

Lamp Lighters World Ministries

February Newsletter 2022

The month of “love” has begun. We may have fond memories of our childhood days or maybe even as adults of Valentines Day celebrations.

But I am reminded this month of God’s great gift of love sent to us in Jesus Christ. Even though we celebrated his birth a month ago it is good for us to remember why He came, His unimaginable love for each of us.

A love so great that He demonstrated it on the cross! A love so far reaching that it encompasses every human being, no one needs to be left out!

We also are told that as a follower of Christ we are to take up our cross and follow His example. Because it is in giving of ourselves we demonstrate the love of God to others.

Maybe this month would be a good time when we focus on demonstrating God’s love to someone who doesn’t know Jesus as their Lord so they can experience first hand the love of God in their own lives.

You continue to demonstrate your love and concern for the lost of Sri Lanka by offering prayers for the coworkers, Church believers, and the unsaved to come to Christ.

We are so blessed and grateful to our God for your faithful prayers and financial support of this ministry.

We pray that God will continue to guide, bless and use you to His glory where you live.

Because of Christ,
Steve, Niranjana, and Sona

News from Niranjana

We greet you all in the name of our Lord Jesus.

How quickly the days are moving, it seems like we just started the New Year but one month has already gone.

It reminds us that days are moving fast and our Savior will come soon, we have to be ready once our king comes and takes us with him. Day by day we have to come closer to the King of kings Jesus Christ. We must try to live like him in this world. He showed us an example of how to live. How we live our lives determines how prepared we are for his coming.

We are serving such a gracious God. He made us, teaches us and lost his glory and became flesh and showed us how to live. We just want to follow his instructions and live according to his words.

God bless you all. Niranjana and Sona

New beginning with New Goals for New Year

All our coworkers brought new goals and new ideas to share God's love with people who are living in darkness.

As Ephesians 5:16 say "Making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. We all have to be busy spreading the Gospel before the evil days come.

We encourage everyone not to delay, be aware of the days, go and preach the Gospel. All we need is your prayers and supports.

Youth get together again in February

As we had planned earlier we want to have youth get together every three months.

We conducted the all churches youth program in November 2021 and this month is the next on the schedule.

We are planning to have it on 16th of February 2022 in Periya Neelavanai Christian Church. We are expecting to bring new youths for this program, please keep it in your prayers.

Preparations being made for restarting Sunday school

Due to Covid restrictions we have not been able to hold Sunday school programs or our Children's Christmas programs in the churches

We are preparing now to restart the Sunday school programs from the first week of February, as long as the government issues no new guidelines before that.

The government granted the permission to start religious school from third week of January.

We restarted Sunday school teachers meeting and training and have made necessary arrangements. Please pray we can restart this children's Sunday school without any problems or hindrances.

Sri Lanka's situation is getting worse

Nowadays people of Sri Lanka face many hardships just to live. Shortages and high price of essential goods, power cuts, omicron Covid virus, dengue and unknown viral flu are all affecting every part of island.

Example, milk powder, cement, rice, flour and gas are not available in the local shops. If it is available there, it cost more than double price than previous stock. People are suffering but God's people survive by His grace!

The government allows full capacity of people in the schools and office even though an unknown viral flu which started after the monsoon season began and omicron are spreading among the school students and the government officers.

With limited numbers of testing being carried out it is a dangerous to move about and will cause unimaginable issues to the country.

Fewer numbers of believers came to church due to the flu and omicron fear.

Please pray for the protection of our country.

STEVE'S THOUGHTS

We are all struggling with all the challenges that Covid has brought and seems to continue to bring our way. Always remember that there are many in other nations who do not have access to proper medical care and treatment like we have here in the United States.

All in my hoe there have been affected by Covid and are all well by God's grace. Now they are facing this flu virus that is sweeping through Sri Lanka.

I speak to them each Saturday morning, lately between fits of coughing, sneezing, stuffed up heads, and sore throats. By God's grace they are getting better.

Niranjana and Sona's son Shaun celebrated his 2nd birthday January 30th. And Sona's birthday is February 4th and my daughter Sowmiya celebrates her birthday February 27th. Wish I could be there for their celebrations.

God is good all the time! And all the time God is good!

PRAYER CONCERNS

1. Goals set by the coworkers to be achieved by the end of the year.
2. The Sunday school programs to be restarted without further delays.
3. The Sunday school teachers and all our coworkers to be busy in the work of evangelism.
4. The protection of all our coworkers, and church believers from Covid.
5. For the continued blessing and provision from God for His children during very difficult financial times there.