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Dear Friends,

at the time we were writing our last newsletter, there were only three of us, but it was shortly before Josias Daniel was born. By now, Josias is 4 month old. He was born on the 18<sup>th</sup> of July 2007 and he is developing great. Family life is great, but a growing family brings also challenges along. So right now we need much energy and wisdom to manage the challenge. Since September Daniel has a part time job, for which we are very thankful. We are experiencing, how God is always giving us what we need just in time.



Our eyes are more and more focused in the direction of Sri Lanka. The plan of departure by the end of February 2008 is coming closer and closer, and it is getting more and more exciting. No wonder, it is not a general move, but a drastic change to us as a family from everything, which is familiar to us. But yet we don't have any doubts about this next step ahead of us. Sure not all questions can be answered, not everything can be planed ahead, but how else can we experience and trust the leading of God. A healthy dependency on God is not a weakness.

#### What are actually our goals and motivations?

You have probably heard before about what we will be doing in Sri Lanka. But we know that life is busy and we tend to forget easily. So we want to share with you briefly about our heart attitude and what we mean by when we say, "we want to serve the Lord". It is more than just doing a job in a different country. We primarily see our responsibility as being a light, wherever we are. With our life we want to glorify the Lord and show others, that life is only worth living with Christ. And that does not change, whether we are in Germany, the United States or Sri Lanka.

And yes, we will have a job assignment in Sri Lanka, but our motivation will not change, regardless what we will be doing. As for now, Daniel will be involved in the workflow of the production, as well as electrician work. Irene will be at home first with our two children, but we want to work something out, that she might help out part-time in the office.

There is always a need of qualified personal, who will be able to bring their expertise along and able to pass it on. Any interest? It's not that we are highly qualified, but we want to contribute with what God has given us, so that the Kingdom of God will be advanced.

We also want to be involved in a local church or small group and are excited to see, how God is working around us and plugging in.

But our first challenge will be to get familiar with the culture and language. With English we will get pretty far, but we do want to learn Sinhala, in order to understand the people and culture better and to be more effective. To feel at home is also important, so family life is also on the priority list.

#### What's next?

A couple weeks ago we ordered a passport for Josias, and are still waiting for it. As soon it arrives, we will apply for the visa. After that we will order the flight tickets.

Next week we will start with the cancelations of the apartment, car insurance, phone, and so on.

And of course we will work on our supporter group. We are not quite half from the amount we need monthly, so still have a long way to go. If you are interested to support us in our ministry we will be very thankful for it.

May the peace of Christ be with you

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