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World Changers

“ For you will be a witness for Him to all men of what you have seen and heard.” Acts 22:15 NAS

The Holy Spirit is moving in the earth in unprecedented ways. God, as promised, is pouring out His Spirit upon all mankind...our sons and daughters prophesy of Him. We know this to be true, because it is happening before our very eyes. In Thailand, we see the young and old, longing to pray, and hungry for worship. Learning to find their place in the presence of the Living God.

At IHOP Kansas City, (International House of Prayer,) there is a generation of young and old, who come to this place just to pray, and to worship. Some, take it a step further and go into the YWAM program there, to be sent on global outreach and service. They are remarkable both in their eagerness to serve as well as their humility. They will go far and do mighty things.

In Minneapolis we have met with a generation of Hmong/Lao Americans, young people whose hunger for God and enthusiasm for worship has us set our calendars to be with them every August seeking God.

In Pittsburgh, it has been our joy to be part of a group of young people completely sold out to seeking after the presence of God, and who pray, earnestly, for others. Sometimes they will set aside entire weekends to just being together, praying, singing, reading God's word. Becoming world changers.



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These are world changers, all. They are not interested in the status quo. They keep us sharp with their many questions, laughing, at their infectious joy, and shaking our heads with wonder at their love for us. They are

reaching out to us to love them and walk with them. Not passing a baton...but carrying it, together, so that a lost and dying world can know Him...and the power of His resurrected life. Lord!! We are grateful to You in these days, that You are sending out Your laborers into the harvest...and that You are enabling us to go....together...to be world changers.



Debbie Ecker

Vice President
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How to Pray for Thailand

This is an urgent call out for our friends to pray for Thailand. Thailand sits at a crucial stage in its history. As one who is careful to keep up on the news, it has been alarming to see the anger that once again is besetting this ordinarily peaceful country. Deeper and deeper divisions between political parties is occurring. Several years ago this anger and bitterness boiled over to violence. Nearly 100 were killed, thousands injured, and untold property damage occurred. Somehow, Thailand managed to bring herself back to a place of sanity,

elections were held, and peace ensued. However, the underlying divisions still exist, as well as a deep distrust between the opposing groups. Once again, Bangkok is besieged by protesters, blocking the streets, holding up commerce. Once again, anger is growing.

HERE IS HOW YOU CAN BEST PRAY FOR THAILAND:

Pray for the leaders of this country, on both sides, that the Lord will touch their hearts and give them wisdom. Please

pray that violence does NOT break out. No more loss of life. Pray for wise leadership who can guide the two opposing sides to a place where they can discuss and decide how best to move this great country forward

Finally, pray for God to use His church as a place of blessing, peace, and healing during these troubled times. Thank you for praying!



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Equipping Harvest Workers

Together, with Frontier Harvest Ministries, we will equip harvest workers in China & in Myanmar in 2014.

This year holds much promise as together with Frontier Harvest Ministries (*Chuck & Wendy Lenhart & their Team*) we will equip harvest workers in remote places in China and in Myanmar in 2014.

This month begins the process as we conduct trainings in Myanmar February 17 - 28. The trainings will take place in areas bordering China in the north - northeast region of the country.

Myanmar, (*formerly known as Burma*) is located in Southeast Asia bordering: Thailand, Laos, China, India and Bangladesh, has a population of around 52 million people. 80% of the population are Buddhist, 6.5 % are

Christian. The rest of the population is a mixture of Hindu, & other. We are excited to have this opportunity to further equip those who are serving Christ in places like these. Next up is China later this year.

You, too, can have a part in the training and sending of harvest workers this year as you pray and / or send a financial gift. We are thankful for the Lord's provision being expressed through you each month. With your help, the nations are being reached.

Thank you for doing your part.



Dan Ecker
President
Firstlight International



WAYS TO PRAY:

- 1. Health & Safety as we travel and teach.**
- 2. Holy Spirit led times of impartation, equipping, teaching and training.**
- 3. Multiplied & Remaining fruit among those being trained.**

Top Stories ...

■ Reaching Children & Families - Families Without Fathers (FWF) is touching lives ...

What a precious sight to behold! This is one of many weekly home visits that are taking place among 86 children from fatherless homes in 6 locations this year. Each month children and families like these are receiving items like: eggs, breakfast drink mix, noodle packets, soup, shampoo and toothpaste along with school fees and related supplies twice a year. **PTL!**



An FWF weekly home visit in Seka

■ Philippines Disaster Relief - Helping those rebuild their lives ...

The affects of typhoon Haiyana that swept through the central region of the Phillipines in early November 2013 was devastating. Hundreds of thousands were without power, shelter, food and water. One week after the storm hit, Firstlight International was there to help. Hundreds received aid on the northern end of the island of Cebu and on the island of Bantayon in central Phillipines. **Thankful to be a part of bringing them hope!**



Bringing hope to the hopeless

■ Community Christmas Outreaches in Thailand - Sharing Christ in 6 locations ...



Sharing Christ during Christmas

Over Christmas, our Firstlight Fellowship Churches held Community Christmas outreaches in six locations in Thailand: 3 in the Nong Bua Lam Phu province, 2 in the Seka district, and 1 in the Khon Kaen area. **PTL!** There were those who came to Christ in each location as the message of the true meaning of Christmas was proclaimed during this special time of year! **Joy to the world, the Lord has come!**

■ Moving forward in 2014 ...

In Hot Pursuit!

I am both excited and challenged as I think about all that we are believing God to accomplish in 2014.

By God's grace and through His provision, we will continue to embrace children and families from fatherless homes across Thailand through Families Without Fathers, (FWF). Our Firstlight Area Teams are providing weekly home visits to every child and family involved in the program and the results are amazing. We thank God for the lives of those who are being touched with the gospel each month.

Through the network of the Firstlight Fellowship Churches in Thailand, we are touching the lives of hundreds in six locations where Firstlight is planting churches. Growing the leadership base in every church is essential in 2014. Regular trainings are taking place to make that happen.

With a passion for His presence burning within us, and an ever growing hunger for His word, we continue to seek the Lord for His plans and strategies to reach nations. 2014 will prove to be a remarkable year for reaching others for Christ in the places where we serve.

Join us each month in prayer and in finance. *Thank you!*



Dan Ecker

President
Firstlight International

Reaching China's Harvest

Yes, God has an army that is being raised up and scattered all through the land. This year we are planning four major sendings in Inner Mongolia, Southern Si Chuan, Tibetan region, and also among the Mosuo people.

We are planning on sending 100 foot soldiers for Christ in every sending.

The purpose is to bring start up breakthrough and then heavy follow up in discipleship training and mentoring the locals to carry things to the next level.

Raising locals up so that they take

ownership of the great commission for their own people and region is one of our main goals in any church plant.

This is one of the things on our most important lists to do. Once we have a core of strong leaders in a location, then we can build from there.

As leaders develop, the church gets bigger and bigger. In the countryside we normally grow our churches to a hundred people or so, and then break off to a new home and do like wise.

Pray that the breakthrough anointing is

on our teams as they are sent forth into the great harvest fields of ethnic Buddhist influenced peoples.

Pray the blinders of religion would fall off their eye's so that they can see the glorious light of Jesus Christ!



Chuck Lonhart

Missionary
President
Frontier Harvest Ministries

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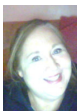
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On a personal note ...

What an exciting time to be in Thailand! As the country grows restless in political troubles, so we are praying, praying, praying for breakthroughs and open hearts to the gospel of peace. Christ's love satisfies the longing soul and creates a well spring of life in every heart. Our times of refreshing in the States were precious. We had time with our families, our parents, our son. We also reconnected with the different households of new young missionaries that God is raising up from so many places. What a great time to be young, and to know Jesus!! (not that WE are young...hahaha...but we count it an honor to be found, so often among the young who are preparing their lives for ministry.) It was also a precious time to reconnect with our home church, as well as some of our supporting churches. We are a tremendous team. When I see the scope and impact of Firstlight, I am aware of each and every one of you. Together, we are *World Changers!!*



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“ But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.”

Matt. 6:6 NKJ

■ This months Prayer Points ...

- 1. Divine Favor for all that Firstlight is seeking to accomplish this year.**
- 2. Lasting Fruit from every area of service rendered.**
- 3. God's abundant provision in 2014.**