

Lamp Lighters World Ministries

May Newsletter 2022

Greetings to you in the name of Jesus our Savior,

I pray that you had a wonderful celebration of our Savior during Good Friday and Resurrection Sunday.

Spring has arrived for us here in the States. I am grateful for the renewal of life physically, grass is green again, planting some garden, and flowers but most of all I'm grateful for the renewal that comes in knowing Jesus Christ!

Right now Sri Lanka is in the midst of summer, yet the hottest days are still ahead for them, May and June are usually the hottest months. On top of this there are daily power cuts due to lack of diesel fuel to run the electric generator plants so this adds to the difficulties they face.

Even with all the difficulties, the Good News of Jesus is still being preached, people are responding and accepting him as their Savior!

I know for myself, and it's probably true for you as well, when we face trials we ask God to remove them. There's nothing wrong with asking God for relief, we need to understand that it is in the times of trial and difficulty we learn better to rely on God our Father, see how He is working to refine us and bring change to us, and how He can use us in ways maybe we had never considered before!

We want to remind you of how grateful we are to have your faithful prayers for this ministry! Without your prayers above all else, the efforts of ministry would be in vain.

We are also grateful for your support financially for the ministry. And we pray that our God, who supplies all our needs, will meet your needs and bless you abundantly for what you do to assist this ministry.

Because of Christ,
Steve, Niranjana and Sona

NEWS FROM NIRANJAN

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

Our world faces all kind of crises these days. People think and wonder in which way we could survive in the world among these crises.

Especially in Sri Lanka people fight against government, because these crises affect everyone's life. There are so many shortages such as medicines, oil, gas, and food in Sri Lanka.

As a Christian we all know that we have the hope and strongly believe that we will overcome the world, because of Jesus Christ. John16:33 says "In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

God bless you all. Niranjan and Sona

CHURCHES ARE GROWING

God is adding new believers to the church in these days. The Gospel is spread by God's people and our coworkers in their area especially in Mahiloor, Periya Neelavanai and Periya Kallar.

People know the mighty God and come to the churches and accept Christ as a Savior and the Lord. Eight were baptized recently. Praise the Lord, all glory to God alone.



Mahiloor



Periya Kallar

SCHOOL STARTS NEW YEAR

Usually public schools start in January for the new school year, but due to the Covid 19 situation all exams were postponed and the last term (3rd term) has finished in April 2022.

Therefore, the government announced that 1st term of the next school year will be started after Tamil Sinhala New Year which is celebrated in middle of April.

Students entered to their new grade in April and school hours will be increased in the future to complete the syllabus within 2022.

This will influence in our church programs such as VBS and Christmas programs. With fewer and shorter breaks and holidays less time will be available to hold these programs and the students will be focusing on their school studies more and may not participate in the programs.

Pray for kids and parents to encourage them to join the church activities too.

PASTOR RELOCATES TO DIFFERENT MINISTRY

Pastor Kalaichelvan, his wife Kowsalyadevi along with their son Jonathan have moved from the Mahiloor ministry to Periya Kallar to take on this ministry. In my point of view, Pastor Kalai is an evangelist and Periya Kallar needs his contribution to build God's kingdom.

He does not ride bicycle or drive any vehicle so he faced some difficulties doing ministry work in Mahiloor as it covers such a large area. We discussed it with him and prayed, and through God's guidance everyone accepted this peacefully and he and his family moved to Periya Kallar after Resurrection Sunday.

KINGDOM WORK GOES FORWARD

Whatever happens in the country we have to work for our God's kingdom AND His glory. We have been called by God to fulfill the great commission.

Pastor Liyaskar at the Periya Neelavanai church, is making arrangements to have a Gospel program in a public place, probably the playground of the school, on the 7th and 8th of May. We are seeking for the approval from various officials at this moment.

God is guiding and meeting the needs also. Pray for this gospel meeting to be a blessing for people and for people to know and accept Jesus Christ.

PRAYER CONCERNS

1. For a new family to join the ministry to take on the Mahiloor ministry.
2. For the political situation in Sri Lanka to improve and peace return to our country.
3. The great difficulties that people are facing due to high inflation and lack of goods and services.
4. For the Gospel meeting in Periya Neelavanai to be approved and for people to come to know Christ.
5. God's Spirit to work in and through the coworkers as they work and plan to reach the lost in the different villages where their churches are located.