

WIND OF THE SPIRIT MINISTRIES Newsletter

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"WATER IN THE DESERT - STREAMS IN THE WASTELAND"

God spoke through the 8th century BC prophet, Isaiah: "See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? ... I provide water in the desert and streams in the wasteland, to give drink to my people, my chosen, the people I formed for myself, that they may proclaim my praise." Isaiah 43:19-21

God has always spoken to his people in a variety of ways: through his audible voice, as with Moses and Jesus; through Scripture, thoughts, visions, dreams, songs and an inner witness to our spirits.

God also speaks to us through his actions—through what he does; that which we can visibly see, if we have physical and spiritual eyes to see and discern that it is the Lord who is acting! Romans 1:20

Jesus used this imagery of action when he attended The Feast of Tabernacles [Sukkot]. At the Feast the priest would draw water from the pool of Siloam and carry it to the temple where it was poured into a silver basin beside the altar. There, the priest would call upon the Lord to provide heavenly water in the form of rain for their supply. During this ceremony the people looked forward to the pouring out of the Holy Spirit. In the New Testament, Jesus attended the Feast of Tabernacles and spoke these amazing words on the last and greatest day of the Feast: "*If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him.*"

(John 7:37-38 NIV)

I had the privilege of attending a "Strong Women, Strong World" Conference in Laguna Beach, CA over the past weekend. Three hundred women of various professional backgrounds attended the conference with the theme, "Golf Fore Africa," which is a clean water program designed to help people in villages have access to clean well water rather than mud hole water that carries many water-born, death dealing diseases, especially to the children.

My granddaughter, Kristen Tetteh, was one of their

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Rev. Larry Eddings Phone 360-550-2422 speakers. I was invited to attend with her and her husband, Michael. These women have teamed up with World Vision to provide clean water for millions of African villagers who now have access to water that brings life rather than death. I had the privilege of watching how God is working through these ministries to do the very thing that was prophesied through Isaiah some 2,800 years ago; "I am providing water in the desert and streams in the wasteland."

It is also a demonstration of what Jesus was talking about at the Feast of Tabernacles, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him." By this he meant the Holy Spirit."

The villagers are not only receiving clean drinking water, but, at the same time, receiving the Holy Spirit to quench their spiritual thirst.

This experience also put me to thinking about our Lord's command to "Watch." *"See, I am doing a new thing.*" When I was first baptized with the Holy Spirit, I had already been in pastoral ministry for eighteen years. The Lord had blessed that ministry, even though I was not totally aware of him providing me with the spiritual and physical wherewithal to accomplish anything of positive and eternal worth.

At the point of my Baptism with the Holy Spirit and the release of the Holy Spirit's power in my life to do the work to which God had called me, I heard God say to me—whether audibly or not, I do not know; but whichever, I heard God's Spirit say, "Larry, I have been watching you through these years; now, you watch me for awhile."

For the past forty five years of my ministry I have been watching him. I endeavor to see where God is moving and working and then make effort to get to where that is happening and be a part of it.

I saw God working in and through the lives of those women, bringing "living" water to people in need. I urge you, just watch and see what our Lord is doing. le

CELEBRATION IN INDIA WITH THE ELLINGTONS

"Dear friends, today was the first Sunday for us to be back in Kerala for quite some time and we want to share the joy with you of what we saw. Our church worship starts at 10:00 a.m. and typically runs until 12:30. Joy and I arrived at 8:00 a.m. so that I could practice the songs on the keyboard and so that Joy could prepare for her message. At 9:00 we started praying and were joined by three others. At 9:10 I opened my eyes and there were nineteen people, nine of whom I had never seen. They were new.

At 9:35 when I opened my eyes, sixty people were present and praying so loud that I didn't think worship would ever be necessary. Today we had eighty seven people in worship and we were so blessed with the large number of new people.

Joy felt led to ask who felt God calling them to full time ministry and twelve men, boys and youth came forward and almost an equal number of young girls. Many of them were weeping as they dedicated their lives to ministry for the Lord.

It was a very fiery service and Joy preached on the transformation of Peter, a very apt topic considering the need for these young people to be transformed as they consider a future of full time ministry.

We cannot express the joy that we feel as we see God lead our church to raise leaders and inspire change. We now have a need for prayer leaders from 9:00-10:00 Sunday mornings. The person who was leading, Ajesh, said "Please pray for me, my back is in severe pain and I can't breath." That is how real the battle is. He was fine after we all prayed.

Two sets of grandparents are some of the new people coming to our church. One grandma had three inch ear hoops. She felt the Lord was asking her to remove them. After she did she had a fabulous deliverance and then she and her husband received Jesus as their personal Savior and also asked and prayed to be filled with the Holy Spirit. It is kind of comical to think of a church with a shortage of grandparents, as well as one where it is the grandparents with ear hoops and body art.

Thank you for being present with us in spirit, prayer and support. It is truly "our" ministry and

we feel unworthy as we see the dynamic transformation and the beauty of the lives He is touching.

Blessings, Jeremy and Joy HEALING ACADEMY IN FEBRUARY 2016

Jeremy and Joy will be in the States for six weeks beginning the early part of February, 2016. *Wind of the Spirit Ministries* is in the process of planning, with them, a Healing Academy that is scheduled for the dates of February 16 -20. It will be held at The United Methodist Church in Silverdale, WA.

They, along with other presenters on the *Wind of the Spirit* teaching staff, will lead us through the four and one half day Academy. Teaching and workshop training will provide opportunity for the participants to hear good, sound, biblical teaching and then make practical application of the subject in workshop settings.

Subjects will include:

Jesus as our Model for Ministry Abba. Father Baptism with the Holy Spirit Healing of the Human Spirit The Word of Knowledge used in Healing Forgiveness and the Healing Process Power of the Spoken Word Judgments and Vows Healing of Emotional Hurts God's Plan for Human Sexuality Healing Sexual Brokenness The God of all Comfort The Ministry of Deliverance Physical healing Ministering in the Power of the Holy Spirit

Additionally, Jeremy and Joy will be available for other ministry and teaching events during their six week stay here in the States. It is the desire of the Wind of the Spirit Board of Directors to utilize their unique and Spirit-anointed gifts while they are resident with us.

If your church or fellowship group desires to make arrangements for a ministry event with them during this time, please be in touch with the *Wind of the Spirit Ministries*' office at P.O. Box 175 Silverdale, WA 98383 or phone, at 360-692-9813, ext.14. The staff will be happy to help make the arrangements with you. You and your church will be richly blessed and further equipped for continuing, effective ministry.

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WAIT FOR THE GIFT

Jesus had told his disciples on an earlier occasion, "I came from the Father and entered the world, now I am leaving the world and going back to the Father." [John 16:28] Just prior to Jesus leaving the world, following his resurrection from the dead, he told his disciples, "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." [Acts 1:4-6]

Jesus said, *"Wait for the gift."* He did not say, "Wait for the *gifts*." He knew that when The Gift came upon them, then they would experience the gifts that are necessary for ministry in the Kingdom of God.

God had been promising the Gift of the Holy Spirit through the centuries prior to the time when Jesus instructed his disciples to wait for it.

God spoke through the 8th c. BC Prophet Isaiah, "For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground. I will pour out my spirit on your offspring and my blessing on your descendants." [Isaiah 44:3]

About two centuries later he spoke through the Prophet Ezekiel, "I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws." [Ezekiel 36:27]

Then, through the Prophet Joel, God promised, "I will pour out my Spirit on all people." [Joel 2:28]

God had been promising the Gift of his Holy Spirit through the ages. And that is the One about whom Jesus had been teaching and for whom Jesus instructed his disciples to wait.

How important it is to seek the Person of the Holy Spirit, the very Spirit of Almighty God, and to establish a relationship with God **FIRST**. **Then**, we are privileged to experience the outpouring of the supernatural gifts of the Spirit working in and through our lives to help us be effective in our ministry to the world around us.

These gifts are? Wisdom, knowledge, faith, healings, miracles, prophecy, discernment, tongues, interpretation of tongues—these are all gifts of the one and same Spirit, and given for the common good. [I Corinthians 12:7-10]

These gifts of the Holy Spirit are powerful tools for effective and productive ministry. They are a valuable and desirable means by which the Church is built up and the Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ is disseminated throughout the world. They are designed for the purpose of providing supernatural power to do the supernatural work of the supernatural church in God's supernatural kingdom. *"Earnestly desire spiritual gifts."*

[I Corinthians 12:31]

However, to seek the gifts or endeavor to use the gifts without seeking the Presence, Power and the direction of The Holy Spirit, "The Gift" himself, is to be engaged in *"having the form of godliness, while denying its power."* [II Timothy 3:5]

Baptism with the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential if the gifts are to function as God designed them. *"Wait for The Gift."*

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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





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OTHER MINISTRY EVENTS ARE IN THE PLANNING STAGES Eddings Email address: woseddings@msn.com

January 21-24—National Association of United Methodist Evangelists, Goodlettsville, TN

February 16-20—Healing Academy at The United Methodist Church, Silverdale, WA

April 7-9—Regional Conference on The Holy Spirit, Peoria, IL

July 21-24—Aldersgate Conference on the Holy Spirit, Lexington, KY.

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