

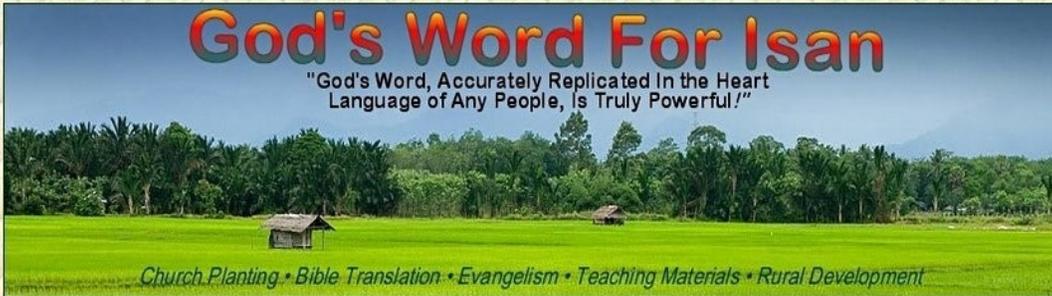
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GOD'S WORD FOR ISAN NEWSLETTER

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

My Thai-Isan Coworker's Wife, Joo

A Talented and Attractive Lady, But Spiritually Very Lost

By Ron Myers

Dear Praying Friends,

For those who understand the dreadful implications of what it means to be *LOST* for eternity—separated from God's Love and all that is good—it behooves us to take very seriously the plight of our friends and relatives who are unknowingly in that condition. . . unknowingly, because most lost persons are unaware of their true condition. Or, they don't believe it; like my close friend back East dying of Cancer, whom I buddied around with; and, who grew up in a loving Christian home. They go about life believing all is fine, with no inkling of the impending judgement that awaits them if they don't wake up, repent and receive God's forgiveness through Christ as their sin-bearing Savior and Lord. (Acts 20:21)

I was once such a one; until, through the convicting power of God's Holy Spirit (John 16:8), I came to the stark realization at age 21 that I was a *lost* sinner, with no hope of Heaven. I became filled with overwhelming dread over the thought I was destined to spend an eternity in the Lake of Fire alongside my *former* lord and master, Satan and his demons. In fear, I cried out for mercy, whereupon God saved me by His Grace and Lovingkindness, shown through His Son, Jesus Christ, who purchased my redemption through His Blood, shed to pay the full price for my sin. Not only for my sin, and yours, but for the sin of the whole world. (Isaiah 53:6; John 3:15-16; 1 Timothy 4:10; 1 John 2:2)

Our responsibility in all this goes way beyond our own little *circle* of friends and relatives, because Christ's "Primary Directive" for His followers is to have an integral part in giving, going, praying and/or sending people with the Gospel message of Salvation by Grace, apart from *good works*, to the whole world. (Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-16; Romans 10:9-15) Which means, reaching out to those from every tribe, tongue, people and nation, including every religion—those easy to reach and those difficult to reach—which encompasses the devoted Buddhists of Thailand, comprising around 95% of the total Thai population.

For that reason, God directed Cheryl and me to Thailand; to settle in, master the language and culture and befriend the people, so that we could present the Gospel message at every opportunity in a culturally understandable manner, teach God's Word effectively, as well as disciple and nurture new believers, all with the goal of seeing souls saved and new churches started. This, we have done and continue to do until the Lord returns or calls us home. For which the Lord has graciously blessed our efforts and given us much fruit to show for our labors.

While seeking to locate an Isan man who could professionally record the audio version of the Isan New Testament, God led me to Baaw Ter. Baaw Ter (*Given Name: Tanachat*), along with his son, D.J. (*Tanon*), received Christ over two years ago. Therein lies the dilemma. Baaw Ter's lovely wife, Joo (*Tanida*), a dedicated Buddhist, was shocked and conflicted over her husband and son's having received Christ; so, she moved out. Buddhism being the default socio-cultural lifestyle and state-ordained religion, all Thai life revolves around the practice and homage to the belief system known as Buddhism.



Baaw Ter and Joo During Earlier Times Son D.J. in High School

Buddhism is a *good* religion as it teaches people to practice good. But Buddhism falls short in that it does not recognize the Supreme Being, God. Although, the Thai term *Pra-Jao* and its meaning is becoming widely accepted in Thai society—a good start. Yet, the typical Thai believes Jesus was a good teacher who founded the Christian "religion," like Prince Siddhartha Gautama of Nepal, the *Enlightened One*, founder of Buddhism. Also, they think Christ's death did not pay the price for our sin, but for His own; a just payback for some horrific act He allegedly did in a past life.

Furthermore, in honor-based Asian societies, anything older is always highly esteemed. Therefore, Christ and Christianity, *purportedly* 500 years younger than Buddhism, makes it a less-esteemed "junior" religion. These things present huge obstacles to the Thai mindset, including Joo's! That is, until they become *enlightened* as to Jesus' true identity: the great I AM, our eternal Creator, life giver and Savior. When the Thai break free and trust Christ for who He truly is, they become unshakable in their faith—which we are praying for Joo as well.

God Answers Prayer,

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Pray for Joo: that she will be delivered from this misunderstanding about Christ's true identity. **Pray** that she will respond to God's Great Love for her. **Pray** that she will: ^{a)} realize her lost condition; ^{b)} be released from Satan's grasp on her; and ^{c)} come to a saving knowledge of Christ, her Creator and Savior, whom she does not yet know. **Pray** that their family will be restored and become a shining beacon of light for Christ in a spiritually parched land. **Pray** for Baaw Ter's pending court appearance in Bangkok. **Pray** also for my lost friend back East, that he will repent before its too late.