

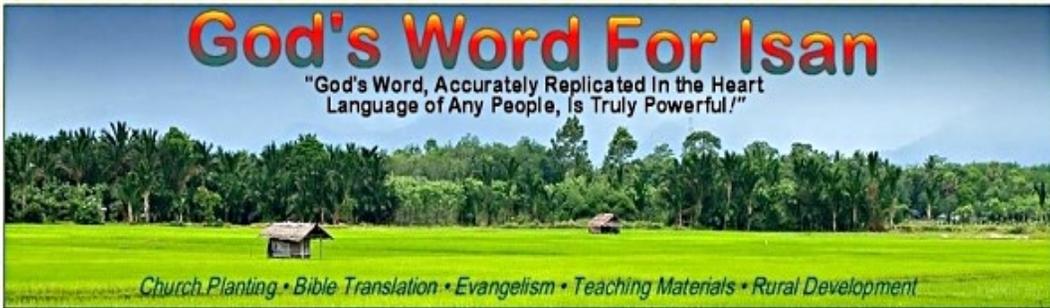
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Ron & Cheryl Myers GOD'S WORD FOR ISAN NEWSLETTER April, 2019

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Are You Ready for The Good News? My Isan Coworker, Baaw Ter, Has Been Released!

By Ron Myers

In my March 2019 newsletter, I asked prayer for my Isan coworker, Baaw Ter, that he would be exonerated from insufficient-funds charges brought against him as cosigner, and that the actual guilty parties would be brought to justice. It all began a couple years ago, around the time Baaw Ter accepted Christ. He was interested in a start-up travel business owned by a husband and wife team in Bangkok—purportedly Christians. While doing business, the couple needed to write a sizeable business check, which required a cosigner. They asked Baaw Ter's help. In good faith, he cosigned the check, not thinking there might be problems later. In the eyes of the law, Baaw Ter appeared to be complicit in a scam deal. Every time a court hearing was called in Bangkok, he appeared. Yet, the actual check owners were *no-shows*, finally moving to Hong Kong leaving Baaw Ter *holding the bag*.



Baaw Ter was promptly incarcerated, awaiting appearance before an appellate court. However, he was offered bail of 500,000 Baht, around \$15,000 US. A couple of the ladies who are members of his house church went to work and were amazingly able to raise almost all of the required bail amount with only one day to spare before the bail offer was rescinded. I was able to supply the remainder and Baaw Ter was free. I spoke with him after his release via video conference call. He looked tired and haggard as a result of the few days he spent in a Thai jail. He told me that his whole time there was spent in prayer, and that he often cried himself to sleep at nights, amongst a room full of murderers and hardened criminals.

He is now back home in Nakhon Phanom, continuing his radio show, pastoring his house church and finishing the Isan New Testament audio recording. He is also in touch with the check owners, who are afraid to return from Hong Kong, knowing that jail likely awaits them since their funds are depleted. Please pray that God would step into this untenable situation. That Baaw Ter will be released for good, and be able to return to serve the Lord there in Nakhon Phanom. Otherwise, it does not look good for the Christians in the 30-member house church, nor for the completion of the narrated Isan New Testament. Satan always seeks to hinder God's work, yet we know that God is greater, and we wait to see what He will do. Pray Please!

Thai Elections: After four years of strict military rule, Thai elections were held on March 23, but with questionable results. The army general who led the coupe in 2014, soon declared himself to be the official Thai Prime Minister, with everything that was done under his rule having to be *okayed* by a military oversight board. Every major transportation hub throughout the country was occupied by armed soldiers: airports, bus terminals, and railway stations. Anyone who openly spoke or acted against the Junta was soon dealt with, the severity depending in the degree of the offense. Human rights organizations around the world condemned the restrictions and treatment. Nevertheless, life went on. Free election dates were set, then broken, more than once. Not long before the actual election took place, the Junta posing as the legitimately elected government came up with a plan. Welfare ID cards were made and passed out, with a monthly stipend being given to holders of the card. Bottom line: although the Thai populace disliked the restrictive military Junta, they voted it back in, in light of the free money. Many free-minded Thai just shook their heads, including many I know.

My Knee Surgery: My right knee replacement went as scheduled. Now, with in-home physical therapy, I am told everything is going well. Most of my pain is during late evening hours, for which my pain medication seems impervious. I plan on being back in Thailand as soon as I am released, to spend time with Baaw Ter. Do stand with me in prayer that Baaw Ter will be spared from jail for cosigning a check, which he did in good faith. Pray that his reluctant Buddhist wife, Joo, will continue to warm up to the Gospel and be saved.

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