



# SPIRIT BREEZE

WIND OF THE SPIRIT MINISTRIES Newsletter

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## Living a Life of Faith

Joseph's life was an illustration of faith in action. Joseph had a dream as a child that made him believe that God had something big in store for him. Joseph knew there was a blessing to be had. His brothers simply believed that Joseph thought he was better than they were. I don't think that's true. Sometimes when we have faith that good things are in store for us, it makes others who don't have that faith feel like they don't have a blessing coming to them.

Joseph didn't come from a perfect family. His father favored him and it caused a lot of anger and jealousy. Eventually it all came to a head when Joseph's brothers sold him into slavery. His brothers didn't have faith that there was a blessing for them, even though God has more than enough blessing for all of us.

So Joseph was taken to Egypt and was a servant in the house of Potiphar, whose wife tried to seduce Joseph. Because of Joseph's faith, he fled from her. I am sure that he knew what kind of person she was and that even though he did the right thing, he would still pay. In faith, at risk to himself, he did what was right in God's eyes. This is faith in action. It took Joseph to a whole new level of faith, even though what happened next certainly did not seem like it.

He landed in prison. But through his experience in prison, he was pointed out to the Pharaoh as someone who could interpret dreams. And Pharaoh had experienced a dream that had concerned him. Joseph was brought out of prison and interpreted that dream. Pharaoh saw his wisdom and placed Joseph as his second in command.

Because of his faith, God showed Joseph a strategy to save Egypt and other nations from a coming famine that would sweep the land. During the years of famine, Joseph's brothers had to come to him, and bow down before him, to acquire the grain needed to save their families from starvation. Joseph exhibited his faith by forgiving his brothers for the way they had treated him, and they were reconciled. Much later, Joseph's people, the Israelites, became slaves in the land that had once honored Joseph.

Genesis 50:22-26: "So Joseph and his brothers and their families continued to live in Egypt. Joseph was 110 years old when he died. He lived to see the birth of his son Ephraim's children, and the children of Machir, Manasseh's son, who played at his feet.

"Soon I will die," Joseph told his brothers, "but God will surely come and get you, and bring you out of this land of Egypt and take you back to the land he promised to the descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob." Then Joseph made his brothers promise with an oath that they would take his body back with them when they returned to Canaan. So Joseph died at the age of 110, and they embalmed him, and his body was placed in a coffin in Egypt."

Several hundred years later, when Moses brought the children of Israel out of Egypt, they took Joseph's bones out with them!

Faith releases the blessing of God – In Joseph's case, his faith released Egypt and his own family from starvation; his faith brought reconciliation between him and his brothers; his faith gained what was promised.

There are occasions when our faith seems to be met with silence.

-Will we keep believing?

There are times when our faith offends others.

-Will we trust God or become offended also?

Other times our faith will be met with, "Not yet, I have other work to do before I can give you this blessing".

-Can we hold on to our faith until then?

God is always at work in us and we rarely recognize what he is doing at the time. But God knows that His work must happen in a certain way and time to accomplish His purposes.

-Can we trust God's timing and persevere like Joseph did, even while waiting in prison?

God is just waiting to pour out His blessings on us. We can unlock the blessings through faith! As we progress in our faith, each level can get a little more challenging than the one before, but God can be trusted no matter how the circumstances appear. -Tracy

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## Philippines Mission

The past year has gone by very quickly. Our mission team is taking care of last minute details before we leave for the Philippines. Following is the itinerary for this mission. Please post it and pray that God's will is done and He is glorified through these events.

March 19—27	Team members arriving
March 22	Cebu, Philippines—Worship
23	“Holy Spirit Conference”
24	Medical Team arrives in Cebu Prepare medical site
25	Medical Mission day
27	Fly to Manila Medical team travels to Pangasinan
28	Youth team arrives in Manila
29	Martellos, Sablans and Youth team worship in Manila Medical team returns to Manila
30	All teams travel to Cavite
31	Prepare medical site
April 1	Medical Mission day Evening healing service for community
2	Youth service opportunity
3	Rest/travel to Manila
4-5	Teams fly home

This will be a very busy time. Please remember us all in prayer. We are so thankful to God for your prayers and gifts that make this mission possible. May God bless you in every area of your life.

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## India

Our focus for 2020 is God's vision for the church and for our lives. We are glad to be working here in India. It is not always easy and never dull. After a year plus of drama and politics the church seems to be getting somewhere. The drama and politics began from a pre-married couple becoming pregnant but was more about one person wanting to control the church. This character is still around though he does not attend our church but the church next door and he is still active in trying to shape our church from the outside.

By God's grace our leadership team expanded and grew in the Spirit and we have kept a steady hand. We fast and pray twice a year and this years

fasting was especially blessed. For Christmas we gave out 500 gifts and we even had gifts for the very old (steel cups). Probably around 700 people came but it is very hard to estimate. By God's grace food was enough with some left over that people gladly take home and or our youth eat the next morning. This year we had a lot of participants and we all had a prayer meeting before the program. It was wonderful to see the youth and children dedicating their performances to Jesus and praying for the people who would come to see the program.

We also enlarged our parking area quite a bit which allowed for more people to sit and watch the program as opposed to standing and watching. On December 22nd we celebrated Christmas as a church. We gave out 40 high quality blankets one to each family. It was a glorious Sunday service followed by food and games and dance practice and carol singing in the evening!

On the 29th of December we had 87 people for the Sunday service. The church is growing. On the 31st for our Watch Night Service we had 300 people. 100+ were people who came for the first time. At 10 p.m. we ran out of food and had to cook again. Many of us never ate dinner. We worshipped from 11:15 to 12:05 and then danced for another half hour to good Christian songs. It was a lot of fun and excitement. It was not easy as we had so many children who are not used to church settings (talking, laughing, etc.). We arrived at 7:30 p.m. to a crowded church without electricity. God was faithful and brought victory.

We appreciate your prayer and support. Without prayer and financial support it would be impossible to move forward. We are finishing one room at a time. So far we have finished two rooms on the ground floor and have finished the Sunday School windows and are working on completing some ceiling work as well as plastering the inside and outside. It is so exciting to see each phase completed. We will be working on a new entrance and covered walkway very soon. Last year an elderly gentleman slipped and fell and had to go to the hospital. By God's grace there were no broken bones. The covered walkway will remove this problem

Around 40-60 new people are coming from a place called Thelampetta (tealeaf). They are such a blessing for us as a church. 4 youth leaders from their need your prayers they are Ajith, Pradeep, Bovos and Radhika. One boy named Adithya broke his leg 2 months before. We saw him the night we went carol singing. He had lost muscle mass in his calf and was dragging his foot and in much pain. After taking him

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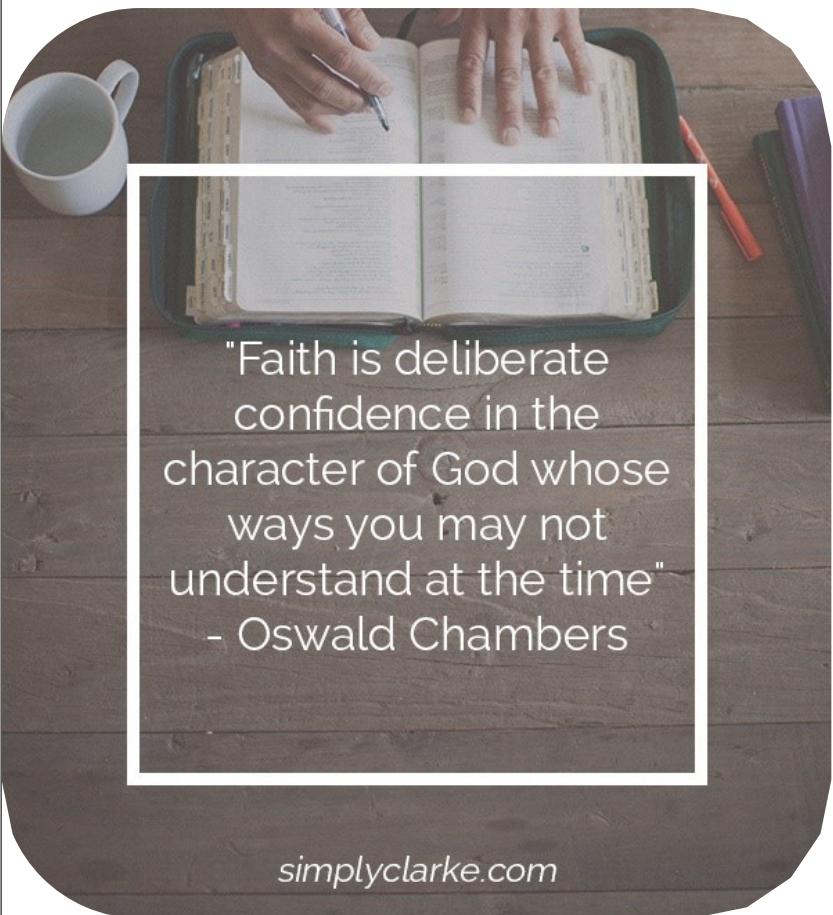
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triangle piece of bone that was broken on his shin. The good news was that everything was in the right place and that plastering his leg was enough to begin the healing. Obviously a strong 9 year old boy!

Another stroke victim asked for prayer and was able to speak loudly the name of Jesus which he had not been able to do. Many others confessed to believing in Christ but struggling with alcohol. It was so much fun to go from house to house, singing and dancing and then praying for needs while we also invited them for the Christmas program. Hopefully next year 50 children will participate from this place!!

We are applying for government recognition for our soccer club, Kuppadi Strikers. It will allow us to play in tournaments etc. Pray for God's grace in this process. Pray especially for Joy who carries a heavy load for this work. We are blessed to have David with us as he studies online. He is a very great partner in this work. Joshua is thriving in Hawaii. There is so much more that we could write but we won't.



"Faith is deliberate confidence in the character of God whose ways you may not understand at the time"  
- Oswald Chambers

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# MINISTRY CALENDAR

*“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*



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OTHER MINISTRY EVENTS ARE IN THE PLANNING STAGES Martello's email address: <a href="mailto:martello52000@yahoo.com">martello52000@yahoo.com</a>	
March 19- April 5	<u>Philippines Mission</u> Please pray that God's will is done in the Philippines and that there are no flight disruptions due to the Coronavirus outbreak.
May	WCA Conference in Idaho
June	Pray that our office has a smooth transition with new technology being implemented.
July	Annual Board and Council meeting
August	Healing Academy and other events in planning stages