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Missions 101

“And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.” Matthew 24:14 NKJ

We live in a most wondrous age. An idea can go from an image in one's mind, to an image or an article written and then released, via waves we cannot see, to everywhere. There has never, and I do mean, NEVER been a time like it on planet earth. No not ever.

Unlimited communication. Unlimited access. An unlimited Message from a Limitless God. Whose ONLY passion...was to love us, and to save us.

In this wildly individualistic age, so many are searching for identity. The world pulls apart and comes together so quickly, it can make your head spin and your heart shake. Never has there been such a quest to 'Know Your Passion', demonstrated both through bestselling books about Purpose and Passion, down to the most foolish Facebook Quizzes: "What is your inner Disney Princess?"

Seeking, yearning, searching....but not finding. Not where we are looking. What is my purpose? I have been created in the image of Boundless Love, to live a life that brings honor to the One who formed me, and to be a bridge for others to easily board and cross that they can come into such a great Love as well.

What, then, should be my Passion? My passion should be HIS passion. The Bible teaches me, that if I say I love God, that I will obey Him, and that it will not be difficult for me to do that.

How do I obey God? First, Jesus taught the most simple commandment. Love God, then love each other. How do we show this honoring love? He instructed us to care for the poor, the hungry, to visit the sick and imprisoned. And then, at the end of His time on earth in His resurrected flesh, He gave one last request. One last command. A commission. A Great Commission.

Go. To everywhere. To everyone. And tell them. Tell them that the God who created the world and indeed created them, loves them, LOVES them. Sent His only Son to die for them. Came to bring them healing, hope and eternal life. Boundless Love revealed in hearts around the world.

To everywhere. To everyone. He did not say if it was convenient. He did not say if it was easy, or if we were not too busy. His command was simple. Go

Our enduring passion is to carry in our hearts those who have never yet once heard His life giving Name. Jesus. Our desire is to multiply this passionate love into others, that His final Great Commission can be completed. For this is Missions 101. A Boundless Love for everyone, everywhere.



DEBBIE ECKER
Vice President
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Awakened & Positioned for the Harvest

Living in Asia, I have the honor to see God waking up godly men and women in various countries to their kingdom assignments. Yet there are still many born-again believers who are half-awake spiritually. They have accepted salvation through Jesus Christ. They attend services, read the Bible, and may even be leaders in the church. They may sense or have been taught about the Kingdom of God, but its constructs and impacts are very minor concerns. The analogy is this: why get up early on a Saturday morning if there are no pressing things to wake up to? It is not just a matter of more people waking up to the reality of the Kingdom of God, but receiving our individual kingdom assignment so we can stay awake and be positioned for the harvest!

We tend to talk about the things we love. We talk about our husband or wife, friends, sports, and hobbies. We also talk

of things that concern us such as politics, finances, and business. But how often do we speak of lost souls? How much concern do we have each day for the multitudes still waiting in the gap, the harvest perishing in the fields?

When we recognize our personal responsibility to the multitudes in the gap and the vision of the harvest bursts into our spirit, then we become part of a special network. This network is a group of believers from many nations who have joined together to TRANSFORM the world through the eyes of God and fulfill His plan to spread the Gospel.

This is why it is such a privilege to be part of the FIRSTLIGHT network. Teams of international co-workers are planting churches, developing educational, health care, business, and agricultural projects, as well as the international intercessors who

are penetrating the entire world through prayer. While some areas may be "closed" countries due to political reasons, but there are no limits recognized by God. When the "front door" closes to a nation, so to speak, there is always a "back door." The kingdom harvest cannot be stopped by governments.

Be awakened and positioned to catch the vision of an unlimited world. Look at the harvest fields. Weep over the cities as Jesus did. See the world through the eyes of God. His vision is global and His purpose is eternal from the foundations of the world.



YC CHEN
Board Member
Firstlight International

Ministry News

Breakthrough Prayer for Pioneer Church Planting: It's their turn now!

In the region of northern Myanmar, the Lord has opened up to us a wide door for effective service and certainly the adversaries are many. (1 Cor. 16:9) Would you join your hands in helping us to reach them? Place your hand on the map to the right and join us in prayer, that the Pulang people will be reached! Speak breakthroughs over them!

The Bible teaches and our experience confirms that breakthrough prayer is needed to enforce Christ's victory for defeating the unseen forces of this dark age: (Eph. 6:10-12, Col.1:13, 2:15, Eph. 3:8) followed by our going there to preach the Gospel. The two go hand in hand (*prayer & evangelism*) you can't have one without the other. Beginning in May 2015, a strategy for reaching the Pulang people has begun. (See Top Stories pg.3.)



DAN ECKER
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Top Stories - *Pulang People are Being Reached!*

The Pulang training and sending in northern Myanmar last month went well. After three days of intense training 55 national co-workers were sent out in five man teams, for a total of 11 groups. Each team were equipped with area maps, gospel tracts, VCD MP3 recordings, picture booklets showing the story of Creation, and the Good News of Jesus. They preached the gospel and prayed for the sick.

In five days, they went to a total of 48 villages in ten target areas. No one ever heard about Jesus in the villages where they went. Most teams were warmly welcomed into the homes of many of the Pulang people, and the last count was that 32 have accepted Christ! Praise God! Please remember to pray for Luke & Jennive Fish, our host couple who are leading this great work.



Top Stories - *Church Planting in Thailand*



This month we are happy to report that the follow up process on the 51 who came to Christ in Khon Kaen, Thailand is going well. Not only are these being followed up on, but MORE ARE COMING TO CHRIST!

Over the past five months our Firstlight Area Teams and Network churches have been working on a plan for the follow up to plant a cluster of new believer cells to see a network of house churches emerge in the region. Here are the groups so far: Kok Sumran district, 3 villages 20 people, Nong Saeng district 3 villages 20 people, Non Somboon district 3 villages 17 people and Ampoer Nong Song Hong 15 people. Praise God! That's 3 districts, 9 villages and 72 people who are meeting regularly for worship, the Word, fellowship, teaching, training and more! You, too, have a part in reaching them! Amen!

ThaiLights - *Generation of Destiny*

Dear Firstlight Family: It was our supreme honor to partner with you in Thailand, this past Fall to reach the daughters and sons of Thailand!

Our whole family (*including my wife Paula who is with child, and our four children*) traveled to the Northeast Thailand cities of Nong Khai, Nong Bua Lam Bu, and Suwankhunha to reach Thai teens and families hungry for hope in Jesus. Our family has lived in Thailand for a total of 3 ½ years of our marriage. Our hearts burn to see Thai people, who are held captive by thousands of years of demonic strongholds and traditions, set free to have a relationship with their true and living Father God.

On this trip we were able to reach over 1,200 youth face to face with the Gospel! Hundreds of these precious kids received Jesus Christ during this trip and began a new life in a relationship with God!

Many of these teens had never heard the story of who Jesus was. Many had no idea of their worth and value in God's sight. These "Young Lions" meetings as we called them, changed all that! Reveling Jesus opened their eyes to God's love for them and the purpose for their lives. We were also able to give 700+ "Young Lions Arise" books to help encourage and inspire these young lives to radically love and follow Jesus for a lifetime. Many inner and outer healings and

deliverances took place in the teens, and also in the hearts of fathers, mothers and leaders who God is raising up. God is raising up *this generation* in order to raise up a *new generation* of Thai children who whole-heartedly belong to Father God. It truly is amazing to watch God's plan and strategy for this nation unfold!

Thank you Dan, Debbie and Firstlight for the opportunity to serve with you. We are ready to join hands again for even MORE!



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Featured Article

On A Personal Note



I'm still here! These past several months has proven to be a most remarkable time in our lives. Leading up to the third date for Debbie's surgery, I should have known that I would be changing my dates for Asia, or I would have to postpone my trip to China, Myanmar and Thailand till March. Many of you may have heard the story of Debbie's vision (s) that she saw on August 16, 2015 of the surgeon's hand being removed three times and sure enough, it happened just as she saw it! Three times she saw the knife pushed aside by a BIGGER Hand, and three times her scheduled date for surgery changed! However, we have learned time and time again that the Lord's timing is perfect in all things. And that no matter what happens He always has our best interest in mind. He's a Good, Good Father! So on February 1, 2016 Debbie was operated on for a complete hysterectomy and everything went wonderfully well. On the day of her discharge, she was given the test results and the FINAL REPORT SHOWS NO CANCER! On that same day, in August, she saw another vision, of what looked like a glowing uterus - clean, bright, and radiant with light. In other words, no cancer! Which that, too, turned out to be exactly what she saw. The D&C test on



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December 9, 2015 said there was cancer. Now there is none! His Name is JESUS! Thank you all for your prayers! Amen!

Featured Item

Prayer Points

"You will also decree a thing, and it will be established for you; And light will shine on your ways." Job 22:28 NAS

Please pray for:

1. Pulang church planting outreach follow up. (Top Stories pg.3)
2. Firstlight Fellowship Church Network - Thailand (Top Stories pg.3)
3. For our the preparations for our FWF 2016 project 1st term budget \$10,000 needed!
4. God's abundant provision for Firstlight Intl., during the 1st quarter of 2016.