

## *Lamp Lighters World Ministries*

### *March Newsletter 2022*

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Greetings to you in His precious name, the name above all names.

Before Christmas this past year I started a series of sermons on the names of Jesus and the significance of those names to us . It was supposed to last just a few weeks and then move on to other topics, but it has lead into another series on the power of Jesus.

We can never emphasize enough who Jesus is, what he has done for us, and how that effects our lives now physically and spiritually for all eternity! What an amazing God we have and how blessed we are to be able to serve him!

I think often and pray daily for the ministry in Sri Lanka, it is just a part of my life that will never end I guess. Weekly I'm in phone contact with Niranjana discussing the ministry with its challenges and the praises that arise there as well.

We also think of you, our supporters for the ministry, and how blessed we are to have you as partners with us in this ministry.

The need for Jesus to be proclaimed throughout the world should be very evident to us now more than ever. There seems to be so much unrest everywhere and even the recent war in Ukraine makes me pray even more for the return of our Savior!

As much as I want that to happen, there is the need for more people to come to the saving knowledge of Jesus, and that is what Lamp Lighters is about. Making the name of Jesus known to as many as possible.

I believe you feel the same!

May God bless you for your faithful support and prayers for this ministry!

Because of Christ,

Steve, Niranjana, and Sona

#### **NEWS FROM NIRANJANA**

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Another month has come. We hear much news in the world which is difficult to bear in these days, famine, pestilence, wars and etc. are affecting every day of life throughout the world.

It shakes our hearts and brings many questions, but Word of God says "such things must happen, but the end is still to come" Mark 13:7,

We must do one thing, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present our request to God" according to Philippians 4:6.

Keep our hope in the King of Kings and believe his words. It will keep our hearts from shaking. We have to be ready for his coming.  
God bless you all.

#### **RESTART OF SUNDAY SCHOOL POSTPONED**

We could not restart the Sunday school as we had planned earlier due to Omicron variant spreading in the schools. Now the spread is being controlled in the school and Lord willing we will be able to restart our Sunday school also.

We have planned to start from 1<sup>st</sup> week of March.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> BOOSTER VACCINATION IN SRI LANKA**

A compulsory booster vaccination is underway in Sri Lanka, this time Pfizer vaccine is used.

Many people refuse to vaccinate in earlier days. Now the government is forcing everyone to be vaccinated.

Soldiers stop the people and check their vaccination cards to ensure that everyone has received the full vaccination. If anyone wants to conduct public meetings they must be vaccinated. Steve's children, Sona and I have received the vaccinations.

### **MOST RECENT YOUTH PROGRAM WAS BLESSED**

As we shared earlier we had arranged a youth program at a place near the beach in Periya Neelavanai. The churches had invited new youths for this program. This was a combined program of all our churches. More than 80 youths took part.

Some of our church youths did not participate due to sickness and Advance Level exams being held.

Around fifteen new youths joined. God used everyone to encourage the youths and understand the love of God to new youths.

(One of the speakers was a young lady named Rebecca. She was a survivor of the Easter Sunday bombings from two years ago. Niranjana sent me before and after photos of her. Her face and arms and much of her body had been burned in the blast. Yet she has chosen to show and testify to the goodness of God. According to my kids, as well as Niranjana, her testimony was very powerful and was an encouragement to all.)



### **PERSONAL NEWS FROM NIRANJAN**

I have recently joined a two year study program about our calling into ministry, leadership, discipleship and church planting.

They selected only twelve from all of Sri Lanka to participate, and I am one of them.

I took part in the first study, it was a great blessing and very useful.

It was held for five days in Jaffna which is the northern part of Sri Lanka. It will happen once in two months. The goal of the study is learn and teach others. Please pray for me to complete this.

### **STEVE'S THOUGHTS**

In speaking with Niranjan, the economy is growing steadily worse in Sri Lanka, we can somewhat relate, but there it is much worse. There is little to no gasoline, no LP gas to cook with, food shortages and on the list goes. This brings lots of hardship not only to the people, but makes ministry work that much more difficult!

### **PRAYER CONCERNS**

1. A new preacher and family to join the ministry to take on the Periya Kallar church.
2. Workers to gain vision and goals for their church believers.
3. The restart of the Sunday school program in March.
4. For the people of Ukraine and also Russia, for peace to come soon.
5. Economy of Sri Lanka to stabilize.