



LIGHT OF THE NATIONS

"A DENVER MOSAIC OF THE FAMILY OF CHRIST"

WINTER 2011

PASTOR ANDY'S ANGLE

OBEY YOUR THIRST?

*Then leaving her water jar,
the woman went back to the town ...* John 4:28

How thirst leads us is an interesting aspect of the directions we follow on life's journey. Imagine thinking you're going to the coffee shop, especially to get a cup of coffee, maybe even ordering your favorite drink with your favorite flavor, paying your money... but something happens; something not terrible, but so wonderful it makes you leave your steaming latte on the counter, go to see your friends and tell them all about it. You came for coffee, but you received something so much better, you forgot about your whole purpose for going there.

What did she meet at her "coffee shop?" Jesus.

He'll make you forget your coffee. He's got something better. But it was your longing, the need for that drink, that brought you into his ready embrace. We all are in need of a drink, but are we willing to have the encounter that is one million times more than the drink itself? Are we willing to lift our eyes and open our ears to a drink... of Life? He who is the Life. That is what you and I should do today, leave the coffee on the counter and take a drink of LIFE. Go ahead. It's your real thirst beneath your thirst.

Obey Your Thirst.

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*With the cold of winter also
comes the seasons
of thankfulness and joy.*

*All who partner with
Light of the Nations
by serving, giving, praying
and even attending bring
joy to us at
Light of the Nations.*

*We are thankful for the ways
God reveals unity in the
body by seeing the body
of Christ working together
for His glory.*

*Thank you,
Pastor Andy and Donna*
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"Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know, and a nation that did not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you." - Isaiah 55:5

LOTN SPOTLIGHT

GIVING THANKS AT LIGHT OF THE NATIONS

The Sunday before **Thanksgiving** at Light of the Nations was filled with **thanksgiving** to God as we spent a majority of our service giving testimonies of God's goodness over the past year. **Thank you** for partnering with us at Light of the Nations throughout 2011!

Below is a taste of few testimonies from our **Thanksgiving** service:

- » Donna shared how she was **thankful** for family and a wonderful new grandson - AJ Millar! She also expressed thanks for the vision that God has given her and Andy for Light of the Nations. She was **thankful** for life because it is so precious and said **thank you** to all of us for being part of her life.
- » Several of the children expressed **thanks** to Jesus for being their healer and Savior and helping them.
- » Corrie was **thankful** for the opportunity to work with children in the children's ministry at Light of the Nations. She has been amazed at seeing how aware the children are that God has blessed them. She was also **thankful** for a new job after being unemployed for a period of time.
- » Amalia was **thankful** to be pain free after eight years of having pain in her neck. She encouraged us all to keep saying "**Thank you to God.**" There is power in saying "**Thank you.**"
- » John was **thankful** for healing in his neck and back.
- » Chandra was **thankful** for the work of the Holy Spirit. After a particularly intimate time of prayer and fellowship with the Lord the Holy Spirit used her to touch many people in the Nepali fellowship with His power.
- » Hannah was **thankful** for all the wonderful things her parents had done for her.
- » Asha was **thankful** for the opportunity to minister to the fellow Nepali-speaking people here in Denver. She has been her for 11 years and often would ask God why He had brought her to Denver. In the past few years God has brought several thousand Nepali-speaking people to Denver and she feels like God has clearly answered her question.

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Jesus prayed for us, His Church, that we

"may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one – I in them and you in me – so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me" (John 17:21-23).

We have many talented and gifted people serving at Light of the Nations. We are learning not to view other's God-given gifts and talents with a spirit of competition. Rather, we are growing as a body and learning to appreciate the vital role each of us plays using our talents and gifts to build each other up. Please pray that we would continue to "be brought to complete unity" so that the nations here in Denver will know that Jesus has sent us and He loves them even as He loves us.

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As 2011 comes to an end, let us give thanks to God.

He is the giver of life, our Savior and healer, and the one who delivers us and provides for us.

He cares for us and the ones we love. He places us in loving families and fellowship, and gives us opportunities to experience His joy in serving Him in new ways spreading the renown of His name. He is our shield and glory and the One who lifts our head high.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

This past summer we were able to have an English school for the refugee kids that we called the Learning Lab. We had around 50-60 kids each session along with an amazing group of volunteers from Celebration Community Church, Living Way Fellowship, Light of the Nations, and Denver Rescue Mission. It was a great team of volunteers who really poured their lives into the kids showing them that learning can be positive and fun. We also had the privilege of partnering with Fastrac Kids a company that provides English Language Learning software for young kids around the world. They were able to supply us with a curriculum as well as a smart board which all of the kids loved.

The Learning Lab allowed us to connect with and reach out to kids from our church as well as kids from the various neighborhoods that we have contact with. It was a great opportunity for Light of the Nations to make lasting relationships with non-Christian refugee families and their children. One of the Hindu boys who came to Learning Lab who comes from a difficult family background was fighting with many of the other kids. One day he finally decided that fighting was something that Jesus would not want him to do. He really did not want to make Jesus "sad" anymore by fighting and set his mind on winning the best behaved kid of the day award. By the end of the day he won the best behaved kid in his class and he ran up to one of our staff and excitedly announced, "I did it!" This is just one of the many testimonies we had the privilege of witnessing of Jesus really working in these students lives.



One of the exciting new developments that will be happening this winter is the program Whiz Kids will be using the Celebration church building (where Light of the Nations meets). Celebration Community Church has asked us to partner with them in helping to facilitate this program.

Whiz kids is a Christian tutoring program for disadvantaged students to provide students with academic help, mentoring, and spiritual direction. We are very excited about this program because it will open up an avenue for Light of the Nations to connect with kids in the neighborhood of the church something we have really been hoping for. Please be in prayer for this program and the kids that will be a part of it, that we will have opportunities to speak truth and love into their lives.

LIGHT OF THE NATIONS INSTITUTE

In September we began a new Bible training institute at Light of the Nations. Many people at Light of the Nations had expressed the desire for more training in the Bible and due to either time or financial constraints are not able to pursue this type study at a traditional Bible college. Therefore we decided to make this kind of training more accessible to them. This fall we have offered two classes every Saturday morning – one on the history of the early Christian church and the lessons we can learn from this history and the other a survey of the New Testament and guidelines we can use in interpreting the New Testament. The courses have been well attended and a blessing to everyone involved. We look forward to offering more classes in the spring and beyond.





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Led by the Holy Spirit (*In 16:13*)
Lnspired in worship (*Rev 15:4*)
Givers and givers (*Matt 28:18/Matt 5:16*)
Hospitable to all cultures (*Heb 11:31*)
Teachable and tenacious (*Matt 11:29*)

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PRAISE AND PRAYER

1 Jessi Bilodeau who is serving with Light of the Nations in Guatemala is in need of a car. She and Roblans are doing a tremendous work touching the lives of over 100 children each week with the love of Christ and His Word, but she needs a reliable vehicle in order to do this work. If you would like to help with this please send a check to Light of the Nations (address below) with "Guatemala" on the subject line.

2 Our Light of the Nations bus which we use to bring many people to our services each week is in need of new tires and several repairs. If you would like to help keep our bus "rolling" bringing recent immigrants here in Denver to learn about Jesus please send a check to Light of the Nations (address above) with "Bus" on the subject line.



"AND NATIONS SHALL COME TO YOUR LIGHT AND KINGS TO THE BRIGHTNESS OF YOUR RISING" ISAIAH 60:3

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