



January 2025 News

# Kingdom Focus

**“But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.” Matthew 6:33 NASB**

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Look for us:



We are often called upon to make important decisions that will impact everything in our lives; and in the heart of these decisions, ‘Will I choose to do this God’s way?’

Will I forgive when I have every right to be angry? Will I bless, or curse? Will I praise, or blaspheme? Big choices. Little choices. All participate in the building of our future selves, all shape our present reality.

Who do we wish to become? The majority of this lies within our own discretion. These decisions are the heart of opportunities to become more like Christ, more molded into His image and not our own.

In the bright cold winter of 1984, after living in the tropical heat of India I had returned to Nepal dressed only in paper thin clothes unsuited to the cold. I wore every single item I had packed: one tee shirt, one white blouse, painters pants and a light Indian smock dress over all. I was quite a sight!

I had left a trunk of heavier clothes and shoes at the orphanage months before. Now I looked forward with JOY to being reunited with my warm clothing. But it was not to be. Someone had broken into their storage and made off with all of my things! Rage passed over me. I wept.

Then I fell to my knees and asked God for grace. And I heard that still small voice: “Give it to them. Bless them and give all of those things to them.”

I began to pray: Lord, thank you that I am able to give all of my possessions to those who have nothing. Please bless them and protect them and provide for them. Lord let them know Your great love for them. I bless them, Lord. I choose to bless them.” And when I stood up, all traces of rage were gone. I felt blessed and closer to God. I had overcome, His way.

When I grabbed the offered grace, I was uplifted and blessed so much the actual betrayal or theft did not leave its mark on me. I passed through the fiery furnace without a trace of the smell of smoke on my being. And I was well taken care of, beautiful big sweaters from the ‘missions barrel’ that were just my size. And orphans offering me extra blankets at night to keep me warm. They showed me the love of Christ and I humbly received because I had need of the generosity of orphans!

Kingdom Focus: Seeing things through the eyes of Him!



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## On A Personal Note ...



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We enjoyed a wonderful, Christmas holiday. Josiah came to us on the 17th and was able to stay for 10 days! Unfortunately, right before he arrived I fell ill with a bad cold, which he promptly caught and finally Dan! Good thing we love each other so much as we didn't mind the together time. Under blankets watching good tv, nibbling on goodies and coughing! Being together was sweet and restful.

## Breaking Bad ...



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Leadership legend John Maxwell teaches a principle that suggests that much of our success in life is tied to things that we do on a daily basis. This principle implies that if we want to see *change* in a particular area of our lives one must look more carefully at those activities that occur on a daily basis that are influencing or shaping the outcomes of success that we are hoping to achieve. The challenge is to improve on those things that are producing "good results" and to "minimize", challenge and "eliminate" the ones that are on longer producing our desired results. Real change happens over time. Sometimes making the slightest adjustment to something that we are doing on a daily basis can improve or bring us closer to a new level of success or accomplishment that we are desiring to achieve.

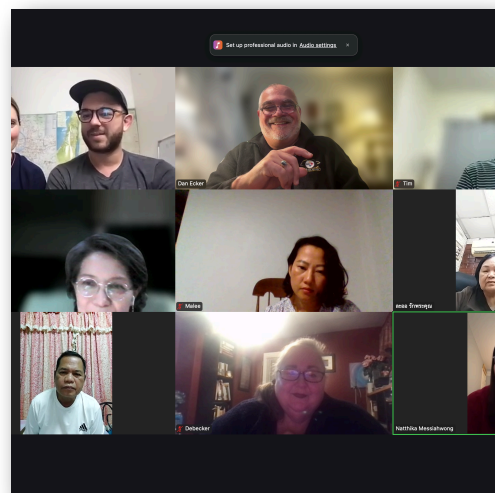
Why not start off in 2025 with a commitment to *Breaking Bad* in your life? "I considered my ways and turned my feet to Your testimonies." Ps. 119:59

## Serving With an Amazing Team ...

One of the many blessings we have as organizational leaders is to be serving with an amazing team.

These are those who are representing Firstlight in Thailand. Each one brings a unique perspective of culture, education, different giftings and the calling of God. All being brought together by the Spirit through Christ, to serve the plans and purposes of God.

Meetings like these provide opportunities for prayer, personal training, equipping, and organizational planning. We are poised for growth. *Jesus, lead the way!*



Firstlight Online Team Meeting

## Launching Out in 2025 ...



Recent pastors conference in Bangkok

Join us each month in prayer and in financial giving as we launch out in 2025. Through your partnership, we are serving a growing number of church leaders, organizations, ministries, people and projects through a wide range of *Global Training Platforms, Kingdom Advance Partnerships*, and we are providing *Care For Kingdom Families* through educational assistance programs to reach children, families and young adults from fatherless homes in selected areas across Thailand.

Your part means so much.

## Prayer Points

**When He had stopped speaking, He said to Simon, "Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." Luke 5:4 NKJB**

**Here. We. Go.**

1. Pray for our Global Training Platforms in Thailand, & Myanmar in the New Year!
2. For our Care For Kingdom Families Projects: REAP: and the FWF in Thailand, during the 1st quarter of 2025.
3. Ministry plans to unfold for all of Firstlight to be strategically placed in 2025 and beyond! \*projects, \*people, \* places, \*funding, \*increased effectiveness
4. For God to ARISE in all that we do!