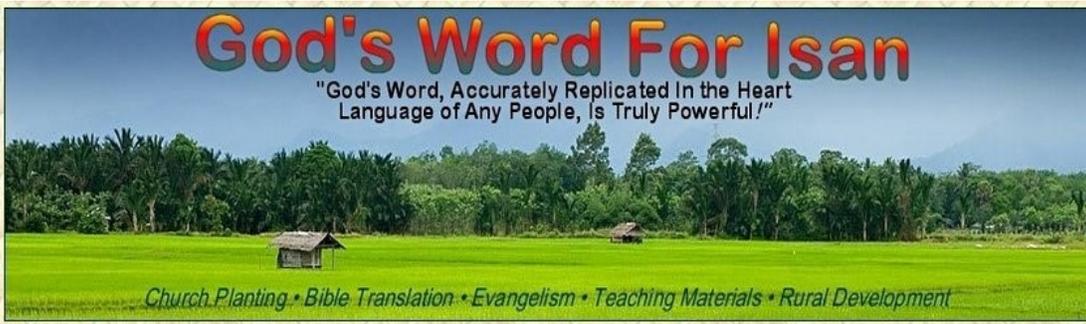




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My Thai-Isan Coworker, Baaw Ter (Part II)

His Wife Joo's Interactions & Uncertainties

By Ron Myers

Dear Friends in Christ,



Baaw Ter and Joo during their first reconciliation talk a few weeks ago.

Last month's newsletter contained a note to me (*Ron*) from my Thai-Isan coworker, Baaw Ter. In it, he expressed joy that his Buddhist wife, Joo, voiced for a second time that she wanted to return home. They had what seemed like a very encouraging and profitable time together, but then...

I quote Baaw Ter, *"We talked at length, during which time she broke down and sobbed, asking forgiveness for everything, including making me sad and for causing a lot of undue trouble, for which I forgave her. Joo went on to say that she really wants to come back together again as a family, to start a life afresh in our home, but asked for a little time to adjust."*

Note: After their first talk, Baaw Ter wrote me saying, *"Joo told me she wants to come home and would accept the fact that I had left Buddhism and had become a Christian, and that she would try to understand. Praise God! I consider this a great turn of events and hope that she too will accept Christ."* Keep in mind that this breakthrough was preceded by many months of constant intercessory prayer by us and many of you, for which Baaw Ter has voiced his deep appreciation. RM

Continuing... That evening, Joo returned and spent a couple nights at their home. If fact, she brought more of her things back home from where she had been staying; an employee apartment in a local hospital where she is one of the head nurses. All seemed to be going well, so they decided to take a short break to spend time together. They (*along with their son, DJ*) drove down to the ocean-side tourist town of Pattaya Beach, on the Bay of Siam. There, they spent a few refreshing days; then, on to Bangkok before heading back home to Nakhon Phanom, Northeast Thailand.



Joo taking in the ocean view at Pattaya Beach, Thailand.



Joo enjoying ocean breeze

So, what's the problem, and what are specific items for earnest prayer. On both occasions, it seemed all was going great. Then, without warning, Joo decided to move back to the apartment at the hospital where she is a head nurse. This, even after their great vacation time together in Pattaya Beach and Bangkok. Her strange behavior saddens Baaw Ter to no end, because he has gone out of his way to be an exemplar and caring husband. Baaw Ter and I feel that she has both conflict and confusion in her heart. At this juncture, after returning to stay at her hospital apartment, she dropped in one day for lunch, then left again. She later sent a note, thanking them for the good meal. We also agreed that there seems to be a great spiritual struggle going on in Joo's heart, pulling her in opposite directions.

Surely, the enemy is working overtime to keep Joo captivated by the pull of a quasi-attractive, state-ordained religious system that can neither deliver from bondage or save from sin. On the one hand, by her own words and actions, she honestly desires to return and be a family again. She even broke down and sobbed, asking Baaw Ter's forgiveness for her stubborn standoffishness, saying that she really desires to return and begin afresh. And, that she would try to understand Christianity, and Baaw Ter and son DJ's decision to forsake her beloved Buddhism. She sees the undeniable transformation in Baaw Ter and son DJ's lives. On the other hand, she does things that don't make sense—being both attracted to Christ on the one hand, and drawn in the opposite direction by hostile spiritual forces on the other.

I believe that when Joo *does* receive Christ, their family will be a powerful testimony and a shining beacon for the Lord Jesus Christ in that spiritually dark land. Satan is well aware of this, thus the unrelenting fight for her soul. Only the power of God, with our intercessory prayers on her behalf, can deliver Joo from Satan's grasp. Please commit to pray daily for Joo, that she would be released from spiritual bondage and receive Christ. Meanwhile, Baaw Ter continues to serve the Lord and trusts Him for Joo's deliverance. Pray!



Their Family Visiting Bangkok at the end of their vacation