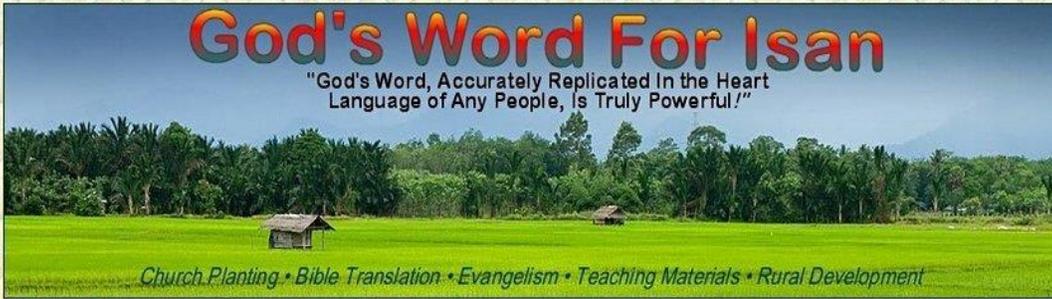




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A Faith-based Ministry Sustained Through the Prayers and Partnership of God's People

Energized Believers Equal Actively Growing Churches

"New Life in Christ Isn't Just a Buzz Word"

By Ron Myers

Dear Praying and Sending Friends,

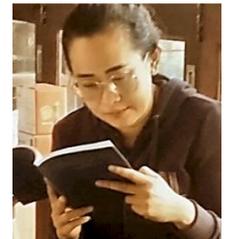
Thai believers become **ENERGIZED** and freed to serve when they are taught, understand, and live by Salvation by Grace alone, apart from works!

I've been back in Thailand, our second home, for close to a month. Cheryl, our daughter Michelle (born in Bangkok), her husband Curt and daughter Georgia joined me here briefly where they saw many old friends. All were elated to see Cheryl and Michelle again before visiting friends in other parts of Thailand. A highlight was when my businessman friend, Mr. Krajai, saw Michelle again after many years, greeting her upon her arrival at the local airport. Krajai refers to Michelle as his daughter, having given AB+ blood (*a rare type here*) to help save her at age 7. She was lying in the local hospital, hemorrhaging internally after having fallen from a tree onto her side, rupturing a large vein and splitting open her adjacent kidney. Dr. Wijit, a skilled Thai surgeon who just *happened* to be there, performed the procedure that saved her life. Michelle became a nurse for that reason.

Two Sundays ago, I taught at Baaw Ter's house church, and at Pastor Pitak's church last Sunday. I explained the foundational Gospel message. Rudimentary truths are also the deep truths! (2 Cor 15:1-8) Then, I taught on things that are *New*. God's Mercies are *New* every morning (Lam 3:23); We are *New* creations in Christ where all things have become *New* (2 Cor 5:17); We can now approach God by a *New* and living way, by means of the Blood of Christ (Heb 10:19-20); We are to walk in *Newness* of life (Rom 6:4); We are to be *Renewed* in our minds by putting off the *Old* self and putting on the *New*, in Christ (Eph 4:23-24); God will create *New* Heavens and a *New* Earth where righteousness dwells, ended with, "*How should we then live?*" (2 Pet 3:9-14; Rev 21:1) Upon closing, I gave an invitation to receive Christ if anyone there wasn't saved.

During these meetings, I witnessed formerly hyper-superstitious, demonic spirit-fearing, works-oriented, idol-worshiping Buddhists give their testimonies. One thing that came to mind was: *Wow; we need a good dose of this back home in our own churches!* The new life in Christ that these dear ones now possess seemed to be exuding from every pore of their being. Not that they or any of us are perfect by any means, apart from Christ's imparted righteousness. Later, in a home setting, Baaw Ter and I were able to counsel couples on scripturally-based family relationships.

Among other testimonies, Gigi, the newest Christian, stood and said: "*I wasn't interested in Christianity until Baaw Ter witnessed to me and I accepted Christ openly at his house-church meeting. Now that I'm saved, I see myself as having stepped out of my former lifestyle into my new life in Christ. I now experience freedom from fear and religious requirements. My friends say I've lost my mind. I wore all kinds of amulets and religious armor for protection from unforeseen calamity, which I plucked off and tossed away. I religiously followed a certain restricted diet, foregoing other more-healthy foods as part of my regimen, both at home and in larger social gatherings. I participated in various dark arts. I was a very proud person, excelling in the banking industry. I owned anything I wanted, including cars, my prized Rolex wristwatch and diamond ring. But when Christ came into my life, I became humbled and realized how insignificant I really was, and how little I really knew. I now see my former lifestyle and things I craved as they really are—insignificant window dressing now that I'm a Christian.*"



Gigi reading the Isan Bible

I had short foundational teaching sessions with Gigi each time she visited Baaw Ter at his home, where I am staying. As a baby Christian, she has a voracious appetite for the milk of God's Word. (1 Pet 2:2) It's very encouraging, and proof-positive that her new life in Christ is real. **Pray** for Gigi, and **pray** for all the other believers here, that God will protect them, expand their vistas, grant them boldness in their faith, and use them to proclaim the Gospel of God's amazing grace to those around them in this parched spiritual wilderness. . . that hearts will be opened to hear. And, that lost souls will come drink freely from the "*whosoever will*" fountain of Eternal Life in Christ. (Rev 21:17)

Pray especially for Baaw Ter. He displays an amazing resiliency in the face of the many trials and tribulations that have beset him. His dear but very confused and conflicted wife Joo left him because of Christ. And, although she said twice that she desired to reunite—which gave both Baaw Ter and their 17-year-old son, DeeJay hope—she has now presented Baaw Ter a *legal writ of divorce*. As well as sold part of their jointly-owned property without his knowledge or permission. Please continue to **pray** for Joo's repentance unto salvation. (Acts 20:21)

Please **pray** for Baaw Ter's and his mom's blood pressure, which remains extremely high for no apparent despite being on medication. Meanwhile, there appears to be a glimmer of light at the end of Baaw Ter's long tunnel concerning his impending trial and potential imprisonment for having cosigned a check in good faith. It appears that the two attorneys are in conference, the plaintiff attorney realizes that Baaw Ter is essentially an innocent third party. They are approaching the plaintiffs to see if they would be willing to take Baaw Ter's 500,000

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Baht bail money (\$15,000) and settle out of court. It this happens, Baaw Ter would come home a free man! **Please do pray to this end.** It certainly appears that the Lord is in this solution. **In closing, thank you once again for your prayers and your financial support. You are Greatly Appreciated!**