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Hope!



Thank you for your prayers for my recent surgery. Two days after I returned to Sri Lanka, I ended up in the hospital with appendicitis. The next day, I had laparoscopic surgery to remove my appendix. Two days after that I was sent home.

Thanks be to God, the surgery went well and I am fine. God certainly was watching over me. I am thankful that this did not happen in the middle of my 14-hour flight. The Lord provided wonderful medical care for me here in Sri Lanka.



Evangelists Muthukumar delivering food to families in Kotagala who are struggling due to the Covid situation.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. 1 Peter 1:30

We are born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. As I traveled in the US talking about God's mission work in Sri Lanka, I spoke of the living hope we have in Jesus. There are so many living in despair, and we have the wonderful news of Jesus risen from the dead. We have hope to share with people. In Sri Lanka, the Ceylon Evangelical Lutheran Church is sharing this message of hope.

In Sri Lanka, there have been several long, strict, lockdowns. The latest one just ended. During this time, prices of essential items like food and gas have gone up even while many people were unable to work. Because of the hope they have in Jesus, the CELC was able to have another food relief program. Over 300 families received a month's worth of food, thanks be to God.

The pastors and evangelists continue to do their best to share the Gospel and minister to the people with the Word of God. Lockdowns, travel restrictions, and bans on gatherings have made ministry challenging in Sri Lanka. The Word yet remains, even if

it means using YouTube, Zoom, text messaging, or phone calls.

Our family is thankful and humbled by the warm welcome and fellowship we received while visiting many of you during our recent trip to the US. I wish we could have seen all of you, but time did not allow that. God willing we will be able to see those we missed on our next trip in two years.

I humbly ask that you continue to partner with us in God's mission work in Sri Lanka and prayerfully consider increasing your financial support. Most of all, please keep this work in your prayers. Your partnership makes it possible for us to continue this work. For information on how to support us, see the end of the this newsletter.

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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Heavenly Host Lutheran Church, Cookeville, TN



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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

GIVE THANKS FOR:

- Safe return to Sri Lanka
- Granting Steven a safe surgery
- Giving us a living hope in Jesus to share with the world

PRAISE GOD FOR:

- Working through us to carry out His work
- His Word which does not return to Him empty
- 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



Liberty is no longer a teen!



Duncan has his 14th on the road.



"On the Road Again"

It certainly would not be a Mahlburg newsletter without a birthday picture. This newsletter we have two! While we were in the States Liberty celebrated her 20th birthday with us in St. Louis. Nine days later Duncan celebrated his 14th birthday with a rousing game of Putt Putt golf in DeWitt, Michigan. Autumn celebrated her 22nd birthday with a trip to Frankenmuth, and escape room, and sushi.

We spent a lot of time traveling while we were in the US. We enjoyed visiting Missouri, Tennessee, Ohio, and of course Michigan. It was a lot of fun having the rental car loaded to the gills and everyone together. It was just like old times.

All good things must come to an end though. Soon it was time for Martha, Rose, and Duncan to head back to Sri Lanka for the start of the school year. Autumn, Liberty, and Skye also needed to start their school year in the US. We look forward to the next time we can all pile into a car and hit the road.



First day of school in Sri Lanka



Our last Starbucks before we leave the US



Autumn enjoying birthday sushi along with sister Skye

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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.