

# *Lamp Lighters World Ministries*

*October 2022 Newsletter*

Fall weather is upon us finally! We've had such a long, hot, dry summer so cooler days are a real relief. Still very dry, but hopefully we'll get some rain before long.

Our weather tends to affect our attitudes many times, and can dominate our conversations. It's too hot, too cold, too dry, too wet, and it's all too easy to complain about something that is completely out of our control. I'm guilty of this too.

Maybe instead of focusing on the weather in our conversations we train ourselves to focus on how Jesus is in control of our lives and regardless of the weather or the world or national news, He's with us and in control. When we do things like this we are planting seed, watering seed, and encouraging other Christians in their walk with Christ.

I've been making a concerted effort in my conversations to do this very thing. I'm not always successful, but I do work at it.

We need to take every opportunity we get, even making opportunities to say something positive for Jesus. Yes we may face some rude comments, even rejection but keep in mind we are being faithful to our Savior's command.

This ministry is so blessed to have faithful partners like yourself. You remember us in your prayers and also with your finances. God is using your faithful prayers and money to advance the kingdom work in Sri Lanka.

Please continue to remember that country and its financial struggles, which exceed anything we are experiencing here, and also for the church believers.

As you will read new things are happening and by the ministry reports the churches are recovering once again.

God bless you for your partnering with us.

Because of Christ,

Steve, Niranjana and Sona

## **News from Niranjana and Sona**

Dear brothers and Sisters in Christ,

God has been guiding us for 9 months among the trials here in Sri Lanka. We thank our Savior Lord Jesus for everything which he has provided for us.

The weather pattern here will change from this month. Monsoon rain will start and it will continue until end of the year. We will have cool climate then.

These days people are suffering due to the hot sun, but they will enjoy the cool days very soon. Fishermen wait for the rainy season to catch fish from the areas close by.

God provides everything to the people in his time. God creates everything for his purpose and glory.

## **Youth Program Went Well**

This last month on the 10<sup>th</sup> we held a combined youth gathering from all our churches it was hosted by the Mahiloor Christian church. It was an all-day program going from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. All went well by God's grace with around 90 youths taking part in the program.

It was especially nice as 25 new youths joined with us for all the activities which included the worship program, games, lunch, and refreshments. Worship was led by the youths and the word of God was shared by Pastor Liyaskar of the Periya Neelavanai church.

All the games were arranged by youth committee and brother Kethees.

## **Bible study for Young Married Couples**

God opened the doors for us to have a special Bible study for adults designed especially for young couples. We had been planning to have a program for families. We got the opportunity to have 2 full days Bible study with the help of Pastor Jerad Joseph Jebakumar.

It included topics on marriage, what is the purpose of marriage, financial management, child growth, stress management and more.

Positive feedback was received from the participants after the study. Around 50 married believers took part. All the glory to God.

## One Day VBS Program Held

We were unable to conduct any five day VBS programs due to the country situation. The government announced that there would be no school vacation till December 23<sup>rd</sup>. We have planned to have one day program for Sunday school children to gather in the church. The Onthachimadam Christian church arranged a one day program, and around 80 children participated and enjoyed the program.

All the other churches will plan and conduct one day programs this month.

Please pray for these programs



## Launched Youth Club

We discussed with Brother Steve earlier, this is the time to start a new youth club to attract new youth to the club and share the Gospel with them. It is easier to work with them and share the love of our savior Jesus Christ while they are younger.

In Sri Lanka there are many clubs and they are conducting many activities among the people. We are planning to have some sort of social activities and common programs among the village children and youths.

We believe that God will open the way to attract them to join this club so we can share the Gospel with them. We have launched **John the Baptist** youth club during the youth program which was held and will select administrative committee members from among the youths.

## **Prayer Concerns**

1. Praise for the good turnout at Onthachimadam for the one day VBS.
2. For the other churches VBS programs during October.
3. Raising up disciples from within our churches who will commit to ministry work.
4. For two new preacher and families to join the ministry and work in Mahiloor and Koddai Kallar.
5. Starting of new work in new areas.
6. For the new John the Baptist, youth program.