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Peace Maker ...

“For He Himself is our peace, who made both groups into one and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall.”

Ephesians 2:14 NASB

In the beginning years of the New Testament church the people of God were facing a challenge they had never before encountered. For thousands of years, Jewish people had fastidiously kept themselves separate from the cultures of the regions where they lived. The Jews saw themselves a completely separated people, with no connection to the pagan culture and people who lived around them. This was so that the Message of Messiah would be safely carried down through the ages to the time when Jesus would come, the Word made flesh, Who would dwell among us.

Yet, Jesus would be the Hope of every Nation, the Lamb of God who would take away the sin of the whole world. And, indeed, that is exactly who He was, and is.

In the book of Acts, the Holy Spirit was poured out on ALL flesh. Even (gasp) the Gentiles, who until this time were mostly pagans were able to receive the forgiveness of sins and the fullness of the Holy Spirit. Many a Jewish leader within this new Christian movement struggled how to move forward with a church made up of both Jews and Gentiles. But move forward they did.

Jesus filled their hearts with His love and taught them a new and more

excellent way. The Jewish people learned, led by the Holy Spirit, to open their hearts and their lives to these new disciples, these new brothers and sisters who had NEVER been Jewish, nor would they ever be. It was a new family being born, brought together in the love of God. Jesus became the great Peacemaker.

I love the picture in the gospels when Jesus, risen and in His glorified body comes to the disciples who were behind locked doors. He did not need an open door. He walked through the walls and was with them. Walls, divisions, barriers, these mean nothing to Him. Jesus is still breaking down walls and barriers today, between young and old, between races and ethnicities, between ideologies. The picture of the Kingdom described in Revelation 5:9 says, “You have redeemed us to God by Your blood out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation.”

What a glorious picture! Jesus has broken down the barriers between God and man. He has broken down the walls of enmity that keep us from one another. His way is love. His way is peace.

Jesus. You are the Peacemaker.



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On A Personal Note ...



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Fall is fully upon us with the splendor of the changing leaves and VENISON in the freezer. Yes, Dan the Man shot his first deer of the season, an 8 point buck with his bow and he is definitely cockadoodledoing! Looking forward to many a curry night ahead. For me, it is time to get back in the pool, as the next step in my cardiac rehab. Thank you so much for praying!

And this was to fulfill ...



WRITTEN BY,
DAN ECKER

As Jesus was making His triumphant entry into Jerusalem in John chapter twelve, He came in riding on a donkey's colt. This was foretold long ago by the prophet Zechariah 9:9. There was quite a crowd that was gathered, not only from those who had come to see Lazarus, the man that Jesus raised from the dead, but there were many who heard that Jesus was on His way to Jerusalem. (See John 12:1-19) However, when these events occurred the Scripture says that the disciples did not understand that this was a fulfillment of prophecy. (See John 12:16) It wasn't until Jesus was entered into His glory that they remembered His words!

Thailand ...

In spite of the many challenges that 2020 has brought our way, progress is being made in our efforts to reach children and families from fatherless homes in Thailand.

Through projects like Families Without Fathers (FWF) and Project REAP: Regional Education Assistance Program a number of children and families are being reached in selected areas around the country.

Thank you for your part in helping to reach them through projects like these.



Global Training Platforms ...



Myanmar ...

Our role in the Emmanuel Theological Seminary (ETS) in Kalaymyo, Myanmar in 2020 is proving to be successful as we are providing wisdom, counsel, and advice to university staff and leadership.

We are working together with several of senior students and faculty members to upgrade courses in the Theology Of Missions, Modern Day Church Planting Movements, Historic Revivals, The First 300 years of Church History and more! The potential for each one being trained is great! The future is now!

POWER Prayer Points

“It will also come to pass that before they call, I will answer; and while they are still speaking, I will hear.

Isaiah 65:24 NASB

1. Project REAP: and the FWF project in 2020 and beyond!
*increase number of families to be reached *open doors in the communities *favor & blessing
2. Our role in ETS, in Myanmar.
*course updates *student growth * admin needs * proper funding
3. For all of Firstlight to be strategically placed in 2021.
4. For the Lord's abundant provision, open doors, and lasting fruit in the 4th quarter of 2020.