



December 2020 News

Reconciled

“and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross.” Colossians 1:20 NASB

In the late 70’s I learned a beautiful song with a haunting melody that painted a picture of the bountiful love and forgiveness God offers us through the gift of His Son. Jesus’s sacrifice made it possible for our sins to be forgiven, and for us to have unlimited access to the table of the Lord, the presence of God, the bounty of heaven. I learned this song on my guitar and played it for many a communion service, many a prayer group:

“O, welcome all ye noble saints of old, as now before your very eyes unfold,

The wonders all so long ago foretold: God and man at table are sat down. God and man at table are sat down.”

What a picture of fellowship, to be seated at table with God! The One who created the heavens and the earth, who spread out the starry host now spreads out a table of fellowship before us.

The image causes me such gratitude and humility and tears, that the Word who was the creative force behind all things that were made, became flesh...and dwelt among us. He took no thought for His own reputation and became one of us. He did not consider it beneath Him to become

like us. He gladly put on an earthly, fleshly garment...and came and sat at our table with us.

Through Jesus, we were reconciled to God.

Jesus became the Bread of our Supper, the Bread broken so that we could be made whole. His blood became the cup of wine spilt for the forgiveness of sins of the entire world. NOT just a chosen few, but once, for all. On that cross, the Word cried out to His Abba Father: IT IS FINISHED!

In this season of Nativity, in this Christmastide of 2020 so many of us are still separated from our loved ones. A forced quiet and slowing of our days. A lessening of our earthly conversations. Perhaps we can, in this quiet, remember the Word who became flesh. He dwelt among us. He still does! Perhaps we can set an extra place at the table, and remember what price was paid that we might have the honor, the blessing, of sitting at a table of fellowship, with God. Reconciled.

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On A Personal Note ...



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The Ecker household had such a blessing this holiday season. Our son, Josiah, was able to come to us from Seattle. It had been a year since we had seen him, and his presence in our home for a week did our hearts SO much good. Every day was filled with sweet conversations, laughter and LOTS of hugs. We are SO grateful to the Lord for this precious time!

His Love Deserves My All



WRITTEN BY,
DAN ECKER

I will always remember the first Christmas after giving my life to Christ. Walking through several department stores I listened to the Christmas carols being played through each store's sound system. These same songs that I had heard [and had sung] as a child had somehow taken on a whole new meaning that year as I finally understood the true meaning of what Christmas is all about. And now I am still in awe of the great gift that He gave so many years ago. May we never lose our wonder of why Jesus came. The gift He gave keeps on giving until all the nations have heard the message He commissioned us to preach!

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



**Covid-19 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
CHUCK LENHART

The Light Has Come! ..

Merry Christmas! The literal Chinese translation is: Sheng Dan Jie Kuai Le! Happy Holy Birthday! I think the Chinese got it more right than we have. During the Holiday season we celebrate the birth of our Holy Savior Jesus Christ! God left heaven to dwell among men through Jesus, He was the true light that came into the world that enlightens every man. Even through Covid-19 we are seeing people come to Christ on a daily basis, both in China and Myanmar. We don't force any of our ministers out during this time, but they all willingly going forth evangelizing, teaching the word, holding weekly house church meeting, and distributing gospel literatures.

Through the power of the Holy Spirit and through the teaching of the word of God; we are seeing many alcoholics and drug addicts set free and used in ministry. Being we live in a largely Buddhist nation, many who come to Christ are demon oppressed. We are seeing demonic chains of bondage break off their lives through healing and delivers. By offering up to the Lord the souls of men, it is Christmas in heaven every day! Through your partnership, Firstlight this year, is shining His Light to those who dwell in darkness. May the joy of Christ be your stability through the Holiday season!

Prayer Points

**“ I call upon the Lord,
who is worthy to be praised,
And I am saved from my
enemies”**

II Samuel 22:4 NASB

We call - He comes!

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

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