

News from Rev. Dr. Edward and Monica Naumann, serving the Lord in South Asia



Recent Events

Dec 12-16. Intensive class on music and liturgy, taught by visiting Rev. Dr. Karsten.

Dec 17. Christmas Program and Service in Nuwara Eliya with 500 children present.

Jan 13. First Opening Service for the new LCMS pre-seminary school in Colombo.

Jan 16. First classes begin for pre-seminary students.

Jan 23-27. Intensive class for evangelists, on Lutheran Biblical Hermeneutics.

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Naumanns in South Asia Epiphany Term in Full Swing

The Christmas break went by quickly, and we were soon submerged in all of the frantic preparations and business involved with running a new school (can you imagine?!). Four pre-seminary students began their work in January, studying English at the British Council, and Scripture with Pastor Devanesan and me. I am glad to report that things are going well so far, although last week became very difficult, after several students caught a fever, and one was admitted to hospital for several days. Thankfully he has recovered, and teaching continues. It is a joy to see this new

community functioning more or less according to plan! Next week I will

teach an intensive

course on the

Gospel of Matthew,

which usually takes

up all of the time

and energy a week

can provide. All of

the students are very

happy to have their

new library in place,

and glad that we can

have lectures in our

own renovated

space, free from

mosquitoes.



Students learn about Lutheran Biblical Hermeneutics

What Next for a Seminary?

Now that the pre-seminary school is open, the challenge will be to keep it open, and continue to admit new students and prepare them for seminary. The problem is that we are already at maximum capacity, with no additional housing. At this time, the best option seems to be to expand the seminary in Colombo, instead of developing a separate campus. We will have to purchase some land adjacent to the current property, then build new housing (especially for married students), offices, and a sanctuary.



Thank you!

For all of you who continually pray for us, and for this mission. Please keep the prayers ascending!

For continuing to support this mission, which enables us to be here and serve in South Asia!

Please Pray!

That we will be able to expand the campus in Colombo, and get architectural plans, and permission to build.

For all the Sri Lankan students, that they will be blessed with good health, and be diligent and faithful in their studies.

For Concordia Theological Seminary, India, that the students and faculty may be blessed with good biblical teaching, and strengthening of their institution.

For Monica and our children, for health and happiness, and for good progress in the children's ongoing education.

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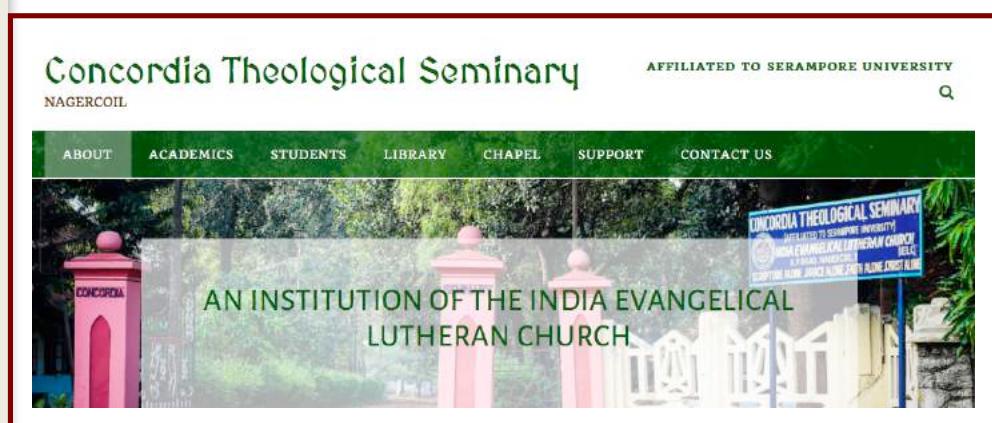
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“Rejoice and Be Glad!” – Mt 5:12

I often think of these words that Jesus spoke, because of their context. Jesus told his disciples, “Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.” In overseas missions, sadly, difficult occasions do present themselves, when these words become all the more precious and comforting. Yet through all the trials we have faced, God has been good, watching over us, delivering us, and providing all that we need. We trust in Him, that He will continue to watch over us in the coming years.

New Website for India: ctsn.edu.in



One of the projects I have been working for the past few months has been developing a new website for Concordia Theological Seminary, Nagercoil, India (where I am eventually to serve on the faculty, God willing). I have developed this in close correspondence with the Seminary faculty, and am pleased to say that the website will be ready to launch in a couple of weeks. You are here seeing the first preview! This website is very sorely needed, particularly in the face of the difficulties caused by a group of wicked schismatics in our partner church, who have created massive turbulence, resulting in significant interruption of Gospel ministries, considerable financial difficulties for the seminary, and a notable decrease in enrollment. While the schismatics fight to line their pockets, however, we fight for the Kingdom of God, and Christ himself is our great champion! I hope this website will be a great boon for the ministry efforts of our partner Church the IELC, to the glory of God.

Pastor Edward Naumann

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