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Look for us:

# Mindsets

**“Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus,”  
Philippians 2:5 NKJ**

I came into a relationship with the Lord during my college years. It was the 70’s and the entire country under the age of 25 wore blue jeans and tee shirts, our generational uniform. We just wanted to be ‘real.’ And we wanted everyone around us to be ‘real.’ We hungered for real in every aspect of our lives, including God.

The worship songs of those days were simple, intimate heart cries: ‘I want to KNOW You. I want to hear Your voice, I want to know You, Lord. I want to TOUCH You, I want to see Your face, I want to KNOW You, Lord.’

To know God, and to be known by Him. This was heaven on earth. In those times of yearning for greater intimacy, I began to ponder, and ask, ‘Lord. What is on YOUR heart? What is on Your mind? Who are You thinking about?’ Show me Your, heart, Lord, I want to see what is in Your heart.”

And He did. Beloved, He showed me, clearly, that what was on His heart and mind, what He never, ever stops thinking about, are the nations of the earth. All of them. Every tribe, every people, every tongue. Every mountaintop village, every dirty and overcrowded city and the children playing in the streets of the innermost cities. All of them. He knows them,

by name. He knew them before they were born and even has their days written in a Book. He has good works planned for them to walk in, just as He does for you and for me.

In those worship times of prayer and song, I began to strain to ‘see’ the Lord. I began to care ABOUT Him. What was on His mind? What was on His heart? What impacted Him, affected Him. What brought Him pain and anguish?

The nations of the earth, the lost, the desperate, the angry, the marginalized, the hurting. His heart beats every day for them and every day He hopes... that we who call ourselves Lovers of God would begin to carry them in our hearts, as well. That they would become OUR focus, and our heart.

He looks out on the nations of the earth and He asks us, ‘Who will go for Me? Whom will I send?’

Will we draw near to the Lover of our Souls and open our hearts to receive His burdens? Will we carry the burden of the Lord with Him? In this way, we can truly say, “I have the mind of Christ.”



Written by,  
Debbie Ecker

# Kingdom Matters



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We all view God, ourselves and the world

through a set of lenses that help us to interpret the world around us, much of which is determined by a deeply rooted belief system that we carry with us through much of our lives. The fact that we each view life through these glasses [if you will] is not a problem in and of itself - unless we have the wrong prescription.

One of the main ways we repent is to change our perception, the way we think about or view something. The act of repentance brings a radical reorientation of our minds,

as well as our hearts and in essence our perception changes with it. By definition repentance means to change the way you think which is a fundamental principle that needs to be applied daily in our lives. As followers of Christ it is all about seeing and entering the kingdom. (See John 3:3 - 8)

The kingdom of heaven is mentioned over 100 times in the New Testament. A kingdom in general has territory and the king owns 100% of the territory. Every king has a will, and his will is the only one that matters in the kingdom. The same can be said and even more with regards to the kingdom of heaven to which all of us as followers or Christ have been

made part. There is nothing more important than doing His will and following His commands. The glory of a king is the full weight of his will manifesting in his citizens.

When the Bible talks about the glory, it is referring to the full weight of God's will being manifest in His children, being transformed into the image of King Jesus.

God's government is family. God is a king who doesn't have subjects. He has children! He has sons and daughters, princes and princesses in His kingdom!

Pursuing the Kingdom is to be our top priority. It is the Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom!

## Coming Up Next Month!

### *Eye Care Screenings for Evangelism in Thailand ...*



WRITTEN BY,  
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We are deeply honored to have another opportunity to partner with Dr. George Rooney, and His Servants Ministries (HSM) again this year.

Every year these types of eye care screenings for evangelism are producing tangible results in the lives of those in rural villages and urban settings in several key provinces and districts in northeast Thailand. At every stage of these clinic outreaches there are multiple layers of sharing Christ with the lost.

Together with our Firstlight team in Thailand we are coming along side of a network of local Thai churches who are working in the area. Together we are advancing the kingdom in some very spiritually parched areas for the gospel.

Join us in prayer as we ask the Lord for many to be saved, healed, delivered and set free during these planned outreaches next month! November 24-December 1st!

## Care For Kingdom Families

*Updates on Families Without Fathers (FWF) ...*

Together with your help, every month throughout the year we are reaching into the homes of fatherless families with the good news of Jesus Christ. In 2019 through FWF forty plus children are being reached in six locations across Thailand.

This mother and her daughter are one of several families that are being cared for in the central region of Thailand. Pastor Tae and the leadership team of the Blessing of Ayutthaya Church are overseeing the FWF project in the area. Over the past three years families like these are being brought into the kingdom for such a time as this!

Thank you for helping us to demonstrate to them the love of the Father in real, and tangible ways! We are thankful for your part in everything we do.



## Global Training Platforms: Thailand!

*Conferences and Church Camps this month ...*



Even as you are reading this newsletter I (Dan) will be in Thailand together with John Paul Sprecher and a growing team of *“father heart type people”* and the leadership team of the network of Z- Gen churches in Chonburi.

This will be their annual Father Heart Camp for the region: workshops, extended evenings of worship, personal prayer, and prophetic ministry.

While in country, I (Dan) will be joining up with Pastor/Missionary Joanna Samuels and the Dayspring Church Thailand as a trainer and equipper during their annual church camp also.

More reports next month on these amazing events - please remember to PRAY! Oct.9-18!



# Which Zone best describes you?



WRITTEN BY,  
DAN ECKER

No matter where you are in life there are certain

levels or zones [so to speak] that one can find themselves in from time to time as we journey through life. The challenge for all of us is not to allow ourselves to get stuck, or to stay too long in one area or zone or another. Some zones are not bad; however, others can be more detrimental to our success in life. Here's how some of this might work.

Internationally known author and world renowned global leader on the subject of Leadership, John Maxwell, teaches

that generally speaking there are four types of zones that one might need to pay attention to:

- 1. The Coasting Zone - I do as little as possible.**
- 2. The Comfort Zone - I do what I've always done.**
- 3. The Challenge Zone - I attempt to do what I haven't done before.**
- 4. The Creative Zone - I attempt to think what I've never thought before.**

Do any of these sound familiar to you or am I the only one? All of us have areas in our lives where we

have a tendency to gravitate towards where we feel the most comfortable. The challenge is to find the balance between the "challenge" zone of attempting things that I've never done before and the "creative" zone of thinking in ways that I've never thought before.

What I have discovered is that if I am able to stay somewhere in-between the "challenge" zone and the "creative" zone [combined] is what I would like to call the "productive zone". In order to be successful one must find themselves in the zone that brings out our best!

## Seasons Change! *On a personal note ...*



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Debbie Ecker

I have not minded the rainy summer; it keeps the grass and the trees lush and green right until the very end. I am mindful, though of the many people in so many places, who have been horribly affected by the increased rainfall. Floods can be so, so scary. 14 years ago, our world seemed to convulse with water: the tsunami of 2004/5. Katrina that summer. Then, Chiang Mai, was hit with the worst flood in 80 years. Heavy rain fell for 5 solid days. The ground simply could not absorb one more drop. So quickly, it rose. Before long, water was pouring into our house through 3 doors. We woke Josiah, and the three of us carried our furniture, living room, dining room and even our refrigerator up our wooden staircase to the second floor. All the while watching the water rise. We three fell into an exhausted sleep around 2 am. The next day we rose to such filth and stench! Within an hour, dear friends, fellow missionaries who, along with us, had spent all of 2005 mopping up the nations that had been most affected by the tsunami arrived on our doorsteps, with buckets, mops and bleach. God's angels, they were, and within hours, our home was free from even the smell of the flood. That's God, folks. Always ready to help and to remove even the stench of the floods in our lives.

## Prayer Points

**"Do not call to mind the former things, Or ponder things of the past."  
Isaiah 43:18 NAS**

### Please pray for:

- 1. This month Global Training Platforms Thailand: (see pg.3)**
- 2. Next month, eye care HSM Team Thailand (see pg.2)**
- 3. FWF children and families 2019. (see pg.3)**
- 4. For God's abundant provision during the last quarter of 2019!**