

Greetings Once Again in Jesus' Matchless Name;

Many things have occurred lately, but nothing really too noteworthy; so, I haven't composed another newsletter until now. As a matter of praise... I just-recently had cataract surgery on my left eye (artificial lens insertion), done by Dr. Glenn Cook, which turned out really great. My left eye's vision is now restored from unusable cloudiness to 20/20 vision, for which I am very pleased, and thankful. During a post-op exam the following morning, Dr. Cook jokingly quipped, "Well, it looks like I got lucky again." I responded that it was due more to his skill and experience, with the Great Physician's Hand guiding his. PTL! Now, both eyes have been done by Dr. Cook, one of the best in his field.

Other Health Issues: Presently, I'm going to a neurosurgeon to see about a minimally-invasive surgery procedure to correct longstanding problems due to pinched nerves in my lower back. If successful, this will restore the strength, and alleviate the nagging and often-debilitating pain I have been experiencing in my hips and legs. After interviewing me and looking at the MRI, the well-known neurosurgeon that I saw was quite confident he could cure me. Previous to proceeding, he sent me to a neurologist for nerve-related tests. The neurologist hooked me up to an oscilloscope-type device and proceeded to induce small electrical pulses into my legs and feet, along with placing acupuncture-type needles in my calves and upper legs for more electrically-induced readings. I began to feel a little like the bionic man with all the wire leads and electricity. Interestingly, he showed the results on the oscilloscope when done, pointing out how it proved that I did have pinched nerve roots in my lower back. Looks like we are good to go for a procedure by the neurosurgeon. Pray please that it will go as hoped, and that my leg strength and functionality will return to normal.

Another potentially-serious health issue that was recently uncovered... according to the same radiologist's report, the recent MRI on my lower back revealed a 2" long spot on my left kidney. Incidentally, I had a CT scan done at the SDA mission hospital in Bangkok a few years ago (for other reasons), which also revealed a small cyst, the attending American doctor called it, on the same kidney. He ordered tests to determine if there was any sign of cancer-related residue in my bloodstream, of which there was none. He added that many people go through life with these types of benign cysts on their kidneys and don't even know it. Now, the next step is, I need to see if this thing is still benign. Your prayers for my health are greatly appreciated.

Positive Ministry News...

Lost Translation Files Restored: I have been able to recover almost all the files that were essentially lost when my translation laptop computer's main hard drive decided to bite the dust. That particular high-end laptop came with two hard drives, so I had backed everything up on the second drive. However, for some reason, even though the second drive should not have been affected, it too became unreadable--essentially destroying two decades of irreplaceable sweat and toil. I was down to my last option of having everything retyped off of PDF files posted on my website. As I began to pursue this last-ditch option, a member of the Cambodian Bible Fellowship of San Diego, that I pastor-teach, contacted me saying he was able to recover the files off of the backup drive that was previously not accessible. After copying the recovered translation files onto the hard drive of my desktop computer, I immediately purchased a subscription to the online backup service called Carbonite, the best available. *(If anyone wants to do the same, please contact me... I'll receive extra free months of service for recommending you.)*

New Pre-Evangelism Booklet Successful: The new Creation-related pre-evangelism icebreaker booklet, "Considering Creation," is being requested more-and-more by both missionaries and Thai churches alike. We had 5,000 printed initially, and hope to print a larger amount in a second "upgraded" edition, which will include a short section on miracle of Mitochondrial DNA, with its blueprint residing in each cell... something that is totally unexplainable by an evolutionist's viewpoint. You can download and print out a copy of the first edition from the [Downloads](#) page of my website... just scroll down a little to find both the English and Thai versions in PDF format, and a sample of the cover. You can print the 20-page Thai version out for Thai friends to read. It is very helpful for establishing a clear-cut, foundational understanding of the Creator and creation, followed by a clear, grace-oriented Gospel presentation. It's written in easy-to-read Central Thai (not Isan) so the Thai can read it, as well as Isan people (even Lao who can read Thai, of which many can).

New Gospel-outreach Booklet in Process: I am presently formatting a new dual language, Isan-Thai scripture compilation for a project by "Bearing Precious Seed Global," an organization that funds, prints and distributes scriptures in various languages. Praise God for these people and their ministry. The finished product will contain the books of John and Romans, as well as the booklet mentioned above, "Considering Creation," as an introductory preface and effective witnessing tool. Total double-sided pages will be between 110 and 115, printed in a A5-sized metric format (approximately 5.8" by 8.3"). Concerning printing, praise God that last fall I was introduced to a Bangkok-based Christian-



owned print shop that charges about half of what I've been paying. This helps stretch God's money twice as far, lessening the impact we are feeling of dropping support levels. Pray for new needed supporters as well, please.

Upcoming Trip to Thailand: I plan to return to Thailand in the near future, sometime before June to take advantage of lower off-season airfares. I will be working on finishing the few remaining books that are yet untranslated: Matt, Mark, Rev, James, and 1-2-3 John. Cheryl and I hope that you will embrace the vital ministry of God's Word For Isan with your prayers and financial support as we continue, striving to *"steadfastly abound in the work of the Lord; till we see His Face"* Thank you in advance for your support as we push closer to the goal of completing the Isan New Testament.

May the Lord bless you richly for your interest and help in seeing God's Word get into the hands and hearts of the yet-unreached Isan masses, *now 23-million strong!*



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