

Lamp Lighters World Ministries

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Dear brothers and sisters,

Greetings to you in the name of our Savior and Lord Jesus Christ.

Our world is in continuous turmoil but we have one constant and that is our Lord Jesus and his care, and watchful eye upon us.

There is so much evil, hatred, and violence in our world these days and it never seems to stop. Thanks be to our God that He is in ultimate control!

I am reminded quite often, as I see the state of our world, of the words of Jesus from John 16:33, "In this world you will have trouble, but take heart for I have overcome the world."

All the trials, the struggles, the setbacks, and the sin we face, one day will all be erased and not even a memory because we will inherit what God has promised us. Because Jesus has overcome!

But so many people will not enjoy heaven simply because they have not heard the message of freedom in Jesus Christ. It makes no difference where they are in this world they need to hear of salvation and freedom from all these trials through Jesus Christ.

You are an integral part of this ministry through your prayers and financial support, people are hearing the message of Jesus in Sri Lanka.

May God bless you and use you here as we all labor for His glory and the promotion of His kingdom.

Because of Christ,

Steve, Niranjana and Sona

News from Niranjana

Everything changes in the world day by day, but the love of our gracious God never changes! The Word of God says in Hebrew 13:8, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever".

His grace is sufficient for us in our weakness to rebuild us in him. When we are opposed by others, his love pushes us to love them and pray for them. His love is an example for us to forgive the people who harmed us and teaches us to love them as ourselves. His love is the good medicine to cure the problems of everyone's life. So fill our hearts with his unchanging love and live for him in this world.

God bless you all, Niranjana and Sona

Situation in Sri Lanka Grows Worse

Day by day, people face many trials in our country. The people's thoughts are turned toward which goods price will increase, where we can buy essential items or how we can survive in the country.

For an example, the price of petrol (gasoline) in January was 137 rupees per liter, now it is costing 420 rupees per liter. There is also a fuel shortage which is the major issue because people need to spend hours in queue to fill their vehicles with fuel.

This influences in all factors and affect many people.

Our government introduced new circulars to the officers to work from home and private sectors to increase the salary of their employees who travel for work every day.

Every moment is a challenge in the country at present. God only can make good changes in our country. Please remember us in your prayers.

(Steve's comment)

Recently the Prime Minister was forced to resign and a new Prime Minister was selected. Hopefully this will bring some positive change, but even this will take months.

Ordinary level Exams have started

Usually ordinary exam starts at the end of the year, but due to the country situation all exams were postponed and exams have started in May.

Students are facing the exam among lack of financial supports, lack of bus transports, shortages of fuels and daily power cuts. Taking the exam is a trying situation in itself and is a very trying period for every student. These other difficulties make it even more of a trial than usual for the students. May God protect and guide them and give wisdom to the exams.

Gospel spreads and church is growing

God has opened the way and given guidance to us according to his will to be able to hold a Gospel meeting in Periya Neelavanai.

We tried to have the program in the middle of the village and were looking for the permission, but some committee of the village resisted giving the permission.

God gave his idea and guided us in his way to have the program at the beach between two villages. God met all kind of permissions and needs to complete the program and many were touched with God's word including the Muslims and Tamils who live in both villages. God controlled the weather and political issues so we were able to finish the program.

New people attended the service each evening. The whole church gave their best supports to the program. Many preachers from surrounding area joined in the meeting.



Combined Churches Youth Gathering Planned

We have planned another joint youth meeting of youth from all our churches which is held once in four months. The meeting will be held at Onthachimadam Christian church on 14th of this month which is Full moon day.

Pastor Jerad Jebakumar will join as the guest speaker for this program and will speak on the subject of, "Eternity and Eternity driven". Please pray for this meeting that it will be blessed and bring changes in the hearts of our youths.

Prayer Concerns

1. For a new preacher and family to join the ministry.
2. For positive changes in Sri Lanka.
3. For the preachers to reach their mission goals.
4. For believer's families of Christian church as they face financials struggles.