

FIRE ON THE MOUNTAIN



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Christ's Burning Bushes For The Pacific

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Answered prayers

1. Anointing in our ministry: In our training we've been exhorting the children's ministry leaders that they need to teach kids about not only worshipping in truth, but in Spirit. This involves the active demonstration of fervency in prayer, passion in worship, and imparting not only knowledge but gifts and anointing.

Things like passion and fervency can only be "caught," and not just "taught." Things like passion and fervency are birthed in the fillings of the Holy Spirit, and are nurtured in the culture of re-fillings, re-fillings, and re-fillings again, over and over of the Holy Spirit.

When we share these concepts, they are hungrily received here in the islands, and as part of our training we demonstrate. That means each workshop involves a time of seeking God for a filling of Spirit.

We are so very blessed and glad to see the fruit of the intercessors, that is; the move and manifestation of the Holy Spirit in those hungry teachers who want more of God, and want to give their students something more than just didactic teaching and Pentecostal doctrine.

We have seen teachers filled with the Holy Spirit, moves of the Spirit with tongues, interpretations, and prophetic words in the village churches of the highlands, in the city churches along the coast, and we're believing for more of that as we travel this week to the villages in the Yasawa island group.



Training Children's Ministry Leaders in Western Division of Fiji

To close with that we wanted to pray over the parents that God's anointing would rest upon them to equip them for teaching and praying with their children.

After a couple of prophetic words the pastor asked us to also pray over the children. When we were doing that we started hearing laughing, then crying, and then outbursts of shouting and kids speaking in tongues.

There was just such a wonderful manifestation of the Holy Spirit that it stopped me in my tracks. I just stayed praying over one girl because the presence of the Lord was so glorious. I didn't even want to move forever!

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A wonderful move of the Holy Spirit in Faleula, Samoa stops me in my tracks right there praying over that child.

Even in Samoa where we went simply to help a new missionary family settle in we experienced an outpouring of the Holy Spirit. We were asked to speak in the church of the Superintendent of Samoa, and I was simply sharing the concept of the church's responsibility to equip the parents to be the primary discipleship agents of the children, and not trying to relegate that task to Sunday school and Children's Church.

2. New Missionary Family For Polynesia! The Dorrises

We were so blessed to welcome Garry, Joni, and Quinlan Dorris over to Samoa. Samoa is a Polynesian island nation, and the leaders there



Above: Kim places the Salusalu on Gary's neck. It's not just in Hawaii that you see this traditional welcoming. Fiji, Tonga, Samoa, all over Polynesia this is how honored guests are welcomed.

Left: The Dorrises, Gardners, and Pastor Amosa with his church leaders from Apia Harvest Centre

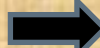
have been praying for 10 years for a missionary family to come and help them.

Garry, Joni, and Quinlan are from Southern Missouri and are an answer to those prayers! They have a wealth of both children's and youth ministry experience and will be assisting the church to raise up a generation of Spirit filled believers with a passion to take the gospel to the ends of the earth.

Please keep them in prayer as their first step involves learning language and culture and anyone who has tried to speak Samoan knows; that's not easy!

Please also keep in prayer the Rios family from New Jersey. Tony, Christy, and Davin, will be joining the Dorrises in June, Lord willing, as we seek to build a team out here for reaching these remote Pacific islands.

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Answered Prayers, Anointing continued...

After returning from Samoa we culminated our training on the island of Viti Levu with an eighteen hour Bible School Course that we did in Nadi, "Advanced Children's Ministry." Here we also challenged churches to go after all that Jesus paid for in regards to children's ministry.

One church leader in Nkurakura shared with me that she brought the concept of "Children being filled with the Holy Spirit" back to her church and raised it during a staff meeting.

The church decided to move forward and teach the children about the Holy Spirit and on the Sunday after the end of the course, they had an outpouring of the Holy Spirit! During the Sunday School, when the kids had learned about who the Holy Spirit is and what He does, one of the pastors came into the room. As they started praying, the teacher told me that you could feel the wonderful presence of the Holy Spirit, and then all the kids just started speaking in tongues!

She was so elated! She told me that the church had not experienced anything like that in 10 years.

This is missions! Not just making (spiritual) babies, but actually following through with investing the time to raise the converts to maturity where they are "self-propagating." Meaning, where they are engaging in the process of Holy Spirit filling from the least to the greatest so that the least to the greatest - everyone can be involved in the Great Commission.

We are your investment in a fruit bearing process that doesn't take short cuts, or stop at making converts, but involves quite a bit more work, sacrifice, and investment. Thanks for investing both your prayer and your finances in AG World Missions and in us!

Prayer Corner

- 1. Pray for the breaking down of demonic strongholds**
 - in our neighborhood, that our Hindu neighbors would experience the grace of God and know Christ
- 2. Rios Family Transition to Samoa to join Dorrises**
 - grace and wisdom as they move to the Field
 - complete provision for them and the Dorrises
- 3. Southeastern University Missions trip June 18-28**
 - Angelic protection and Holy Spirit anointing in their travels to Fiji as well as during their stay.

- OUR VISION -

BRING KIDS into an **ENCOUNTER** with the **HOLY SPIRIT**

So they can **KNOW THE GRACE** of our **LORD JESUS CHRIST**,
and

BEING thus **EMPOWERED** can **MINISTER TO OTHERS.**

3. Children's Ministry Resources Arrive!!!

Bless The Lord Oh My Soul!!! Wow!!! What an undertaking! We have:

- \$15,000 worth of Fire Bibles (Pentecostal Study Bibles)
 - \$4,000 worth of Puppets
 - \$10,000 worth of Crusade Tent
 - \$12,000 worth of Children's Church/Sunday School Curriculum
 - \$6,000 worth of Kids Camp Supplies
- and another \$10,000 worth of work and personal items and equipment that has arrived here in Fiji, sent over from New Jersey. **We had asked for prayer** because from the very start we were facing so many challenges. Even after the container arrived on this side it has taken almost a month to get it out of the port because customs on this side was wanting over \$11,000 USD just for taxes and import duty.

With the help of our Fijian AOG partners here on this side we were able to go to the highest levels of customs officers in the nation and get the charges cut in half!



The Crane lifting the Shipping Container over into our yard where we can securely access the resources!

A VERY HEARTFELT, SINCERE THANKS TO:

Calvary Temple, Wayne, NJ for buying the container for us and paying for the shipping
Sky-Hi Cranes for donating the use of the Crane & **John Lodico** for driving it to Calvary and donating his services as operator
Calvary Temple, Delran, NJ for helping us get the container out of the port on this side by urgently stepping in to cover the costs
BGMC, LFTL, and Harvest Time AOG (Greenwich, CT) for purchasing all the Children's Ministry Curriculum and Kids Camp supplies. And **Good News Crusades** for getting our tent!

Honestly, there were so many other people who were involved in helping us get these resources and get them over here. You know who you are and please know that we are sincerely grateful for your help!

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