



March 2022 News

Soul Search ...

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“Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts!” Psalm 139:23 EVS

The beginning of March marks the beginning of the Lenten season.

Growing up in a Catholic household, we were always aware of Lent as a time of fasting and repentance. It was a time of humbling our souls before the Lord and being more mindful than usual of how Jesus suffered and died for our forgiveness and the forgiveness of all mankind.

As an adult I became part of a newer church stream. We were more focussed on the wonders of the resurrected Christ and the victory that we are promised when our lives are joined to God through faith in His Son, by the Spirit. Joy and assurance was our hallmark and to be sure this buoyant faith launched a thousand ministries and in this outpouring we saw the gospel go literally all over the world. No place was too far, no country was closed. If God spoke “Go” in our prayer closet, money or not we were packing our bags and heading to the airport within weeks.

And so a world is won. And is being won. For it is the resurrection power of Jesus that opens every door. His life brings us life. In Him there ARE no shut doors.

However there is one thing we need to be mindful of, and that is in order for there to be a resurrection, there must first be a death.

Hence we come back to Lent. A time when we as a community decide to mark a season of fasting and prayer and repentance. A time of dying to ourselves so that the resurrection life of Jesus might truly be made manifest through us so that we can truly be the light and the blessing to our generation that Christ has appointed us to.

Death to ourselves. Death to our rights to our own opinions. Death to our sinful attitudes. Death to our judgments of others. Death to selfishness. Death to pride. And in that dying we yield each part of ourselves into the care of His grace, knowing that He is able to transform us into the likeness and image of His Son.

Search me, O God. Try me and know my thoughts!

If ever there were a time when we as ‘the Church’ needed to search our hearts and to allow God to try our thoughts, it is now.

Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God.

As we trust Him and yield to Him, surely He will bring life out of death and set us on the way everlasting.



WRITTEN BY,
DEBBIE ECKER

On A Personal Note ...



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DEBBIE ECKER

During the deep snows of winter, Dan put up a bird feeder and a deer feed in the gully behind our house. We had been seeing large groups of deer chewing the scrub from the side of trees and he felt it might be good to give them something until the snow and ice were gone. Different families of deer came mornings and evenings to feed. The minute the snows were gone, so were they! What a wonder!

God Thoughts!



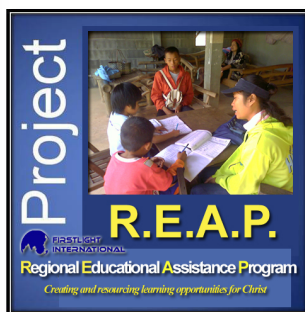
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Have you ever wondered what it would like to think like God? Seriously! Or what it would be like to have the ability to discern and to capture His thoughts and apply them to our lives.

As strange as it may sound the whole idea of learning to *think* like God is wrapped up in the totality of our Christian experience and our walk with the Lord. The truth is - it is possible and the Scriptures have much to say about it. The fact that God's thoughts are not our thoughts nor are our ways His ways doesn't mean we can't know them and learn from them for we have the mind of Christ. (See Isa. 55:8; I Corinthians 2:9-16)

In these New Testament Scriptures [and many others] Paul makes a strong case for our being able to know and understand the thoughts of God. It is by the Holy Spirit [who is meant to dwell in us] that we can know the thoughts of God and the things freely given to us by God. *Think again!*

Care For Kingdom Families ...



We are deeply honored to have another opportunity to bring Christ into fatherless homes in selected areas across Thailand. In each location weekly visits to homes and area schools are being conducted by several local Thai churches and the results are encouraging. School fees and related supplies are being provided each month and you, too, are very much a part of what the Lord is doing in each of their lives.



Your prayers and financial giving each month is making a way for His word to go forth. Project REAP and FWF is bringing forth wonderful fruit in 2022!

Rapha Ministries, Thailand ...

One of the ministries that Firstlight is partnered with is Rapha Ministries based in Phuket, Thailand. The ministry exists for the purpose of bringing the message of healing and deliverance of our Lord Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit to hurting people in Southeast Asia and beyond.

Led by Natthika Messiahwong and a team of well trained people from Thailand and Singapore, regular trainings and evangelistic healing services are taking place in cities and remote areas.



Prayer Points

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.” Matthew 5:8 NASB

There is more to behold!

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!