

# SPIRIT BREEZE

WIND OF THE SPIRIT MINISTRIES Newsletter

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## KEEPING IN STEP WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

When the Apostle Paul wrote to the church in Galatia, he used some very strong words in an effort to help them hold to the faith that he had preached regarding their walk with Jesus. They had to decide if they were going to live and walk by faith in Jesus or hold on to the familiar law, to which they looked for their salvation.

He begins by saying - after a very gracious greeting, ***"I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you by the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel -which is really no gospel at all."*** 1:6-7

Later in the letter he reminds them what it's like to live in the Spirit, comparing that new life with the old life of immorality, idolatry, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness and the like. 5:19-21

Then he compares that lifestyle with one that is governed by the Spirit of God and the kind of fruit that is manifested in the Spirit-filled persons life: Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. 5:22

The real challenge is then stated: ***"Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit."*** 5:25 Keeping in step with the Holy Spirit of God is the challenge for each one of us. Why? Because we have such a tendency to set our own goals, set our own pace, make our own plans without bothering to consult the very One who lives in us and whose we are—body, soul and spirit.

The Lord usually has lessons to teach us from our life experiences if we will only pay attention.

As many of you know—because I have told you, I have some issues with my heart functioning as it should because of chronic heart disease. It endeavors to set its own rhythm, depending on what its electrical system decides to do. Sometimes too fast, sometimes too slow; sometimes it can't decide.

This necessitated the installation of a pacemaker in my upper chest in an effort to remind the heart muscle what the proper rhythm is and for it to get in step

with a healthy heartbeat. The surgery was less than pleasant, but necessary. The recovery and rehabilitation is sometimes painful, but essential. All in all the heart is getting the idea that it has to submit to the control of the pacemaker if it is to perform as it was originally designed to perform.

We have a spiritual Pacemaker and Pacesetter and He is called God's Holy Spirit. Sometimes our spiritual hearts act much like my physical heart: sometimes very slow to respond to my Creator and I drag my feet when I know God desires me to be or do something; sometimes too fast as I hear God and immediately rush off ahead and try to get it done way too fast without taking time to ask how God wants it done.

Therefore: the need for God to install his Divine Pacemaker, his Holy Spirit, in me to get my spiritual heart to beat in rhythm with his and to get my spiritual feet to keep in step with him.

As the apostle Paul told the Galatian' Christians, ***"Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit."***

Since I wrestle with this, perhaps some of you do also.

Is there ever a time when you, like others and me, forget that we are under God's grace and not identified by our good works or keeping the rules? Is there ever a time when you feel the pull of the comfortable, "It's always been this way," feeling and resist the pull of the Holy Spirit to get over it and move on?

Is there ever a time when you resist the Spirit and feel like he is dragging you along and, looking back, you see two trenches in the sand made by feet that don't want to move? Yours! Have you ever had the time when you have clearly heard the voice of God and, zoom, you are miles ahead of him because you have heard the word and inspiration has put wings on your feet and you outran him?

If so, perhaps Paul's word is for you as well as me, ***"Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit."***

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## **INTRODUCING THE ELLINGTONS**

It has been the privilege of Wind of the Spirit Ministries to be the spiritual covering for Jeremy and Joy Ellington throughout their missionary work in Kerala State, India. This ministry helps to provide some financial support for their work there as well as a clearing house for others who wish to contribute to their mission work. We have provided this covering for nineteen years.

Jeremy originally went to India to work with the Potters where he helped them develop a pottery factory. Under his guidance the tribal people created the pots and shipped containers to America for sale. One result of that endeavor was to provide some economic stability for the people in that area.

In the intervening years Jeremy and Joy have developed a ministry among other tribal peoples, developing an annual Christmas program attracting several hundred people from the area; a Vacation Bible School often having three hundred in attendance; an after school tutoring program which has resulted in some of the students becoming professional nurses; a feeding program, soccer program and other activities that draw the children, youth and adults from the community. They also conduct discipleship classes and have baptized many into the Christian Faith.

During this time, they have been able to build a local church facility as well as mentor other pastors in developing their ministries. They provide regular reports to the Board of Directors of Wind of the Spirit Ministries. This helps them to be accountable for the work they do and that we oversee. They come to the States about once each year to speak at various churches and inform us, in person, of what is happening in their work.

Jeremy and Joy have three very gifted and intelligent children: Esther, a student at Biola College; David, a student at Seattle Pacific University and Joshua, who is in high school in Ooty, India. These children have grown up in the missionary atmosphere, providing valuable assistance to their parents in all of their ministry endeavors. The family has worked as a team in its many endeavors to reach the local communities for Jesus Christ.

The Ellingtons have revised their schedule to spend intermittent, equal times between India and the United States. This revised schedule allows us the opportunity to work together, while they are here in the States, in planning and doing ministry events, making use of their unique gifts and graces.

We rejoice that this family is a vital part of the life and ministry of Wind of the Spirit and look forward to a long future of shared ministry with them.

### ***“THE WIND BLOWS WHERE IT PLEASES”***

Jeremy Ellington

Joy and I are joining Wind of the Spirit Ministries as interns. We look forward to being mentored by Larry and other WOSM leaders. Our ultimate hope and plan, with the final approval of the Board of Directors, is to have a shared ministry relationship. Wind of the Spirit has played a significant role in our development and it is with this in mind that I write the following:

John 3:8 says, *“The wind blows wherever it pleases. Where it came from and where it is going no one knows, so it is with everyone born of the Spirit.”* This is where Wind of the Spirit Ministries gets its name. In life everything has a cause and effect.

Most of us have heard stories about an upset husband who takes it out on the wife who takes it out on the daughter who then takes it out on her brother who then finally kicks the cat. The moral of the story being that the husband should have just kicked the cat and saved everyone a lot of time and heartache.

I love that we as believers can and do things with no direct cause other than that we spent time in the presence of the Lord, listened to his voice and did what He said. What free agents we are and what radical acts we

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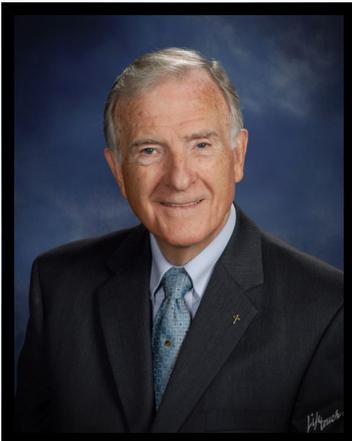


## MINISTRY CALENDAR

PLEASE POST AND PRAY FOR THIS EVENT

OTHER MINISTRY EVENTS ARE IN THE PLANNING STAGES  
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*“He gave some to be apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers, to equip God’s people for works of service, so that the Body of Christ may be built up ...attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. Ephesians 4:11*



**OCTOBER 4-7** Larry will be preaching a revival at the Irondale United Methodist Church in Irondale, AL, a suburb of Birmingham. Rev. Taylor Gallman, a member of the Wind of the Spirit Board of Directors, is pastor of that church. Mr. Bob Martello, vice chairman of the Board of Directors and Mr. Gary Wright, a member of the Support Council, will accompany Larry on the trip.

**LOOKING AHEAD:** A Healing Academy is scheduled for February 16-20, 2016. This will correspond with the next visit of the Ellington family to the United States. Other ministry events are being planned for during their six weeks stay. If your church desires to make use of their gifts and graces during that time, please be in touch with the Wind of the Spirit Ministries’ office at 360-692-9813 Extension 14 and talk with Jean Seelow, Office Administrator.