

LESEA GLOBAL FEED THE HUNGRY®

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*“Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God,
which is in thee by the putting on of my hands.”*

2 Timothy 1:6

When I first joined LeSEA Global Feed the Hungry® some weeks ago, I determined to immerse myself in the vision and heart of Feed the Hungry. As I began to go through the normal office routines I listened to tapes about Dr. Sumrall’s life and his testimony. In particular, I paid great attention to the vision of LeSEA Global Feed the Hungry®.

This vision, to “Feed the Hungry”, is something that I was fairly familiar with. After all, I’d heard the tape before and was even blessed to hear Dr. Sumrall minister on two of his visits to Australia. Yet, I was amazed at how different the tape sounded. The experience reminds me of something that Jesus Christ once said, “*Let he who has ears to hear, let him hear*”.

I’ve included a copy of the tape in this package. It’s a short 15-minute message from the ministry’s founder, Dr. Lester Sumrall, with an introduction from Pastor Stephen Sumrall, the President of LeSEA Global Feed the Hungry®.

As I listened to the tape over and over, my heart softened. The tape was no longer simply a source of information or a marketing tool – now it was a vessel that contained the anointing. It is an anointing that comes from divine connection; one that only God can provide. I came to realise that the vision and the anointing upon it, is like a gift to us.

I call this vision a “gift” because the encounter that Dr. Lester experienced was tangible enough that it could be shared. A sharing that never diminished the intensity of emotions and commitment in the hearer. A “gift” because when you caught the vision you felt like it was you in that Hotel Room in Jerusalem so many years ago.

When the Apostle Paul spoke to Timothy about “stirring up the gift” he was thinking of a fireplace. Fires burn brightly for a time but as we all know, if you do not feed fresh fuel to the fire they tend to cool to embers, and may eventually die out completely. Paul exhorts his spiritual son Timothy to kindle afresh that fire. Timothy, using all the proper means available, was to fan into flames the gift in him placed there by the laying on of hands.

In a sense, when you catch the vision of “Feed the Hungry” an eternal gift is placed in you. Perhaps not necessarily by the laying on of hands, but by the personal word from a man of God. This gift, this connection to vision, will burn fiercely at first but without personal cultivation will diminish. The solution is simple, as Paul instructed, we must stir up the gift. We must be diligent in our perseverance, application and pursuit of the vision we were entrusted with.



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It is my hope that as you listen to the vision of LeSEA Global Feed the Hungry®, you will be blessed and encouraged. May it remind you of the purpose of the “Feed the Hungry”.

May the anointing of the Holy Spirit be rekindled in you once again. May this tape be like fresh fuel to add to the fire that brightly burns in your heart already.

I know that Ps. Stephen Sumrall, his family, and the international staff of LeSEA Global have a passionate connection to the mandate to “Feed the Hungry” and are committed “to do our best” for God’s kingdom. We are always grateful for friends who open their hearts of compassion to share with those less fortunate.

1 John 3:16-18

LeSEA Global Feed the Hungry® hasn’t been idle, just last month there were outreaches in Belarus, Honduras, and Ohio USA. April will see two outreaches into Cambodia, and one in Zimbabwe. June has two outreaches scheduled in Mozambique and Swaziland. Please prayerfully consider what you can give to these vital outreaches.

The Australia office also received an outstanding and detailed testimony/report from the two containers sent to Chennai, India in October 2003 last year. Despite opposition and the plans of the enemy, a great move of God was accomplished in a land hostile to Christianity. The report includes quotes and feedback from over sixty different people it was marvellous to hear how the people were touched by the love of God.

One of the things the office has been doing in the last couple of weeks is to import our partner information into a new software program, making it easier to keep you informed. The office has taken great care in accurately transferring the information, but to make sure it was implemented successfully, please take a moment to review the response card and let us know if your information is correct. While you’re doing it, consider adding your email details.

Communication over the internet is a direction this ministry is seeking to incorporate more and more. E-Mail communication is relatively instantaneous and cost-effective. As you update the ministry on your email address we can open up a new world of information to you: You can join our “Email Alert” programs, be notified of new projects, receive fresh testimonies from completed projects, be advised of urgent prayer requests, and even receive your receipt letters!

I also wanted to take this opportunity to thank all the people who called, wrote or emailed me to say “Hi to the new guy”. I really appreciated it, and I feel very welcome here at LeSEA Global Feed the Hungry®.

Best Regards

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