

SPIRIT BREEZE

WIND OF THE SPIRIT MINISTRIES Newsletter

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“IF MY PEOPLE, WHO ARE CALLED BY MY NAME...”

Through no choice of our own or planning on our part, many of us were born in the United States of America. We became citizens by virtue of birth. We enjoy that which democracy has to offer in the way of freedom of religion, freedom of speech, freedom of the press, free assembly and other freedoms that the constitution of the nation provides for its citizens. We did nothing to deserve it. It was a gift.

Others who live here and enjoy the privileges that citizenship offers, do so because of a choice they made to make this their homeland. They were born in another place, but either by the choice of their parents or by their own choice, they now reside here. They have chosen to become citizens and have made the necessary sacrifices to do so.

Still others have chosen to immigrate to this country because of a desire for a better place in which to raise their children, enjoy gainful employment and receive education and healthcare that was not available in their homeland. They may not yet be citizens, but they enjoy to benefits of the land to which they have immigrated.

As with people in other lands, there are those who have immigrated, not for the purpose of becoming citizens—though some do, or enjoying the freedom it provides—though they benefit from that freedom, or contribute to its citizens’ welfare, but for the sole purpose of infiltrating its political, educational and social systems for the purpose of destroying the very way of life they have come to experience.

They carry with them the intention of subverting, changing and utterly demolishing a way of life that has been enjoyed by millions of people for well over 200 years.

This is not the only nation in which that has happened or is happening. Walk through the pages of history and see the story of nations being ravaged and destroyed by various politico/religious ideologies that

force people to submit to that ideology. Consequently, the struggle for control - both overt and covert, creates tension and turmoil within the culture of that nation besieged by such agendas. The culture becomes sick and its people confused. It loses its moral and spiritual compass.

What is a Christian people to do in the middle of such struggle? The word that God spoke to the people of Israel through the words of the Chronicler [II Chronicles 7:14] are as clear today as when written hundreds of years before the Birth of Jesus: *“If my people who are called by my Name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven, forgive their sin and heal their land.”*

We Christians bear the Name of God. We are called by the Name of Christ—Christians [little Christs]. We are instructed in God’s Word to do four things:

Humble ourselves: Humility is difficult for a prideful people, but it is essential if we are to experience God’s powerful presence. We are to humble ourselves in the sight of the Lord.

Pray: In prayer we endeavor to align our wills with that of God so that his Kingdom may come and his will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Seek God’s Face: We are to seek God’s presence and God’s ways by putting our minds and our hearts on things above so that whatever is true, noble, right, pure, lovely, admirable, excellent and praiseworthy becomes the focus for sinner and saint alike.

Turn from our wicked ways: God cannot and will not bless wickedness in any form. That which God has declared as sin, remains as sin. It is our responsibility as Christians to turn away from any form of sin, repent of it and seek God’s forgiveness.

THEN, as God’s word declares, *“I will hear from heaven, forgive your sins and heal your land.”*

Help us to do that, O God!

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NOTE: The lead article in this Spirit Breeze is a reprint of the July 2012 article. The need is even greater today that we, as a Christian community and people of faith, pray for our nation, for its leadership, its elected officials and all of us citizens who make up this great country.

God has blessed us abundantly and it is a privilege to share those blessings with others who desire to live in a place where they can experience freedom—especially worship..

At the same time we must pray that we, as a nation, do not take our eyes off the God who blessed us with such a place to live. Let us pay close attention to the counsel that God gave to the Israelites so long ago. *“When the Lord, your God, brings you into the land he swore to your fathers.....a land with large, flourishing cities you did not build, houses filled with all kinds of good thing you did not provide, wells you did not dig, and vineyards and olive groves you did not plant, then, when you eat and are satisfied, be careful that you do not forget the Lord, who brought you out of the land of slavery.”*

Deuteronomy 6:10-12

Christianity is not a national religion. It is a way of life! It is a life lived following the example of Jesus Christ. We are especially blessed to be able to live out our Christian faith in a place where we have the freedom to express it without fear of retribution. However, even here, that freedom is being challenged by atheists and other non-believers because of the insidious disease of “political correctness,” that says the expression of our faith may be offensive to others.

There are so many of our brothers and sisters in Christ who are being persecuted and martyred each day in places where they do not have the freedom to live out their faith.

Recently 30,000 followers of Jesus were imprisoned in North Korea and 30 executed. The reason? They are Christians. They possessed Bibles.

In Sudan, the oppressive Islamic government allows for the arrest, hanging and beheading of any who choose to receive Jesus and turn from their traditional religion.

Only because of pressure from the international community, was a Christian mother recently freed from the death sentence and returned to her family.

What to do? Pray and seek God with all our hearts that He may heal our land, and theirs..

CORRECT DATES FOR THE HEALING ACADEMY

You noticed that in the June issue of the Spirit Breeze, the dates for the August Healing Academy were incorrect.

The correct dates are August 12-16, Tuesday evening through Saturday noon. The dates were correct in the enclosed brochure, but not in the body of the newsletter. We are sorry for the mistake and hope that it does not affect you plans to be with us for the Academy.

We are truly excited about this Healing Academy. We have some of our regular teaching staff, with new assignments. We also have new voices participating in the presentations. We know that you will be blessed, encouraged and equipped to use the tools that will be provided to assist you in the ministry to which God has called you.

Our teachers at this Academy will be: Larry & Audrey Eddings, Taylor Gallman, Davis Hylkema, Tracy Martello, Gary Wright and Jane Petter.

Morning and evening worship times will be led by Dennis Rickabaugh, a member of the worship team from the Silverdale United Methodist Church, and additional musicians who often lead worship with him.

You are encouraged to register and bring others with you that you know who may benefit from what is offered in the area of Healing and Wholeness. You may want to offer to help with the tuition as incentive toward helping them make that decision. Some partial scholarship help is available through this ministry.

We believe that God desires healing of the whole person: **spirit**—in our relationship with him; **soul**—our mind, will and emotion issues; **relationships**—with those around us and with ourselves; and **physical healing**.

Workshops will provide opportunity for participants to experience healing in any or all of these areas. They will also provide opportunity to minister to others through prayer. At the same time, experience will be gained that will be helpful in reaching out to others in our sphere of influence that may need healing in their lives.

A public healing service will be conducted on Friday evening, August 19, at 6:30. Plan to attend!

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WIND OF THE SPIRIT ANNUAL MEETING

Jesus promised that where two or three are gathered in his name he will be there with them. That was certainly the case when those of us related to Wind of the Spirit Ministries gathered together for worship, prayer and Christian Fellowship. It was indeed a time when we experienced the presence of our Lord Jesus and the guidance of His Holy Spirit.

Thirty two members of the Wind of the Spirit Ministries' Board of Directors and Support Council met at the Silverdale United Methodist Church. The Board and Council meets two times each year to pray and seek God's direction for the ministry that God would have us do. The mid-year meeting is held in January and the Annual Meeting is held in June.

The meeting is a time of sharing victories, remembering how God has been working, electing officers, sharing in devotions and gathering at the Lord's Table for Holy Communion.

The following persons were elected as officers of the Board of Directors for 2014-2015: Donna Kirkpatrick, President; Robert Martello, Vice President, Jane Petter, Secretary; Colleen Mey, Treasurer.

Members at large are: Larry Eyer, Kathleen Hylkema, Don Cosner, Marilyn Olson and Gary Wright.

Missionaries, who have had a long time relationship with Wind of the Spirit Ministries, were elected to the Support Council. They are: David and Jomel Sablan, of the Philippines and Jeremy and Joy Ellington in India.

We were excited to read and hear reports relative to their work and the lives that are being reached with the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. Ministries in both places are being blessed by God and lives are being brought into relationship with him.

David and Jomel have been appointed by Bishop Rudy Juan as ministers of Healing and Wholeness for his twelve Annual Conferences. They are conducting Healing and Wholeness seminars, preaching missions and other training events throughout the Philippine conferences and beyond.

Jeremy and Joy, with their growing congregation, have almost completed their church facilities. They just finished conducting a very successful Vacation Bible School with over 450 children participating. They also conducted a soccer camp that drew children and youth into the fellowship. They provide them with after school tutoring, including Bible study classes.

We continue to praise God for the many friends of Wind of the Spirit Ministries who continually provide a prayer covering for its work and who also faithfully provide financial support to help the ministry remain on a solid financial base from which to work.

It is our endeavor to be good stewards of all that God provides and to use these resources in ways that will edify God's people and honor the name of Jesus. All monies received for the general fund are tithed for mission outreach, which enables us to help support our two mission families in their work.

Thank you for your prayers and generous financial support.

In addition to my prayer and moral support of Wind of the Spirit Ministries, I wish to contribute the following:

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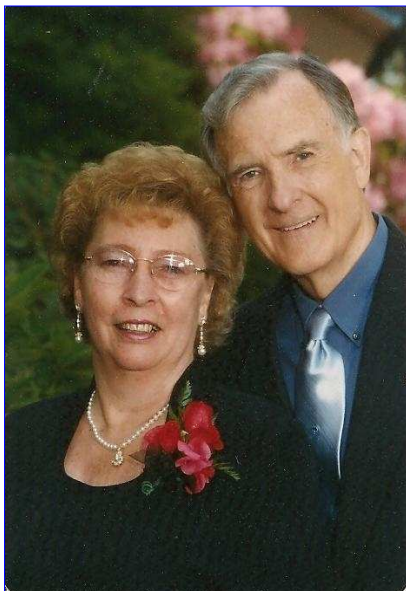
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"You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.' The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit." Jesus, [John 3:8]



MINISTRY CALENDAR

PLEASE POST AND PRAY FOR THESE EVENTS

OTHER MINISTRY EVENTS ARE IN THE PLANNING STAGES

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JULY 1-7	Vacation time
JULY 16-20	ALDRSGATE CONFERENCE ON THE HOLY SPIRIT, Springfield, IL
AUGUST 2	Wedding of Michael Tetteh and Kristen Eddings, Larry and Audrey's granddaughter.
AUGUST 12-16	WIND OF THE SPIRIT MINISTRIES' HEALING ACADEMY, Silverdale, WA
AUGUST 30—SEPT. 1	ANNUAL LABOR DAY CAMPING RETREAT WITH SILVERDALE UMC at Fort Worden, Pt. Townsend, WA