

# Glowing Embers

Helping to carry coals  
from His altar to the world

It has been some time now since this newsletter has reported on Glowing Embers. We felt that it would be good to keep you updated on the developments of this group. The last update was in Oct-Nov 2006 Newsletter. So we asked Jason Hurst, the coordinator, to submit an article from Glowing Embers.

Since it began, there have been quite a few changes as we learned how to make Glowing Embers work and as people give new ideas and other input. As I look back at some of the many different people that had a great influence in Glowing Embers, it might seem a bit discouraging to think of so many different faces that have come and gone. But PRAISE GOD! I have to rejoice in how God's words are true! In Luke 16:10a God says, "He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much." Because of that, I rejoice to see many different people who have been involved in Glowing Embers and who have faithfully served through it, move on to other work in God's Kingdom as they are led by His Spirit.

In the past three years we have seen many young people who desire to obey God's Word spread the Gospel to all nations. Glowing Embers has provided

an opportunity for many young people to be faithfully involved in missions and missionary life on a more personal and in-depth way. They have been serving through a threefold commitment: (1) by committing to give financially on a monthly basis, (2) by committing to pray daily, and (3) by writing a monthly letter to their assigned or chosen missionary. They are closely connected to their missionary or mission station by a monthly update which might include: snapshots of daily mission life, specific prayer needs, highlights, and new ministry developments, etc. With the update they also receive a monthly newsletter with encouraging articles written by different group leaders. Group leaders are individuals or families who act as mediators between the missionary and the young people. The groups range in size from 2-9 young people.

I marvel when I think of how many of these young people and also many group leaders have spent time on the mission field, some through the SENT team, others who have become missionaries and are serving in a station, and others who have simply gone to serve the missionary. In the last few months, we have heard of some more who will be able to go. I don't believe the reason they are able to go and serve the Lord on the foreign field is because Glowing Embers is such a great program, but rather I believe that God has done some deep things in the hearts of the young people concerning the work of His Kingdom before they ever were a part of Glowing Embers. Now He is moving them on in His Kingdom building work, because as they served wherever and however they could, their hearts continued to grow and expand in the love of our Lord Jesus and for His work. I am very happy to be able to join in that work, as a group leader. Oh that Christ would receive praise and worship from all nations for His suffering

Here is a testimony of one young man from Glowing Embers. I thought you might be blessed to have a closer look at his heart; it certainly was a blessing to me.

*As I was thinking of someone in the Bible who challenged my life, I thought of Jeremiah. He is such a picture of steadfastness and obedience. Apparently he was a young man when God called him. He told God, "I cannot speak for I am a child." But God said, "Say not 'I am a child,' for thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee, and whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak." God doesn't give any excuses to be silent for Him because of our age. God promised to give Jeremiah the words to speak and promised to protect*

him. We too can experience these same promises if we are willing to step out in obedience to God and share His Word.

*The way Jeremiah kept proclaiming God's Word even when it seemingly wasn't accepted really stands out to me. It could have seemed that he was wasting his time. Very little fruit, if any, came from his ministry. Do I have such a love for God and His Word that I will keep sharing the Gospel even when no one seems to be responding? Oh for Jeremiah's dedication to God!*

*In Lamentations, Jeremiah wept for the destruction of his people. Oh that we could weep for the lost around us! Oh that God would put a burden on our hearts that will not let us go!*

Today we are still serving Jeremiah's God. Let us not let Him down, but give ourselves to Him so our mouths can be filled by Him.

To any young person who feels that God wants to enlarge his heart and is willing to lay down his life for the Kingdom of God and is looking for things he can start doing here at home: I would encourage you to start where ever you can in sacrificing for our Lord's sake. If this has inspired your heart in the work of the Lord and you would like to commit to serving our Eternal King the Lord Jesus by giving financially, praying daily, and supporting missionaries by writing, you are very welcome to send me an email or contact the mission office for more information.

Jason Hurst

### For Your Information

Seth & Sarah Barker returned from Ghana and are actively involved in further missionary training with hopes to return to the field soon.