



## October 2021 News

# Pray Ye!

**“ And he said unto them, The harvest indeed is plenteous, but the laborers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he send forth laborers into his harvest.” Luke 10:2 ASV**

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1989 was a very turbulent year for this lovely planet. ‘People Power’ revolutions erupted all over the world. The Iron Curtain crumbled, and old systems failed. In Beijing, one such eruption drew open force. The Tiananmen Square Massacre is now in our children’s history books, along with the fall of the Berlin Wall.

We were in Hong Kong right after that massacre, as a group of intrepid souls who hand carried scores of Chinese Bibles across borders to multitudes who were waiting there. After months of this arduous work, we headed to Thailand at the Lord’s bidding.

We took a bus bound for upcountry to Chiang Mai. In 1989, Chiang Mai was a quiet little city. People could easily get around on bicycles, and elephants wandered occasionally in the streets, along with buffalos and chickens.

We had little money, so we slept on the floor inside the church building. At the Lord’s bidding, we decided to fast and pray for 3 days, eating only a small meal at night. Our daytimes were filled with prayer walking this small city/town. It was the dry season, so the roads were quite dusty, the pavement often broken. Ancient wats (temples) were all over the city, and in the mountains on the clear day one

could see the shining stupas of the monasteries.

Dan and I walked the length and breadth of that city and prayed. We called out to God, the Lord of the Harvest, to send workers. We prayed at the 4 gates of the old city, North, South, East, and West. ‘Lord! Send Your workers to this harvest field! Send them, Lord from the 4 corners of the globe. Send them to this country, to this city so that Your kingdom can be established here, and so that the love of God in Jesus Christ can be known here. Send them, Lord! Send them!’”

10 years later, we would be the answer to our own prayers. In 1999 we moved as a family to serve the cause of Christ in the city of Chiang Mai. Literally hundreds of families from all over the world had moved to Chiang Mai to serve the Lord. The city was flooded with missionaries of all backgrounds, ethnicities, and denominations!

Beloved. The nations are in turmoil. It is a time to pray. It is time to pray the Lord of the Harvest that He would send workers into the ripening fields to bring in His harvest. The world is waiting.

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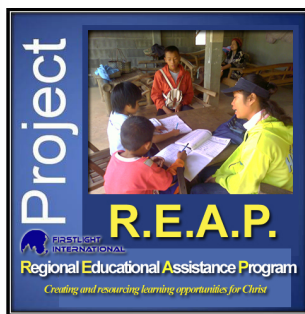
## Care For Kingdom Families ...

### On A Personal Note ...



WRITTEN BY,  
DEBBIE ECKER

We had the joy of having Josiah and his girlfriend, Alyssa come into town for a long weekend, which included among other things, an Ecker family wedding, with ALL the cuzzies. A first for many years and the joy was palpable between them all. They are like siblings to Josiah and there were many happy conversations. We loved being with everyone. Family is a blessing!!



Project FWF (Families Without Fathers) & Project REAP are reaching children and young adults from fatherless homes in selected areas across Thailand. This is the time of year when we begin to prepare for a second Thai school term in each location. Local Thai churches are providing the weekly visits to homes and area schools with encouraging results.



Every month throughout year, your prayers and financial giving is helping to provide school fees and related supplies for every student in 2021. *Thank you!*

## Global Training Platforms ...

### Power Prayers!



WRITTEN BY,  
DAN ECKER

Earlier on in my Christian journey I discovered a series of prayers written by the Apostle Paul in the New Testament narrative.

As the author of many of the epistles [Ephesians, Philipppines, Colossians etc.] Paul includes a prayer theme for each of those churches or groups of churches that he was writing to. To be spiritually enlightened - Eph. 1:17-18; To know the hope of our calling - Eph. 1:19; To know the greatness of His power - Eph. 1:19; To be strengthened by His Spirit with all power - Eph. 3:15-20; To be filled with the knowledge of His will - Col. 1:9-10; To abound in love and in true knowledge - Phil 1:9-10 and more!

Often times I find myself going back to these *power prayers* and pray them for myself, and for others. Try it!

Pastor Mun Thang pastors a Spirit filled Baptist church, and leads the Emmanuel Theological Seminary (ETS) Kalaymyo, Myanmar. His vision for training and sending others is relentless! As academic advisors to the School we are working on plans to launch a new series of courses for the 2022 - 2023 calendar year for all upcoming Batchelor degree students.



## Prayer Points

**“Absolutely everything, ranging from small to large, as you make it a part of your believing prayer, gets included as you lay hold of God.” Matthew 21:22 MSG**

**Believe Now! Ask Now!**

1. Pray for the country of Myanmar: \*ETS core teachers healing from Covid-19. \* peace & safety in the streets during civil unrest.
2. For our Care For Kingdom Families Projects: Project REAP: and the FWF project in 4th quarter of 2021.
3. As this year continues to unfold for all of Firstlight to be strategically placed in 2021 and beyond! \*projects, \*people, \* places, \*increased funding!
4. For God to arise in all that we do!