



Earth Aflame

A Ministry Update from Ken Snyder

Greetings! God continues to do great things here, and I thank you for your continual prayers and support. I am extremely grateful to have so many people partnering with me in service of the Kingdom of God.

Our church celebrated its sixth anniversary in January with community events every weekend. While we had a great time and were able to connect with many people in the community, it was a tiring month. Each weekend was a big event in itself, and every member of the church helped to make everything happen.

This year we also began weekly Bible studies after church to help our people grow in knowledge and understanding. Many of our people are relatively new believers, so we are looking at what the Bible does and does not say, as well as teaching people how to study the Bible for themselves. We have had a very good response with half to three quarters of the church staying to dig deeper into the Word together.

It is exciting to see youth and young adults becoming excited to learn more about the Bible and their faith. Jesus commanded us to “Make disciples”, and so our responsibility does not end with conversion; our mandate is to help believers grow in their faith as we give them tools to grow on their own and share what God has done with their friends and family. Our church has also pushed forward in the area of prayer, adding regular weekly prayer meetings every Friday night. On top of the Friday night prayer meetings, we meet together before church on Sunday for one to three hours every week and have scheduled an overnight prayer service every quarter. God is doing great things.

The other day God reminded me of something He showed me a few years ago. I was reading the Bible story where two blind men call out for Jesus to have mercy on them. The crowd tells them to be quiet, but they continued to shout. Jesus stopped and approached them, asking them, “What do you want?”

Now, every time I had read this passage, I thought it rather odd that Jesus would ask them what they wanted. It seemed obvious to me that the men were blind and wanted to see. But this time as I read the passage, I stopped and asked Jesus why He asked them that. Very quickly, Jesus spoke to me and said, “Because I would have given them whatever they asked for.” The magnitude of His answer still amazes me to this day.

Now, the two blind men asked for their sight and Jesus healed them. This is a miracle and a testimony to the healing power of our Lord. But now I believe that the blind men may have asked for too little.

There are times in our lives when our situation is overwhelming and we put our faith in God and call out to Him. God responds, and then asks us what we want. We cry out for freedom from our current troubles, whatever it may be, and He delivers. But think about it for a minute; God, all powerful as He is, asks us what we want. He wants to give us whatever we ask for. We, however, are usually short-sighted and think too small. Let us all become more bold in our requests, because we can't ask for too much. I pray that God will bring salvation to the lost, hope to the hopeless, and freedom for those in bondage. I pray that nations will be transformed by His power and grace. I pray that this world would be changed.

I ask you to continue to hold me and other missionaries in your prayers. At times our lives are exciting, and others it may be boring, but we always rely on your prayers. Through good times or bad, through abundance or lack, your prayers are the hands that hold us up and push us forward. Thank you so much from the bottom of my heart.

Our God is big, and so we are praying for big things, for the impossible. Let us break the bank when we put our requests before God, and remember to not think too small.

Until all have heard,

Ken Snyder