



## March 2015 News

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# It Takes a Team

**“How could one chase a thousand, And two put ten thousand to flight, Unless their Rock had sold them, And the Lord had given them up?” Duet. 32:30 NAS**

I have often heard it said that many hands make light work. And its true!

We have found that the more people or hands that we have helping us to complete the task that the Lord has called us to, lighter the load has become.

I can remember in the early days when we were just starting out. It seemed as if the dream was so big and at times, we even wondered if it would ever come to pass. Even before Josiah was born (*he is now 23 years old and completing his fourth year of collage*) Debbie and I had already been on five continents and close to twenty countries. That was before Thailand and the work that we have been pioneering for the past fifteen years. It's amazing just how far we've come and how faithful the Lord really is.

Through the years, we are learning that even through a small team or with a faithful few, much can be accomplished. We have proven the 80/20 principle time and time again which teaches that in most cases, eighty percent of the resources are being provided by twenty percent of the people. Which also proves something that we've learned long ago: Little is much when God is in it! As the years have gone by we have experienced the Lord's incredible

faithfulness to meet our every need and to grow the work in a way that honors Him.

And now as we look at the future, the support team that we now have needs to grow to meet the challenges that we are being faced with.

As with every work or ministry, there are growing needs. And the same is true with the work of Firstlight International. One of our 'faith goals' this year, is to add fifty new prayer, and financial support team partners.

Our average monthly gift to Firstlight is \$55.00 dollars. These fifty new support team partners will help to take up the slack and provide \$2,750.00 in new financial support each month. This will enable us to maintain and expand our commitments now, and in the years to come.

Will you help us to find these fifty new support team partners this year? Join us in prayer as we ask the Lord to speak to fifty new people to join our team in 2015. Two are better than one and if one can chase a thousand, then two can put ten thousand to flight! It takes a *growing* team!



DAN ECKER  
President  
Firstlight International

## Breakthrough Prayer

In a full time or called to ministry such as Firstlight International, we can group the prayer-needs in 4 areas: Open Doors, Workers, Fruit and Finances. When we pray we enter the spiritual realm -hence praying in the spirit--this brings spiritual answers. The Bible says the atmosphere of praise and worship brings God into our midst and gives us access to the Father's ear.

When Dan, Debbie, the Board, and you meet an obstacle in the work we pray. We have prayed many years for the open door in Thailand. Because of visa issues, Dan and Debbie had to leave the country every 3 months in the first couple of years at their own expense to get a new visas. They had to pray for the finances to even do that. They had to pray that they

wouldn't be denied. Today they have their own Thai organization (*Firstlight Foundation*) and can get long term visas without worry. They have been faithful and God has given them fruit in the land. Many have become Christians and churches have been established. We don't take this for granted. This is breakthrough prayer--open doors, workers, fruit, and finance. Now they are working in Laos, Myanmar and China praying and teaching on a regular basis. They have become a place in God where others can grow their faith and see breakthroughs with their help and testimony. Their fruit is having breakthrough prayer.

You may think this sounds pretty easy unless you have tried the discipline of a life of prayer and know the

distractions and warfare of the flesh. Please take some time to pray with Firstlight International for breakthroughs in prayer as they walk in the nations to see open doors to souls, workers to harvest, fruit that changes nations and finances to get it done.

I thank Dick Eastman, President of Every Home For Christ and author of The Hour That Changes the World, I thank the Holy Spirit for His fruit and gifts found in Galatians 5 and I Corinthians 12. With faith and patience we inherit the promises of God!



ELLIE GEPPERT  
Board Member  
Firstlight International

## Firstlight Fellowship Church Network - Thailand ... Our Annual Family Camp

I love to see these types of events take place each year in Thailand. It's a time when as many of our members as possible gather on an annual basis from five locations. Each year the numbers are close to 200 in attendance from eight churches - 5 from our Firstlight Fellowship Church Network, and 3 partnership or guest churches from the region. Extended times of worship and prayer. Workshops and amazing learning opportunities for children and adults alike. Last year 25 kids were water baptized! PTL!

What started out as a Families Without Fathers (FWF) Project Camp, in six years has grown into a regional Family Church Camp for our Firstlight Fellowship Churches, and more! Join us in prayer March 31st thru April 3rd for this amazing event. Lives will be changed!



DAN ECKER  
President  
Firstlight International



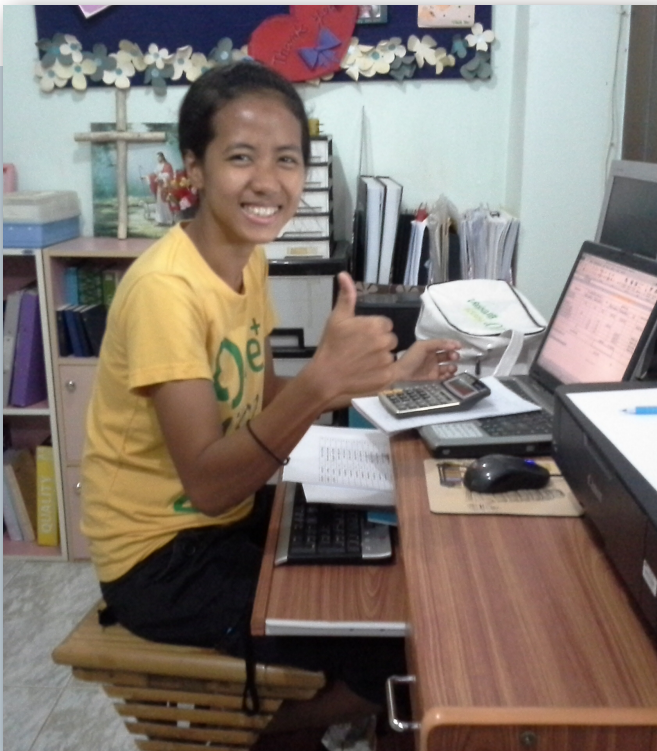


## Top Stories - *Learning how to follow the Lord*



Almost immediately after a person receives the Lord in Thailand, someone from one of our Firstlight Fellowship Churches establishes communication with them as the process of discipleship begins. We try our best to help each new believer to grow in their relationship with the Lord. Bibles are distributed and selected passages of scriptures are taught, read, and memorized that pertain to: the assurances of salvation, prayer, forgiveness, faith, the Person of the Holy Spirit, and what it means to walk with the Lord. We encourage witnessing to their family and friends and to testify to what the Lord is doing in their lives. For some, it might take awhile but before to long they, too, are amazed at the change that has taken place in their lives. We thank God for the lives being changed!

## Top Stories - *Preparing for FWF in 2015*



This is the time of year during March, April and May, when our Firstlight Area Teams begin to put together the numbers for the Families Without Fathers (FWF) project in Thailand. Annual reviews of the previous year are conducted to learn how to better serve the needs of the families being reached. Our goal in 2015 is to reach 100 kids in the locations where the FWF project is being performed. So far we are reaching close to 80 kids from fatherless homes in seven locations in six main provinces.

Please pray for each of our Area Teams as plans are being formed. Pray, too, as we look to the Lord for His provision of \$20,000 to meet our annual FWF project budget in 2015. If you are able, please send a special financial gift to help this month. Designate for: FWF.



Greetings in Jesus Firstlight Global Family. It is our privilege to share with you about the "Siam Miracle" and to have your prayers going up on behalf of Thailand's future.

The Siam Miracle is a united core of Thai fathers, mothers and leaders committed to righteous stability in the Kingdom of Thailand, and its prosperity and health for both now and future generations. The Siam Miracle is centered on God's miraculous promise in Malachi 4:5-6 –

**"And he (the Spirit of God) will turn the hearts of the fathers to**

**the children, and the hearts of the children to the fathers..."**

The Siam Miracle has one goal - To make Thailand's future a testimony to all nations. To see this become a reality, the Siam Miracle is dedicated to reaching the nation's core: the Family Unit- fathers, mothers and their children. The Siam Miracle is committed to effectively impact individual families and church bodies, and expand God's miraculous promise in Malachi 4 into every region of Thailand. Together, the Siam Miracle's vision is to bring the Gospel to families and communities, and establish Godly leadership in

homes all for the cause of Thailand's future generations. Firstlight family, we are so thankful for your prayers!

**"Those from among you will build the old waste places; You will raise up the foundations of many generations; You will be called the Repairer of the Breach, the Restorer of Streets to dwell in."**

**Isaiah 58:12** United for His Kingdom Come in Thailand,



JOHN PAUL SPRECHER  
President  
Forerunner Flame Intl.

## On A Personal Note



It occurs to me that next month, April, I have been a mother for over 24 years. 24 years ago Josiah Daniel James Ecker came into this world, for us to love him, to know him, to raise him and to grow him. And to put his tiny little hand into the hand of the One who knit him together in my womb. Dan and I love this young man SO much!! This spring we celebrate two major happenings in our family: 1. Dan was given an honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree from a seminary in Myanmar, and 2. Josiah graduates from Seattle Pacific University with a Bachelor of Science in Psychology. Both of these men have worked SO hard for these special days, through many obstacles. And I just want to take a moment to honor BOTH of them and say, I.AM.SO.PROUD.OF.YOU. They make me proud to know them. I can see SO much of Dan in Josiah, in a dogged determination to complete tasks, accomplish goals. And to finish well. More than that, I see his father's kindness and concern for others, which I know the Lord will use to guide Josiah into the future He has prepared for him. Thank you, LORD for the two special men. And thank you for bringing them safely to these special days in both of their lives. Our little family is blessed!



DEBBIE ECKER  
Vice President  
Firstlight International

## Prayer Points

**"May He grant you your heart's desire And fulfill all your counsel [or purpose]"**  
Psalms 20:4 NAS

### Please pray for:

1. Pray for John Paul Sprecher and the Siam Miracle. (pg. 4 above)
2. For lives to be changes during our annual Church Camp this month! (pg.2)
3. For our the preparations for our FWF 2015 project budget \$20,000 needed!
4. God's abundant provision for Firstlight International during the 1st quarter of 2015.