

# Lanka Mission Messenger

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Dear Friends,

I greet you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

We are very thankful that God is showing His mercy and grace to us in Srilanka during these last four months. By the grace of God my wedding went well and it was a very blessed occasion to us. I am sure many of you may hear through *'The Witness'* magazine about it. I am really appreciative and thankful for your faithful prayers. May the Lord bless you all.

## **My family:-**

My wife, Dinogee, and I are very thankful that the Lord has called us to serve in the land of Srilanka. We struggled to have a clear view of what God's plan was for us in our future ministry in SL. By the grace of God we are ready to move to Vavuniya (North Central) as soon as possible. God gave us a wonderful time to study the word together; we are studying *Aspects of Holiness* by JCRyle (Tamil). It is very good. I am studying *Lectures to my Students*; there are very heart-moving thoughts from Spurgeon. In our family devotions from the Psalms, we have received very personal, Divine encouragements. We have many good Tamil translations of reformed books in SN, and I am sure these books are good of good use in helping us to grow in the Lord Jesus Christ.

## **God's Ministry:-**

After my wedding we moved to Jaffna (very north of SL) and are staying in my sister's house. They are showing great generosity to us. We're working with Trinity RP Church in Jaffna. A very young pastoral trainee looks after the church; he is a very good preacher and a good pastor as well. I am encouraging him to start a Youth Fellowship once a month, promising to help him until I leave Jaffna.

I have been invited to one of the Baptist churches. It is fundamentalist, and they are very thirsty for Reformed teaching. I have been there twice, and each time I could see their willingness to learn sound, biblical teaching. I would like to mention one particular time – Feb 12<sup>th</sup> (the Lord's day) – when I preached one sermon, held two Bible studies, preached another sermon at their Mission Station (a 25 minute motorbike ride from the church. I was exhausted! But they were not! They kept asking more and more questions. I am very thankful that the people of God are very keen to know the truth, and it was very refreshing to me as well.

I have visited Vavuniya, and am looking for a possible place for the future ministry. There are many villages which have not any churches and the people's lives are full of poverty, with no education for the children. I am very thankful that the Lord has shown us these places to serve HIM (if He has called me to this place). These villages are very far away from the town.

Yesterday I went with a friend and a local person to see some houses in Vavuniya. We visited many places but it proved very difficult to find a reasonably priced house in the town. Nowadays many NGOs (Non-Governmental Organizations) are paying lots of money and renting houses, thereby making it very difficult for locals to find affordable houses. We believe if God has called us to this place HE will provide a suitable house for HIS ministry. We are continually looking and trying to get a house through friends and personal contacts.

In the town itself there is even not one single fundamental church. The charismatic churches are as numerous as the shops, and the testimonies of the church pastors are very ungodly.

Some people I know there have welcomed me to Vavuniya and they have promised me to support the ministry, a very good opening and an encouragement to us to start a new work.

The translation work of the *Psalms* is in progress. Some people have promised me to do 20 psalms before the month of May. Not an easy job to do! I find that this is a very hard target for me to meet.

My plan now is: to go to Vavuniya as soon as possible and to start an evening worship service at my house. This will hopefully be followed by a program to facilitate education for the children who are in the villages, and then later we could start Sunday school, and then progress, in the Lord's will, to start Bible studies in the villages

### Payer Requests

- a. pray for my wife and I as we move to a new place – that we would find favour in the sight of God and men
- b. Pray for the new work – that God's hand would be upon His ministry
- c. Pray for a suitable and safe place to stay.
- d. Pray for a faithful co-worker – which is very important for the new work
- e. Pray for psalm translation work
- f. Pray for conversion of souls – the revival of that place

***“Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation. He that is our God is the God of salvation; and unto GOD the Lord belong the issues from death.” Psalms 68:19-20***

Thank you very much for your support.

In His Service,  
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