

## *Camp Lighters World Ministries*

### *January 2022 Newsletter*

Our greetings to you in the precious name of our Savior Jesus Christ,

This past year has been filled with many challenges, trials, and heart breaks. Still our God has been with us through it all and He has been glorified.

We've entered into a New Year and we are looking forward to how God is going to work in our lives and the ministry this year!

Isaiah 43:18,19, says "Forget the former things, do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland."

Maybe this last year you lost someone in death, maybe your finances have dwindled or even disappeared; maybe you lost have your hope and joy.

Isaiah's words seem very pertinent this year.

We can't dwell on what has happened in the past year, we must look forward to this new year and expect God to work in amazing ways in our own lives, our families, our nations, and our ministries.

As difficult as life may get difficult at times, it may seem like a wilderness or wasteland, we may even despair. But we have the assurance that our God is already preparing the "new way" ahead of us, a way through whatever we face, that's his promise!

We pray that God will continue to guide and bless you as you seek His will and work for His glory throughout this year.

You have been a blessing to us through your prayers and your support to this ministry over the past year. We pray that God will bless you abundantly for the blessing you have been to us in this ministry.

Together, let's look forward with anticipation of how God is going to work in amazing ways in 2022!

Because of Christ, Steve, Niranjana, and Sona

### **NEWS FROM NIRANJANA**

We greet you all in the Lord Jesus name,

What a year we have come through with many lock downs, the pandemic situation, famine, shortages of goods, and high prices of goods.

A lot has happened this past year. We went through many challenges in our life as well as ministry. Two preachers' families have left the ministry over the past year.

However we believe our Savior will guide and protect us from all kinds of harms when we are obedient to his laws and commands.

We hope our God will bring us many positive changes towards good in this New Year.

We just keep our focus on whatever comes in our life journey. We look forward to how we will see God at work here in this New Year!

Happy New Year.

## **PREACHER LEFT PERIYA KALLAR CHURCH**

Pastor John his wife Jenny along with their kids who had been serving in Periya Kallar Christian church left our ministry for their future visions and goals.

They informed us at the end of November and they left in the middle of December. Myself and Sona took over the ministry responsibilities and the church activities.

A very few believers are discouraged with John's decision and are no longer attending. But others are cooperating to build the church up again.

Kethees and Dilu, a young couple who committed for full time ministry and have been working with us in the Mahiloor ministry, have taken up residence in the church quarters at Periya Kallar for the protection of the church property and to maintain it. They will also assist in the ministry work there.

Please pray for a new preacher and family for the Periya Kallar C. C.

## **NO RESTRICTIONS FOR CHRISTMAS**

By God's grace, there were no restrictions for our churches Christmas services.

The government allowed us full capacity in the churches so we could conduct the Christmas services under the hygienic conditions.

The government also provided security forces for the protection of the church meetings.

As a result the believers were able to enjoy the Christmas celebrations wholeheartedly without any fear.

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS**

Even though the government allowed Christmas day church meetings they did not issue permission to organize special programs for the Sunday school children.

Our coworkers however encouraged the Sunday school children and arranged small programs after Sunday services and fasting prayer services.

During the service times the Christmas gifts were distributed among the Sunday school children.

Thank you for your financial supports and prayers.

## **SRI LANKA ECONOMIC SITUATION IS STILL SUFFERING**

The prices of goods and services are increasing day by day.

Lack of money, lack of employment brings many evil thoughts, crimes and unnecessary problems among the people in Sri Lanka.

The value of rupee continues to go down and the government has stopped the imports of most goods so there is a shortage of everything.

People are despairing as they have no idea what will happen next.

Please pray for our financial situation here.

## **STEVE'S COMMENTS**

So often people ask, what is the situation for my daughter and son to get their visas and be able to come to the States. All I can say is it is in God's hands.

There is no progress as the courts and the U.S. embassy have been closed for so many months, so documents cannot be provided to get the visas completed.

Because of the high cost of goods especially food we have increased our preachers financial support.

Our intention has been to be able to reduce their financial dependence on Lamp Lighters and get necessary support from the churches. Because of so many months of shut downs from the government, and people leaving the churches, the churches cannot fully support the preachers.

But God sees these struggles and he will be glorified even in this.

## **PRAAYER CONCERNS AND PRAISES**

1. Praise we could have Christmas services, safely, and small Sunday school Christmas programs.
2. For God's intervention in the financial situation in Sri Lanka.
3. For a new preacher and family to join us and take on the ministry in Periya Kallar.
4. For our coworkers to set goals to work towards for this year.
5. For unity and good fellowship among the preachers and coworkers.