



May 2021 News

Spirit Come!

“When the day of Pentecost had fully come, ...”

Luke Acts 2:1a NKJV

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Pentecost. The day when we who receive, no matter our tribal name, join with that first group of 120 believers who gathered in the Upper Room. Waiting. Watching. Praying. Believing.

We join them in our longing, in our heart's cry to be filled. And this miracle, this first century birthday of 'The Church' leaps off the pages of the Book of Acts and invades our right here, right now.

And once He is there, who can give Him an order of service? These moments, though prayed for, are not orchestrated. How could they be? For who can order or orchestrate the Grand Entrance of the Spirit of the Living God in our midst?

I have seen this in so many settings, no one can ever persuade me it is not straight from heaven and completely genuine. I have literally laid my hands on the sun parched face of an elderly Hindu goatherd who spoke no English, and prayed he be filled the Holy Spirit of Jesus and watched his face light up with first surprise, then joy, then a flood of happy tears streaming down his face. And a holy torrent of a prayer language straight from heaven that he was not speaking a moment before. His Telegu shifting to Heaven's dialect.

I have seen Ifugao tribal people standing in torchlight (since as yet no electricity in that village, a full day's hike from the nearest road.) Pagan animists for centuries, they now were hungry for the Living God. They raised their hands in praise and worship, and when we went to pray for them, across the language barrier, before we could even touch them, they fell, as if slain, by the Holy Spirit. Singing and praising God in a language their parents and teachers had never taught them. They had never so much as seen a western crusade or television program. They had never seen a television!

I have seen Thai children from fatherless homes be flooded by the power of the Holy Spirit, and fall. Lost in His love, their faces radiant with joy.

Pentecost! The day when heaven broke out on the earth and Jesus was able to keep His promise to us: I will not leave you as orphans. I will come to you.

We need this new awakening of the heavenly as never before. Joy and love and power to overcome all anger and division. Spirit. Come. We need You, Lord.



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DEBBIE ECKER

On A Personal Note ...



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What a tremendous spring we are having. Reconnecting with friends and families has been as sweet as I can recall. In years past, we have at times been overseas for 2 years at a time. This Covid year of social distancing has almost felt like that! We are looking forward to a road trip to South Bend to see my dear Mother, who is 90, very soon! I can't wait to HUG her!!

Navigation skills



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DAN ECKER

In one's journey as a follower of Christ you soon learn that there are differences between a cycle, [*a syndrome or pattern of behavior*], and a season [*or a particular moment in life*] that is often times short lived, containing the ebbs and flows of recognizable qualities as they are connected to the next season whatever that might be. And then there are the *life stage* challenges. Dependent upon age, status, for the most part they are physically recognizable as to what life stage one may be in or is passing through. The challenge is to recognize and understand the differences of each, in order to navigate through the turbulent waters that life might bring your way. In whatever stage you may find yourself in trust the process! "He knows the way I take." Job 23:10

Our Father's Love is For All ...



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God's mission and heart is for everyone! No matter what culture or creed

you are from, He wants your soul! God's heart is that none shall perish, but all come to the saving knowledge of His son, Jesus Christ.

Wherever your mission is the Lord is interested in using you to bring Christ and the message of the cross to those He has planted you nearby. There you will bear the greatest fruit for the Kingdom of God. If it be locally, regionally, nationally or internationally, God's mission thrives everywhere, touching and settling

itself to those who need Him the most. Fulfilling the Great Commission is all about following Jesus into all the earth! The bible says: "He who wins souls is wise"!

Anywhere you may be located, you will find broken people filling empty and living with no real purpose in life. There you will bear the greatest fruit for the Kingdom of God.

This is where *partnering* with a ministry like Firstlight comes in. We have our hands on the pulse of the harvest, where the gospel is needed the most!

You can start now! Let's not miss this opportunity to reach further, high, and more souls in 2021!

Project Updates, Thailand! ..



Join us this year in our efforts to provide **Care For Kingdom Families**, in Thailand. Together with your help we are bringing Christ into fatherless homes in selected areas around the country. Project **REAP: Regional Education Assistant Program** and **Families Without Fathers (FWF)** project have gotten off to a great start in 2021.

A Support & Care Ministry Project of Firstlight International



Regular home visits are taking place by local Thai churches in each location and school fees and related supplies are being provided for every child involved in these projects. **Join us each month!**

Prayer Points

"If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!"
Luke 11:13 NASB

1. Pray for the country of Myanmar: *for the church to remain strong, *no loss of life, *peace and safety in the streets
2. For our Care For Kingdom Families Projects: Project REAP: and the FWF project in 2nd quarter of 2021.
3. As this year continues to unfold all of Firstlight be strategically placed in 2021 and beyond! *projects, *people, *places, *increased funding!
4. For God to arise in all that we do!