



May 2022 News

# Christ For All ...

**“Tell of His glory among the nations, His wonderful deeds among all the peoples.” Psalm 96:3 NASB**

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Look for us:



Nearly 4 decades ago I drove to the Pittsburgh Airport in the middle of the morning to catch a flight to the other side of the world. That plane might as well have been a space ship, for truly I felt as if I had landed on a completely different planet! NOTHING was the same, sights, sounds, clothing, smells, foods, people. I was, indeed, the proverbial fish out of water.

I was blessed to land in the heart of a large and loving Indian family, with Pastor Philip and his wonderful wife, Lily. They took me in like a daughter and cared for me with such love and kindness. I felt overwhelmed and COMPLETELY underprepared for having any sort of effective outreach and ministry in this place. I was an alien in a space suit trying to share words of life.

Finally came my first opportunity to preach in an open air crusade in a village setting. The crowd would be filled with people of all backgrounds that night, perhaps thousands coming out to hear us. Pastor Philip gently took me aside and gave me my most useful and trusted piece of advice that I have kept hidden in my heart to this very day:

He said, ‘Sister, when you preach tonight, there is no need to preach against anything or anyone. You do

not have to come against idolatry or their religious beliefs. Just remember that Jesus is FOR the Hindus. He is FOR the Muslims. He is FOR the Buddhists and the Sikhs. Jesus loves them very much and He died for them all. The only thing we need to do is lift up Jesus so they can see and hear and understand Him and His great love for them. Jesus will do the rest.

He was so right! And we saw great spiritual hunger in those many meetings and literally hundreds and hundreds of souls of all backgrounds came for prayer. Some for healing of sickness and injury. Some for the healing of broken hearts. Some to find faith in this wonderful loving Savior.

Years ago, before each Sunday morning service our worship team would gather to pray. Before we picked up our instruments, we prayed, “Lord, we know You have a desire for this service for these people today. Help us to stay out of Your way!”

Christ came for all. He is FOR all. Jesus made the promise that if He be lifted up He would draw ALL men to Himself. The best thing we can do for our lost and hurting world is, best we can, stay out of His way. And lift Him up!



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DEBBIE ECKER

## On A Personal Note ...



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35 years ago this month, I walked down an aisle in a candle lit church and joined my life to a beautiful young man whose love for me and love for Jesus was always clearly apparent to all. In the presence of hundreds of friends and family, and in the presence of God, we broke bread, made vows and became one. It brings happy tears to think of the many roads we have walked together, the Lord with us!

## Spirit Lead Me!



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One of the promises that we have as believers in Christ is to know and to recognize the leading of the Spirit in our lives. (See Romans 8:14)

The promise of the Father [*the Holy Spirit*] is meant to dwell in us. Rom 8:11-16; I Cor 3:16 His role is to teach us, guide us, to comfort - to help us, to reveal Jesus to us, and to disclose to us things to come and so much more. John 14:16-17; John 15:26; John 16:12-13

In other words that we might know the things freely given to us by God. I Cor 2:9-16 To know the Father through the Son by the Spirit.

The Spirit's role, too, is to teach us how to prayer. Rom 8:26-27

Watch for the Spirit's leading this week. Pay attention to your thoughts, impressions and your assumptions as you pray. Be observant about your feelings and your emotions.

Ask the Lord to bring to speech the things that are in line with His word and His will. Observation + Action = Results.

## Bringing Help From Above ...



Each month teams like these are bringing Christ into selected areas of the city of Phuket, Thailand with help from above. Friendships are being formed in the context of visits like these. Prayers is offered for each household as a blessing of peace released. Petitions for breakthroughs in health, healing and prosperity. The reports each encouraging. Ask the Lord this month to water the seeds of the gospel being sown.

## Care For Kingdom Families ...



The month of May is the time of year when a new Thai school term begins in each of the 78 provinces around the country. It is always a busy time for us. In six locations we are reaching into fatherless homes with projects like Fathers Without Fathers (FWF) and project REAP: Regional Education Assistance Program. Our partnerships with several Thai churches are providing the weekly visits to the homes and area schools. Join us in 2022!

## Prayer Points

**“The Lord descended in the cloud and stood there with him as he called upon the name of the Lord.”**  
Exodus 34:5 NASB

**Need Answers? Pray Now!**

1. Pray for our Global Training Platforms in Thailand, & Myanmar.
2. For our Care For Kingdom Families Projects: REAP: and the FWF in Thailand, during the 2nd 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!