



Navajeewana Amadyapa Handa Sewaya

Voice of New Life Temperance Ministry






News Bulletin for the Month of January 2022

Activities at the Centre

The Word of God shared by the Senior Brothers during the week

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| Bro. Jaya | Bro. Sampath | Bro. Dushan | Bro. Amal | Pst. Willy / Bro. Manjula | Bro. Jaya |
| Bro. Amal | Bro. Chinthaka | Bro. Susantha | Pst. Willy | | Bro. Amal |

Sharing the Word of God on Sabbath

| 02 nd January 2022 | 09 th January 2022 | 16 th January 2022 | 23 rd January 2022 | 30 th January 2022 |
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| Pst. Chandana | Bro. Janaka | Bro. Chandrasiri | Bro. Lalith | Bro. Ranjith |

❖ 07th of January 2022:

- The National Dangerous Drug Control Board Chief Executive Officer, Dr. Mrs. Priyangi Amara Bandu and 4 other officers visited our Centre for an observation tour.
- President, Bro. Manjula Prasad conducted a meeting to encourage the 15 brothers who were selected for the training at the Hikkaduwa Spiritual Training Centre.

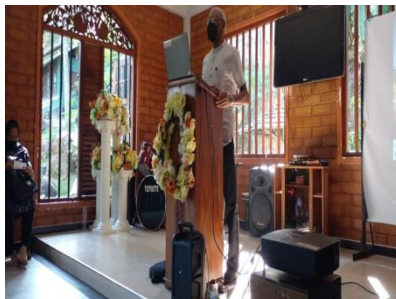


- ❖ **12th of January 2022:** An Executive Committee Board Meeting was called in order to improve and empower our Ministry to serve The Kingdom of the Lord successfully and faithfully. President Bro. Manjula Prasad, Secretary Bro. Kawinda Siritunge, Tresurer Bro. Walter Rupesinghe, Asst. Secretary Bro. A.J. Lawrence, Advisor Pst. Ranjan Perumal, Committee Members Pst. Bandula Dissanayaka, Pst. William Xavier and Bro. Piyal Athukorala were present at the meeting.



- ❖ **21st of January 2022:**

- The Proprietor of Farms Lanka Activities Bro. Clarence and his wife visited our Centre along with Bro. H.C. Fernando to conduct a seminar on Plantation.



- National Dangerous Drug Control Board Asst. Counselor Mr. Nuwan Tissera and his wife from Colombo Head Office visited our Centre for a field inspection.



- ❖ **25th of January 2022:** Trans World Radio (Pvt) Ltd Program Coordinator Bro. Ruvidu conducted a 3 hour Spiritual Development Program to our residential brothers.



- ❖ **30th of January 2022:** Alliance Development Trust (NCEASL) Project Officer Sis. G.A.Manel, Karapitiya Teaching Hospital Consultants Dr. Nanda Jayasooriya, Galle District PHI Samaradeera, Father Nelson, Mawlawi Farhaan and Rev. Sumeda Thero visited our Centre to conduct a Leprosy Awareness and Prevention Program. Dr. Nanda Jayasooriya checked each of our residential brothers who had illnesses and prescribed the required medicines.



❖ **31st of January 2022:**

- Pst. Micheal, Bro. Jonathan and Pst. Priyantha from World Missionaries Kadugannawa visited our Centre to meet our residential brothers.



- 5 students from the Theological College of Lanka, Pilimathalawa who arrived at our Centre on the 22nd of January 2022 for a long vacation field work program with their field work inspector Father Nimal and their lecturer Bro. Jigan, participated at a drug rehabilitation training program conducted by Bro. Manjula Prasad.



Ongoing Projects

❖ **Spiritual Training Centre Hikkaduwa**

We praise our Almighty Lord for blessing us to complete the construction and start our Spiritual Training Centre on 14/02/2022 at the renovated Halfway Home, Hikkaduwa with 15 of our selected residential brothers and qualified Teachers from Galle District.





Testimonies

Thalagala Arachchige Sirisena

I was born on the 18th of March 1955 and did not have the opportunity to get a proper education due to poverty that my family was going through. My father and mother earned a living by selling cashew, peanuts and green gram in a cart parked by the side of a wine store in our neighborhood. I have 2 elder brothers and 1 older sister and we all lived with our parents in Thotalanga, Colombo.

My father passed away when I was 10 and my mother died when I was 11 years old due to illnesses. That made me discontinue my schooling from Grade 2. Missing my parents and having no guidance made me spend more time with my friends. I got attracted to smoke cigarettes and cannabis as well as to consume alcohol as a teenager.

I started buying & selling fish when I was around 17 years to earn money to meet my day to day expenses. I travelled to Negambo and Ja-Ela frequently to buy fish from the boats.

I was proposed to my life partner during this time at the age of 23. We were blessed with 1 son and 2 daughters.

Once I got the opportunity to experiment heroine through a colleague and ended up getting addicted to it at the age of 27.

Unfortunately, one of my daughters died when she was a year old due to hole in the heart. The other daughter also died at the age of 3 due to measles. These sudden deaths shocked me and I started using more and more heroin to recover from my pain and sorrows.

My relationship with my wife and son was getting weaker by the day and closer to drugs. Finally, I realized that if I wanted to survive, then I should first get out of my addiction to drugs.

In 1997, with the help of a friend, I joined NAHS seeking refuge. I struggled to overcome my addiction while being in and out of the Centre. Finally in 2010 after coming out of the Thaldena Prison. I entered the Centre as a partially paralyzed handicap individual.

Gradually I began to experience the love of Christ through the Founder, Late Bro. Raja and also through the Brothers at the Centre. This led me to accept Jesus Christ as my Personal Savior and to have my life changed.

I was blessed and healed completely from my addictions by the Almighty God. Since then I have lead a drug free life at the Rumassala Centre.

Although my son takes care of my wife, we have not been in contact for the past 12 years. I am now 67 years old receiving care from our beloved Brothers at the Centre.

Prayer Requests

- ❖ Prayers for our Ministry to grow stronger in serving the Lord in this New Year 2022.
- ❖ Prayers for our new vision in serving the Older Brothers in a different location.
- ❖ Prayers to receive the required funds to waterproof and plaster the roof top at the Centre at a cost of Rs: 1.5 million.
- ❖ Prayers for the success of our Hikkaduwa Spiritual Training Centre and the 1st Batch of 15 students.
- ❖ Prayers for Our Almighty God to touch the hearts of those who would come forward to support in meeting our financial requirements.
- ❖ Prayers to receive the required funds for the monthly expenses and the essential equipment for the Hikkaduwa Spiritual Training Centre.

Therefore encourage
one another and
build each other up,
just as in fact you
are doing.
1 Thessalonians 5:11

Statistical Figures

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| Total Residents as at 01 st of January 2022 | 106 |
| Admissions | 34 |
| Discharged | 11 |
| Escaped | 13 |
| Hikkaduwa Halfway Home | 10 |
| Boossa Cassava Project | 11 |
| Villa | 03 |
| Total as at 31st of January 2022 | 116 |

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