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Convocation



For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. 1 Corinthians 2:2

The theme for the Ceylon Evangelical Lutheran Church Youth Retreat which took place April 11-12 was Christ Crucified. During the April school break, around 100 youth came to learn more about Jesus, to sing praises to our Lord, and receive His gifts of Word and Sacrament.

This youth event is part of our effort to encourage the youth to carry on the work of the church for future generations. Currently, the Ceylon Evangelical Lutheran Church has about 15 congregations and mission stations. There are only 4 ordained pastors to serve these congregations with the help of 5 evangelists. They are stretched thin, yet they have a desire to spread the spread the Gospel further.

In addition to pastors, we want to encourage youth for future leadership on church councils, as Sunday School teachers, as evangelists and as church musicians.

We had some guests in the last month. Dr. Larry Myers came from Wisconsin to teach on the Lord's Supper for our pastors and evangelists.



Gunya NaThalong along with her husband, Rev. Ted NaThalong visited us at our office. Gunya is the Lutheran Hour Ministries' Area Director for South Asia. Rev. Ted is the Lutheran Heritage Foundation's Translation Coordinator for South East Asia. We are thankful for the work that they do to further the Gospel in Sri Lanka.



Martha and Libby were asked to spearhead the crafts for the Youth Retreat. They provided three craft activities to remind the youth of theme and message of the retreat: Christ Crucified.



Family Dates

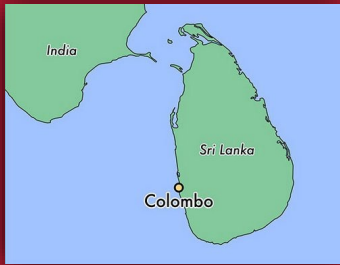
Wedding Anniversary **August 11**

Birthdays:

Steven	January 27
Martha	December 11
Autumn	September 13
Liberty	July 15
Skye	May 29
Rose	March 19
Duncan	July 24



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PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- Continued guidance as the church restructures.
- Young Sri Lanka Lutherans to aspire to become pastors.
- Publishing more Christian resources in Tamil and Sinhala
- The injured and mourning due to the Easter morning terrorist attacks

GIVE THANKS FOR:

- Successful Youth Retreat.
- Lutheran Hour Ministries
- Lutheran Heritage Foundation

PRAISE GOD FOR:

- Unity in the faith.
- Availability of His Word in Sri Lanka.
- The many congregations and individuals who pray for us, encourage us and partner with us.

CONSIDER:

- Adding us to your congregation's mission budget as a Together in Mission partner (Call 888-930-4438 for details).
- Starting, continuing, or increasing financial support for mission work in Sri Lanka (See below).
- Having a Skype update with your congregation, Bible study, Day School, Sunday School, Women's group, etc...

Family News



We had the honor of attending another wedding. Somehow, we all ended up wearing blue.

All the children are enjoying their April school break. April is the hottest month in Sri Lanka, and the schools have an extended break. Many families in Sri Lanka take vacations at this time which always includes the celebration of the Sinhala and Tamil New Year.

BIG NEWS- We will be coming back to the USA July-August. Steven will be staying a few weeks into September (I know, we mentioned this last month). We would like to visit as many of you as possible in the limited time we have. We want to reconnect with you and tell you in person what God is doing in Sri Lanka.

Please contact me at: smahlburg@yahoo.com to coordinate a personal, group, and/or a congregational visit.



We Celebrated
Rose's 14th birthday.
Praise the Lord.



*Together in Jesus' Service,
Steven & Martha,
Autumn, Liberty, Skye, Rose, and
Duncan*

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