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## Baptizing and Teaching



### Hymnal Project

*Make a joyful noise to the LORD,  
all the earth; break forth into  
joyous song and sing praises!*  
Psalms 98:4

The Ceylon Evangelical Lutheran Church is working on publishing a new hymnal. The goal is to make a hymnal that reflects the Sri Lankan culture while remaining faithful to God's Word and Lutheran theology.

There is a rich tradition of writing hymns in Tamil as well as using western hymns translated into Tamil. The Tamil hymns follow the traditional Tamil music. We can join together in worship and find familiarity even without knowing the language. It is a wonderful blessing.

Recently, we had a workgroup meeting (pictured above). Deaconess Sandra Rhein has been guiding the local church in developing this hymnal. Her experience, expertise, and enthusiasm are blessing to the church.



Jesus instructed the apostles to make disciples by baptizing and teaching. Baptizing and teaching are the gifts that Jesus gives to the Church to make followers. This works the same in the U.S., in Brazil, in Kenya, in Korea, and of course, in Sri Lanka.

I had the honor of baptizing Rev. Nadaraja's grandson, Clinton Bradley Denver (pictured above on the left).

It was joy to spend time with Geetha, looking through the Small Catechism. She is the wife of Mr. Nathan Jeyachitransan, the CELC projects manager. It was my privilege to confirm her (pictured above on the right).

I had the opportunity to visit Jerusalem Church in Upcot. It is amazing to find this church, deep in the Sri Lankan mountains. Praise be to God for Rev. Gnanakumar who teaches them God's Word.

The CELC continues its work of disciple making through her four ordained pastors and five evangelists working in fifteen congregations.



Church in Upcot



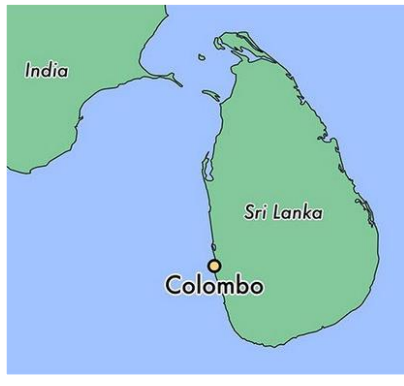
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## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- *The Holy Spirit to guide disciple making in Sri Lanka*
- *Opportunities to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ*
- *CELC hymnal project*
- *To grant Autumn continued good results from her thyroid treatment*

## GIVE THANKS FOR:

- *Birth of Kaleb Jr.*
- *Autumn's thyroid treatment*
- *The newly baptized and confirmed*

## PRAISE GOD FOR:

- *His work through the Ceylon Evangelical Lutheran Church*
- *The certain hope that Jesus will return and raise us to eternal life*
- *More people to hear the Good News of Jesus Christ and believe*

# Mahlburg Moments



Our grandson, Kaleb Jr. him. He is growing fast and is already teething. We are thankful that we were able to be in the US for his birth. He is going to be a tall boy when he grows up.

Since our last newsletter we have had an addition to our family. Our grandson, Kaleb Jr., was born on June 30<sup>th</sup> to Liberty and her husband Kaleb Sr.

Everything went smoothly and we are all in love with



Libby, Kaleb Sr., and Kaleb Jr.



Duncan celebrates 17 years

Duncan celebrated his 17<sup>th</sup> birthday in July. I can't believe that next birthday he will be getting ready to move into a dorm and start college.

We celebrated Autumn's birthday two weeks after her birthday this year because of her taking her second round of radioactive iodine treatment. We have had one follow up appointment with the doctor and he was so pleased with her results that he took her off of all her medications. We pray that things continue to go well for her.



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