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SRI LANKA

THE MAUSISA FAMILY

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Dear Church Family and Praying Friends,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, the author and finisher of our faith.

MARRIED MEN SUNDAY:

To minister in this place, we need to pray for the salvation of men or the fathers. If only one family member gets saved, they often face challenges due to cultural and religious differences, strong family ties, and respect for their elders. However, when parents get saved, it often leads to the entire family joining the church. Once a year, we honor our married men, similar to how we do for married ladies. I have prepared a message for the fathers, and we have rented a hotel for our venue, where we have lunch together with the entire congregation. We also give gifts to our men, and God has blessed us with 12 visitors. To God be the glory!

Since we started our ministry in this CRAN country in November 2011, we cannot deny the fact that we are operating against the terms of the visas granted to us. Over the years, we have been praying for some form of legal recognition for our work. In 2015, we attempted to establish our own NGO, but it was not approved despite our lawyer's follow-up efforts. We have faced numerous opposition and persecution during these years. Two of our outreach programs were halted because we were accused of converting people to our faith. This country allows freedom of belief, but being reported for converting someone to your faith is a different matter. In 2017, I was almost imprisoned and given 48 hours to leave the country. Despite these challenges, we returned and continued our ministry with greater caution. The establishment of a Bible-believing Baptist Church in this country is only possible by the grace and power of God.

BAPTIST SOCIETY:

In 2021, during the surge in Covid-19 cases, we attempted to establish an organization named the Batticaloa Baptist Society. This organization's functions include providing Bible education, health services, and skills training. Miraculously, we received a notice of registration from the Minister of Industry and Commerce of Sri Lanka. We have proudly placed a signboard in our meeting place without fear of being questioned.

We sincerely thank you for your unwavering prayers and financial support for Sri Lankan missions. The Lord never forgets your labor of love on our behalf.

In His vineyard,
Bro. Joel Mausisa

**"To know the will of God, we need an open Bible and an open map."
William Carey**

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