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

Cheer Up, Because Our Team Wins!

I Know, I Read the Book

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Greetings in Jesus Name,

Some might be wondering about the Chinese *Coronavirus* as it relates to our church-planting ministry in Thailand and my Isan co-worker, Baaw Ter. So far, being far removed from major population areas, we have not yet been affected. You might recall that a few years ago there was another Chinese virus scare called the SAR virus, for which I put off traveling until the initial scare subsided. Yet, when I did travel, everyone on board the flight was still wearing air-filtration masks, which caused me to doubt my decision. With that in mind, I believe it is wise to postpone my upcoming Asian trip at this juncture, to which Baaw Ter agrees.

Our ministry is going quite well, all things considered. I say that because it seems that when one trial or hinderance passes, another one soon follows on its heels. I also find that the more effective a ministry gets, the more that ministry experiences an onset of intensified spiritual warfare – which comes in all shapes, forms and sizes – to deter and distract from the primary focus; which, in turn, delays progress towards the main goal. Anyone worth his or her salt on the mission field can attest to these things as being factual.

Baaw Ter has been going through a myriad of trials since he came to faith in Christ, which hasn't seemed to faze him – saying, *"I have found the truth, and I know that God has chosen me to serve Him."* Let's see: Baaw Ter's attractive Buddhist wife, Joo – whom he still loves and the mother to their 18-year-old Christian son – left him due to his new-found faith, having now divorced him (*We continue to pray for her salvation*). He remains faithful, yet saddened over Joo's leaving. Next, he was drawn into extended criminal court proceedings in Bangkok over a check which he cosigned, but is now exonerated by God's Grace. The powerful FM radio station that carried his very popular call-in talk show dropped him, as did his many local sponsors, depleting his income and causing further financial hardship.

Continuing, it was discovered last November that Baaw Ter's blood pressure was dangerously high (190/135), but is now coming under control through a regimen of meds and lifestyle. Most recently, he has been the victim of a very inept hospital dentist, who, when working on his upper left canine tooth, managed to break it off at the root. Then, when he proceeded to drill the root out, he plunged the drill bit up through Baaw Ter's jaw, exiting into his sinus cavity. He's now under a different dentist's care and healing with a gap in his otherwise perfect-looking teeth. He needs good dental work to plug the gap, but anything good is expensive, even in Thailand.

What next? Our headquarters continues to experience heavy thunder storms. Our recording studio's insulation is insufficient to filter out the noise, meaning we can't record during storms. During hot season, the air conditioner is affected due to downed lines and blown transformers, which also affects recording – too hot and muggy. This all affects Baaw Ter's health, having suffered from persistent coughing and hoarseness. He's a professional and won't record then, wanting to do his best for the Lord. Despite these things, God is blessing. Baaw Ter announced happily yesterday that he has finished the audio narration of the Isan New Testament, save for 12 remaining chapters! PTL!

In all these things, we depend on our living God and His Word for strength, encouragement and direction. In Romans 8:35-39, the Apostle Paul, who knows all about trials and tribulations, reassures his readers that:

*"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ... **Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.** For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."*

Our Isan ministry is truly sustained by your participation: not just in your selfless generosity but also through your undergirding prayer. Please be assured that we are grateful for it and for all of you. We see God's Heart and Hands upholding the work here in this spiritually-parched land. And, we are confident that He will continue to bless. That is why we press forward, fighting the good fight of faith to get the Gospel message to these people, both in the written and spoken word.

Anyone care to be involved in something truly big? Something truly worthwhile? Something truly lasting? I do. My motto and what I

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now live for is: *"I have learned by experience that: the greatest privilege, the greatest blessing, the greatest job in all the world, and that which gives the greatest personal joy and satisfaction, is to give one's life to obey the Great Commission and serve the Lord Jesus Christ, having an integral part in taking God's eternal, life-giving Word and message of Salvation to those still waiting in the depths of spiritual darkness at the uttermost, unreached ends of the earth – until Christ returns!"*