

# WIND OF THE SPIRIT MINISTRIES Newsletter

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# GOING HOME ANOTHER WAY

It is a very familiar story to those who know and believe in the Birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Our Lord, Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days when Herod was appointed by the Roman Emperor to serve as king over Judea. Believers know the story.

We also know that Magi, or Wise Men, came from the East, following the Star that they interpreted to mean that the new King of Israel had been born. They followed that Star, perhaps for a period of two years, until they arrived in Jerusalem, went straight to King Herod and inquired about the new King's Birth.

This, of course, did not set well with Herod, who was very jealous of his position and its power. After inquiring of the religious leaders as to the birthplace of a new king, he discovered that it was to be in Bethlehem. He sent the Magi on their way with the instructions that, when they found him, to be sure to return and let him know where he is, "so that I too may go and worship him."

We already know from Herod's reputation that he had no intention of worshiping the new King, but to destroy him.

The Magi went to Bethlehem and found the newborn King. It was not a difficult search as the Star stopped right over the Birthplace. They presented Joseph and Mary with gifts that they had brought from their homeland. After presenting their gifts and paying their homage, they were instructed by God to return to their own country by another route. They were not to go back to report to Herod. God also knew Herod's reputation.

The Wise Men listened to God and went home another way. It is my belief that they not only went home another way, they went home different men. There is no way a person can encounter the Christ of God, kneel at his altar --whether cradle, rail or cross, and not be different.

It may not set well with others, as with Herod, when he found out that he had been outwitted by the

Wise Men, but there is, nevertheless, a change that takes place in the hearts of those who encounter Jesus.

Herod was furious, and he had all the baby boys, two years old and under, killed, in accordance with the time he had learned from the Magi what time the Star first appeared. Inconsolable grief overwhelmed the parents of these babies.

> "Rachel weeping for her children and refusing to be comforted, because they were no more."

Fortunately, God knew Herod's heart and Herod's plan. He warned Joseph and Mary to take Baby Jesus and leave the country until Herod died. They were obedient and did what they were told. They followed the lead of the Wise Men and so saved their Son.

We have made a journey through the year 2017. For some, it may have been a difficult period because we, like the parents in Bethlehem have lost loved ones. We lost them, not because of a mean and wicked ruler, but through a sickness or accident. That doesn't lessen the sense of loss or the grief that accompanies the loss.

Others of us have experienced difficulty in "making ends meet," because of loss of job or prolonged unemployment or income that does not match the outgo. The car breaks down, the electricity is disconnected, the medical bills "pile up," and innumerable other bandits along the road of life that rob us of our joy.

This is a great time to follow the Star, to seek the Christ of God, to look to the Hope of the world and, taking a clue from the Wise Men, walk into this New Year another way.

Once again, this is an opportunity to recommit ourselves to something more than a New Year's Resolution, but to a New Year's way of Living Life:

### **CORUM DEO:**

"Living my life daily in the Presence of God Under the Authority of God's Word And all for the Glory of God."

"Lord help us to show in our lives the wisdom of the Wise Men Help us be obedient to your directions and so live a life that blesses others and honors you." lle

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#### INDIA REPORT

It is a real privilege and honor to write to you in this Christmas season. Before I get started let me just say thank you for your support towards the WOSM ministry around the world. The WOSM home office has for more than 20 years been a spiritual and financial covering for our work in India. Their prayer has kept us and our loved ones alive and strong in this land. Financially they have never ever taken even a dime for all the hours and hours of work they have put in taking care of us here in India. Before we joined WOSM we approached other organizations who asked for 10% and even 12% to do what WOSM is doing for us for free. We Praise the Lord for their partnership, love, and support.

WOSM is the product of revival. In the late sixties my father was sent to the Silverdale United Methodist Church. He had a Doctorate in Theology and had studied under a famous theologian named Barth in Switzerland. I guess the Bishop thought he would know what to do with a church that was being baptized in the Holy Spirit and where people were speaking in tongues. The Bishop was wrong. Mom and Dad didn't know what to do and the church brought this same transformation into their lives. They were Spirit Filled and loved the Lord and were blessed by their days in Silverdale.

Following them was another unsuspecting couple named Larry and Audrey who I suspect many of you know! This couple was filled with the Spirit and ran with it. The rest is history as they say and out of this came Wind of the Spirit Ministries. Psalms 65:9 says that, "The River of God is Full". God's river is always full. How can I be a part of this move of God? and how can I participate with His Spirit? These are good and healthy question that God invites us all to ask. Today revival and God's hand and Spirit are just as alive as they were in the early church and just as they were in the late 60's and the 70's. In answer to these questions we find great joy in working with WOSM here in India as well as in the USA and even throughout the world. We want to be a part of the move of God in our times.

In March 28th of 2014 the Holy Spirit fell on our church in India. It is a long exciting story that we will have to share at another time. But the end result has been the transformation of the church and God's transformation in many lives. How easy it is to forget from where we have come. Here in India it is easy to remember be-

cause we see those whose lives are destroyed by alcoholism and superstition and we see those who have been touched by the Spirit and are a part of the family of God. We see the sparkle in their eyes and the passion by which they serve the Lord. They are being transformed daily and are receiving a new identity as they walk with Jesus. Christmas is a time when their new faith in Jesus glows publicly.

These youths put on a Christmas program that is very professional. The stage is beautiful, the lighting bright, the sound deafening. They are dressed in fancy new clothing, dancing to the finest Christian music in multiple languages with their best dance moves and they are really good dancers. When their parents see them, they feel proud and when the society around them see, they do a double take because they have put these people in a tiny box.

Along with the Christmas night program we go for 6 days of caroling to around 200 houses. It is not the kind of carol singing that is designed to bring peace and quiet but is rather the kind of carol singing designed to scare away tigers and wake people up. It seems that tigers lose their

territory around Christmas and they feed on domestic animals when they are unable to hunt in the forest. Our drumming is designed to chase them away!

Another tradition here is that people sing until people have paid



them to leave. We go as a group of 50 - 80 people. We sing one song only but in this song, we give our all. We have a group that plays drums and another group that dances and another group that claps and sings. We stir up the dust and then when the song is over we ask if we can pray for their home. 99% of the people say yes (whether out of fear or need we don't know) and then we as a group bless them, their family, studies and their finances and we also invite them to come to our neighborhood block party which is the Christmas program. We do not accept money. Please pray for this year's Christmas programs. At last year's Christmas program, we gave out over 400 gifts and fed around 750 people. This year promises to be

WEB-PAGE Wind of the Spirit Web Page address is www.wosm-nw.org While we were in Estonia the Lord gave a very clear vision for a home where people can find their calling and discover their spiritual gifts as well as some of their natural gifts. We have already broken ground on this although it will take some time to complete. It will be a 3-story home with a floor for men, women and one for newly married couples. Many of our believers live 8 to 12 people in a 3-room house where each room is 8 x 10. They have tremendous pressure to get out and bring in finances.

This new home will be a place where they can draw near to God and where they can listen to His heart and learn about His plan for their lives. We want to be supportive and empowering. Some will be called to business and others to ministry and others as the Lord sees fit and we want to help all of them get a good start in life. Please pray for the building to take shape and that the vision also will be fully mature. This home will be a great place for people to learn from all the amazing teachings of WOSM.

Once again, we want to thank you for your continued support of WOSM and ask that you continue to partner with this great work, especially in America. As we work together in humility and obedience may the multitude come to know their Savior. God wants to partner with us to accomplish His will!

#### Isaiah 62:10

"Pass through, pass through the gates! Prepare the way for the people. Build up, build up the highway! Remove the stones. Raise a banner for the nations."

# Isaiah 57:14-15

"And it will be said: 'Build up, build up, prepare the road! Remove the obstacles out of the way of my people'. For this is what the high and exalted One says-- he who lives forever, whose name is holy: 'I live in a high and holy place, but also with the one who is contrite and lowly in spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly and to revive the heart of the contrite'."

We want to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from JJEDJ

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# MINISTRY CALENDAR

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JANUARY 6	WIND OF THE SPIRIT BOARD AND COUNCIL Silverdale, WA 9:00-3:30
JANUARY 8	Pastors Prayer and Renewal Retreat, Old Silverdale UMC Parsonage on Church grounds 9:00—3:30
FEBRUARY 15-17	Wind of the Spirit Staff and Team Building Retreat
FEBRUARY 20-24	A four and one half day Healing Academy will be held at the Silverdale United Methodist Church.

"The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ." Ephesians 4:11,12

