



SERVING THE LORD IN

SRI LANKA

NEWS FROM THE MAHLBURG FAMILY

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*Oh come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock
of our salvation! Let us come into his
presence with thanksgiving; let us
make a joyful noise to him with songs
of praise! Psalm 95:1-2*

We had the kickoff for the new music program in August. Vicar Benjamin Vanderhyde is heading up this program to train and raise up youth to be future church musicians. The Lutherans in Sri Lanka use a mixture of traditional Tamil and Western hymns and music. Most American Lutherans would find the worship service familiar, but with a definite Tamil approach. Please pray for the Holy Spirit to produce fruit through this program.

Back to the Ministry in Sri Lanka



While they were worshipping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off. Acts 13:2-3

After living in Sri Lanka for two years, it was a blessing to return to the US this summer to tell you about the mission work and life in Sri Lanka.

It was a wonderful reminder to us that so many people are involved in this mission work. The Lord works through your prayers and financial support to bring the Gospel to Sri Lanka.

This is not my work. This is the Lord's work. Just as the Lord worked

sent me to Sri Lanka. This is a humbling and sacred calling. Thank



you for your partnership.

I apologize for not being able to reconnect with all of you. I only had a limited time in the US. You are important to us and this work. I will make every effort to connect with you when we return for a visit in two years.

For now, I am thankful to return to the mission work here in Sri Lanka.

through the church in Antioch to send out Paul and Barnabas, so you have

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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Family News

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- The music program
- More outreach opportunities in Sri Lanka
- Publishing more Christian resources in Tamil and Sinhala
- Autumn and Libi as they are away studying at universities.

GIVE THANKS FOR:

- Safe return from the USA.
- Good health
- Spreading of the Gospel

PRAISE GOD FOR:

- Unity in the faith.
- Bringing people to faith in Christ.
- 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...



Central Michigan University

We were glad to visit family and friends on our trip to the US. We even had a chance to visit the Ark Encounter. We were reminded that God saves us through the waters of Holy Baptism.

The hard part was leaving Autumn and Libi in the US. Autumn started her second year at Kendall College of Art and Design. Libi began her first year at Central Michigan University (Martha and I are proud alumni). In Sept. Autumn left the ranks of teenagers to celebrate her 20th birthday (where did the time go).

Skye, Rose, and Duncan returned to the US and are busy with school and clubs. Skye is preparing for the musical West Side Story, Rose sang in a festival of choirs, and Duncan was in a chess tournament.



Autumn turned 20



Ark Encounter, Kentucky

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

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