



## August 2017 News

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## New Wine

**“No one puts new wine into old wineskins; else the wine burst the skins and both the wine and the skins be lost.” Mark 2:22 NIV**

A fire is being born in the earth. A hunger for God. This hunger doesn't look like what we'd expect. In fact, older saints often find themselves shocked, disturbed, even uncomfortable with the expressions of this fire, this longing, this passion. "Too much!" "Too long!" "Too loud!" "Too emotional!" These are the comments sometimes heard from those who are observing this outpouring. It is the outcry of the old wineskin, protesting the mess, the noise, the gassiness of the new. The new wine barely notices and continues to pour out all over everything, everywhere. Because this hunger is so great; the outcry of the lost and the broken is so loud it rises over all objections.

The Jesus People appeared in the 60's during a time of great generational struggle. Hair grew long; and blue jeans and army jackets became a uniform for both male and female. Drugs and sex flowed freely, hurting many and destroying lives. Street preachers began to reach out to these lost ones on the path to nowhere. To everyone's surprise many opened up their hearts to the love Jesus! By the hundreds of thousands they came. Laughing. Happy. High on Jesus. Healed of addictions. Singing their new songs with their guitars and their new rock beat. Contemporary worship as it is known to this very day. Some of the older generation wanted these new young lives to change outwardly as well as inwardly. The old wineskin was very uncomfortable with

this new wine ... and often tried to get it to 'settle down.'

In the mid 1990's there were again rumblings of something new the Spirit of God was doing in the earth. Healings. Deliverance. Repentance. Salvations and...what?? Laughter? Laughter? What on earth? Tears were all right, tears we understand. But laughter? Laughter it was. As usual, the Holy Spirit was not asking anyone's permission how He should manifest Himself to the hungry and hurting. He poured out without measure. We called it the Toronto Blessing, and John Arnott, the pastor who oversaw that revival told us that they stopped counting at 4 million people who came through their doors. Virtually every nation on the earth was affected.

Now, the hungry are coming again with tattoo's and piercings and marijuana tee shirts. They are fermenting, fast and messy. Gassier than ever before. They can worship and pray for untold hours. They do not grow tired of going after God and even the most fervent of us must dig deep to go with them. Oh! But when we do, we can feel our old wine being refreshed into new. Yes, please Lord. I want to drink the new wine of Your Spirit! Fill my cup, Lord! I lift it up!



WRITTEN BY  
DEBBIE ECKER

## The Lord of the Harvest!



WRITTEN BY  
CHUCK LENHART

The Lenhart family are doing well here in China. As

a family, we relocated back to China in May of this year. We are presently living in the city of Chengdu in Sichuan province. Everyone is doing well and we are happy to be here. It's all about Jesus.

I often tell our ministers that the Lord of the Harvest is more important than the harvest, and that the worker in the harvest is more important than the work. At the end of the day, all the Glory, Honor, and Praise belong to the Lord!

As Dan & Debbie continue to labor in Thailand, and the nations surrounding it, the work of Firstlight marches forward effecting Buddhist influenced peoples in many sectors of society. Together with a nation team of co-workers, they are busy establishing churches, training leaders, and helping the poor through many proven projects and ministry platforms. Frontier Harvest Ministries (FHM) are blessed to be partnered with them for church planting in northern Myanmar among the Pulang. We are seeing major breakthroughs among the unreached every month.

These are just a few of the ministry platforms that the Lord has entrusted to Firstlight. Every

month throughout the year we are reminded and thankful for God's goodness, and faithfulness. All of His provisions, power, promises have enabled us to do the very things he has called us to do.

Through the leading of His Spirit Firstlight is purposely driven toward reaching people, and unlocking His destiny to thousands bringing Glory to the King of king, and Lord of lords!

My Firstlight friends, let me remind you that it's all about His purposes being released, His way, His will, and His passions. And when it's all said and done all is Glory given to God, pure radiating Glory flashing back at the King!

### Ministry News TOP STORY

## Church Planting News: Myanmar

**A harvest is being reached in remote places like these**



WRITTEN BY  
DAN ECKER

Luke and Jennive Fish are our host couple that is leading this work. Together with a national team of 15 plus coworkers, they are presently caring for 25 children at risk in what we call the Harvest Children's Home. They are

bringing the light of the gospel into over 48 remote villages of the Pulang in northern Myanmar. The reports each month are encouraging. People are coming to Christ as we seek to establish a beachhead for the gospel, as a small cluster of house churches are being formed.

Village evangelism like this is taking place every month throughout the year. I was just with this group earlier in March. We trained close to 60 gospel workers for a 10 day sent out. The plan was that after a week of intense training to spend the next ten days preaching the gospel in small teams of threes, and fours in selected areas - village to village, and house to house to share Christ. Through efforts like these, the Kingdom is advancing!

Thank you for helping to make all of this possible! Your prayers and financial giving each month is helping to reach them. Firstlight project budget for this Myanmar work is \$42,000 a year.



## Breakthrough Prayers over Thailand



Last month we stood at several locations in six major cities of Thailand, to pray and to intercede. One of those places happened to be Nakhorn Si Thammarat, in the south where Buddhism first entered Thailand over 700 years ago.

Joanna Perkins Samuels (from Thailand) and Dan Taylor from the U.S. lead this part of the prayer journey to pray over key sights around the city while another team went up to Sukhothai, Thailand's first capital city. The reports from both places were encouraging. We prayed two more days in Bangkok, and then we moved on to Pattaya.

One of the highlights was a 36 hour prayer lock-in held in the city of Pattaya consisting of extended times of worship and prayer, repentance identifications, where hidden things were revealed, prophetic acts performed, future promises received, and prophetic declarations made to set Thailand back on a course of God's intended purpose! Thailand's time is now!

## More Training at the Z-Gen Church



I (Dan) cannot tell you how refreshing it is to stand before a congregation of young Thai adults of the Five Fold Ministry Church (Z-Gen Church) in Chonburi, Thailand. Their hunger for God fills me with encouragement! Pastored by Daniel Manusak, and his wife Ooy - together with a ministry team of people they are establishing a Five Fold Ministry Church movement among university students in seven major districts of Thailand. Over the past two years the Z - Gen Church in Chonburi has grown to two services on Sunday and several daughter churches in the area. We are so BLESSED to be invited into this group of churches to provide teaching, training, and spiritual parenting to several core leaders of this work.

Thank you, John Paul Sprecher for helping us to make this connection. The Z-Gen Church have captured the Father's heart and they are hungry for MORE of Him!

## Declaring the Lord's Decree



WRITTEN BY  
DAN ECKER

If there is one portion of scripture that has captured my attention for

the time and season that we find ourselves in, it would be Psalms chapter two.

Even though this Psalm was written so many years ago, it would appear that what is being said is a description of our day. And it could be said of many other times in history also - there is nothing new under the sun.

In this chapter the nations and the rulers of the earth are plotting together against the Lord, and against His anointed One, Christ. (v.1-3) They are angry. They plot. They conspire

together. They make worthless plans. And it says that they are saying: "Let us break their chains," they cry, "and free ourselves from slavery to God." NLT

These first three verses are all about man: *(the world; the kings of the earth, the rulers of the nations)* trying to throw off the Sovereignty of God! Or they are trying to break themselves free from God's authority and ultimately from His eternal Plan. Well, guess what guys: News Flash - It won't work!

The Lord still rules from Heaven, He laughs, He rebukes, and He terrifies them. (v.4) Then at this point in the Psalm it changes slightly. The Lord declares in (v.6) that He has established His King, *(at that time David, and then referring to eternal reign of Jesus)* from a throne in Jerusalem and that the King

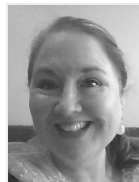
who God has established proclaims the Lord's decree (v.7). And then it says what the Lord's decree is: "The Lord said to me, 'You are my son. Today I have become your Father.'"

WOW! The Lord's decree is the whole message of the Bible. You are My son, *(child)* and today I have become your Father. Only two times in the entire New Testament where God spoke audibly from Heaven. The first time was at Jesus's water baptism Luke 3:20,21 *(this is My Son, in whom I am well pleased)* and Mark 9 *(this is My Son, hear ye him)* at the Mount of Transfiguration.

This is the message and a decree that is coming out of Heaven today, and then it says in (v.8) 'Only ask!' NLT. It's time to declare the Lord's decree and ASK for the nations as our inheritance.

## To Worship You I Live

*On a personal note!*



WRITTEN BY  
DEBBIE ECKER

Weddings, weddings and more weddings! Right before we left for our extended trip to Thailand, we were blessed to be part of our dear niece's wedding the end of June. As we arrived back to

the US the beginning for August, we are rejoicing to be able to attend weddings of very precious people nearly every weekend in the month! All we have known since they were children. Some we met through ministry with their parents others are family (another niece, Mary Ecker, is getting married on August 12th). The last wedding we will celebrate, which will actually be in September in Seattle is that of our dear son, Josiah and his beloved McKenna. Their date is Sept. 9th and I know that between now and there will be a whirlwind both for them and for us until that day. Dan is so blessed that they have asked him to officiate. A precious privilege and one I know we all will cherish. So on that note: Viva L'amore!! Hahaha. I will also be celebrating my 60th birthday this month! 60 years young! If anyone would have told me at twenty that I would be doing the things we do with the people we do them with at 60??? I would have thought they were nuts! Instead...I am completely amazed, utterly grateful and so, so humbled. Thank you all for your love, and your prayers and your generous support through the years. With God continuing to pour out the New Wine, we are refreshed and will continue on! Amen!!

## Prayer Points

**"Ask of Me, and I will surely give the nations as Your inheritance, And the very ends of the earth as Your possession." Psalm 2:8 NAS**

**Please pray for:**

1. Continued prayer for the Pulang work in northern Myanmar. (see pg. 2)
2. For our Firstlight projects and ministry platforms.
3. For Thailand's breakthrough moment.
4. God's abundant provision for Firstlight International during the 3rd quarter of 2017.