



Rajaiah's News

February 2021

Behold, I will do a new thing (Isaiah 43.19)

Gallery



Our first fish harvest!



Children helped weighing the fish!



Our workers are cleaning the cardamom plants



Neighbour boy helping us to catch fish

Dear friends

Greetings from India. We are so happy to write this newsletter and let you know how we are settling back into life in India. Firstly, we thank God for bringing us back safely. Thank you so much for your valuable prayers which we were supported by from the time we left Switzerland until now. We literally felt God sending his angels and attending us during our journey from India to Switzerland. We had 3 airport authorities who helped us in 3 airports during our transit and arrival. Unbelievable miracles do happen!! Now we are back at Nambikkai Farm in Kerala.

Family life: After reaching the farm, we had 14 days of mandatory quarantine. We thank God for the farm where we didn't have problems with our quarantine. We were well taken care. (Cities in Kerala are high risk areas for Covid-19 as many people come back from overseas) We feel emotionally tired. We had a wonderful time in Switzerland during our 10 month stay. God blessed us with some very close relationships and strengthened our existing relationships with families and friends. Whilst we miss Switzerland very much, we are very grateful that God has been using us to bless many lives at Nambikkai farm and beyond since our return to India. Jonathan and Lilian are the biggest encouragement to us as sometime we struggle to find our place here. They have settled in very well and have friends and places to play. Simone is very busy with Amelia, it is hard for her as she is occupied and focused on Amelia almost all day. It can be very exhausting at times, with many sleepless nights. Last week, Amelia was sick with a high fever and vomiting. But we thank God that she is recovering well. She is really a sunshine and she has won many hearts with her charming smiles. Ruban is busy settling the family as well as being in charge of the farm. He too is very tired as some of his jobs are demanding. By God's grace he is well.

Harvesting Season...

Aquaponics and Fish: We have had some fun catching fish from our water reserve ponds and aquaponics pond. We caught about 100kg of Tilapia fish and sold them in our neighbourhood. It was a great moment of getting to know some new people. God is good!

Cardamom: We have had a better season with cardamom compared to the last few years. We were able to harvest all the new plants which we planted 3 years ago. We got about 500kg cardamom last year. We are storing it as the local market price is very low, hoping and praying that we may soon get a fair price for it.

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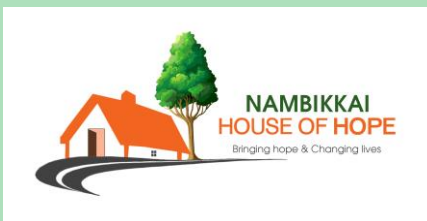
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Networking – Building up Nambikkai

Missionary work, “Missiness”: Missiness is our new initiative to support our friends and missionaries with our spices. We have 5 missionaries who are regularly receiving spices from us and selling them to their friends. It's great to see, they are making a good margin which helps them to be self supporting. Many people have shown an interest in doing the same.

Networking with the local officials and friends: Our team went to meet with the government officials, police officers and other Christian leaders with a plum cake (Christmas cake) and our Nambikkai Calendar to renew our relationship with them. During this time, we had some amazing conversations and many extended their support for what we are doing. We felt that it was a very important meeting that went well.

Nambikkai Admin Team: God has blessed us with an amazing team who are excited and passionate to support us with our vision and also to grow independently in their own calling. Melvin (28) and Giftson (20) have recently joined our admin team. Melvin worked with YWAM and did his Discipleship training, World View school and the Basic leadership school. Giftson has completed his BSc (Aqua Culture). Our team now is Ruban & Simone Rajaiah (Mission Leaders), Rubin Samuel (Nambikkai Farm Manager and local affairs), Melvin (Admin), Giftson (Finance- Aquaponics), Pastor David & Princy (Hospitality and spiritual empowerment), Lenin (Driver).



Team meeting (Giftson, Melvin, Rubas, Grace, Ruban, Simone, Princy, David, Lenin)

Construction Work – Great Loss

Right after our quarantine time, we lost our engineer Uncle Cherian from Covid-19. It is such a big loss and we are still finding it difficult to come to terms with the fact. He was such a faithful and godly man who had a 100% commitment to our building project. But we are very thankful to God for his life and what God has done through him. We now have a young engineer who seems a good guy who will help us to complete the building work. We have almost completed the structural work! Now comes the interior work such as fixing doors, cupboards, wardrobes, tiles, painting, kitchen, all the furniture for the training centre and our house etc. We really appreciate your prayers and financial support as we still need around CHF30,000 to finish the building and start the work that the building is intended for. We trust God as he has been so faithful so far and we thank everyone who has generously given to us, financially and through prayer.

With love
Simone + Ruban



with Jonathan, Lilian and Amelia