

WIND OF THE SPIRIT MINISTRIES Newsletter

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# **Make Straight Paths for Your Feet**

"This is how you are to eat it: with your cloak tucked into your belt, your sandals on your feet and your staff in your hand. Eat it in haste; it is the LORD's Passover." - Exodus 12:11

We live in a world that is changing rapidly, and because of technology, the change will continue to happen more and more quickly. Change is usually uncomfortable and can be accompanied by fear. We humans enjoy our comfort and often resist change. But the world we live in will not stop for us. It will march on with or without us.

There is also change within the church and, like all other change, it can cause discomfort and fear. Some congregations are facing decisions they have never had to consider before.

On a personal level, my husband Bob and I have a sense that we are to clear out of our lives those things that are extraneous or non-essential. We have been getting rid of belongings we have collected over the years; cleaning areas in our home that have stored these belongings that have been neglected for a long time. We are also being careful how many activities in which we get involved.

Instead of feeling that we are losing something though, we feel more grateful for those things that remain: the essential things.

When God was ready to move the Israelites out of Egypt where they had been slaves, he instituted the Passover so the people of God would be safe from the plague that would take the lives of the firstborn of Egypt. It was a foreshadowing of Jesus, and how His blood would keep us safe as we put our trust in Him!

God told them to eat that first Passover with their cloaks tucked in their belts, their sandals on and their walking sticks in their hands. They were to be ready to leave the old behind. And they would need to move quickly and unhindered!

John the Baptist certainly had a "no frills" approach to life. As he spoke with the people of his day, he quoted from the prophet Isaiah, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.' Matt 3:3. Making a way for the Lord means getting the "stuff"

out of our lives that may hinder His work in us and through us to a world of lost people.

Fear of the changes going on around us can be one of those hindrances. Hundreds of times in scripture we are told not to fear. What we fear may be pointing out an area in our lives where we do not fully trust the Lord. Acting in faith becomes an opportunity to grow and bring glory to our God.

The following passage from Luke 10:1-4, 9 shows us the approach we are to take as we go before Jesus into the world.

"After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. He told them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. Do not take a purse or bag or sandals; and do not greet anyone on the road...Heal the sick who are there and tell them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'"

We can glean a few points from Jesus' instructions:

- 1. We go with others, the Body of Christ is to work together.
- 2. Jesus send us where He is at work. We are privileged to go into the harvest with Him.
- 3. We are to pray for workers to Go!
- 4. It will be uncomfortable! (like lambs among wolves)
- 5. We must not take non-essentials with us. (Do not take purse, bag, sandals)
- 6. Don't get side-tracked by things unrelated to the call. (Do not greet anyone on the road)
- 7. Demonstrate the Kingdom of God. (Heal the sick and tell them the Kingdom of God is near)

As we lay our discomfort, fears and obstacles before our God, let our hearts be open to His leading in a world that is in desperate need of Jesus. -Tracy

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#### MOTIVATIONAL GIFTS SEMINAR

The Motivational Gifts Seminar that was held in Silverdale, Washington, the last week of October was one filled with excitement and the joy of the Lord. His presence blessed us as we worshipped, learned and practiced using our gifts in small groups led by Larry Eddings. In these groups we worked together using those diverse gifts to come up with solutions to real situations encountered in churches everywhere. We were stretched in new ways as we each used our gift to contribute to the decision-making process.

The teachings and workshops not only helped to clarify the motivational gift in us as individuals, but more importantly, it helped us recognize the gifts in others and because of it we grew in our respect for how others in the Body of Christ are motivated to serve. When we better understand others, it is easier to work with them to accomplish God's work through the church.

God has given the gift of the Holy Spirit to His people and the Holy Spirit demonstrates his presence in us through various gifts that help us do the work of God's Kingdom. May his Kingdom come on Earth as it is in heaven!



Some of the participants

"Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you.

For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully." -Romans 12:3-8

### Presentation on Philippines Mission

A presentation on the Philippines Teaching Ministry in Mindinao and the three Medical Missions in Bohol, Nueva Eceja and Montalbon is scheduled for November 18th at 12:00pm at Silverdale United Methodist Church during the social hour. If you are in the area, come and join us! There will be refreshments and a slide presentation.



#### A Need Identified

When Wind of the Spirit Ministries taught a Healing Seminar in Kenya, one of the Pastors that came was Pastor Ronald. He and his team travelled by bus for 7 hours to be part of the seminar. Our team got to know him and the ministry of his church to 28 orphaned children in their area.

Recently, Pastor Ronald asked that we pray the Lord would provide a long-term solution for feeding these children. We ask you to join us in this prayer.

We also know that the book of James tells us, "Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it?"

With that in mind, we desire to send a gift to Pastor Ronald's church to help with one month's food expense.

If the Lord leads you to contribute to this cause, please mark your contribution "Pastor Ronald's Children". Thank you for your prayerful consideration.



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# India Report

Dear friends and family, we are so excited to share much good news! First and most important, we want to Praise God for helping us to finish our ground floor flooring. We do appreciate our friends who helped us to finish this project. We also extended our church kitchen.

We glorify God in the highest for bringing these new couples in our midst. We had three engagement in 2018. The first marriage was on 15th October 2018. Please pray for Ajesh and Darly. Ajesh is our great leader and the first in his family to have a Christian marriage in our church hall. We will share with you all the engagement and wedding photos.

Please pray for us as we are facing many spiritual battles. We are reaching in a new level. We need your prayer support a lot.

We invite you please come and visit us. There is more good news to share with you soon...









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# MINISTRY CALENDAR

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OTHER MINISTRY EVENTS ARE IN THE PLANNING STAGES Martello's email address: martello52000@yahoo.com

November 18	Presentation of Philippines Medical Mission and Teaching Ministry in Mindinao
December	Pray for long-term solution for Pastor Ronald's church in Kenya for feeding the orphans under their care
January	Pray for Pastor Nicolas, family and church in Kenya

"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

