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GOD'S WORD FOR ISAN NEWSLETTER

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The Work Is Progressing Well, Beyond All Expectations

"Great Doors of Opportunity Are Opening"

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New Year's Greetings in Jesus' Matchless Name,

Praise the Lord! We're now one year closer to Christ's return! The first part of the verse I referenced above—penned by the Apostle Paul to the Corinthian believers—reads: *"For a great door and effectual is opened unto me..."* (1 Corinthians 16:9a) It's true for us as well! God has recently opened extraordinary new doors of opportunity for our ministry in Thailand beyond our greatest expectations. These doors mean both greater exposure and effectiveness among the Isan and the Thai people in general... not only here in Thailand, but around the world as well. I'll explain more later. And, many of you—as friends and partners in this ministry—play a vital role through both prayer and sponsorship on behalf of those who are being reached with God's *Good News* of salvation from sin and eternal life in Christ.

The Apostle Paul concludes with, *"...and there are many adversaries."* Any proactive missionary can certainly identify with Paul's statement. As great opportunities arise, hindrances typically follow as the Chief Adversary, Satan, attempts to thwart the advance of the Gospel any way he can. The hindrances that Paul experienced came from those who opposed the Gospel, as well as false teachers who propagated their *diabolical* teachings, confusing and leading people astray. These types used Scripture dishonestly, distorting the clear truths of the Gospel for their own purposes. (1 Timothy 4:1-2) This is true for us as well, as false teachers spread their distorted rendition of the Gospel of God's grace at an alarming rate throughout the land.

In fact, many in Thailand today identify with a tainted version of Evangelical Christianity. They've been taught a works-oriented version of Grace with a caveat of having to maintain salvation by good behavior according to a manmade list of dos and don'ts. It's a form of self-righteousness that God says is like "filthy rags" in His sight (Isaiah 64:6). This is *not* the Gospel, yet it's what many are practicing. The question is: Are they truly born anew in Christ? Only God knows. I find there's only one thing that can correct this wrong understanding of the Gospel—teaching a foundational summary of God's Word from Creation to Redemption, emphasizing positional truths of believers and our inheritance *in Christ*. Salvation is *of the Lord*, not of ourselves!

That said, we remain confident in the fact that we are on the winning team, because God is infinitely greater than the Adversary and all of his dark spirit minions, having been vanquished at the Cross. I draw great encouragement from the triumphant words that Paul penned in Romans 8:31-39; especially verse 37 as the King James reads: *"in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us."* Paul emphasizes here that we aren't merely on the winning team, but are *overwhelming conquerors* through the Captain of our faith; our King, The Lord Jesus Christ!

As stated above, God is opening new doors of opportunity to advance our ministry among the Thai and Isan people like never before. First, the audio version of my intelligent-design evangelism booklet, *Considering Creation*, is done, narrated professionally by Baaw Ter. It's recorded in the Thai language and usable throughout Thailand. Second, he is presently narrating the whole Isan New Testament. This will be usable among both the large Isan populace of Northeastern Thailand, as well as people in neighboring Communist Laos—the languages being alike. As things develop, our "Good News" live video broadcast will provide much-needed opportunities for things like listening to the Isan New Testament, Christian music, family counseling, as well as discussion panels that address foundational teaching, to increase correct understanding for both believers and inquirers.

Continuing on, a new Isan Christian church has been established, led by Baaw Ter. It meets weekly in our newly refurbished recording studio building, beside his home. The group calls itself "Good News Fellowship," following the name we gave our Good News radio broadcast, which is transmitted in live video format around the world by way of Facebook. It has a growing following of Thai, Isan and Lao Internet listeners in Thailand and countries around the world. We stand in awe and praise God for His infinite power and wisdom for these things.

PRAYER REQUESTS: Progress on the audio narration of the Isan NT • Baaw Ter's wife Ju' will understand the Gospel and receive Christ • Growth of the *Good News* Bible Fellowship • Fruit from the *Good News* live video Facebook broadcast • Grace in the eyes of the authorities in obtaining a local radio broadcast license • Increased teaching opportunities • Increased local grassroots outreach (*which is presently occurring*) • God's protection for all those involved • Absolution from the debt that Baaw Ter and wife Ju' incurred in the past from a local usurious lender during hard times (*They have learned from this unfortunate experience.*)

By God's Grace and For His Glory,

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Baaw Ter, Ju' and me, at my December birthday party