

## *Lamp Lighters World Ministries*

### *April 2022*

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Spring is just around the corner but you wouldn't know it by the weather going on while I type this. It's supposed to hit freezing for the next two nights And I just bought my flowers and vegetable plants, so back into the garage they go once again.

This is expected with spring but after days in the upper 60's and 70's it is irritating. But as you read the rest of the newsletter you will begin to understand these are very minor things!

It's seems that we are pretty eager to complain about things that in view of the world situation aren't very important. And in light of eternity don't matter at all!

What should be of greatest concern to us is that people need to know Jesus and this should consume our thoughts, prayers, and efforts. Doing we everything we can to make sure people know Jesus.

I really believe people are beginning to seek a purpose and hope for life that they may not have considered before. We need to be ready to point them to Christ, who is our hope!

We are so grateful to you for your faithful prayers for the ministry and right now your prayers are more important than ever.

We are so thankful to God also for the financial gifts you give to support.

May God richly bless you and use you where you are to His honor and glory!

Because of Christ,

Steve, Niranjan and Sona

### **News from Niranjan and Sona**

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Greetings to you in the name of our gracious Lord Jesus Christ,

Many times we can get discouraged when our expectations are not fulfilled, it is hard to accept and easy to make the wrong decision.

We tried our best, we get tired, but we finally experience failure.

God allows these things in our life so we will "be still and know him is GOD".

As we read in Mark 10:27, "with man this is impossible; but not with God; all things are possible with God".

We keep our faith in him not in the situation or people.

Just believe Jesus Christ with all our heart and he will fulfill our expectations according to his will.

God bless you all, Niranjan and Sona

## **Sunday School Restarted**

God has opened the doors to restart Sunday school in the churches as we already planned.

The visiting is going on to restart our satellite Sunday schools. It is a tough task to bring the children back to Sunday school considering the situation of country.

All things are possible with God.

Other religions like Hindu and Catholic also doing some special religious classes in the temple and churches. But God will make our program successful for His name and His glory.

## **Shortages in the Country**

Everywhere in the country people are standing in queue (line) to purchase essential items. There is a shortage of fuel, LP gas, flour, milk powder, cement, sugar and many other items.

You must book a token two days before and wait in queue from early morning to purchase some essential items. 3 or 4 people have even died while standing in queue due to sickness and fighting which occurred while waiting.

This has brought much irritation and frustration to the people and the opposition party in Sri Lanka. They are holding many protests against the ruling party in the country.

Pray for Sri Lanka.

## **High Prices of Goods**

April is known for celebrating Tamil and Sinhala New year in Sri Lanka. Hindu Tamils and Sinhalese wait to celebrate it on 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> of April every year. They start arrangements such as cleaning houses, painting and purchasing things from the beginning of April. But this time is hard to do that, the people of Sri Lanka are facing the difficult time now.

The value of the Sri Lankan rupee has dropped and prices of goods has gone high. Also the lack of goods brought the high prices of goods which benefits the traders.

Many people are starving due to this situation in the country. Believers of the churches are also affected by this.

People are moving out of the country due to this situation. Large numbers of people are going abroad looking for work due to lack of work opportunities in Sri Lanka. Some are going to neighboring countries as refugees as they feel they unable to survive in Sri Lanka.

Pray for them to stand firm in faith.

## **Comments from Steve**

We think we are having difficult times here. After talking with Niranjana and reading about the situation in Sri Lanka, I don't think we understand what difficulty is really like! Yes we are experiencing higher prices on everything and some shortages on things, but we've not experienced anything like what they are dealing with.

It goes without saying we need to be praying for them especially the church believers.

We also have experienced people who have left the church due to Covid, and maybe we understand the struggle to get adults and Sunday school children involved again after being away for so long. When faced with the struggles they are facing church and Sunday school may not seem so important.

More than likely we will need to help the believers financially, we'll have to see how things go though.

Overall though the churches are doing well.

## **Prayer Concerns**

1. For a new preacher and family for the ministry.
2. For vision and the goals of churches.
3. For successful restart of satellite Sunday schools.
4. For positive change the country's economy and supply situation.
5. Steadfastness for the coworkers and church believers.