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Dear Prayer Partners,

Warm Greetings from the UCF Sri Lanka!

We take pleasure in sending herewith our updated newsletter for July 2010.

1. UCF STAFF TRAINING PROGRAMME - MORATUWA

The UCF field staff session has already started from January; on monthly basis, at Moratuwa. This is being conducted by Pastor Ruwan Wijesinghe and the lesson plan has been already scheduled until December. The pastors and Christian workers from the field and Sunday school teachers meet together for this monthly training programme. The theme of this programme is “*Christian leadership responsibilities*”



We pray that the Lord will provide needed material and support in order to continue this programme which will enable them to continue their ministries effectively & efficiently, especially in rural areas.

2. THE BETHEL CHILDREN'S HOME - MORATUWA



The Bethel Children's Home, one of the UCF's main projects to help children who do not have either of the parents, and some who do not have both; and are very destitute. We are committed to work among these needy children to provide them the basic education, food, lodging, nourishment etc. on daily basis. At the meanwhile we make sure that the children live as one family and teach them the Christian way of living by showing them our love and compassion. It is indeed a very responsible job that the UCF has undertaken.

We make sure that all their needs & requirements are met on time and lead a happy life. Our staffs who work on this project are entirely committed to live with them. As this project is long standing we need to make sure that the project runs smoothly. Hence we greatly appreciate your continues prayers, encouragements and support.

3.

THE FULLER CENTER FOR HOUSING PROGRAMME

We are happy to inform that the Fuller Centre for Housing Moratuwa was able to assist the Priyadarshani family from Wadduwa. Priyadarshan, who is married with two children, did not have a house of her own for many years. They were living with parents temporarily. This committed Christian family is thankful to the Fuller Centre Moratuwa for the love and compassion extended to help the family to build a decent house to live in. The Fuller Centre for Housing is totally committed to helping the needy families that do not have a proper housing.



Nishanthi standing near to the banner.
The house work is in progress.

4.

DAMBULLA MINISTRY

We are thankful to the Lord for enabling us to provide assistances for ten needy families to start small scale businesses through the Micro-Enterprise project, where they can sustain an income for the living. Dambulla is considered as a very rural and scattered area, where 75% of its populace does not have a permanent income. We are also thankful for being able to build up our ministry of New Hope Church where the believers could meet together to worship regularly and to have a time of fellowship. The pastor at Dambulla church, whose name is Nihal, is married and has one child. His wife is involved in the children's ministry, and working among the children in the Sunday school. Please pray for the Lord to provide their daily needs. We are also looking forward to put up a hall in order to separate the church hall from the pastor's quarters.



Pastor Nihal conducting a service



Pastor's wife with the children

5. **WEDDING OF PASTOR RANJAN FERNANDO & MRS. FERNANDO'S DAUGHTER
ROSIE TO SUREN, AT THE METHODIST CHURCH RAWATHWATTE, MORATUWA
ON 17TH JULY 2010**



We thank God for His hand of Blessing upon Rosie & Suren as they exchanged marriage vows at a simple ceremony on the 17th July 2010 at the Methodist Church, Rawathawatte. Many Pastors and Christian Leaders, Relatives, Friends and UCF Staff were amongst the large gathering at the Wedding Service. Rev. Noel Fernando, Former President of the Methodist Church of Sri Lanka solemnized the Wedding and the Message was delivered by Ven. Devapriya De Silva, Arch-Deacon of Down South (Galle), Colombo Diocese. The attesting witnesses were Hon. Nimal Siripala De Silva, Leader of the House of Parliament, and Hon. Minister of Justice and Reforms, Athawuda Seneviratne. Rosie works at the UCF and Fuller Center Office while Suren is employed in a private company in Colombo. The newly wed couple; together with their parents thank the Clergy, Family, Friends & Well Wishers who attended in person, sent gifts and messages of felicitation from overseas and locally, and those who assisted in numerous ways to make their special occasion a memorable one. Your prayers and encouragement are always welcomed for the new couple to build their future together and grow in the Lord.

6. **UPCOMING SEMINAR FOR PASTORS AND CHRISTIAN LEADERS
TO BE HELD ON 25TH & 26TH NOVEMBER AT ST MARK'S CHURCH MORATUWA**

The upcoming Pastor's & Christian leaders seminar is scheduled to be held on the 25th & 26th of November at St. Mark's Church Moratuwa. The entire UCF Staff, pastors and Christian leaders from different churches will be attending for this seminar. We announce this in advance that many of our prayer partners could pray for Lord's mercy upon this event as preparations are been done for it to be a fruitful seminar. The theme is "*Christian leadership qualities*" which touches on 'commitment, accountability, discipline, vision etc.'

Rev. Alan Reeves from UK and Dr. Ajith Fernando the National Director of Youth for Christ and well known international speaker, will be guest speakers. If God's willing we are also expecting Pastor Martin Schnyder from Switzerland, who will also lecture on family counselling. We expect at least 100 participants for this seminar.

7. **URGENT PRAYER REQUEST: WIDESPREAD OF DENGUE FEVER**

Right now the Dengue Fever is spreading in all parts of the Country, including Dambulla and Pollonnaruwa. According to reports in the daily newspapers, more than 20,000 have been affected, with 160 deaths recorded during the last few months. We are planning to supply mosquito nets for 50 families in our community in Dambulla, where our ministry is situated. We are trying to raise some support for this purpose – US\$1500.00 as soon as possible since this is an urgent need of the people. Your prayers and consideration will be appreciated.

Schoolboy dies of Dengue

By PALITHA ARIYAWANSA

Just three days after a doctor of the Badulla General Hospital died of dengue, an 11-year-old schoolboy who was under treatment for Dengue fever at the intensive care unit of the hospital died yesterday. He was a resident of Haliela area and a Grade five student of the Haliela Central School. A one-year-old infant girl from Moneragala, a lecturer of the Uva Wellassa University and a woman from Wellawaya had died earlier.

A senior official of the Health Department in the Uva Province said 300 Dengue positive patients were reported from Badulla District and 250 patients from the Moneragala District this year. He said most of the patients were from Badulla, Haliela, Bandarawela and Monaragala areas. The haphazard dumping of garbage in Badulla and Haliela towns had been identified as major Dengue mosquito breeding grounds.

Meanwhile Govt. Agent, Badulla, Rohana Kirthi Dissanayake said a decision was taken at a meeting yesterday to intensify the Dengue prevention programmes and to take legal action against the individuals responsible for the mosquito breeding grounds. Mayor of Badulla Upali Nissanka Gunasekara and several senior officials of the Uva Province Health Ministry attended the meeting.



PRAYER REQUEST



1. Please pray for Sri Lankan government, all its leaders to do their best for the nation as the people are going through hardship, economically, day by day.
2. Pray for the Christian churches around the country, as Christian is a minority in the country. Hence lot of persecution takes place against Christian faith & ministries in some parts of the country.
3. Pray for peace and harmony among the people, stop all violation against human rights, and pray for democracy.
4. Pray for the UCF ministry and its on going projects; that the Lord to provide resources to cover its budgetary expenses for the annual year.
5. Pray for the upcoming special seminar to be held on 25th & 26th of November as many await up on it, that the Lord will make it a success.
6. Pray for the thousands of people who suffer mainly from Dengue fever; especially in areas of Pollonnaruwa & Dambulla; also pray for our Medical Clinic scheduled to be held on the 6th of September in a rural village in Pollonnaruwa. More than 200 people are expected to provide medicinal assistances by our medical team.

*“...How gracious He will be when you cry for help! As soon as He hears,
He will answer you.” Isaiah 30:19*

May the Good Lord Continue to bless you, your family and your work!

Ranjan, family and the UCF Staff – Sri Lanka