

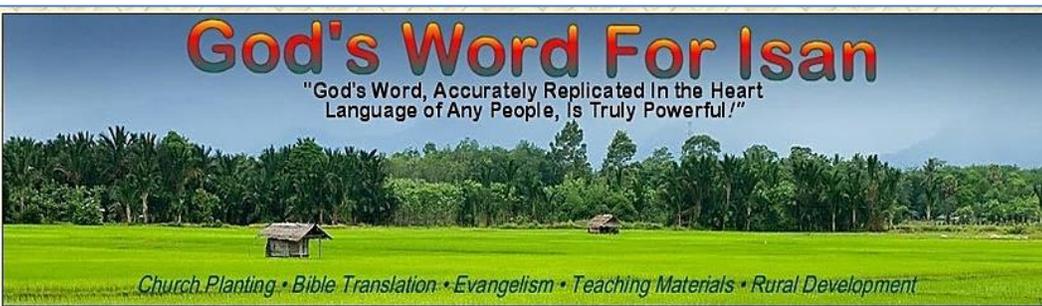
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GOD'S WORD FOR ISAN NEWSLETTER

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♪ Count Your Many Blessings ♪

New Year, More Fruit, More Blessings

By Ron Myers

Hello Again In Christ's Name;

"Count your blessings, name them one by one; And it will surprise you what the Lord has done. As we enter the beginning months of this new year, I am continually impressed with the blessings for which to thank the Lord, not only eternal Salvation from sin and death—freely given in Christ, by God's Grace—but also for His innumerable blessings that often get taken for granted while absorbed in the activities of life.

That's why God instructs us in His Word to "remember." He continually had to remind the Israelites to *remember* how He had heard their pleas, conquered their enemies, led them out of captivity, took care of their every need, led them by day and night; and yet, their trust remained very shallow, reflected in their actions, or lack thereof. Another way of saying remember is "Forget Not," as in "*Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:*" (Psalms 103:2) That is, *do not* forget His acts of lovingkindness towards us.

Below are some of God's many blessings I have received. First, He watched over me, even before I knew Him. He saved me by His Grace from a Hell-bound existence; giving me a life of purpose and fulfillment. He answered my prayers, providing a wonderful, like-minded Christian girl as a lifelong partner with whom to serve the Lord. He prepared us and opened doors for a unique ministry in foreign lands. He provided for our every need as we left home to minister among the Isan people of Northeast Thailand. He gave us peace and joy as we served Him among totally unreached peoples. He gave us a beautiful family, now grown and leading Christian lives. (*Pray for our oldest, David, who is struggling due to heavy trials.*) God continually supplied for our material needs by faith, through His people, both church groups and individuals as we partnered together with them toward seeing Christ's *Great Commission* fulfilled.

He protected us from every danger, both seen and unseen, known and unknown, physical and spiritual. He strengthened and encouraged us, and kept our family healthy when we lived in very primitive, unhealthy conditions. He gave victory in the face of impossible circumstances and hopeless odds, opening doors of opportunity along the way. He gave us fruit for our labors as we saw many open their hearts to accept Christ as they heard God's Word proclaimed. He gave us many memorable experiences and great friends among the Thai and Isan people of all socio-economic classes, from very poor to affluent.

He gave me wisdom and insight to write a groundbreaking creation-evangelism booklet containing a clear Gospel message that dedicated Buddhists loved to read, and even pass around. He also gave an undying vision to see His Word translated into the language of the millions of Isan dwellers of Northeast Thailand... as well as tenacious determination to see the Isan New Testament through to completion in the face of ongoing spiritual opposition.

He provided dedicated Isan translation assistants, most of whom became evangelists and pastors. He also supplied finances for printing through people whom I did not know, but who became close friends. He opened doors to connect me with a Christian-owned print shop in Bangkok, committed wholly to printing God's Word, and who did a great job using quality materials at a special price. He provided a great location to hold a very successful dedication and presentation event, attended by pastors and missionaries from around the Isan region. He also provided a Thai pastor friend who volunteered to help distribute the Isan New Testaments to pastors, churches, and missionaries throughout Thailand's Northeastern or Isan region.

We held the Isan New Testament dedication event on June, 2016. Since then, we have received numerous encouraging reports from Christians around the Isan region. Even photos of Isan New Testaments being passed out, including of a young Isan lady who had received Christ, smiling widely as she held up her very own copy. God also opened doors to convert the Isan translation to digital format for use on computer Bible programs and cell phone apps.

I get recurring requests for boxes of Isan New Testaments and *Considering Creation* evangelism booklets. Just last week I received more requests; one was from a missionary on behalf of a new team preparing to minister among the Isan people. I am fully confident that God will continue to supply for every need, just as He always has. One need is to do the audio recording of both the Isan New Testament and the *Considering Creation* evangelism narrative. For all these things, I thank and give God the Honor and Glory due His Holy Name. And, I especially thank Him for you, our faithful and dedicated supporters.

Here's a summary of how little-reached and passively resistant Thailand is to the Gospel. Well-meaning inflated figures are often quoted as to the number of Christians; but, are they all truly born-again? Knowledgeable persons have doubts, as do I. I have personally heard some say, "*Believing in Jesus is fine, but you need to be good too.*" These appear to be trusting in Christ, **but underneath are relying on personal works.** This is *not* the Gospel message of Salvation by Grace alone! Are these hapless ones truly saved, but confused as to where good works fit in? Only God knows. I don't blame them as much as I do those who have taught them wrongly. There is a great need for teaching foundational truths, which I also do at every opportunity.

- ✓ Overall, Thailand likely has only about 0.1% Christians (99.9% being unsaved) meaning possibly only 1-in-1,000 are truly born-again!
- ✓ The Isan Region likely has only about 0.01% Christians (99.99% being unsaved) meaning possibly only 1-in-10,000 are truly born-again!

Remember to Count Your Many Blessings, and *Please Pray* that God Will Do a Mighty Work Among the People of Thailand,

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Health Updates: Cheryl recently experienced serious shortness of breath. I rushed her to the ER where they did a battery of tests for potential pneumonia and heart irregularities, but found none, which was a huge relief. She recovered and it appears she just needed a bit of rest. A recent checkup showed she has a clean bill of health.

Ron: Having put off health issues until finishing the Isan translation, I had some catching up to do. Sciatica (*back nerve damage*) has weakened my legs, necessitating a cane for stability. Osteoarthritis meant a left hip replacement. Now, my knees are bad. My left shoulder needed surgery, and soon my right. Otherwise, I'm in good health. Praise the Lord for insurance!