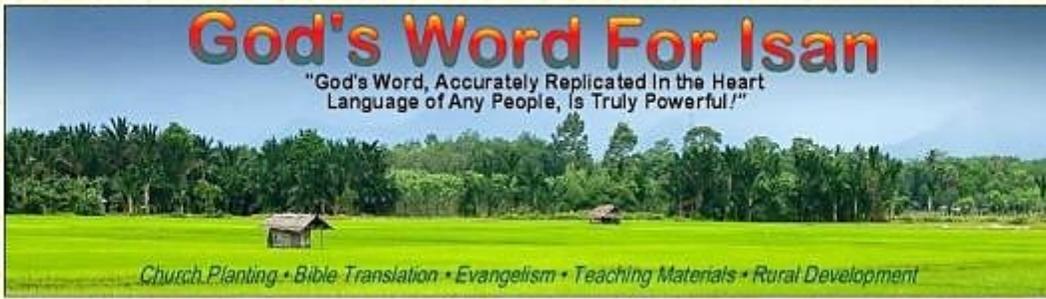




Going Into All the World  
With the Gospel  
of Jesus Christ



## The Spiritual Battle Intensifies Yet, We Are More Than Conquerors, in Christ

By Ron Myers

Greetings in Jesus' Powerful Name,

During my most recent trip to Northeast Thailand—from where I recently returned—I informed Baaw Ter's estranged wife Joo that the *Great Serpent* (who had a part in Buddhism's formation), of whom she and myriads of other Isan people are intensifying their worship, is spoken of in the Bible. Of course, we know who that really is; the one who tempted Eve in the Garden of Eden. I told Joo I'd send her the various related scripture verses, but then had second thoughts that it might drive her stronger into her religious fervor for the Great Serpent. **Pray please for her deliverance.**

This is both a heartrending and revealing development. Many, it not all Buddhist temples in Thailand's Northeastern (Isan) Region are constructing large, lifelike seven-headed *King Cobra* effigies out of sculptured cement. The city of Nakhon Phanom, where we headquarter, has a very large newly constructed one. It faces upriver on the banks of the Mekong River with a water jet spouting into the Mekong; which, according to legend, created the river. Recently, the whole city conducted a huge religious fair in honor of their Great Serpent. Baaw Ter's estranged spouse Joo joined in. She just doesn't realize what spiritual peril she is placing herself under.

Note the thousands of worshipers surrounding the Great Serpent



Bottom line, Joo is both confused and struggling financially due to her unwise borrowing decisions. She angrily left her husband and son because of their Christian faith and is now worshipping the Great Serpent, praying to it that they would abandon their faith and return to their former state-ordained Buddhism—which includes the legend of that Old Serpent, spoken of in God's Word as being Satan. We have been praying for her, but admittedly not enough, given the realization of the great spiritual struggle for her soul. That's why we are now getting more serious about seeing her delivered from the jaws of eternal death, coming to faith in Christ, and being reunited with her family.

**I want to personally ask you to join us in believing prayer, lifting Joo up before the Lord daily that:**

- 1) She would be released from Satan's grip on her life;
- 2) She would see through the error of her ways and repent
- 3) She would have a hunger for God and for truth;
- 4) God would envelope her with His Grace and loving-kindness
- 5) She would be convicted of sin and receive Christ;
- 6) Their family would be reunited and become a great testimony

**New Development: I Just Learned from Baaw Ter that Joo insists on filing for divorce. Nevertheless, please continue to pray for them.**

Pictured here is Thanon (*nickname DJ*) with his Buddhist mom, Joo. DJ is 15-years-old and in the 10<sup>th</sup> grade. He's actually a bit bigger than his dad, even at his young age. DJ received Christ at age 13, along with his father. He recently applied for foreign exchange student status and passed all the tests. Maybe he'll end up in San Diego! His mom pleaded with him to return to Buddhism and enter the priesthood to make merit for her, as is the custom. DJ graciously but firmly refused. **Please hold DJ up in prayer that he will continue to grow strong in his faith, and that he will make god-honoring choices in the future.**



**The Isan New Testament – Praise-1:** The conversion of the Isan New Testament into spoken Lao is practically finished, being done by a friend and former worker in Laos with whom I am interacting in making various word choice decisions. **2:** I recently learned that the Isan New Testament is also being used as a source text to produce the New Testament in the "So" language—a local-area ethnic minority—being done by the children and associates of Pastor Jarat. He is a pastor and church-planter to the So people and one of my very first translation assistants whom I hold in very high regard.

**Question 1:** What is living and powerful, sharper than any two-edged sword, and can discern thoughts and intents of the human heart?

Answer: Reading God's Word in written or printed format. (*Hebrews 4:12*)

**Q2:** What can overcome barriers for people with reading difficulties, be it illiteracy or impairment?

Answer: Listening to God's Word in narrated or audio format. (*Romans 10:17*)

**Please pray for Baaw Ter.** He is making good progress recording the Isan New Testament despite occasional bouts of sickness or noisy thunderstorms, both of which impede his progress.

**In closing,** Cheryl and I are thankful for your faithful prayers and support for this crucial ministry.

By God's Grace and for His Glory,  
  
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