

Lifelines, Pentecost & Fire

I. Mission Offering

Acts 11:26 ... So for a whole year Barnabas and Saul met with the church and taught great numbers of people. **The disciples were called Christians first at Antioch.**

A. Those Who Go are Sent!

From our midst: Those who “just go...”

Carol Lehman – Cambodia, **Leron and Christine Lehman** — Niger, now to Philippines.

Jeremy & Kat's (Jr. High leaders) deaf-mute healing blog —

My favorite experience this month was on a day while we were out doing street evangelism. A man had seen us praying at a house and waited at the main road and came up and asked us to come to his house and pray for a sick family member. At the time, only Jeremy and I were available to go with one of our translators. So we followed this man to his home down a red clay path surrounded by maize fields. We entered the home and he had brought out his daughter Lynette who is 24 and has been ill since she was very young. The family believes she had gotten malaria when she was 6 years old and never received treatment for it. As a result, she was left completely mute and with mental disability. Just hearing her story and seeing the look of fear/hope in her eyes I knew God was going to provide a miracle. We sat with them and chatted for a bit and I was fighting back tears the entire time. The rest of our team joined us and we began praying for this family. Everyone was desperately crying out to God for this healing, tears were falling; people were singing and praying in English and Swahili. After the prayer,

we asked Lynette to speak and she began to make noises for the first time in her life. She was able to say “Hello” and “Thank God”.

B. Part of Something Larger

HIM - 1998 “you need to meet this man” 10,000 churches in 50+ nations. China, Africa, Korea,

Leanna Cinquanta — India; Partnering with Iris; Churches in Kenya

Australia, where there are fresh winds of revival blowing;

Patricia King; Mark Chironna; Johnny Enlow
Wesley & Stacey Campbell, Lou & Therese Engle
Lisette Malmberg — Aruba
Sam Caster — Manna Tech
Alvin Chun — New Song, Vienna VA
Erik Tammaru — Life Church, Germantown, MD

Rom 10:13 NIV “Everyone who **calls** on the name of the Lord will be **saved**.” 14 How, then, can they **call on the one** they have not **believed in**? And how can they **believe ... not heard**? How ... **hear** without ... **preaching**? 15 And how can they **preach** unless ... **sent**?...

PLUS PLUS PLUS!...special offerings or projects — e.g. Bethesda Nicaragua

So many other great ministries. At the moment, we are in a “rob Peter to pay Paul” posture.

Can you help us send? Budgeted **\$66,000** for *offerings* out of **\$186,000** regular *giving*. **35½%** from this offering. Above that — **More Sending!**

Pledges welcome!

Receive Offering — Pray after Giving

II. Pentecost & The Outpouring Fire

A. New Beginnings

Pentecost — Weeks (Shavuot) — Harvest — Book of Ruth (a mission book of Ruth the Moabitess grafted into the Divine Purpose and family line of Yeshua. *Chesed*)

Ruth bore to Boaz¹ Obed² → Jesse³ → David.

Law given to Moses — Establishing the conscience and culture of the nation of Israel, God's Chosen People, the Old Covenant.

Birth & Death of David

M. Twain - Haley's Comet (11/1826, 4/1910) 7/61

J. Adams & A. Hamilton - died July 4, 1826

Holy Spirit poured out in Upper Room — a sound like a mighty wind. Tongues of Fire.

The New Creation came with the Holy Spirit indwelling, saturating and overflowing. It's the radiance of His presence, the aroma of Christ in us.

B. The Promise

Sent

Luke 24:49 NIV I am going to **send**⁴ you **what my Father has promised**; but stay in the city **until you have been clothed with power from on high.**"

¹ strength

² servant

³ gift

⁴ ἀποστέλλω

John 15:26 ESV “But when **the Helper comes**, whom **I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth**, who **proceeds from the Father**, he will **bear witness** about me. 27 And you also will **bear witness**, because you have been with me from the beginning.

Baptized... Come Upon

Acts 1:4 NKJ ... He **commanded them not to depart** from Jerusalem, **but to wait for the Promise of the Father**, “which,” *He said*, “you have heard from Me; 5 for John truly baptized with water, but **you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit ...**” ... 8 But **you shall receive power** when **the Holy Spirit has come upon you**; and **you shall be witnesses** to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

Filled

2:1 When the **Day of Pentecost** had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. 2 And **suddenly there came a sound from heaven**, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it **filled** the whole house where they were sitting. 3 Then there **appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire**, and *one* sat upon each of them. 4 And **they were all filled with the Holy Spirit** and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

2 Chr 7:1 NIV When Solomon finished praying, **fire came down from heaven ...**, and **the glory of the LORD filled** the temple.

Poured Out

2:16 NIV This is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: 17 “In the last days, **God says, I will pour out my Spirit** on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young

men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. ...

21 And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'

Lord Jesus, help us to spread Your fragrance everywhere we go.

Flood our souls with Your Spirit and Life.

Penetrate and possess our whole being so utterly that our lives may only be a radiance of Yours

Received & Poured Out

32 God has **raised** this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of the fact. 33 **Exalted** to the right hand of God, he has **received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit** and has **poured out** what you now see and hear.

37 ... What shall we do?"

38 Peter replied, "**Repent and be baptized, every one of you**, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And **you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit**. 39 **The promise** is for you and your children and for all who are far off — for all whom the Lord our God will call."

III. Ministry of the Holy Spirit

Pray!

The baptism of the Holy Spirit has always been the dynamic of evangelism and missions around the world.