

Dear Prayer Partners,

Further to my mail of 9<sup>th</sup> I am forwarding this to you to update on the situation and to request for continues prayer especially for the following.

***16<sup>th</sup> September 2013-Embilipitiya.Margaya Fellowship of Sri Lanka***

*The Chief Monk of the Temple with two others accompanied by the O I C of the Embilipitiya Police, calls over at the Church around 5.30pm.The work in the area commenced in 1988 a land purchased and a Church built in 1999.The Monk had demanded to see the registration of the Church with the local Government (Pradisiya Sabha) and the building permit and other relevant documents. If not forwarded prior to 19<sup>th</sup> Thursday Poya day, the Church would be demolished. He had wanted the Baptismal tank inside the Church to be closed immediately. This same Monk had visited the Church with three other monks 2-3 months ago and threatened and warned not to engage in conversion.*

*I spoke to the OIC this morning who had accompanied the monk yesterday, and protested strongly for coming along with the Monk and asked him what right has the monk to enter the premises and to act the way he did, specially for using abusive language etc. He apologised and said that he will ensure justice will prevail.*

*However half an hour prior to writing this mail I received a call from our Church saying the Local headman had come and said the monk is gathering people in his Temple to attack the Church. We have lodged a complaint in the Police. Your prayers are solicited for this emergency situation.*

***I give below incidents reported during the past week.***

**71) 8<sup>TH</sup> SEPT. 2013 – Swaripola – Christian Assembly**

Police requested Ps. Mano to call over at the Piliyandala Police at 2 p.m. He had shown his church registration under a Parliamentary Act. Police had stated that the registration is not sufficient and to obtain approval from Buddhist Affairs Ministry. Subsequently he had visited the Divisional Secretary who had said the registration is sufficient.

**72) 8<sup>th</sup> SEPT. 2013 – Moratuwa –**

Kings Church and other churches in the area have been visited by the Police and information gathered.

**73) SEPT. 2013 – Matale –**

CID has visited some Christian churches in the area and gathered information.

**74) 10<sup>TH</sup> SEPT. 2013 – Homagama – Assembly of God**

Ps. Yohan Krishnamurthi has been asked by Buddhist authorities to close down his house churches at Padukka, Meegoda and Inpamaruwa.

**75) SEPT. 2013 – Pitipana Vidyalaya Junction – FOUR SQUARE CHURCH.**

A mob led by Buddhist monks had visited a house church and asked the Pastor not to visit the area and that they would look after the interests of the believers. Meetings have stopped for the moment.

**76) 28<sup>th</sup> AUGUST. 2013 – Pitipana– Calvary Church**

Ps. Dilshan has been asked by the Police to stop the ministry in the area.

**77) 18<sup>th</sup> AUGUST. 2013 – Bulathsinhala– Independent Church**

An independent church had been visited by a mob led by 7 Buddhist monks and threatened and got some of the believers to worship them. Later their worship centre had been dismantled.

**78) AUGUST 2013 – Ingiriya– Kings Revival Church**

Ps. Jacob had been asked to stop the ministry in the area.

**79) AUGUST 2013 –Maha Ingiriya– Independent Church**

The worker has been threatened and the work has been stopped.

Tomorrow the NCF has called for a meeting of Christian Pastors to discuss and form a common front to face the present crisis. **Unity of the Church is something difficult to achieve.**

Your prayers would be appreciated

Blessings