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“Get on Fire and your friends will watch you burn”



Tim Says:

This month we celebrate Pentecost, the giving of the Holy Spirit - just as Jesus promised. "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you". (Acts 1:8) Pentecost occurs at harvest time when obedient Jews would have brought the first-fruits of their crops, and flocks out of thankfulness to the Lord for his faithfulness. I think that God deliberately picks this time of year to symbolically remind us that the Holy Spirit coming upon us should make us fruitful. Can I ask you, how fruitful are you in your Christian life?

God has been faithful to you and has showered his blessings into your life. He has forgiven you all of your sins, and chosen never to remember them. He has adopted you into his family, guaranteed that one day he will come back for you & take you to be with him in Heaven.... for ever!".

As we wait, he provides the Holy Spirit to guide, and comfort through all of life's difficulties; and to empower us to live a holy and "spiritual life

Don't you think that you should come to God's house regularly to vocally praise him for all he has done?

That you should be faithful to God, by living a life, and speaking words that demonstrate him to all you meet? Don't you think that obeying God in baptism, tithing and humble service should be your highest life's calling? That you should be producing fruit (character improvements and converts) 'in keeping with repentance'? You may say: "Tim, that's beyond me!" You're right... for that you need to be baptised (or drenched) with the Holy Spirit. The Spirit has come - are you in step with him, open to him & allowing him to work in you & through you to God's glory?

Texts for the month: Acts 1:8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

John 14:12 I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.

Missionary Focus: David Quinton Among the Senoi Indigenous people of Malaysia

In 2006 I made my first visit to the Senoi, an indigenous people group who live in the mountainous jungles of Malaysia. They still live by foraging and hunting techniques. After seeing the condition of life among them and the hunger for many to learn about the Christian faith, I began to make my home with them so I could learn their tribal languages (Semai and Temiar), and also their way of life. They have grown to trust me and welcome me in their villages every time I come.

In 2009 the Lord enabled me to buy a 4WD vehicle & I then started visiting villages higher up the valleys, taking supplies to sell to the locals. I was taking in many different basic foodstuffs as well as desperately needed household things like kettles and cooking pots, also machetes (the every-day tool) and rubber shoes for jungle walking. In the last months with the Senoi I made a trip every ten days or so with a car full to the roof, and often with 800 eggs on the passenger seat!

The Senoi are very friendly and gentle people. Their background has much to do with the fear of spirits but there are now many Christians. Some have believed for longer and have built a church in their village. Others have never heard the real Gospel. So, as much as I can, I help those who know the Lord to understand simple truths from the Word, and those who don't know the Lord at all I endeavour to share His love and give them a Christian example from my living with them. I have started to translate John's Gospel into their tribal language. The Lord gives me many opportunities to pray for the sick. I also take them simple medicines and vitamins.

I've been in and out of Malaysia on tourist visas of three months each, staying in Thailand and Indonesia when I am out of the country. I'm flying back this May. There are some unanswered questions that I need the Lord to direct me with: such as a way to keep visiting the Senoi. The Islamic Malaysian government does not welcome outside help. Last time the immigration dept. asked me why I was coming back repeatedly. My car also is beginning to struggle with worsened road conditions and there are more deep-jungle villages I'd love to visit. So I need to look for a suitable Landcruiser and sell the Pajero at a good price.

I would appreciate all your prayers for this next stage.

My blog with my latest news and pictures: <http://davi08.blogspot.com>

Missions Fundraising:

On Saturday May 22nd, Elim Missions are organising a sponsored walk across the Malvern hills in order to raise finance for Elim Missions. Tim is planning to do this walk; it is 10 miles long & there is an option to double that by making the return walk also (instead of catching a minibus back!) If you would like to sponsor him, please see him ASAP.

Finances:

Our building fund has now reached its £18,000 target; (thank you to those who have recently given generously!) HOWEVER the general fund lives "hand to mouth." We cannot yet move forward, until we have a clear months expenses at the start of the month. Please consider tithing & Gift Aiding your gift to the church. See Jean, or Tim for details. Thank you

Prayer Ministry:

Prayer is vital for the Christian, & at Ludlow Elim we want to encourage prayer. Below you will find 3 different ways that you can get involved. You don't have to do all of them, but at least one would be good!

- For the Church - On Sunday evenings as we move into the church, we will be inviting you to come from 5:30pm to pray for the church at this pivotal time in our history. You could pray, for example, for the leaders, the finances, for revival, for chances to proclaim the Gospel, for our work in the schools & the work of Open Door.
- No chatting - pure prayer! Then our evening time together will start at 6pm.
- For UCB radio. Ken & Olwen Smith recently had the chance to tour the studios at Stoke, during their time an invitation was given for churches to set up as part of the Prayerline ministry of UCB. Training is given & all equipment provided, but you have to be prepared to man a phone for 2-4 hours per week in order to pray with folks struggling with life issues. If you feel you would like to get involved with this, please see Tim ASAP, & chat to Ken & Olwen for more details on UCB.
- For Willowdene Farm. Willowdene is a Christian Drug Rehabilitation centre at Chorley near Bridgnorth. They have a number of males going through their programme & would like us to support them in prayer. It would mean receiving a profile of one of the men going through the programme, and then praying for them throughout the 9 months they are there. Tim has profiles available now, please see him if you would like one. These are highly confidential, and should not be openly discussed.

Let us have YOUR contributions for the next newsletter by 22nd May if possible send by e-mail to trcoles@talktalk.net or Jackie Shaw at jackieshawskye1@btinternet.com Thank you

Women with a Message – Eve

Her name means "Life-giving" or "Mother of all who have life" She came into the world at peace with God and with Adam. She possessed every pleasure imaginable and never knew the meaning of embarrassment, misunderstanding, hurt, envy, bitterness, grief or guilt - until she listened to her enemy Satan and began to doubt God.

HER SORROW: That she and her husband were banished from Eden and that her first son was a murderer and that her second son was a victim.

HER JOY: That she had once tasted paradise and that God had promised her offspring would eventually destroy her enemy.

Praise God, because he created you in His own image, making you a woman capable of reflecting His love, truth, strength, goodness, wisdom and beauty.

Offer thanks that imbedded in God's judgement of Adam and Eve is the promise of a Redeemer who will crush the head of our enemy. Confess your own tendency to mar God's image in you by preferring your will to His.

Ask God to help you surrender your life to Him so that you can become the women that God intended.

NRSV- (Woman's Devotional Bible)

Poets corner:

HE LIVES

He died, He died, our Saviour died.
 He knew what sacrifice to give,
 He suffered and died so we could live.
 He bore our pain,
 For us He was slain.
 He died our Saviour died.

He rose, He rose, our Saviour rose.
 From the darkness and the gloom.
 He left the tomb.
 To heaven He was sent,
 To His Father He went.
 He rose, our Saviour rose.

He lives, He lives, our Saviour lives.
 He came to save,
 He conquered the grave.
 We worship our King,
 Eternal life He will bring.
 He lives, our Saviour lives.

The Coming General Election:

PLEASE take seriously your responsibility to vote in the General Election on May 6th. Many countries in the world do not give this privilege to all their citizens, and it was hard won in this country also. As you make your choice as to whom to vote for, please consider: how will the candidate support the rights of Christians to live by Biblical standards? How will they support family life? Have they got double standards in supporting opposite ends of the spectrum on an issue, in a bid to gain votes? We cannot tell you who to vote for, but the leaders would encourage you to vote, and to do so having carefully considered some key issues. Also, if you have access to the internet, PLEASE go to www.westminster2010.org.uk/declaration & sign the online petition.

You can also download a very helpful guide from The Christian Institute (www.christian.org.uk/news/new-election-briefing-launched-by-institute/) which shows where the various parties stand on issues affecting Christians.

And Finally:

A man was driving along a major road when he saw a rabbit hopping up the white line in the middle. He swerved to miss it, but unfortunately the rabbit swerved too, & the car hit the rabbit. The driver pulled over, and went to see what damage had been done. Much to his dismay, the rabbit was dead; he felt so awful that he burst into uncontrollable tears.

A few minutes later a lady passed by & seeing the man in distress, pulled over also to see if she could help in any way. "I feel terrible the man said, I hit & killed this poor rabbit." The woman told the man not to worry, she knew exactly what to do. She went to her car, got a spray can & sprayed it all over the rabbit. Miraculously the rabbit came to life & started to hop down the road. About ten feet away, the rabbit paused turned to the drivers and waved; hopped another ten feet, turned and waved. This continued until the rabbit was out of sight.

The man was astonished! "Whatever did you spray on the rabbit?" he asked. The woman showed the man the can. The label read: "Hair Spray, restores life to dead hair & gives permanent wave."