Lord's work. His second coming is soon!

We're never promised any tomorrow so we must concern ourselves with what we can do today in service to our Father in heaven and how we can bring glory to Him.

This is true for us here as well as the coworkers in Sri Lanka.

As you will read this month, they have made plans and goals for the coming year, and they will need much encouragement in prayer and God's grace to fulfill these goals.

There are so many ways Satan attacks which we are aware of here, but they face even greater challenges with their economy, open persecution, and opposition to the Gospel.

As always we thank you for your prayers and faithful financial support to continue this ministry. You are a blessing to so many in Sri Lanka who are hearing the Gospel and coming to Christ.

May God continue to bless you and use you to his glory where you live and serve.

Because of Christ,

Steve, Niranjana and Sona

NEWS FROM SRI LANKA

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

What a wonderful starting for us this new year, already one month has gone by.

God guides us to glorify his name only. His advice is unimaginable by us, but every advice brings joy in our lives. He fills us with his new grace every morning.

God has given new plans for us to build his kingdom in Sri Lanka and open the closed gates for evangelism in some areas.

The climate has totally changed from what is normal. It feels very cool during morning and night times. Because of this a viral flu has spread island wide. Many got sick with symptoms of sore throat, sneezing, cold and fever. Our children and Steve's kids got sick, but recovered by God's grace.

CHANGES IN ERUVIL MINISTRY

Sister Pushpalogini who started the ministry in Eruvil, has handed over the church responsibilities to our coworker Selvakumar and his wife Suganiya. Pushpalogini will be going to the Netherlands for her marriage very soon.

Selvakumar and Suganiya took over the responsibilities from 1st of January this year and they are doing well under our supervision. They have been visiting new families and continuing the satellite Sunday school which Pushpalogini had conducted earlier.

The Eruvil congregation has welcome them and is working together with them. Selvakumar and Suganya are planning to start a new service in a house where the satellite Sunday school is currently being held. Please pray for them and the church believers and for this new Sunday school.

New Goals for the Churches

There have been a few new preachers who joined with us last year and we have explained everything about our mission.

They have brought their goals for this year according to God's guidance in this. Their goals include the starting of new mission points, Sunday schools and making disciples.

Some of the preachers have plans to conduct crusades and Gospel meetings this year.

New Disciple Making Programs

We have introduced disciple making programs which includes all our churches together and for each individual church.

I have asked the preachers to have Bible studies every week at their churches to grow the people spiritually very well, this is in addition to regular worship services and prayer meetings.

We have introduced some new programs for all our churches combined.

1. Starting GEMS Bible study again at the churches beginning the 1st week of February.

These had been started several years ago by brother Steve and sister Shanthi but had been discontinued.

2. Started an online Bible quiz. The believers are to read the chapters of the book and then give some answers to some questions from the given chapters. This is done online, they are given their scores and this will hopefully encourage them to read and study their Bible regularly.

We have plans to give small gifts to the ones who achieve higher marks in order to encourage them.

About 60 people joined the WhatsApp group to participate in the Bible Quiz.

Launch of Facebook Page for the Mission

Last year we opened a Facebook page to upload mission activities from Sri Lanka. It was a trial version, but it is working well.

We will continue it as an official Facebook page of the Mission as we discussed with Brother Steve.

You can see our activity including pictures, Like and follow the page to know the updates of the mission.

Facebook page link:

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100087050935649&mibextid=ZbWKwL>

Notes from Steve

I had my knee surgery December 19th last year. The doctor was pleased with how it went and I went home the next afternoon.

During my time recovering at home, my sister Penny and her husband Ron cared for me in every way. Ron drove me to my physical therapy appointments every few days. They were both such a blessing to me!

Many from the church here brought meals which was a real blessing as well.

I'm almost finished with therapy and things are going well, just dealing with the pain from therapy has sometimes been a challenge.

Thank you for your prayers!

Prayer Concerns

1. For the coworkers to work together in unity.
2. For them to persevere in meeting the challenges of fulfilling their goals they set.
3. For the believers to be involved in the Bible study programs.
4. Strength to face opposition.