



February 2025 News

# Every Nation

**“In his name the nations will put their hope.”  
Matthew 12:21 NIV**

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Look for us:



Few verses in scripture move me as deeply as Rev. 7:9: ‘After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the Throne, and before the Lamb.’ These words bring me to tears and prayer. This vast multitude arising from every part of the globe, from all generations, rising to come to the Lamb of God who was slain for their sins. His love is breathtaking in its scope. His mercy an endless resource freely given to all mankind. It is the picture of a family. It is the picture of a Kingdom.

More than four decades ago I was first drawn to attend full time Bible school. I had no idea why I was there. I knew I had a call to study and prepare for ministry, but did not have any idea what that ministry might look like. This was a time when in most pulpits women were not welcome. And I in my blue jean overalls with long untamed hair did not look like a ‘woman of the cloth,’ to be sure. But I was SO drawn to be there. “Learn of Me,” He said.

I found that my call was to the unreached parts of the world; the countries and people where the gospel had not yet been. I was burdened, that after 2000 years of Christianity there were still places where one could go and find MANY who had never one time heard the name of Jesus, or

the Good News about Him. “Send me to them” I prayed. “To the darkest places, the furthest ones. Let me go to them for You.”

Mark Geppert, our Missions pastor at that time was known for his great love of the souls of men. He and his wife Ellie where my greatest influences.. He had a phrase that he repeated in nearly every pulpit or podium where he was invited to speak: “If world evangelization is not your number one priority, then you are **DIAMETRICALLY OPPOSED** to the will of God!” He said this many many times, often to the great discomfort of the pastors and leaders he was speaking to. He was relentless, and through his commitment to this message, a great movement was born, and we saw dozens and dozens of teams sent from the churches in the Pittsburgh area to fulfill “The Great Commission”.

Jesus and I bonded in this: His great love for the world. No favoritism, for in His Kingdom the first shall be last and the last shall be first. In His Kingdom everyone counts, every soul precious. We are to be His Ambassadors to the least and the lost, because His love is for EVERY Nation. Lord!!

Send us! We will go!



WRITTEN BY,  
DEBBIE ECKER

## On A Personal Note ...



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DEBBIE ECKER

After a cold and frigid January, we are leaning into spring to be sure. A local friend claimed he had seen a robin in his yard and I posted, PRAISE GOD!! In these times I have to remind myself of the decades of living in places that felt like a continual sauna where I was gasping for a cool breeze, lol. Its all in perspective, I guess. In EVERYTHING give thanks, for this is God's will concerning you. Amen!!

## Undercover ...



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One of the many lessons learned in life is the discovery of who we are as humans in our personage, what is our purpose in life, and why are we here? The famous writer Mark Twain put it this way: "The two most important days of your life are the day you were born and the day you find out why." What I have noticed in my own journey as a follower of Christ over the past four decades is this: It's not uncommon to go through periods of time looking for answers to questions like these only to find that ones *purpose* is hidden in the grand narrative of bringing fulfillment to the great commission of Christ to preach the Gospel in all the earth! There is no other purpose. (See Matt 28:19-20; Mark 16:15; Luke 24:46-49; John 20:21; Acts 1:8) A discovery that requires watching for the clues and noticing the openings toward a future that is about to unfold. God's plans and purpose are not hidden from us but hidden so that we can find them. Uncover what is meant to be found

## Apostolic Summit in Bangkok ...



Teaching Moments Apostolic Summit, BKK

At the start of this year I (Dan) found myself in a series of meetings in Bangkok, that involve mobilizing prayer and training missionaries for 100 gateway cities in the 10/40 window. Planning sessions, extended times of prayer and intercession as well as multiple sessions of heart-felt worship.

We heard from several Apostolic leaders that are leading this movement into the future of fulfilling the great commission.

As strategic partners Debbie & I have become a part of this Tribe representing all that Firstlight Intl. is bringing to the table. *Lets do this!*

## Raising Up Five Fold Ministry Churches ...

Here is another *Global Training Platform* that involves serving the Five Fold Ministry Church Network, in Thailand.

Let by Pastor Daniel Manusak and his wife Pastor Ooy this network of churches have embraced God's original design for churches to function in a full expression of the measure of Christ's gift. (See Eph 2:20-22; Eph 4:7 - 8, 11-12 and more!)

Mentoring opportunities like these are ready to be launched with other key leaders across Thailand.



Thai Church Leaders Monthly Mentoring

## Prayer Points

**“Therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest.” Matt 9:30 NASB**

**Pray. Give. Go. Send!**

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!