

Lanka Ministries International

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Lanka Ministries International was founded in 1994 by Rev. Anton George with headquarters located in Kandy, Sri Lanka. Their work is to train pastors and plant churches in the Nuwara Elia District among the tea plantation workers. God used them to provide much assistance to the displaced persons during the devastating tsunami of 2006.

Dear Friends in Christ,

Thank you for being a loyal prayer warrior and supporter of Lanka Ministries International. Some of you have been with us since our beginning and we want you to know how much we appreciate you. These sixteen years have been very chaotic and even dangerous at times.

It has not only been the war years that caused us much concern, but violent opposition from other religions who do not want the Christian churches to grow. Because of all the uncertainty many Sri Lankans have thought deeply about their souls and turned to Christ. This often costs the person total rejection by family and friends, and sometimes beatings from other indigenous religious leaders.

But the most painful stress has come from within LMI. After spending two or three years to train men and women for ministry, some have been drawn away by other organizations. All of our students come from economically poor families with no means to pay for their training. Because of this we have made the commitment to train them without charge. Even their books, meals and lodging are taken care of by our wonderful friends in the US, the UK and Australia. It is painful for us to let these brothers and sisters go but we know the Lord will use them in other ministries.

Several years ago we had to dismiss an influential pastor on moral grounds. It devastated that congregation and it has never recovered. In recent years we had to bring correction to two pastors who made false claims against LMI and have taken us to court. The situation is unresolved because we have no funds for an attorney. To get a court ruling we must have an attorney at the cost of \$1,100.

BUT WE PRESS ON: This semester we have nine new students who desire to be trained for ministry. We will be able to allow more students when our library is complete. The library is the heart of any school and must be accessible to all students. Currently our library is unfinished, still needing floor tile, shelves, tables and chairs. Numerous other projects also await funds but the Lord continues to bless His work.

IT'S ALL ABOUT SOULS: We joyfully report that our churches are growing by many souls being added to them. Our church at Akkaraganda began a new outreach ministry in their area last Sunday evening. Another outreach service was begun in the Pathana area where there will be a weekly evening service. As God grows these outreach areas we will establish a congregation there.

Thank you again for your faithfulness in helping your Sri Lankan brothers and sisters. The only way they have to show their gratitude is to continue winning their countrymen to Christ.

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