



September 2020 News

Crossroads ...

“For the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

I Corinthians 1:18 NASB

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When Dan gave me the title for this newsletter, I barely had time to digest it, when, while reading an article from a British news site, a pop up appeared on my phone saying: ‘America is at a crossroads.’ I immediately copied it and forwarded it to Dan who was blown away by this quick confirmation. The entire sentence read, “America is at a crossroads, and it’s direction in the coming months will define the country for a generation.” The truth of these words struck us and made us stop and ponder. Sobering words coming from our friends, allies, and neighbors. Truth be told, our friends and allies the world over are very worried about us. The good news is that they are also praying for us. Fervently.

I began to look at this word, ‘crossroads.’ Here are some of the things I found:

*A point at which a crucial decision must be made that will have far reaching consequences.

*A critical juncture.

I do not believe for one moment that the crossroads the Lord is speaking about is *political*, not for those who call themselves by His name. Jesus never condescended to the guiles of the Pharisees who always tried to trap Him into political statements. He refused to enter that discussion at

their level, rather always answering with KINGDOM answers. He did not speak of Empire. He spoke of Kingdom. The Kingdom of God. The Kingdom of Heaven.

Succinctly He said, “My Kingdom is not of this world.” He also said, “The Kingdom of God is WITHIN YOU.”

The Pharisees tried to get Jesus to speak against the Roman occupation. He refused. When they asked Him about paying taxes, He used a coin to show how separate His Kingdom was from that of the earth. “Render unto Caesar what is Caesar’s and unto God what is God’s” The image on the coin showed to whom it belonged, and if WE carry the image of God in our hearts, then our hearts belong to God. Jesus would not deign to enter their nationalism. It was beneath Him. He knew that before the foundations of the earth, Christ died for sinners. ALL sinners. Not just Jewish sinners. All. Jesus is the hope of EVERY nation.

We who follow this Master, this Lord, this Savior, we definitely are at a crossroads. The way of the cross! To die to ourselves, put the needs of others above our own, love as if our lives depended on it.



WRITTEN BY,
DEBBIE ECKER

On A Personal Note ...



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DEBBIE ECKER

The Lord is about a mighty work in our lives as we follow His lead in the midst of such trying times. I am about two full months from my heart attack, and progress each week is encouraging as I make my way back to a full recovery. Extended times on the tread mill, and other types of exercise machines three days a week is helping and I am so encouraged!

Featured Article
TEACHING

He Knows The Way I Take ...



WRITTEN BY,
DAN ECKER

The book of Job in the bible is one of those books that challenges our thinking and our theology in ways that we are not normally used to. When reading Job's story, the book of James tells us to consider the outcome of Job: The Lord is compassionate and merciful restored double to Job and made him even more prosperous than at the beginning. (See James 5:11; Job 42:11-17) Even though all of Job's friends tried to console him [to no avail], Job had a sense that something else was going on even though he might not have fully understood why. Trust the process; the Lord knows what He is doing! (READ Job 23:10)

Ministry News
TOP STORY

Reaching Children & Families!

A Support & Care Ministry Project of Firstlight International



Families Without Fathers



Your partnership in 2020 is helping to reach children and families from fatherless homes in selected areas around the country of Thailand.

Our efforts to provide *Care For Kingdom Families*, projects like Families Without Fathers (FWF) is making a difference in the lives of those who are being reached this year.

School fees and related supplies are being provided through your prayers and faithful support. Thank you for helping us to reach children and families like these!

Ministry News
Featured Article

Walking The Land In Prayer!



WRITTEN BY,
JOHN PAUL
SPRECHER

We believe as we walk and pray over this land God hears our prayers and the land belongs to

His people. "If His people who are called by His name will humble themselves, seek His face, and pray God will hear from heaven and heal our land!" 2 Chronicles 7:14

We met and gathered with people all over the US who take prayer very seriously. We walked around places of government and education, and places of Worship. Healing truly needs to take place in this

land! We heard many testimonies of people coming to know Christ, families being restored, and people hearing God's voice clearly for direction!

Please know your prayers are powerful and they work! We were so blessed by our kids. God used them in prayer, spoken words of encouragement, and preaching God's Word. Plus, they withstood the long, crazy hours in the car! We were blessed to be a part of the SEAPC, Pray Americas initiative this year.

Thank you for your prayers over our family. God is doing mighty things.

Featured Item
PRAYER

POWER Prayer Points

**“So you will walk in the ways of good men and keep to the paths of the righteous.”
Proverbs 2:20 NASB**

Keep Walking by faith!

1. Families Without Fathers (FWF) project plans for the first part of 2020. *for children and families to be reached this year.
2. For Thailand: * powers of darkness broken, * souls saved in each region, * for kingdom expansion, new churches planted.
3. For all of Firstlight to be strategically placed for increased effectiveness this year.
4. For the Lord's abundant provision, open doors, and lasting fruit in the 3rd quarter of 2020.