



January 2022 News

Intrepid ...

“But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us.” Romans 8:37 NASB

I saw a meme that made me chuckle. It was a caution to the reader: “Don’t anyone claim 2022 as ‘your year.’ Everyone just walk in real quiet, show some respect, and don’t touch anything!”

I laughed, but then I caught myself thinking, ‘HOW SAD!’ I have always loved this time of year, reflecting on what is past and preparing my heart to LOOK FORWARD to the year ahead.

But we live in a time where one might be excused for looking ahead with caution and concern. We have indeed been through some horrific times. Times that have tried our souls and worn our faith thin. Dreaming of a happy new year seems almost a frivolous flight of fancy. Survival seems a more realistic goal.

Since my early years as a single girl in ministry I had a habit of seeking God for a ‘word’ for what was coming next. When an ‘assignment’ was over, I would find a secluded place, a rooftop in Hong Kong or in a South Indian village, or an empty chapel or classroom. On my final day in my time there, I would seek the Lord, ‘What’s next?’

And each time, in that still, small Voice, I would hear something. And whatever I heard, I wrote down, prayed over, and took very, very seriously. Often whatever I wrote would become apparent as the new

year/season would begin. Other times it took quite a while for what was written to take shape and make sense.

So, now, with the days of 2021 dwindling down and with my heart set on Jesus, I pushed all fear and trepidation aside. I inclined my ear to that still, small Voice, and asked, “What’s the word, Lord? What is our word for 2022?”

Immediately I heard: “Intrepid!”

Intrepid! It landed like a spark on my heart. I felt at once challenged and excited by this word. The dictionary definition is : fearless. Further synonyms are: to be courageous, heroic, plucky, spunky, audacious, bodacious and bold.

I like it!

For me, it is a word that gives me hope. It feels like a promise and not a warning.

There may be many times in 2022 that will call upon us to be courageous. But if the Lord is speaking ‘intrepid’ to me, to us, then He will sustain us. He will give us pluck. He will trim our sails in the wind. He will make us bodacious and audacious. HA. Intrepid. I like it!



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On A Personal Note ...



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As we saw 2021 winding down to a close, we were SO grateful for the chance to celebrate the holidays with Dan's family for Christmas with a late day gathering, with plenty of food of every kind. During this season Dan is also looking forward to getting back into the woods to hunt Deer and onto the streams to catch fish! I prefer my wintertime holidays curled up by a heat source with a good book! LOL

Here We Go!



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In Luke chapter eight we find an amazing story of Jesus and His disciples setting out by boat to cross over to the other side of the lake. (See Luke 8:22-25) Part way through their journey a storm arose causing them to fear for their lives: A storm which they never saw coming. All they knew was they were to get to the other side of the lake.

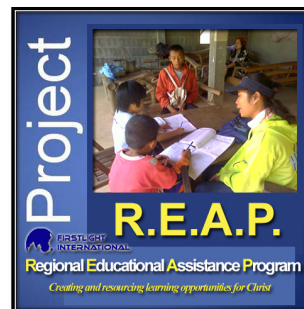
None of us are ever fully ready for the unforeseen to occur. Although Jesus was asleep in the boat He wasn't alarmed or unaware that a storm had occurred. In fact, He knew that it would storm and even expected it.

The lesson to be learned here is to stay the course across the great divide of 2022 and get to the other side. Don't lose your faith, but use it and by all means rediscover *Who* Jesus is! His question to them: "Where is your faith?" shifted them to a new reality "What manner of man is this; He commands the winds and the waves and they obey Him?" He will see us through.

Care For Kingdom Families



Once again, we are thankful for the opportunity we have this year to bring Christ into fatherless homes in selected areas across Thailand. Our goal this year is to provide school fees, related supplies and weekly visits to every child involved in project REAP and FWF this year.



The Journey Continues



Throughout this year, we will continue to partner with national leaders, churches, and overseas ministries that are committed to advancing the kingdom through evangelism, discipleship and church planting in places like Thailand and the nations surrounding it. Plans are in place for equipping, coaching and mentoring through our *Global Training Platforms* each month. We are poised for growth and ready to do more in 2022!

Prayer Points

“Be strong and courageous, do not be afraid or tremble at them, for the Lord your God is the one who goes with you. He will not fail you or forsake you.”
Duet.31:6 NASB

It-Shall-Be-Well

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 1st quarter of 2022.
3. As this year continues to unfold for all of Firstlight to be strategically placed in 2022 and beyond! *projects, *people, * places, *increased funding!
4. For God to arise in all that we do!