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Hosanna to the King of Israel!



In Sri Lanka:

- poinsettias grow on trees.
- People take off their shoes when entering homes and churches.
- It is common to eat food with your hands.
- Buddhism is the majority and Christians are the minority.

Learn about Sri Lanka and the Lord's mission work in Sri Lanka by having us come to your congregation. We will be visiting the US July-Sept. and would love to tell you what has been happening here.

Please contact me at smahlburg@yahoo.com to schedule a visit now.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Colombo Ready to begin Palm Sunday Service



When [Jesus] entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, "Who is this?" Matthew 21:10

There is no more important question for us to answer than "Who is Jesus?" This is so much false and misleading information about Jesus that it compels us Christians to clearly confess who Jesus is and what He has done for us. The Apostles' Creed gives us a great summary of the Bible's teachings about Jesus.

Answering this question is the Church's mission. This is the God News that we proclaim. This is the faith that we share. This is the reason for our hope.

I am cautiously excited about the opportunities opening back up in Sri Lanka. I recently traveled upcountry to where the majority of our church partner is located. I met with the pastors and evangelists in person. This was the first time we saw each others face to face rather than on Zoom.

My heart was filled with joy and thanks to God that we could meet together, study God's Word together, pray together, and rejoice in our Lord together.

I am thankful for Zoom which has opened the Bible Study up to those outside of Colombo.

The Lord has placed other challenges before us in regards to the administration of our partner church and complying with government regulations.

These are not easy to understand. Each governmental administration has their own ways to implement the laws. Please pray for wisdom to navigate these challenges and for trust that the Lord will work all things out for good.

Your continued prayers and financial support. You are a very important part of God's mission work in Sri Lanka. Your partnership allows us to stay and continue to serve God, to serve you, and to serve the people here in Sri Lanka. You allow us to continue to answer the question, "Who is Jesus?"

God bless you all.



Combined in person and Zoom Bible Study

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:

- Our upcoming trip to the U.S.
- Those affected by Covid-19
- Development of effective treatments and vaccines for Covid-19
- Continued financial support for local congregations and mission work around the world

GIVE THANKS FOR:

- Our congregation was able to meet for Christmas Service
- Providing School supplies to youth and children.
- Means to carry out God's ministry in these times
- Our Hope in Christ

PRAISE GOD FOR:

- Opportunities to share the Gospel
- Opening hearts to the Gospel
- 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 Zoom or Skype update with your congregation, Bible study, Day School, Sunday School, Women's group, etc...

Family News



Returned thank yous



Steven on his birthday



Rose's Sweet Sixteen



Skye's flowers

A quick note about thank yous. For the past year we have been having problems with the postal system getting our thank yous out. The batch I sent at the beginning of February was returned as "undeliverable". We are working on the situation and don't want you to think that we are not grateful for your support.

Steven has another birthday! Luckily for him it was on his day off. We celebrated with cake and ice cream and some of his favorite food, Ramen.

Rose was "sweet sixteen" on the nineteenth. She was able to have a few friends over which made things really special for her.

On Valentine's Day Martha got flowers from Steven. Skye received flowers after a successful performance in her school's virtual play. We have gotten a few house plants for the apartment to make things nicer.



Valentine's flowers



New Aloe Vera plant

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

Kindly consider a special gift to further support LCMS mission work in Sri Lanka. The instructions below explain how you can give this gift.



There are many opportunities to serve as short-term or GEO missionaries. Check out the current list and download an application at lcms.org/service. Click on "Service Opportunities."

To support the LCMS through the work of Steven Mahlburg, you may send a tax-deductible gift to:

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
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Make checks payable to The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Mark checks "Support of Mahlburg-Sri Lanka". Gifts can also be given securely online through the LCMS website, on my online giving page at lcms.org/Mahlburg.