

## *“Nose to the Grindstone, Shoulder to the Wheel”*

Greetings Once Again In the Name above All Names: The Lord Jesus Christ!

It's been said that time flies when one is busy or having fun. Well, time has certainly been flying here. I've been very busy, as well as enjoying myself in the process. In fact, I just looked up and realized that it's been one month since I first arrived in Thailand, and even longer since I last wrote to you (*April 2012 newsletter*).

It's certainly evident that God has been going out of His way to bless me on this trip as well, starting with the my trip to LA in early May to get my Thai visa at the Thai Consulate there, then stopping by my Thai-owned travel agency to pick up my air tickets before returning home. I flew out on Tuesday, May 15, and have been very busy ever since.

Week one here in Thailand found me in Chiang Rai province (Northern Thailand) where I visited a Thai pastor friend, Pratuan, and delivered a high-end musical instrument (used guitar) that he asked me to pick up for him in the US, to be used in their worship services. It was good to see how God is blessing the work there. I taught in the church brother Pratuan pastors before returning to Bangkok. *I was able to make the round trip there in business class for free, on collected mileage.*

The following week, I worked steadily on preparatory work on the pre-check draft version of the book of Revelation, flying to Nakhon Phanom province (Northeast Thailand) on Friday, June 1st. It's been *“Nose to the Grindstone, Shoulder to the Wheel”* ever since, pounding away up to 8-10 hours per day, checking and wrapping up the translation of the book of Revelation into the Isan language. Last week, I taught at Pastor Pitak's church.

All in all, things went very well. At first, it looked like I wasn't making the progress on the book of Revelation I had hoped for. However, the Lord graciously undertook, expediting my efforts and those of my assistant, Pastor Pitak. Incredibly, we finished the book of Revelation in the Isan language today (Saturday, June 17), two weeks after we began! Meanwhile, we enjoyed ourselves along the way as we fellowshiped around God's Word (*namely the book of Revelation*) and the Throne of Grace!

With two weeks to go before I return to Bangkok, we will start in the Gospel of Mark this coming Monday, June 18. I plan to return home around mid-July. I am very pleased at Pastor Pitak's level of spiritual maturity and growth. He will be starting his third semester at Bangkok Bible College and Seminary in August, maintaining an 'A' average as he studies.

Meanwhile, I have undertaken a second-edition printing (10,000 copies) of the icebreaker creation-evangelism booklet, *“Considering Creation,”* which I was able to print initially during the fall of 2010. It is exciting to see how well the unsaved Thai Buddhist community gladly accepts this 20-page booklet. It starts with various discussions about nature (which they love) and intelligent design, followed by the obvious conclusion of an *Intelligent Designer*.

The booklet then undergoes a smooth transition into an in-depth gospel presentation, ending in a bad-news/good-news opportunity to reject or receive Christ. These booklets have been going like *hotcakes*, as the Thai Christian community loves to pass them out to their friends and relatives. A third passport-sized "pocket edition" is now being formatted.

In closing, I have some very important prayer requests that I would ask that you stand with us in prayer over. Number one is our diminishing support level. This is a very crucial ministry, more than you can ever know without seeing and experiencing it firsthand. We really need you to pray for the Lord's undertaking to see our support level increased to a point where we can continue. That being said, God promises to meet our needs, and He often uses His people in the process.

Prayer request number two is for relief from the disabling sciatica pain in my left hip and groin area. I have been undergoing acupuncture treatments – done here by *bonafide* Chinese doctors. Incredibly, it seemed to really help at first, but the relief has proven to be temporary. I am about to my wits end over the weakness in my legs, and debilitating pain. Please pray that God will touch and heal me!

Thank you again for your support. Please remember us in prayer over these important needs.

By God's Enabling Grace and For His Eternal Glory,

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