

Lamp Lighters World Ministries

Newsletter September 2022

Greetings to you in the precious name of Jesus our Lord and Savior!

We've had such a long stretch of higher than normal temperatures and no rain here in our area; everyone is ready for some change!

While we may long for cooler weather, more rain, or less rain if you've received too much, which makes life more difficult, God is in control and watching over every one of us! He sees a greater need than better climate.

We may long for a change of weather, but what about the greater need for us to allow God's Holy Spirit to bring about change in our hearts.

This is a far greater need than a change of weather! Giving God greater control of our hearts, leading us to better service and reaching out to the lost for the glory of His name and kingdom.

The way our world is going it should be more evident than ever that Jesus' second coming must be soon.

Not only do we personally need to be ready, but to make sure others we know have heard of life in Jesus and the hope he gives. The weather is minor compared to where we spend eternity!

Thank you all so much for partnering with us in this ministry through your prayers and finances, enabling our coworkers to continue their work. As you will read prayers are vital for Sri Lanka right now!

May God bless you for all you do for us!

Because of Christ, Steve, Niranjan, and Sona

News from Niranjan

Dear brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is not an earthly father's duty to care for the needs of all those around him, but he is definitely obligated to meet the needs of his own family.

Our God is so good, for He is feeding even the birds of the air. We can be assured that God will provide the needs of His own children!

On one occasion, a Syrophenician (Greek) woman asked the Lord Jesus to heal her daughter. Jesus said to her, "First let the children eat all they want" (Mark 7:27). To which she replied, "If He even gives her any of the crumbs that the children drop, that's enough for her!" Because of her response, her daughter was completely healed immediately.

So, Jesus' words, "Let the children be satisfied first," is very exciting to us! Now we are able to pray boldly, "Our Father, give us this day our daily bread!"

We must keep in mind that Jesus never taught us to apply for our luxuries! Lord Jesus did not teach us to say, "Father, give us this day our ice cream", but to pray, "Give us our daily necessary food."

We have received the promise that "our God will meet all our needs according to the riches of His glory in Christ Jesus," Phil. 4:19 That is, we get what we need, not what we want. There is a lot of difference between what we want and what we need! As the result of our hope, our Lord Jesus definitely meets our need.

God bless you all.

Many church members finding it necessary to go abroad

Due to the economic situation here in Sri Lanka people are moving from the country daily. Many of the believers' families are also facing great financial difficulties.

The reasons for it are the lack of job opportunities, they cannot earn enough money to fulfill their family needs and not enough to buy necessary things as the price of food and goods is very high.

One day Youth Program planned

We are planning our monthly Youth Program again for the tenth of this month. We usually hold these programs on full moon day as schools and businesses are closed which makes it possible for the youths to attend

Full moon however lands on a Sunday, the 11th this month so instead we will meet on the 10th.

Each time we hold these meetings there are new youth which are not church members who join us. This is our hope and expectation. Please pray that we can continue to reach out to new youth in the area with the message of Jesus.

Fewer children coming to Sunday school

The number of Sunday school students has decreased as a result of Covid 19.

Due to the Covid 19 virus and all the government restrictions we have not been able to hold Vacation Bible School for two years now. Nor have we been able

to have our Christmas programs. These are the biggest events which attract Sunday school age children, and keeps them involved.

Now because of all the disruptions to public school schedules there are no school vacations which is when we normally hold Vacation Bible School.

Along with this there are fewer school days so there are many private classes for the students to catch up on the syllabus.

Therefore Sunday school attendance is very poor. However we continue to try and have some kind of activities to bring the kids to the church.

As you have just read there are many far reaching effects from Covid beyond the illness itself.

While our situation seems to be coming back to a more normal state here in America, that is simply not the case in Sri Lanka and many other countries as well.

Sri Lanka's newly established government has their hands full to try and turn things around. It will probably be years before they can get back to a more stable situation.

Satan is definitely using this to his advantage making it difficult for the churches to worship, function, and reach out with the Gospel of Jesus. We know that Satan may win the battle, but because of Jesus we win the war!

Prayer Concerns

1. For economic stability in Sri Lanka, which will enable the churches to function more easily and better.
2. To find ways to encourage the Sunday school children to come back to Sunday school programs.
3. For the Youth program on the tenth of the month.
4. For new preachers to come and join in the ministry. Two churches need full time preachers.
5. Strength, faithfulness of all the coworkers as they face so many struggles in their ministries.