

WIND OF THE SPIRIT MINISTRIES Newsletter

OCTOBER 2016

"BE JOYFUL, PRAYAND GIVE THANKS"

God's Word sets the standard for fruitful and abundant living for Believers and unbelievers alike. There are no higher standards that can elicit the quality of lifestyle that enriches human life and serves for the good of all humanity than those established by God in his Word.

People may choose to believe it or not believe it. Regardless, the truth of God's Word remains the same.

As Believers in Jesus Christ, we are reminded in Paul's second letter to Timothy [3:16] that "All Scripture is Godbreathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training righteousness, so that the man [and woman] of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."

Whatever the season of our lives and in whatever circumstances we may find ourselves in this day, God's Word speaks to us and to the circumstance. In it he provides a word of encouragement for us and a way to deal with the circumstances.

For example, we are entering in to that season of the year that we call "Thanksgiving." It is a time when, as a nation, America focuses on that time when the Pilgrims first arrived in this country and began relating—in both positive and negative ways, to the inhabitants of the land, the Native Americans. Thanksgiving began as a time when we gave thanks for those friendly Natives who helped the newcomer-foreigners find ways to survive in a new land, and by the grace of God, they did survive.

Thanksgiving, for the Christian, is not a once a year, month or meal, in which we give thanks to God for the food we have or the blessings he provides, though we certainly do remember such gracious and generous times of God's provision.

Rather, "Thanksgiving" is a lifestyle for those who know Jesus as their Savior. Scripture instructs us: "Be joyful always! Pray continually! Give thanks in all circumstances! This is God's will for you in Christ Jesus!" I Thessalonians 5:16-18

*BE JOYFUL! This is not a suggestion. It is a command! We are commanded in God's Word to be joyful. Christians are joyful people, not because they experience fewer troubling experiences than other people or because they are not exposed to the difficult experiences of life. Christians are joyful people simply because Jesus has made his joy available to all who would follow him. He told his disciples, "If you obey my commands, you will

remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete." [John 15:10,11] It is the Joy of Jesus in us that enables us to be joyful always—in spite of our circumstances.

*PRAY ALWAYS! Prayer and constant communion with our heavenly Father is the key to our ability to remain joyful always. We have a living God who loves us unconditionally and sacrificially. Love must have an object; it does not operate apart from an object. We either love some *THING* or some *ONE*. We do not just simply "love."

God is Love. [I John 4:16] God's love must have an object. We—individually and corporately, are the objects of God's love. Jesus is the greatest expression of God's love for us and, as we pray, we understand more and more the depth of that love. God even reminds us in his Word that Jesus and his Spirit lives to intercede for us. [Hebrews 7:25] That is one way in which he express his love for us!

*GIVE THANKS IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES! Knowing that God is the One who knows our circumstances; the One who guides us through our circumstances; the One who can use our circumstances to enrich our lives and strengthen our faith, we then begin to give God thanks in all of life's circumstances. Our focus is not on the circumstances of our lives, but on the One who is in charge of the circumstances.

Where circumstances may work to bring devastation to the lives of others who do not—or choose to not, acknowledge or know God, those same kinds of things will be used by God to work his will in our lives. He asks only that we look to him, for "In all things God works for the good of those who love him and have been called according to his purposes." [Romans 8:28]

Yes, it is a season of Thanksgiving! In fact, there is no season of the year that is off limits for the privilege of giving thanks to our God for his goodness, his mercy and his love. Let's joyfully put it into practice!

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MEDICAL MISSION IN PHILIPPINES

Report by Connie Bartolome

We praise God for he is a God of hope, joy, peace and purpose. His blessings and his plans exceed our expectations every time. This medical mission to the Philippines was no exception. Although exhausted from the hectic trip, the experience was beyond worth it. It was both fulfilling and rewarding, and I am incredibly grateful because the Holy Spirit was always with us. His abiding presence and love guided us every step of the way. What a joyful journey it was!

After a two day mission in Bohol, Amivic Clark and Beatriz Chen joined the rest of the team in Manila to prepare for our second mission in Morong, Bataan. After a 4 hour drive we arrived in Morong and were warmly greeted by a group of fellow volunteers from the beautiful Anvaya Cove Resort, our sponsor for the event.

After two year of planning and coordinating with the Resort's manager, Jovie Reyes, our heart's desire to partner in rendering free medical care to the outlying community of Morong was finally unfolding before our eyes. I was so grateful for our God who is generous loving and faithful beyond measure! The staff at Anvaya was incredibly gracious to us—they were a true gift as we served the Lord in this mission. We were a team of thirteen: Pastor Larry, Gary Wright, Donna Kirkpatrick, Amivic Clark, Beatriz Chen and me, Connie, from the US. Included in the team were Pastor David and Josie Sablan, Francis, Annabelle, Christine Mae, Dr. Christine Calica and Dr. Alma Marcaida and our local Filipino volunteers. In addition, Anvaya provided us with 4 additional local nurses, 3 physicians and extra runners. Working with this extraordinary team was a wonderful blessing for us as well as for the less privileged and needy people of Morong. A total of 245 patients were registered for the clinic, receiving treatment, prayer and medications.

We ended our day by gathering in a circle and sharing praises about all that God accomplished through his willing servants.

The third and final medical mission was led by Pastor David Sablan at the St. John mission church in Montalban, Rizal. We started in a building with no power or electricity, but God's power was visible and felt in the heart of his servants as the day was opened with prayer and worship.

We experienced an overwhelming joy in our midst. By his grace and mercy we were able to provide free medical examinations, medicine, prayers and gift bags to over 200 patients. Treatment included standard glucose testing, urinallysis screenings and uric acid testing.

I truly enjoyed the company of our fellow volunteers from St. John UMC. They were joyful, loving and enthusiastic workers of the Lord! It was an honor and a privilege to be part of this wonderful and dedicated team.

Thank you to all dear and faithful prayer warriors for interceding on our behalf! You were part of our team as we carried you with us on this mission. We couldn't have done it without you and your faithful prayers! CB

ESTONIA HEALING SEMINAR Pastor Thea Kant, host Pastor

The following schedule has been set for the mission to Tallin and Tartu, Estonia for the week of October 9-18. Saturday, October 8

Team members Donna Kirkpatrick and Larry Eddings arrive in Tallin, Estonia

Sunday, October 9

Team Members, Bob and Tracy Martello, Gary and Joleen Wright, Brian and Beth Clark, Jane Petter and Kathleen Hylkema leave SeaTac for trip through Frankfurt, Germany then on to Tallin, Estonia.

Monday, October 10—The US team arrives in Tallin Tuesday, October 11—Lunch meeting with Taavi Hollman, District Superintendent, followed by a short tour of Tallin and evening team meeting.

Wednesday, October 12—Day trip to Tartu for Healing Service in the evening. Larry teaching and team serving as prayer teams for participants.

Thursday, October 13—Healing Seminar begins in Tallin, Larry teaching, team members leading workshop

Friday, October 14—Healing Seminar, Larry and Tracy teaching, with team members leading workshops.

Saturday, October 15—Healing Seminar concludes in the afternoon with U.S. and Estonia teams sharing dinner together.

Sunday, October 16—Worship Service in Tallin Church with Larry preaching, followed by lunch.

Monday, October 17—U.S. team leaves Estonia Tuesday, October 18—Team arrives SeaTac and home

PLEASE KEEP YOUR TEAM IN PRAYER

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MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

NOTE: Change of Date: The date for the Prayer Seminar in the Asbury United Methodist Church in Ft. Payne, AL, originally schedule for November 18-20, has been rescheduled for December 2-4. Pastor Taylor Gallman is the host pastor for the event.

KINGSTON, **WA:** On Saturday, November 5, Larry Eddings will be joining with John Wischler at the home of Katie Fortune in Kingston for an afternoon of training and spiritual growth for persons who are registered for her six week course on topics that help train leaders for ministry.

Larry will be teaching and leading a workshop on "Hearing God's Voice: Requisite for Effective Ministry."

HOLY SPIRIT EVENT: Several persons in the Meridian, ID area have expressed a desire to know more about the Holy Spirit and to have a time when they can focus on the Person of the *Holy Spirit and the Spiritual Gifts*.

Therefore, the dates of November 11 and 12 have been scheduled for a time of studying about the Holy Spirit in the home of one of the couples who have expressed this desire. Several have already signed up to participate in the two day session.

Once again we express deep appreciation for Es Bennett and Sharon Pryor, beloved sisters in the Lord, who live in Meridian and who are arranging for this to happen.

PLANNING AHEAD FOR 2017:

January —Mid-Year Wind of the Spirit Ministries Board of Directors and Support Council meeting.

February-March: Jeremy and Joy Ellington from India, will be joining us once again for six weeks in February and March. Be sure to mark your calendars for the dates of February 22-25 for a seminar on "*The Motivational Gifts"* of the Holy Spirit. Plan now to come and hear them teach.

This will be a time when we will discover the various spiritual gifts that God has given to us in and by his Spirit. It will also be a time when we practice how to effectively use these gifts in ministry.

June HEALING SEMINAR

A three day *Healing Seminar* has been planned for the dates of June 22-24. The Rev. David and Josie Sablan, Administrative Pastor of the St. John UMC in Quezon City, Philippines, will be with us to help teach in the Seminar. He will preach at the Sunday morning worship service at the Silverdale UMC on June 25. David will also be leading workshops at the *Aldersgate Renewal Ministries' Conference on the Holy Spirit* that will be held in Lexington, KY on the dates of June 28-July 2, 2017.

You will not want to miss these opportunities to meet and hear the Ellingtons and the Sablans.

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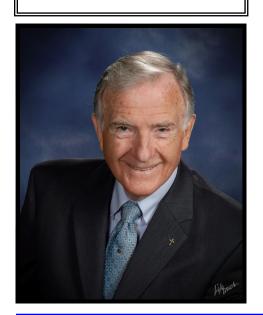
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Ephesians.4:11



MINISTRY CALENDAR

PLEASE POST AND PRAY FOR THESE EVENTS

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

OCTOBER 9-18	HEALING SEMINAR IN ESTONIA Pastor, Thea Kant
NOVEMBER 11,12	SEMINAR OF HOLY SPIRIT AND SPIRITUAL GIFTS, Meridian, ID
DECEMBER 2-4	PRAYER SEMINAR, Ft. Payne, AL Pastor Taylor Gallman, Asbury UMC
FEBRUARY 22-25	MOTIVATIONAL GIFTS SEMINAR Silverdale United Methodist, Silverdale, WA
JUNE 22-24	HEALING SEMINAR, Silverdale, WA Rev. David Sablan, Jeremy and Joy Ellington, teachers.