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Look for us:



“The purpose of my instruction is that all believers would be filled with love that comes from a pure heart, a clear conscience, and genuine faith.” I Timothy 1:5 NLT

If there was ever a time when the people of God need to be taught of the Lord it is now. If there were ever a time to have their discernment turned up HIGH, it is now. Right now.

We need to follow and filter all information and occurrences through the words of the Sacred Text and see every man and woman, every living human, as *Imagi Deo, (made in the image of God)*. Those people are worthy of love, respect and all the grace we can give. We need to put away all foolish chatter and arguments of men, and combative words filled with fire and anger and violence and claims.

This is the point of surrender. Our ways for His ways. Our thoughts for His thoughts. Our rights for a life of taking up our cross and following Him. The key to faithfulness is surrender.

Lord. Teach us. Teach us Your ways. Teach us the fine art of surrender without bad attitudes. Yielding with grace and not bitterness. Responding in respect. Staying soft. Staying tender. Putting on the mercies of God.

The fruit of the Spirit is a beautiful display in a season of darkness and rancor. This fruit of love, joy, peace,

patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self control are a powerful force for good in evil times. It is this fruit in action which allows all men to see our good works and glorify our Father in heaven.

My heart’s cry, my daily prayer is : “Show me Your ways, teach me Your paths...guide me in Your truth and teach me! For my hope is in You all day long.” Psalm 25:4,5.

There are SO many promises of guidance and direction by the Spirit given to us in the word of God. But the key to being able to receive this direction is a willingness to surrender all to Him. We must lay aside all of our pre-conceived ideas and tightly held attitudes which are counter to the gospel. Anything that pulls away from the Spirit of Christ, these are things we must let go of.

“Trust in the LORD with all of your heart, do not lean on your own understanding” Prov. 3:5. This has been my life verse since the age of 18. It has guided me faithfully even until now.

Lord!! Teach me!



WRITTEN BY,
DEBBIE ECKER

On A Personal Note ...



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One of our favorite places on earth is Lake Erie, especially the beaches of Presque Isle. This year we were so very blessed to be able to spend 6 whole days there, enjoying the sun and the sand, and the many fun places to eat, especially Sara's which is an Erie staple with their hot dogs and curly fries! Being in that water takes fills up our emotional tank! Thank You, Lord for a wonderful break!

My Soul Sings



WRITTEN BY,
DAN ECKER

One of the many things that I have discovered on my journey as a follower of Christ and often times gets overlooked or neglected is that of genuine soul care. The part inside of you that is the seedbed of your personality; the place where your feelings, likes and dislikes come from, the place where we make choices based upon past experiences [good or bad] where assumptions are formed about life and the world around us. Our soul also includes things like our emotions; the ability to reason, solve problems and make decisions. All of which at times needs to be renewed, restored, resettled, reassured, and claimed. It also is the place where emotional pain is carried until it is properly dealt with. The Scriptures have a lot to say about this part of who we are. As human beings created in the image and likeness of God our soul [which is deeply connected to our spirit] is the place where we can understand, perceive and know Who God is through Christ by the Spirit.

Reaching Children & Families



Our efforts to provide *Care For Kingdom Families* continues to be major focus for us is 2022 and beyond with a good number of children and young adults from fatherless homes being reached in six locations across Thailand.

Families Without Fathers (FWF) and Project REAP (*Regional Education Assistance Program*) is now in its fourteenth year! We are grateful for the many lives that are being affected by God's great love for them. Your partnership each month helps to make all of this possible. *Thank you!*

Training In Myanmar is underway!



Another academic year is underway in the Emmanuel Theological Seminary (ETS) in Kalaymyo, Myanmar with thirty plus students enrolled this year.

The challenges over the past two years have created an even greater determination for this school to prepare the next batch of emerging leaders from different parts of the country who have come here to be trained.

Join us each month on this journey to train and equip them to serve Christ more effectively in the days to come.

Prayer Points

“Now all of us can come to the Father through the same Holy Spirit because of what Christ has done for us.”

Colossians 2:18 NLT

The Way Is Open!

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 3rd 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!