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#### THUNDER TOUR

Have you ever tried to picture the scenes as you read your favorite Bible stories? Envision David hiding in a cave with Saul sleeping in the valley below. Throngs of people seated on the hills by the Sea of Galilee eating the miracle meal provided from five loaves and two fish. Or the women as they make their way through the garden in the quiet of the early morning to find the grave empty!

You don't need to imagine any more. May 14-26, 2017 Charles & Karen Byrd are leading a tour to these and many other places. Lonnie & Jeannie Melashenko will lead in our daily devotionals as well as Sabbath services.

This will be an incredible experience that will enrich your spiritual walk. But spaces are limited, so sign up today to get on the list. You won't be committed to going but you'll be the first to be notified when registration opens up.

We are also working on an optional tour extension of southern Israel and Jordan. For tour details and information visit www.QLP.tv/tours.





### Thunder on the Front Lines

God is using *Thunder in the Holy Land* to transform the lives of church members and those with whom they are sharing. Recently, we asked Pastor Mike Martinez to share how *Thunder* has impacted his churches in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

# QLP: When did you start using Thunder?

Pastor Mike: Two years ago we used *Thunder* for our weekly Bible study. We found *Thunder* to be Christoriented. It presented our fundamental beliefs in a simple refreshing manner. Those who attended were led to dig deeper into the Word of God and the small group approach created a sense of fellowship.

When we began, attendance averaged around eleven. By the time we finished the *Thunder* series the group had grown to 25 or 30!

# QLP: How did the young people respond to Thunder?

Pastor Mike: The young adults in the church responded the strongest. They were impressed by the young adults presenting Biblical teachings in a way that was relevant to them. The on-location footage and historical/archeological aspects added to the interest level.

After watching Levi, Andrea, and Stephen sharing deep spiritual concepts they concluded they could do it too, and decided to start a campus ministry at LSU [Louisiana State University]. To our surprise LSU leadership gave us ten nights to hold Share Him meetings on campus. Still today we have people attending on a regular basis, as a result of that effort.

# QLP: Has this made any positive changes in your churches?

Pastor Mike: Today church members are now helping me with things I would have done by myself in the past. They are getting involved, they are watching and learning. Now there are random groups of church members who say, "Hey pastor Mike, we're going out after church knocking

on doors." I'm not having to initiate these activities anymore. The church members realize, "Hey, I can do this!" It has not always been like this; this is brand new for us. Of course not everyone is active, but those who are just go.

Also, our active young people are attracting other young people to our congregation. They keep coming to our church and checking us out. A few Sabbaths ago, one young lady told me that she chose to attend LSU because our church had such an active group. We've even had to start a Collegiate Sabbath School class!

The older generation, is seeing a change in the dynamics of the church. And it's not scaring them; they are excited about seeing young people being active in the church.

The young people came up with an idea to do a "prayer drive-thru." They made posters and go stand in front of the church. Cars speeding by slow up because they want to pull in and have prayer with us. We're all about prayer here.

## QLP: Do you have a specific story of Thunder blessing someone?

Pastor Mike: There are so many stories that I could share! We did Thunder in my smaller church as well. After using Thunder, regular attendance has doubled, from fifteen to over thirty! One man attending the meetings was full of questions. He came from a Pentecostal background. After completing Thunder, he and his wife joined our church by profession of faith.

# QLP: Where does the church plan to go from here?

**Pastor Mike:** Well, we are currently holding an evangelistic series with Richard Halverson. After the meeting we are going to use *Thunder in the Holy Land* for our follow-up Bible study approach.

Thank you for sharing Pastor Martinez. Keep up the good work! We are praying for your ministry. QLP NEWSLETTER ISSUE 7 MAY 2016



### You Give Them Something to Eat Based on Mark 6:31-43

John the Baptist had just been killed, and Jesus along with His disciples set out by boat to the quiet and solitude of the wilderness to grieve and heal. But the people saw Jesus leave and hurried on foot to the other side, arriving before Him.

They had never heard truths presented the way Jesus presented them and their hearts throbbed with joy as they listened to Jesus teach. After years of hearing the legalistic and meaningless traditions their religious leaders taught, the teachings of Jesus fed and refreshed their souls, and they craved for more.

When Jesus saw the vast throng following after him like lost sheep searching for a shepherd, His heart went out to them in compassion. All day Jesus taught and ministered to the people on those lonely, desolate slopes. But as the evening began to tint the sky, the disciples approached Jesus, "Send them away, that they may go into the villages and buy food."

It seemed like a thoughtful and sensible suggestion, but Jesus responded, "...You give them something to eat. ..." Mark 6:37 NKJ.

The disciples replied that their supplies were very limited—insufficient for their own needs, never mind that of the multitude. But then Jesus demonstrated this Kingdom principle, "Give, and it shall be given unto you. ..." Luke 6:38.

So often we feel unequal to the task. We don't feel we know enough scriptures, we don't have a thorough grasp of the subject, our memories aren't good enough to bring up the texts when we need them, we're just barely hanging on by our spiritual fingernails, our prayers don't seem to be going any higher than our own heads. The excuses are endless, but Jesus commands, "YOU give them something to eat."

He doesn't say "Give them a full course meal" He says simply, "Give them *something* to eat." Give what you have, God will supply your lack, and you will both be filled.

"Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over..." Luke 6:38

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