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

## Enter His Gates with Thanksgiving and His Courts with Praise:

*Be Thankful to Him and Bless His Holy Name!*

*(Psalm 100:4)*

By Ron Myers

Dear Thanksgiving Day Friends in Christ,

Having grown up in the scenic Finger Lakes Region of New York, Fall and harvest time is my favorite season. Especially Thanksgiving Day and what it means for Christians. It meant everything for the believers at that first thanksgiving harvest feast in 1621. As meager as it may have been, they fully realized that if it wasn't for God's mercy and watch-care, along with the help of the local *Native Americans*, they would have perished. Therefore, they blessed God alone, not circumstances, things, or human government.

Two centuries later, a civil war had split our nation. Sarah Hale—the Christian school teacher who penned the song *Mary had a Little Lamb*—wrote to President Abraham Lincoln. She suggested that to help heal our divided nation, a special day should be set aside where all could thank God for His goodness and pray to Him for divine intervention. Motivated by Ms. Hale's letter, in 1863 President Lincoln proclaimed the last Thursday of every November as a special day of thanksgiving, where all would take time out to recognize our Creator God and thank Him for every blessing.

Today we are in uncertain times; especially if we take our cues from our surroundings in our fractured, pandemic infected, economically waning nation. Yet, there is no uncertainty if instead we "fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith" (Hebrews 12:2), and take our cues from God and His Promises: "For all the promises of God ... are Yes, and ... Amen, to the glory of God" (2 Corinthians 1:20). Considering our present-day surroundings, I sensed the chosen header verse was quite appropriate, because we all need to "Enter into His Gates with Thanksgiving and Into His Courts with Praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His [Holy] Name" (Psalm 100:4).



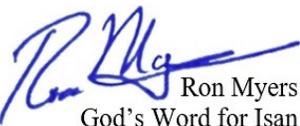
*Freedom From Want: A Thanksgiving  
Painting by Norman Rockwell*

In that same spirit of thanksgiving, Cheryl and I thank God for each of you who partnership with us—both praying for and supporting our ministry in Thailand, among the 77-million Buddhist masses. God loves the Thai Buddhist people (just as He loves you and me) with an everlasting love, although they don't yet know Him or His Son, Jesus Christ—their Creator and Savior, who died to atone for their sins and rose bodily for their justification. Today, less than one-percent of Thailand's population have personally embraced Christ. The whole Thai populace is now demonstrating against an autocratic government and a disappointing monarchy, of which the general population see both in disarray and needing serious change. Who knows how it will end? Pray for their Salvation.

Pray especially for our church planting, teaching, mentoring and Bible translation ministries in Thailand's Northeastern or Isan Region—a separate Lao-related people that comprise one-third (27-million) of Thailand's total population and landmass. Despite Covid-19 hindrances (we are all safe), my Isan coworker, Bao-Ter, is now wrapping up the audio version of the Isan New Testament while I am editing and preparing the printed version for a second edition. Pray too for his house church which hasn't been able to meet.



*Bao-Ter Putting the Finishing  
Touches on the Isan NT's  
Audio Version (Nov 23 2020)*

  
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