

## Shalom Church of the Nazarene—Hali Ela

Praise the Lord!

Sri Lanka is a very nice country, which has the Indian Ocean around it and has a lot of mountains. Sinhalese, Tamils, and Muslims are living with us here. Badulla is a town, which is in the Uva Province, with tea estates surrounding it.

Our Shalom ministry began in 1990 as an independent ministry at Badulla. We did not have a specific place to worship or do ministry. We rented a house for a time and worshipped there. Then we had to move to another location. It brought a lot trouble to us, because believers never come if we were at a great distance from them. We continued to move, because of the unstableness of places.

At last we came to our current place, Hali Ela, a town near Badulla, in 1997 and started our ministry here. At the end of 1999, we had 35 believers. But our place, which we rented, was not big enough for us to get together and worship in one place. At that time, we all continuously prayed for a stable place to pray and worship.

An opportunity came to join with Church of the Nazarene. So we joined with Church of the Nazarene in 2000 January and continued our ministry.

By 2000 October, we got a chance to purchase land through Church of the Nazarene. We started to build a church. We were in a position of raising funds for the building. God opened the door through the **Alabaster** fund. This resource was very helpful to us to build a building for our church. We are very happy for the funds we got from **Alabaster**.

The special thing is this is the first building built for Church of the Nazarene in Sri Lanka. And we are proud to say *Shalom Church of the Nazarene* is the first organized church for Church of the Nazarene in Sri Lanka. My point is, because of the **Alabaster** ministry, we can extend and continue our ministry in nearby areas, as well as in the whole of Sri Lanka.

All glory to our Lord.

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