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Heaven's Mandate

“Your Kingdom come. Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven.” Matthew 6:10 NAS

Heaven's mandate is when God's will manifests here on earth, even as it is in heaven. It is when the Kingdom of God interacts with the lives of men and women around the world in real time and in tangible ways. Revivals, we've called them. Outpourings has been another word. 'This move of God,' we are saying now.

Every morning worship service, every prayer meeting, every gathering of God's people seems electrified with the presence of God. Sometimes those who gather cry out, with tears and prayers and exclamations as they sense His great, big, loving heart drawing near to them. Sometimes there are eruptions of giggles and chuckles, yes and sometimes delighted laughter. Laughter that such a great and mighty God would come so close to us. We can scarcely take it all in.

During such visitations eruptions of full hearted praise and adoration can be heard pouring through the church windows. Other times hundreds, even thousands of people fall silent, quiet weeping and sighs the only sounds.

This is the day of the Lord. This is the time of His calling to the hearts of mankind to come to Him. These moments are not made up. The healings are real and stand up to the scrutiny of surgeons and doctors. The deliverances from drugs and

alcohol turn darkness to light in the lives of entire families who once dwelt in great darkness and sorrow together.

Heaven's Mandate is real! There is no fake here. There are not any who seek to be seen or known. Every heart is intent only on Jesus being seen and heard. For it is the Holy Spirit who points us to Jesus. Who teaches us how to worship Him. Who gives us the strength to obey Him, even when that obedience will cost us everything. It is the Holy Spirit who guides us into paths of righteousness for His name sake. And it is the Comforter, the Holy Spirit, who is the Gift the Father promised to pour out onto all flesh at the day of His coming.

Our Firstlight Family, I have a sense that the urgency and praying and crying out in heaven is being met and matched by the cries of rage and anguish, longing and spiritual hunger rising from the earth to the heavens. Jesus taught us to pray, "Thy Kingdom come **THY WILL BE DONE**, on earth as it is in heaven."

What does that look like? Beloved, I believe we are seeing it now. Amen.



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Direct Impact church planting is the major reason that causes

Apostolic Breakthrough Moments to occur. By hearing from God where to go, and who to connect with in the harvest, brings you directly to the front line of the mission field to see where, and how God wants to move in a particular people, and region.

In the world today the church is established in every major city, in millions of districts, counties and rural areas. However, in between the body of Christ across the world; there are millions of unreached peoples who await the gospel. Although they may live near a region that has churches; many of them are still without Christ. The biggest reason for this

is because many local churches living near unreached peoples lack vision for the harvest, and funds to do something significant. Let me give you an example of this. Four years back Frontier Harvest Ministries, and Firstlight Intl. partnered in a church plant in Northern Myanmar among the 1 million unreached Pulang people who live in close proximity to the body of Christ.

In the city of Lashio near the Pulang people, God led us to a local Christian couple who with very little resources was taking care of twenty children at risk, and trying to reach the Pulang people with little success. After we got to know this couple, and God confirmed to us that the breakthrough was going to take place through this busted, and discussed local couple, we begun to see God raise up supporters to give money to mobilize this couple and

co-workers into the harvest of the Pulang people.

Our Apostolic Breakthrough Moment was at hand! Frontier Harvest Ministries, and Firstlight Intl. led a church planting team into Lashio to do a spire head trip to cast vision and release workers into the harvest. Sixty workers were trained and release to impact the Pulang.

It's been four years now, and this work has grown three times it's size. We are now working in 48 or more Pulang villages, continued new convert training takes place through the year, and a continual flow of church planters are being trained and sent through the year.

The Apostolic snow ball is rolling among the Pulang, everywhere it goes Pulang people are sticking to it and being saved, and set free!

Ministry News
TOP STORY

The Power of Partnerships ... Join us on a Journey to Advance the Kingdom in 2018 and Beyond!



Today begins another twelve month cycle of missionary service with a great team of dedicated people just like you.

Debbie and I are extremely hopeful for what is about to unfold in each of our lives. Your partnership each month in prayer and in finance will produce lasting results for kingdom advancement in the place where we serve.

Throughout this year, we are committed to bring fulfillment to the great commission as we pursue *Global Training Platforms*, provide *Care For Kingdom Families*, and to engage in *Kingdom Advance Partnerships*.

This is being done through a good number of projects like Families Without Fathers (FWF), REAP: Regional Education Assistance Program, and The Firstlight Fellowship Church Network - Thailand. More is being planned for the larger region this year also.

During the first part of 2018, plans are firming up for us to be in Thailand, Myanmar, Laos and India!

Reports Last Month: Global Training Platforms, China

During last month's *Global Training Platforms* that took place in China, with Frontier Harvest Ministries (FHM) our team taught through a good number of training sessions (*4 sessions per day, for three days in one location and 4 sessions per day, for four days in the second location*) as national church planters and leaders gathered from southwest China, and northern Myanmar.

There were moments of heart felt worship and personal testimony sessions. One of the highlights happened on the last day as prayer was offered and personal ministry received. It was a great moment for the Holy Spirit to do His work in the lives of those who came to be filled with power from on high. (See Acts 1:8, Luke 24:47)

Already there is talk of additional training like these for next year as a great harvest is ripening in the region!



Care For Kingdom Families - Project *FWF* & *REAP* in Thailand ...



One of our major goals for 2018 is to grow our *Families Without Fathers (FWF)* project, and Project REAP: *Regional Education Assistance Program* in two new locations in Thailand, by adding 20 children from fatherless homes this year!

The plan is to begin placing these projects in local Thai churches that we are connected with and who have a heart for reaching kids. Already these projects are in operation in four locations across Thailand with close to 50 children being reached each year.

By March of this year, we will introduce these projects in places like Krabi in the south, and Nan province in the north. That will put a Firstlight presences in each of the four main regions of Thailand once again: North, Northeast, Central, and South. Ask the Lord for His abundant provision and grace in each of these locations.

The God Who 'Sees Me'



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In Genesis chapter sixteen we find an amazing story of God's incredible

grace in the life of Hagar, Sarah's maid. As this story begins, we know that Abraham and Sarah were promised: *'and in you, and in your seed, all the families of the earth shall be blessed.'* (See Gen.12:3, 15:1-6)

That promise we know it to be true was to come through the 'promised child' Isaac, *(that was not yet born and talked about more fully in Genesis 17, & 18, and in the N.T. later to be Christ a fulfillment of Abraham seed Gal.3:8,16)* and not through Ishmael that was to come through this story, in Hagar's life as recorded in

Genesis chapter sixteen. *(Even in God's mercy, He blessed Hagar with Ishmael and a promise that a multitude of descendants and twelve kings would come from him. See Gen.16:10-12,17:20)*

Having reached a point of social humiliation, because Sarah had not yet bore Abraham a child, *(she knew God had promised a child but had not yet come)* that Sarah encouraged Abraham to have relations with Hagar her maid, thinking that the Lord would carry out His promise for Abraham to have a child another way. And for some strange reason Abraham agreed. (See Gen.16:2) And has time went on, sure enough Hagar becomes pregnant. Sarah gets even more angry when she finds out and she forces Hagar to leave. Therefore, being forced to leave Hagar flees her mistress and

the angel of the Lord finds her seated by a well. (See Gen.16:7)

Through this dialogue the angel of the Lord confirms that she was indeed pregnant, and she is instructed to go back to her masters household and was told to submit to Sarah's authority once more. (See Gen.16:9-10) And out of appreciation for the mercy she had been shown, Hagar uses another name to refer to the Lord who had spoken to her and she said: "You are the God who sees me." She also said: "Have I truly seen the one who sees me?" (See Gen.16:13) She now knows that the Lord is watching!

Beloved, as we start 2018 I want to encourage you - that the Lord is the God who *sees* you! He knows where you've come from, He knows where you are going, and he knows exactly where you are!

The Lord is with you!

On a personal note ...



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After most of a lifetime of walking with Jesus, I have an abundance of 'favorite' scriptures. "Trust in the Lord with all of your heart and do not lean on your own understanding," was first; and was truly transformative to my young life.

'Godliness with contentment is great gain,' was another I clung to early and enabled me to enjoy life no matter the circumstances. In this upcoming year, I have already been leaning into God for a word. And it is in that leaning in, that a word came to me: 'But this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.' Phil. 3:13b-14. As one who loves to ponder all things that have gone before, I find myself surprised by how strongly my heart is responding to this verse.

For just as 2017 was full of many unprecedented events and situations, I sense that in 2018 we are moving out even more into uncharted waters. Eyes fixed on Jesus. Walking on water at His bidding. His calling to us all is a high calling. The highest. It is an upward call and it is His Hand that upholds us as we all step together into: The Year of the Lord 2018.

Prayer Points

"If you ask Me anything in My name, I will do it."

John 14:14 NAS

1. Ask the Lord to release: Divine Favor, Abundant Finance & Lasting Fruit for Firstlight International in 2018.
2. Increase & breakthroughs in every project, & for each ministry platform.
3. For a fulfillment of Heaven's Mandate and harvest in each location in 2018.