



SERVING THE LORD IN  
**SRI LANKA**  
NEWS FROM THE MAHLBURG FAMILY



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## VISITATIONS



Br. Anton and Jasintha had their first baby. She was named Alicia Bethany Samara. Mother and baby are healthy. As is the custom here, Jasintha and the baby went to stay with her parents for a few weeks. Then they will come to their family home. Thanks be to God for this wonderful gift.

Br. Anton is an evangelist serving in the area Kandapola. He faithfully serves the Lutherans in this area by visiting, conducting prayer services, and teaching. Also, as his title implies, he reaches out to the unchurched with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Currently, the CELC has five evangelists. We would like to recruit more evangelists and pastors.



Visiting Glasgaugh Tea Estate in Nanu Oya

**That we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine. *Romans 1:12***



Sunday in Kandapola

Paul wrote the above expressing his desire to visit the Christians in Rome. This resonates with me as I visited many congregations this last month, met new people, and shared the love of Jesus. One of my main goals is to encourage the Lutherans in their faith and walk with Christ.

A great blessing is that they encourage me. Though they have many struggles and pressures to leave their faith, they continue to gather around Jesus in His Word and Sacraments, sing His praises, and follow His Word.

Thanks be to God, We were able to rent a home as a parsonage and ministry center. A small group gathered for an opening service and house blessing. This is a wonderful resource, that I am confident will open up mission and ministry opportunities in the area. Thank you for your prayers.

I am beginning to explore mission opportunities in the southern part of the country. I will soon make a visitation to the area. Please pray a safe and successful trip.

Thank you for your ongoing encouragement and support for God's mission work in Sri Lanka.



Opening of parsonage and ministry center in Hatton



Attending a 40th day Memorial Service on the Court Lodge Tea Estate

### 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:**

- *The music program*
- *More outreach opportunities in southern Sri Lanka*
- *Success of the proclamation of repentance for the forgiveness of sins in Sri Lanka*
- *Visa renewals for our Sri Lanka missionaries*

**GIVE THANKS FOR:**

- *Mutual Encouragement*
- *Good health*
- *Opening a Ministry center in Hatton*

**PRAISE GOD FOR:**

- *Providing the Words of eternal life.*
- *Jesus's suffering and sacrifice for the salvation of the world.*
- *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 Skype update with your congregation, Bible study, Day School, Sunday School, Women's group, etc...*

# Family News



Steven celebrates another year!



Duncan was the cruifer for Transfiguration Sunday



Two elephants going for a ride on a Sunday afternoon

With the beginning of a new year, all of our kids started new semesters with new classes.

Autumn is on track with her major in Illustration and has entered a piece of her artwork to competitive for a scholarship.

Liberty is really looking forward to taking more classes towards her major in Early Education. Libby also serves on the executive board of her dorm and will be stepping into the President's role temporarily.

Skye is continuing her studies in history, economics, and physics. She also was given a part in the school play.

Rose is working hard in her computer science and drama classes to name two. Her big news is finally getting her braces off of her teeth after almost two years.

Duncan is loving his English class among others. He also is having a great time competing in chess tournaments.

Steven celebrated another birthday. As they say, he isn't getting older, just better.

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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."

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

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