

Report on Trinity Reformed Presbyterian Church (Sri Lanka)
三一归正长老教会（斯里兰卡）事工报告
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Colombo 科伦坡

Following the government's defeat of Tamil separatists in May 2009, security is tighter than it was before. There is an increase in road blocks and random check points. There is also disturbing news of attacks on Christians in central Sri Lanka. Attacks have surged noticeably in recent weeks. However, for the ordinary citizen, barring the enhanced security measures little has changed. Life goes on, and the Sri Lankans take it as it comes.

In November 2009, there was a change in the leadership of Calvary Reformed Presbyterian Chapel (CRPC). Dr. Paul Hoole resigned from the Board of Directors of CRPC. The Chapel was then renamed Trinity Reformed Presbyterian Church (TRPC) under the leadership of Rev. Vijayenthiran (VJ) and the Pro-Tem Committee. The church-run Kindergarten remained committed to be an effective witness of the gospel to the children.



Rev. V.J.



Donald and family

Lord's Day worship service takes place at 9.30am and Sunday school activities are held at 11.30am. Prayer meetings and outreach activities are held on week days in members' homes. Attendance for Lord's

Day worship services currently number at 40. Weekly contributions from members averaged 5,000 Rupees.

The Pro-Tem Committee consists of Rev VJ, Thayananth and Donald Devaparan. Rajanee (Mrs. Devaparan) serves part-time as their bookkeeper. There have also 3 mission outreaches — Jaffna led by Dr Dinesh, Trincomalee by Vijendran, and Hatton by Jeyamoorthy. "Notwithstanding the Lord stood with me, and strengthened me; that by me the preaching might be fully known, and that all the gentiles might hear: and I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion." (2 Timothy 4:17).

Six former Geneva Institute (GI) students also joined Rev. VJ. Two of them are serving in Jaffna with Dinesh. This is a new work. Jaffna is reawakening after 30 years of war, and opportunities must not be lost in the pioneering of new grounds for God. Another two GI students are assisting Jeyamoorthy in Hatton, where the ministry is in a Tea Plantation village. As such the Hatton work is with families who are working in the tea plantation. The congregation in Hatton averages about 60 people, about half of which are children. The average wage of a tea plantation worker is 300 Rupees a day (about \$3).

The remaining two GI students remained in Colombo to help Rev. VJ and Thayananth. In Trincomalee, Vijendran managed well with an assistant. Together they minister over 40 adults and 20 children. Thayananth visit Trincomalee every fortnightly. From

Colombo to Trincomalee is a six-hour journey by car, or nine hours by train. God willing, in March 2010, Thayananth will start a new work in Trincomalee Town. He plans to move from Colombo to stay there with his wife Rathy.

We lived in comfort and security, how do we view those in the Third World countries? We read about their stories in the newspapers; we heard sermons reminding us of the material blessings that God has graciously showered upon us. And it is easy to look at the Sri Lankans and think that all we need to give them is some money, and that is our idea of missions. But missions is

more than just that, it is easy to forget the value of a smile, of a life touched, to show love to someone who had forgotten love exists. The work of missions is not some personal project upon which we can make a personal report. The biggest challenge is to remember how much God loves and values the life of every person on this earth. Yes, we who have the means must give, but more than just giving, we must go and reach sinners for our Lord Jesus Christ. His death has bought us life, and we must now be messengers of this truth. We must faithfully proclaim this blessed truth.



Trincomalee 亭可马里

随着政府于 2009 年 5 月对淡米尔分离分子的围剿，斯里兰卡的治安比以往加强了许多。路障与零检站增加了。斯里兰卡中部也传来了基督徒受攻击，令人感到不安的消息。在近几个星期里，袭击事件有了显著的增加。尽管如此，对一个普通的国民来说，除了治安的加强之外，生活上的变化是极少的。生活还是得继续，而斯里兰卡人早已学会了走一步、看一步。

2009年11月，加略归正长老教会 (CRPC) 的领导层有所变动。Dr. Paul Hoole 辞去了在董事会的职务。教会也易名为三一归正长老教会 (TRPC)，由 Vijayenthiran (VJ) 牧师和其临时委员会领导。教会管理的幼稚园则继续扮演着向孩子们做福音见证的工作。

主日崇拜于早上 9 点半开始；主日学活动于 11 点半进行；祷告会以及各项事工活动则于周日在



Jeyamoorthy and family

别会员的家中进行。主日崇拜人数现有 40 名。每周会员奉献约 5,000 卢比。

临时委员会成员包括 VJ 牧师，Thayananth 和 Donald Devaparan。Rajanee (Donald Devaparan 的妻子) 现担任兼职簿记员。他们共有三个差传工场—Jaffna (由 Dinesh 医生带领)，亭可马里 (由 Vijendran 照顾) 以及 Hatton (由 Jeyamoorthy 照顾)。“惟有主站在我旁边，加给我力量，使福音被我尽都传明，叫外邦人



Thayananth and Rathy



The 6 G.I. students
六位 G.I. 学生

都听见。我也从狮子嘴里被救出来。”(提摩太后书 4:17)

六位日内瓦学院 (GI) 的前学生也加入了 VJ 牧师的行

个



列。其中两位在Jaffna与Dinesh一起侍奉。这是一项新事工。Jaffna正从三十年的战火中觉醒，而我们应该错过这撒福音种子的好时机。另外两名GI学生也正在Hatton协助Jeyamoorthy于当地一个茶园的事工。Hatton的会众约60人，而其中半数是小孩。一个茶园工作者的日薪是约300卢比（3新元）。



剩下的两位GI学生则留在科伦坡帮助 VJ 牧师和Thayananth。在亭可马里，Vijendran在一位助手的帮助下应付得还好一共侍奉40名成人和20名小孩。Thayananth每两个星期探访亭可马里一次。从科伦坡到亭可马里是6个小时的车程，乘火车则需9个小时。若神应许，Thayananth将于2010年3月在亭可马里

镇中开始一项新的事工。他打算与妻子 Rathy 一起搬离科伦坡到那里去。

我们平日养尊处优，是如何看待这些第三世界国家的人呢？我们在报纸上读到关于他们的新闻；我们在教会讲台信息里常被提醒神如何使我们在物质上丰富。看着斯里兰卡人，我们很容易以为给点钱就了事，这也成了我们对差传的概念。但是，差传事工其实远超这些，我们很轻易地就忽视一丝笑容的价值、忘记触动生命的重要性、以及轻视向一个已经忘了爱存在的人展示爱的必要性。宣教活动并不是一项个人的工程、或一份个人的报告。我们最大的挑战是记得神如何爱以及珍惜世上的每一个人。是的，我们当中有能力给的就应当给，但不只是给，我们更是要为我们的主耶稣去接触所有罪人。耶稣基督的死赎回了我们的生命，我们就是传达这真理的使者。我们要忠实地宣扬这个真理。



New Church building at Trincomalee 在亭可马里的新建教会会所