

WIND OF THE SPIRIT MINISTRIES Newsletter

MAY 2016

COMING OUT OF THE DARKNESS INTO GOD'S LIGHT

Jesus did not come to suffer and die a brutal death on the cross in order to give us a "feel good" religion. He came to redeem fallen humanity from the curse of God and the throws of sin and hell, because of our willful disobedience.

This is vividly illustrated in the following words of a young "twenty something" man with whom I recently had the privilege of spending an hour or so, listening to his story. I asked him one, simple question, "How did you come to faith in Jesus?" And he shared his story. I was captured by the radiant joy that was in his face and the sense of awe and wonder as he talked about how Jesus made himself known to him. I was also very much impressed by the seriousness of his commitment and his obvious concern for those who adhere to the religion from which he came.

Suhail is a recent convert from Islam to Jesus Christ. Hear his story and get a new perspective of what is happening in the realm of the spirit, but being played out in daily life here on earth. He shares...

"Many doubt the Lord's ability to change people. I sometimes feel like a freak of nature, or a freak of God that no one understands because of coming out of my old faith. I haven't met many ex-Muslim Christians. I could probably fit them on one hand so far. I kind of understand their hesitation. Fear can be such a dangerous tool of the enemy to divide the church and people. And it baffles me how they can't identify those fears as demonic spirits. It shows me they don't really trust the Lord, yet.

"I thank you for your prayers. They are desperately needed. The enemy is really strong in Islam. There is no other religion that organizes mass killing of people who leave the faith, and to do it masked as for our God. There is no worse evil than that. There is no other religion that has a worship movement like ours, and that is state funded to spread and infect the west. This is clearly a religious war going on and no one in the world wants to admit it. The war lies in the spirit realm.

"Every time Muslims pray, they are cursing Jews and Christians. In the first aya of their prayer, it says that verbatim. Most American Muslims don't ever translate their book, so they have no idea. And most of the ones who do know, have no problem with it.

"I thank the Lord that he protected me as much as he did from that demonic force.

"So if there are 1.5 billion Muslims praying this five times a day, imagine the release of hell that's being spread onto us on the daily basis. If we have about 2 million Christians, but only half actually pray and worship, only a couple times a day, the math doesn't look good.

"Although I know the end of the story is WE WIN! I know the Lord is raising up more and more workers to go harvest. Muslims have so much fear of hell that they drop on their knees and pray more than most Christians. We need to be doubling what they do. They don't even see any fruit from their prayers yet they still are consistent with their duties.

"We have the POWER of God reinforcing ours and yet we take it for granted. I have been guilty of this for about the first year. I had too many demonic attachments preventing me at that time and needed some life experience in the faith first.

Many Christians misinterpret and take advantage of grace. Yes, by our faith in Christ we are saved by grace. But then we sit on our butts and live basically like people in the world. We don't fear God enough. It terrifies me not being constantly covered and protected. I have withstood the full brunt of the enemies' attacks and I want nothing more to do with them.

"God really wants his will done. Nothing will stop him. This stuff is exiting! To be thrust into this battle and forced to hit the ground running, when just 1.5 years ago, I was completely blind and unaware. It is still boggling my mind and I have to pinch myself to make sure I'm not going to wake up from the best dream I could have ever imagined."

Brothers and sisters! Hear what he is saying! Jesus warned his disciples about the day coming when anyone who kills them will think they are doing a service to their god, or doing their religious duty. John 16:2

Our young brother in the faith faces this reality each day of his life because he is now a follower of Jesus Christ. Let us continue to pray for his safety. Larry

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GIVE BIG DAY, MAY 3

GIVE **BIG** DATE ANNOUNCEMENT

The Seattle Foundation's sixth annual *Give-BIG* will take place on **Tuesday**, **May 3**, **2016**. **However**, this year a donation may be scheduled as early as April 18th to be recorded on May 3rd.

The Foundation states: "We will "stretch" all donations up to \$5,000 per donor, per organization." This means that Wind of the Spirit Ministries will participate in receiving additional funds, depending upon the amount of each donation to the Ministry and the "stretch" money that is available to the Foundation.

In addition, a family that believes in the work that God has called Wind of the Spirit Ministries to do, has once again provided a challenge fund of \$25,000 to match gifts up to that amount. If you donate \$25 it immediately becomes \$50. If you donate \$100 it becomes \$200. This family's gracious generosity has made it possible for our donations to be doubled up to that amount. Let us match their generosity!

Donations to Wind of the Spirit Ministries must be made online through The Seattle Foundation, to qualify for the Stretch Fund or the Challenge matching funds.

You may make your donations through The Seattle Foundation Website:

https://givebig.seattlefoundation.org/.

The website can also be accessed through the donations tab at **wosm-nw.org**.

This is a great opportunity to see our donations *stretched* and *doubled* during this *GiveBIG* day.

Be sure to mark it on your calendar. <u>MAY 3rd</u>, midnight to midnight., OR, preschedule your gift beginning *April 18th*.

Thank you for participating in this GiveBIG event and helping to make our ministry dollars

STRETCH in order to accomplish more in the work of our Lord's Kingdom.

PRAYERS FOR GENERAL CONFERENCE

All are strongly encouraged to pray daily for the upcoming meeting of General Conference that will be meeting in Portland, OR, May 10-20. General Conference meets every four years and involves the worldwide United Methodist Church. Over 900 delegates will be gathering to set the Discipline [our Covenantal 'Law Book'] and our Social Principles [How we live out our faith as United Methodists for the next four years].

WOSM ANNUAL BOARD AND COUNCIL

The Wind of the Spirit Ministries' Board of Directors and Support Council meet twice each year to conduct the business of the ministry. The Annual Meeting will be on Saturday, July 9th, at which time we elect officers and set the budget for the new year. We also hear reports of the ministry events in which the leadership has been involved during the past year.

This meeting provides an opportunity to celebrate our Lord's work as well as plan for what God would have us do in the coming months.

We also have a mid-year meeting in January of each year wherein we continue to seek the guidance of God's Holy Spirit for the work in which we are involved.

All Board and Council members are encouraged to mark their calendars for **Saturday**, **July 9**, when we will be at the Silverdale United Methodist Church between the hours of 9:00 and 3:30 pm for worship, prayer, reports, election of officers and setting of the budget for our new fiscal year—July through June.

INTERIM PASTORAL LEADERSHIP AT SUMC

Our beloved Pastor Edd Denton, with wife Pamela and son, Mateo, will be moving to Florida at the end of the month of May. Pastor Edd is being appointed to serve a church in that Conference, First United Methodist Church of Brookfield, FL, a church founded in the 1880s.

Silverdale UMC will not be receiving its new pastor until he or she is appointed at the Pacific Northwest Annual Conference Session on June 24-26. The new pastor will begin serving on July 1.

In the meantime, Pastor Edd and the Staff Parish Relations Committee have requested that I, Larry, serve as interim Pastor of the Silverdale UMC during the month of June, providing pastoral oversight and fulfilling any responsibilities that require ordained, pastoral leadership.

I consider it an honor to be asked to fill this position for this interim period and look forward to working with the Silverdale United Methodist Church family to continue the ministry that has been established and carried out under Pastor Edd's capable leadership for these past five years.

Let us keep the Denton family in our prayers during this time of transition in their lives and ministry. Let us also keep the Silverdale United Church family in our prayers as we endeavor to move forward in preparation for receiving our new pastor on July 1.

May God release on us all the power of his Holy Spirit as we endeavor to follow his will in all our lives, individually and corporately as the Church.

WEB-PAGE Wind of the Spirit Web Page address is www.wosm-nw.org

ELLINGTON TESTIMONY

By Joy Ellington

In 1996 we came to India at the beckoning of God, but without knowing what we would be doing or where we would be working. Anything God set before us we did with all our hearts and minds for the glory of God—everything from cooking to cleaning and from serving to teaching.

We taught as the Spirit led us, but with no library, internet or teaching material, only the Bible, the solid word of God. Because there was no one to direct us on what to do or how to do it we could only depend on the Lord our God for direction and for the leading of the Holy Spirit.

After we were asked to intern with Wind of the Spirit Ministries late last year, I realized how blessed we were, because Pastors Larry and Audrey, a man and woman of God, had spent hours in the presence of God inquiring and being led by the Holy Spirit to research and write the materials for their ministry. We are so blessed by the honor and love we receive from Larry and from the WOSM team.

We feel like we are experiencing a touch of heaven by working with the WOSM team, learning from them and enjoying their fellowship. They are such committed men and women of God and doing God's will. Words cannot express how grateful we feel. "The table was prepared and we just partook with them." God is so amazingly faithful!

We take the information and materials that Larry and Audrey developed and we use it to encourage and implement people to grow in the confidence of God's love. We also draw on our experiences and the lessons God has taught us while leading and shepherding His sheep in India.

God has shaped us in many ways through our experiences in India. And in both ministries [India and Wind of the Spirit] we have learned to wait upon the Lord for provision, direction and for the power of the Holy Spirit.

Working with Wind of the Spirit has expanded my understanding of people and their perspective o life. The entire world was created by God and people in every part of the world need the touch of God in their lives. They need physical, spiritual and emotional healing to become the whole person God created them to be.

Recently, as I was spending three days praying and fasting for the Wind of the Spirit Ministries, the Lord spoke to me from Psalms 78:4 -6

"We will not hide them from their descendants, we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, his power and the wonders he has done...

So the next generation would know them even the children yet to be born and they in turn would tell their children."

sire is to share his love with all persons. That is what this ministry is about and that is why we are so blessed to be a part of it."

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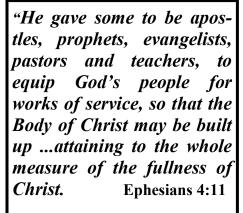
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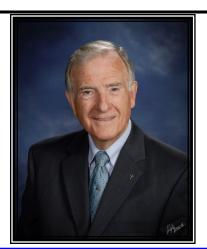
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MINISTRY CALENDAR

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OTHER MINISTRY EVENTS ARE IN THE PLANNING STAGES Eddings Email address: woseddings@msn.com

MAY 1—Preach at Living Water Church, Bremerton, WA

3—SEATTLE FOUNDATION, GIVE BIG DAY

10-20—GENERAL CONFERENCE, PORTLAND, OR

JUNE 1-31—Provide Pastoral leadership, Silverdale UMC
24-26—Pacific Northwest Annual Conference, Puyallup
JULY 9—ANNUAL BOARD AND COUNCIL MEETING
WIND OF THE SPIRIT MINISTRIES, Silverdale
17—Preach St. John UMC, Quezon City, Philippines
19-21—Bishop's Convocation and Worker's Conference,
Baguio, Philippines, with Bishop Rudy Juan
28—Medical Clinic, Montalban, Philippines
21-24—Aldersgate Conference on the Holy Spirit,
Lexington, KY.
AUGUST 5-7—Seminar, Kailua, HI UMC,