

Awana Clubs Sri Lanka

4th January 2017

Dear Friends in Christ (Awana & HBM),

Greetings from Suresh! Thanks for your prayers and Support. We had Hatton SPT one year before and Sis.Mary took part from AOG Kandy. She was the only person who participated and later we took her as TTT.

She was blessed with our training and God gave her a vision to start a children program in a remote village in Kandy. Here mostly Hindus are living and 90% of the children come from Hindu families. It was a challenge for Sis.Mary because parents were not supportive and they would not like to send their children to the programs. By faith she continued in a small for few years' way and she got my advice too. I asked her to continue your good work in a small way and many months before she planned to have a yearend children program.

I was invited as chief guest (our team as Joshua, Anna, Niran & Devi) for the program on 19th December 2016 and a AOG church in Colombo gave gifts to all children. Local church raised funds for the program. Sis.Mary also requested us to do the complete program and gave us 3 hours in the morning hours. We use the God's living Story method and it was a blessed time. Children's parents also came and wanted to play Awana games. Following are the photos taken at the children's program.



We didn't had enough leaders and we divided the children in to 3 groups (Anna, Niran & Devi were handling 3 groups). Sis.Mary had 3 helpers and all of them are Hindus. I asked from the local church to give few leaders or to send them to Colombo to train them, but due to various reasons we couldn't have any

leaders from the local church led the children ministry and finally few Hindu leaders helped us. We train them within few hours to handle the small Groups. This was one of the best ministry and we have seen the God's atoning in a very special way. Later the program Pastor and Sis.Mary thanked us and for all the support given by Awana Sri Lanka. Now many parents are very happy to send their children to Sis.Mary and we hope that they will be able to start a new church there. Children parents also requested us to have Awana games for them and we had for them too. Niran & Anna coordinated the games and Devi helped in the story telling and worship time.



We really thank God for Sis.Mary hard work and the Local Church Pastor who gave the fullest support to this program. We are glad that they have decided to send around 3 leaders from Kandy AOG church to our Nuwara-Eliya SPT in January 2017. May God bless you

In Christ,

Preman Suresh Appathurai