

Dear friends and brethren,

first many thanks for your support and prayers during our mission trip.

Since my last trip, so many things have changed in Sri Lanka. There are new roads being built, and will be invested in tourism and one can move around the country freely. The former war zones in the north are now accessible.

There are new planted churches and the **number s of believers there are growing in the country.**

An increasing number of Buddhists and Hindus accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. Even a strong Buddhist area the Christians there are growing strong.



The hunger and the desire for peace with God is present everywhere

The persecution towards Christians is increasing, because of the fast growth in the body of Christ.

In October 2012, some Christians were beaten up by some Buddhist gang and they were taken to the hospital. The police did nothing against the proposed action. False accusations against Christians are increasing. There were also reports of arson attacks. Because of the persecution, Christians hold house fellowship in different places like the time of the apostles.

But God is so good and faithful. He gave us the opportunity to

visit some house churches and preach the gospel of Jesus. Our schedule was very busy and God has proven to be strong and powerful. Many brothers and sisters have been touched by God in a wonderful way and encouraged. A woman suffered from breast pain that it couldn't be diagnosed in the hospital. Through prayer she was healed by God completely. The joy was enormous that she could not keep it to herself. She told her friends and neighbors how God healed her. They came the next prayer meeting with their neighbors who are Buddhists. After the sermon the neighbors received Jesus as their Lord and personal savior. God used us to do great and mighty works in lives of so many people in Sri Lanka in a



wonderful way:

- Many gave their lives to Christ
- some who have backslidden are back to faith
- People were delivered from evil powers and bondages
- Many were comforted, encouraged and given new direction for their lives
- some were healed of diseases



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Another focus of our work was the training of church workers and local pastors.

In all, we can be thankful to God. He always gave the right message to the people of Sri Lanka.

Again and again we heard from participants: "It was just the right message for me"

"That's exactly what we needed."

Thank you also for the financial donations. Without you, the work would have been impossible. We were able to distribute food parcels to many of the people. For a food package, which costs about 60 Euro, a family can eat about one month. Great was the joy, when we distributed the food. It is also important to think of the practical needs. They are our brothers and sisters in

the Lord. It reminds me that we have a responsibility to our brethren.

For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.

Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?

"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

"Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.'

"They also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?'

"He will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.'

"Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

Matthew 25:35-46,

Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality

Romans 12:13

We could see that the spiritual need is very great. The people of Sri Lanka have hunger for the Word of God. They need healing, deliverance and good bible teaching. Please pray that the Lord will send more laborers into the harvest.

We are planning our next missionary trip to work in so many churches in the jungles in Sri Lanka.

Support this great work of God with your substances and prayers.

Remain blessed in Jesus name!

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