

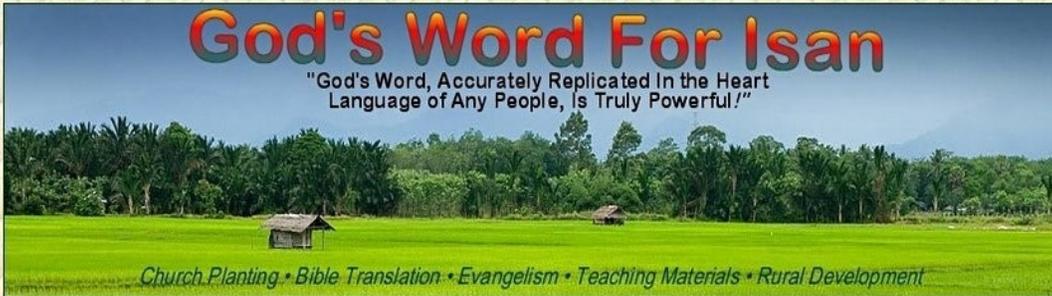
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A Faith-based Ministry Sustained Through the Prayers and Partnership of God's People

My Thai-Isan Coworker, Baaw Ter (Part V)

Trials and Tribulations Abound, Yet He Remains Strong

By Ron Myers

Dear Praying Friends,

My co-worker, Baaw Ter, is experiencing more than his share of trials and tribulations. He has returned home to Northeast Thailand for nearly two months now, after having appeared before the Bangkok Appellate Court where he submitted documentation asking for leniency. I recently asked him about the court's decision. He explained that he hasn't heard yet, saying that when they contact him, he'll have to return to Bangkok, where he'll appear before a court judge to hear their decision concerning his appeal request.



It all began around two years ago, when Baaw Ter and son D.J. first received Christ. He had helped a couple in a new travel agency startup by cosigning a sizable check. It was all legit; but before the company cashed the couple's check, their resources were depleted due to a reversal in an investment; all which got the attorneys and the courts involved. I'm told the couple is now out of the country trying to raise the funds to aright things. Meanwhile, Baaw Ter desperately needs our prayers, that the court will look favorably on him and be lenient. If they don't, he'll likely incur a large fine and serious jail time. This would gravely impede his life and the ministries in which he is involved. This includes oversight of believers that meet at his home and finishing the recording of the audio version of the Isan New Testament.

Baaw Ter's main source of income as a radio talk show host has taken a huge hit due to a shrinking economy, which has caused his endorsing sponsors to cut down on advertising. Also, the large radio station he was on now has a new manager, a Thai man who has disallowed using the Isan language that Baaw Ter speaks. That's in the heart of the Isan region, which doesn't make any sense, but the Thai trivialize Isan people, so... Baaw Ter has switched to *Esan Radio*; which, being smaller, doesn't offer a wide signal coverage, so results aren't the same.

These fiery trials he is experiencing don't seem to let up: ^{a)} His wife left upon his receiving Christ; ^{b)} He's in trouble with the courts for helping cosign a check; ^{c)} His depleting advertising sponsorship is exhausting his income; ^{d)} His popular call-in radio program (where he shares his faith) was dropped by an arbitrary management decision. What next? It's spiritual warfare in action; yet, his faith remains unwavering.

On the bright side, after discussing these things and encouraging him, I asked, "If you could do anything you wanted, what would that be?" His response? "I desire to spread the Gospel and teach people correctly in the faith." Last year, I took Baaw Ter to visit Bangkok Bible College and Seminary. He fell in love with it. After discussing his hopes with the admissions department, Baaw Ter was approved. Like my translation assistant, Pastor Pitak, he plans to pursue a degree in Bible. This would follow finishing the Isan New Testament audio version. Meanwhile, he is in need of a steady source of income. *Gifts towards his Bible education can be designated, sent through our mission organization; see below.*

PRAISE and PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Praise** God that He led me to Baaw Ter, who is eager to use his professional voice to record the Isan New Testament.
- Praise** Him that I been given a role in mentoring Baaw Ter in the faith; and, that he desires to serve God and teach His Word.
- Praise** God that His Hand is on Baaw Ter's life, who remains strong and unwavering despite the heavy trials he is undergoing.
- Pray** that God will give Baaw Ter grace in the eyes of the Court; that he won't be held responsible for something beyond his control.
- Pray** that the couple who own the check Baaw Ter helped cosign will be able to obtain the funds needed to aright the situation.
- Pray** that his Buddhist wife, Joo, will receive Christ, will come home for good; and that the satanic forces controlling her life will be confounded.
- Finally; Pray** that their family unit will be restored and become a shining light for the Lord Jesus Christ in a spiritually parched land.

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Son D.J. in High School



Baaw Ter and Joo During Earlier Times