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Look for us:



The Gap!

“So I sought for a man among them who would make a wall, and stand in the gap before Me on behalf of the land, that I should not destroy it; but I found no one.” Ezekiel 22:30 NKJ

The Gap: standing in the middle between two forces doing their best to annihilate each other. This is a most uncomfortable spot. Peace is the ONLY acceptable outcome if utter destruction is not to rain down. We who are Christian have known this place of prayer. We meet Jesus there.

Abraham put himself in the gap. He entreated the Lord to spare a city on behalf of the few righteous. He kept pushing the acceptable numbers that would unleash reprieve lower and lower, until the Lord finally abandoned His intentions.

Moses put himself in the gap between God and the children of Israel who, it would seem, had quickly forgot the drudgery of slavery to cruel Egyptian masters and had begun to long for the foods and comforts that were available to them in that place.

God was not amused. This was a dangerous spot/time for this newly liberated nation. For this purpose, and with good reason, Moses stood in the gap on their behalf and pleaded with the Lord NOT to destroy them and start over, pointing out that the world would forget His mighty deliverance and rather only remember that He brought them to destruction.

I often wonder if God made Moses THINK He would destroy these

people to bring out the intercessor in him, for they had maligned Moses as WELL as complaining against the Lord. Now Moses found himself pleading the cause of these same people, that their lives be spared. Moses found his place for these people...in the Gap.

It is small wonder then, that when Jesus came to us in the form of a man, that He would become the ultimate ‘Go-Between.’ For the personality of God is Salvation. Deliverance. Healing. Grace. Even now, as ascended Savior and risen Lord, He ever lives to intercede for us. His ears are always open to our calls for help. He is our place of Refuge. He is the Gap.

And so, I wonder. After the anger, anguish, and turmoil of 2020...where are WE situated? Are we sitting in judgement of a dark, frightened, and troubled world? Or. Are we, who call ourselves by His name found hidden IN CHRIST? Seated IN CHRIST in heavenly places? Are we, with Him, ready to be, for the world, IN THE GAP?

Pray for me and I will pray for you. And I will meet you there.



WRITTEN BY,
DEBBIE ECKER

On A Personal Note ...



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A new year! Perhaps we are not facing 2021 with quite the joy and exhilaration of years past. Trepidation? Fear? Dread? Oh. I pray all of these things fall away, as we set our eyes upon Jesus, who is ALWAYS the same and the Author and Finisher of our faith. He will not fail us. He never does. 2021. HERE WE COME!! Look out.



Thank you for giving to the Lord!

During the past few months, we were able to send \$1,000 USD to help support children and families effected by the pandemic in Kalaymyo, Myanmar. They prayed and the Lord answered through your financial giving to Firstlight. *Thank you!*

Partner With Us In 2021 ...

A Support & Care Ministry Project of Firstlight International



Your prayers and financial giving this year will enable us to pursue a good number of projects and ministry platforms in 2021.



With your help this year we are engaging in **Kingdom Advance Partnerships** with overseas national church leaders and ministries, providing **Care For Kingdom Families** in selected areas of Thailand, *[through projects like REAP & FWF]* and we are pursuing training opportunities through our **Global Training Platforms** in responsive countries.

Prayer Points

“You have crowned the year with Your goodness, And Your paths drip with fatness.” Psalm 65:11 NASB

Every bill paid ... Every need met ... And there shall be an abundance!

1. Care For Kingdom Families: Project REAP: and the FWF project in 1st quarter of 2021.
2. Our Firstlight Global Training Platforms: 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. Our Family in 2021 For *Dan, *Debbie, & *Josiah

Crossing the great divide!



WRITTEN BY,
DAN ECKER

This month brings a remarkable journey of following the Lord for another 12 months of missionary service across the great divide of 2021.

Through a great team of dedicated people we will follow the Lord's plans to carry out a successful journey along the path He has set for us each month.

The challenges of the global pandemic have only strengthened our resolve to bring Christ into every interaction we have with those we are called to serve. The demand is great.

With your help we are ready to do more in 2021. Your continued partnership this year means a great deal; we are grateful for it. *Thank you!*