

SERVING THE LORD IN

SRI LANKA

NEWS FROM THE MAHLBURG FAMILY

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The Vanderhydes arrived in Sri Lanka on May 14. Ben is a vicar from the seminary in St. Louis. Ben, his wife Grace, and their two children, Larson and Hollen will be in Sri Lanka for two years. We will be mentoring Ben for the parish ministry and he will be mentoring us in parish music. Please keep this family in your prayers.

Baptisms and Confirmations



Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. Matthew 28:19-20a

Rev. Gnanakumar invited me to preach at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church on the Tea Estate in Westward Ho on Pentecost Sunday. Rev. Gnanakumar had taught the Catechism to a group of youth. One of these youth was baptized and eight youth who were confirmed that morning. We rejoiced to see the Spirit at work in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism and the confession of Jesus from these youth.

children. She was not brought up as a Christian, but after I took her through the Small Catechism, she confessed her faith in Jesus and desired to be baptized.



Then the following Sunday, I visited a new mission start at Deglas rubber estate. The people there were Christian, but had no church. Sr. Evangelist Sebastian taught them the Catechism, and they confessed that they believed the Lutheran teachings were the teachings of the Bible. That Sunday, they joined the Lutheran Church and are being served by Br. Sebastian and Rev. Devanesan.



The next Sunday, I was in Colombo. There I had the joy of baptizing a woman and her two

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
- Autumn as she starts her second year of college
- Libby as she starts her first year of college

GIVE THANKS FOR:

- Many recent Baptisms and Confirmations
- Safe travels to the USA.

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



Libby recognized at Founder's Day as completing her schooling in Sri Lanka

After two years in Sri Lanka, we have returned to the United States for a short visit. We are visiting our partners in God's mission work and with anyone who wants to hear about what is happening in Sri Lanka. Please contact me at: smahlburg@yahoo.com to coordinate a personal, group, and/or a congregational visit in the coming weeks.

If we are not able to connect, I will make our presentation available to those who request it. Also, I can arrange to speak to your congregation, Bible study, Sunday School, or other group through Skype when we are back in Sri Lanka.

Sadly, we will be leaving Autumn and Libby behind as Autumn begins her second year of college and Libby begins her first



We Celebrated Skye's 16th birthday.



Duncan's first piano recital



We Celebrated Libby's 18th birthday by wearing matching shirts.

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

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