



November 2020 News

In This Issue:

* Ministry News:

- Top Stories pg.2
- Year-End Funding Request pg.2

* Features:

- Article - Be Strong!..... pg.1
- Item - Prayer Points pg.2
- Article - On a personal note pg.2
- Article - Teaching pg.2

Donations:

Online via PayPal
www.firstlightinternational.net

By Mail, payable to:
 Firstlight International
 P.O. Box 252
 Springdale, PA 15144-0252

As a registered public charity 501 (c) 3 nonprofit corporation, all financial contributions are U.S. tax deductible by making checks payable to Firstlight International.

Contact:

www.firstlightinternational.net
 Tel: 724.254.6145
 E-mail: helloeckers@gmail.com

Look for us:



Be Strong!

“... for when I am weak then I am strong.”

II Corinthians 12:10 KJV

In the journey of this life I have so many times found refuge in the verse above. I have felt weak, uncovered, unworthy before the Lord, before the task that was before me. But from the beginning, He has made it clear to me that anything good that has EVER happened in my life came because of HIM, not me. Because He loves me. Because He delights to show Himself strong on my behalf. Because He understands my frailty and my faults, and looks past them, steps over them, to rescue me, to lift me, to empower me. To make me strong.

This is the miracle of the Christian life. Not that WE are good, but that His goodness transforms us. Not that WE are mighty, but that His power resides in us. Not that WE are strong, but that His strength is made perfect in our weakness.

The amplified Bible says it in such a way as to bring grateful tears to my eyes:

“My lovingkindness and My mercy are more than enough---always available---regardless of the situation; for My power is shown perfectly in your weakness.”

Ah! Father! What kind of love is this? What kind of kindness? What kind of patience? I can feel as if I am failing, failing, failing, but when I come to my senses and look up:

There You are. Your eyes are full of love and tender mercy for me. Your hands are strong to lift me. Your redeeming grace toward me is everything I need. You make everything all right again.

Oh, God! Never have I (we) needed this abundant mercy more, this amazing grace more than right now. RIGHT NOW, Lord. In this year, 2020, our weakness and human frailty is more on open spectacle for all the world to see. The forces of darkness rage around us. We are lost at sea.

But. YOU are the peace in the whirlwind. You breathe Your breath into our sails and set us on course towards Your safe harbors. You lead us onward; we need not fear.

And we remember to pray for those who are also feeling the raging storms: for all who are sick. For all who are afraid. For all who are angry. For all who are lonely. For all who have lost hope, lost faith, lost peace. We pray to YOU, oh Lord, Maker of Heaven and Earth. YOU alone, can heal us and restore us. You alone.

I thank You, I PRAISE You, that when I am weak, my dearest Savior/ Friend, then: You. Are. Strong.
 Amen.



WRITTEN BY,
 DEBBIE ECKER

On A Personal Note ...



WRITTEN BY,
DEBBIE ECKER

Fall is lingering on, the leaves were spectacular this year, something we always missed in our years spent overseas. We are so excited that Josiah is going to be able to come and visit us for a week in November...it has been a year since we have seen him. I think the first few days will be nothing but HUGS! It truly is a season for giving thanks in our family. Blessings!

Pressing On Towards 2021 ...



WRITTEN BY,
DAN ECKER

As we have faced many of the challenges throughout this year, its as if 2020 would never end! We have all learned what it was like to be faced with things that we hadn't had to deal with for many of us in our life time. The issues related to Covid19 has changed many of the ways we approach life and more! Restricted travel, set backs to the economy [and the like] has caused many to look to the Lord in ways they never had to before. And now as we look ahead to 2021 our plans for Firstlight haven't changed. Our desire to bring Jesus to the least, and the lost remains firm as the Year New opens up fresh opportunities in the nations!

Kingdom Advance Partnerships A One Time Year-End Financial Gift Can Help!



**Covid19 Relief
Projects, Myanmar**

\$1,000 needed to help hurting families



**Firstlight Global Training
Platforms 2021**

\$10,000 x two trainings = \$20,000



**Care For Kingdom
Families 2021**

\$25,000 two Thai school terms = 100 kids



WRITTEN BY,
JENNA
BIERSESSER

More Missions News! ..

In September, I was blessed to reunite with teammates from Partners Relief and Development as we spent time together as a team. It was refreshing to see my team after one year of being apart; reflecting on moments in the Middle East and more! We are all hoping to return to the Middle East as each of us are [for now] allowing the Lord to prepare us in whatever way necessary for the days ahead! Siva, who translated for us while in Iraq, is continuing the work of women's health and education and building further relationships with the women there! It's amazing to see her empowered now leading the program that was started for these women last year. Earlier this summer I attended two-week long trainings with the Children's Rescue Initiative where the group trained in freeing children from slavery and being a first responder in emergency medical situations. In addition to that, I have started a year-long master's program with the focus on Refugee Care through the University of Essex, England. I am excited to continue to learn online throughout this year in helping refugees from all nations!

Prayer Points

“And Jesus lifted up his eyes, and said, Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me. And I knew that thou hearest me always:”

John 11:41b-42a KJV

He hears us when we pray!

You can help Firstlight to finish strong in 2020 with a One Time, Year-End financial gift.

A financial gift of any size will go towards any of the three areas on the left. Please use the Response Card and the return envelope enclosed and send your best financial gift today!

Your Year-End financial gift will help.

1. Care For Kingdom Families: Project REAP: and the FWF project in 4th quarter of 2020.
2. Our Firstlight Global Training Platforms 4th quarter 2020 Myanmar: *virtual equipping with staff & students, *course development, *2021 training plans
3. For all of Firstlight to be strategically placed in 2021 and beyond! *projects, *people, *places, *increased funding!
4. For a Strong Finish in 2020 in the 4th quarter of 2020. * See above