



March 2019 News

Spirit Come

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Look for us:

“Now He who prepared us for this very purpose is God, who gave to us the Spirit as a pledge.” II Corinthians 5:5 NAS

When there comes the time between the seasons, when autumn’s last bright leaf has fallen, when winter’s pristine snowfall is no more. When the last of summer’s warm rays changes to a chill shadowed wind. These are the times when we must stand in hope. Hope of what comes next. I believe that God created the change of seasons to teach us to hope.

Hope is the most basic human instinct. Without hope, we have no will to go on. Without hope, we are listless and undirected. The time in the life of the disciples, between when Jesus was nailed to a cross and hung in derision for all the world to scorn, must have felt like the barrenness of winter before the spring rain. The time after He ascended into heaven, when He sent them to the Upper Room to pray and wait for Him to come to them; to wait for the Spirit to come to them must have felt like the last bit of spring, before the blaze of a hot summer sun.

“Wait for Me there. I will come to you there.”

There are times in the seasons of our lives, when our hope grows dim. The bleakness of our situations can pull our hearts downwards, our glances fall more often upon our trying situations than upon the face of the One Who loves us best. “Why so downcast, O my soul. Put your hope in God.”

Jesus had many names for the Holy Spirit: Teacher, Comforter, the One who convicts the world of sin and of righteousness, Guide. And it is in the promise of the Spirit, that Jesus was able to fulfill His promise to us that He would never, ever leave us or

forsake us. By His Holy Spirit, He is released into His Omnipresence in such a way that all of mankind, everywhere can feel His touch, His power, His love, at the same time. Such is the magnificent Mystery of life in the Holy Spirit.

As we enter one more the Lenten season, where we prepare our hearts to contemplate the great sufferings of Jesus on our behalf through the Passion of the Cross, we are also preparing ourselves to celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost...the birthday of the Church universal!

This past September, Dan had the blessing of prayer-walking down the Via Dolorosa, the Way of Suffering in the streets of Jerusalem. He was able to see each of the Stations of the Cross there, and fully take in each part of that time when Christ, in human form, became sin, so that we could be saved, healed, cleansed and delivered. So that we could be presented faultless and blameless before the Throne of Grace. Cleansed by the blood of the Lamb of God. A worthy vessel for the presence of God by the Holy Spirit. He made us worthy. This is the mystery. This is the divine Gift.

Friend, if you find yourself in a dark and dreary, in between season. Hang on. Hang in there. Surely, He will come to you, like the rain.



WRITTEN BY,
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The Call To LIFE!

Each One Uniquely Chosen and Created by God



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HOW
does
our
human
spirit

which makes each person completely unique enter our bodies and create a new, never been done before human? No copies, no duplicates? Even identical twins, who share DNA, often develop different personality traits likes, dislikes, styles, food and music preferences. We are, each of us, one of a kind!!

In 2016 India began implementing a unique citizen identification program, using biometrics. In that year they were able to enroll over one billion people...NO DUPLICATES!

This uniqueness is the indelible imprint of a loving Creator God putting His divine imprint of each and every one of us. In Psalm 139 it says that we are fearfully and wonderfully made, knit together inside our mothers' wombs.

For this reason ALL human life is sacred. It is to be celebrated, protected, nurtured, and given

room to grow. Each child is heaven sent, with a heaven stamped mandate on his or her life. Their life is a gift to this world and to the generation that they are born to. It is our role, then, as the church, to open our arms, our hearts, and our resources to all children. Firstlight's Families Without Fathers Program is a part of reaching and finding children who need that extra protection, extra attention and mentorship. To be someone to stand alongside them as they grow and become the young men and women whom God has created the gift of their lives to be.

It Takes a TEAM!

We are Grateful for Those Who are Standing with us



Debbie and I would like to express our deep appreciation to those of you are are standing with us in the work of Firstlight International each month. Your part is not taken lightly and we are grateful for the part that you have!

Your prayers and financial giving helps to support the projects and ministry platforms that the Lord is using to advance the Kingdom in places like Thailand, and the nations surrounding it. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!

Please continue to stand with us throughout 2019!

HSM - Eye Care Team in Laos!



We are thankful to partner with His Servants Ministries (HSM) in the country of Laos, last month! This was an amazing week of countless numbers of eye care screenings that took place in rural villages in the southern part of the country.

As you can see from the picture, these types of sun glasses were given out to protect their eyes after eye drops for dilation were given while waiting to see the doctors. As a custom with these HSM teams, hundreds of free readers glasses were handed out as well as quality eye meds to those who needed them most. These Lao villagers were blessed beyond measure by the graciousness of the Lord and from the treatment they received.

Special thanks to Dr. George Rooney and Dr. Fred Martin for the invite for our Firstlight Thailand Team to participate. Your commitment for the cause of Christ in places like these is remarkable!

Conference Highlights - Myanmar!



The Kingdom Builders Conference in Kalaymyo, Myanmar last month was crazy good! Our host Pastors: Pastor Lang, and Pastor Thang are leading a group of 37 Spirit Filled Baptist churches into the future of reaching the next generation for Christ. They have many 'brands in the fire' for evangelism, discipleship, leadership training and church planting. Our Frontier Harvest Ministries (FHM) multi ethnic team from: U.S.A., China, Malaysia, the Philippines, and Myanmar were blessed to be a part such an extraordinary event.

During the teaching sessions and ministry times, many received a touch from the Lord. Lots of hungry hearts from enthusiastic listeners who received the word with with 'much gladness' and Holy Spirit power! The evening revival services were attended well with many who came to be healed and to be prayed for. Even the children entered in with heart-felt worship and received prayer!

Myanmar is a country that is coming up on the Holy Spirit radar screens of many ministries that are forging ahead with the Gospel. Firstlight is a part in God's plan!

Featured
Article

Father Heart Nation!



WRITTEN
BY,
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This is
amazing
time we
live in!
There are
people all
over the

wants to destroy a generation before
it has a chance to grow in his or her
destiny. What is good is being called
evil, and evil being called good.

This is the time for those carrying
the heart of Father to rise up, share
His love to those seeking, and mend
the broken hearts this world has
trampled on. We as a people are
chosen, prepared, and seasoned to
not only Be, but to Be a peculiar
people, not of this world, but to
stick out as His Illuminating Light
for all to see.

We are honored to be partners with
Dan and Debbie and the Firstlight
International team. They carry
Father's Heart with them wherever
they go. I have seen how they care

world seeking for love, peace,
comfort, purpose, value, and
significance. And those who seek
shall find! The hungry will be fed.

The value of life is being
threatened. Life is not only being
threatened in the U.S., but also in
other nations. We may not hear
much about it in the news, but life is
being destroyed in hospitals, back
alleys, homes, in Asia, Europe,
Africa, and more . People searching
are finding no hope. The enemy

for those in need, naturally and
spiritually. Dan and Debbie have big
hearts with Big Dreams to help all
that Father brings to them.

In 2019 the Father has great plans in
store for Firstlight International in
places like Thailand and the great
Southeast Area region. We are being
to see a new generation being raised
up in Thailand as we continue to
partner together for the sake of the
Gospel.

As a member of this amazing Team,
thank you for praying and partnering
with Firstlight in 2019 and beyond!

Your part has great significance in
what is being accomplished for the
Kingdom this year!

Featured
Article

My Soul Thirsts!

On a personal note ...



WRITTEN BY,
DEBBIE
ECKER

Spring one year ago we began a new chapter in our lives: bringing my
parents to live with us. Dad came first, newly discharged from rehab, still
frail, but with that amazing will to keep pushing on and improve. He needed
a wheelchair to get around. Now he has not used a wheelchair in 6 months,
pushing his walker for even the furthest walks, down the longest corridors.
He still wishes he could breath easier, but we are so grateful to the Lord for
the improvements in his life. He will be 90 in August. Mom came later and
with a bit more of a bumpy settle in. Understandably so, she loves her home
and the people she was used to seeing. For her, coming here was out of
necessity, and a near death experience. But she, also, has improved to the
point of being able to walk up and down stairs unassisted, accompanying me
on outings. It has been a much harder adjustment for her, and we do covet
your prayers for her in that. But she is a loving, serving, helping trooper, and
we love her so much. She will be 89 in June. We covet your prayers in this
season, as Dan continues to travel and we continue to minister to those the
Lord has given us.

Featured Item
PRAYER

Prayer Points

**“Remember, the fire must
be kept burning on the altar
at all times. It must never go
out.” Leviticus 6:13 NLT**

Please pray for:

- 1. Our Firstlight Support Team. (see pg.2 Top Story)**
- 2. Eye Care Screening follow ups in Laos (see pg.3 Top Story)**
- 3. For all of our planned Global Training Platforms in 2019: Thailand, Myanmar, China, Laos, India, U.S.A.**
- 4. For God’s abundant provision during the first quarter of 2019.**