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Great Doors of Opportunity Are Opening

Yet There Are Many Adversaries

Dear Friends and Supporters,

In 1 Corinthians 16:9, Paul spoke of great **Doors Of Opportunity** opening for him. What doors might he be speaking of? We see clues in Act's 14:27 where Dr. Luke conveys that, "They reported all that God had done with them, and that God had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles. Also, in 2 Corinthians 2:12-13, Paul mentions, "A door was opened to me by the Lord in Macedonia." God had given Paul a night vision of a man in Macedonia pleading "Come over to Macedonia and help us." Paul concluded the Lord was calling him to preach the gospel to the Macedonians. Paul went and saw great fruit for his labors, confirmation that God had chosen him to minister to the Gentiles, and Peter to the Jews (Galatians 2:8).

What **ADVERSARIES** was Paul referring to? Like today, these consist of: **GEOGRAPHICAL** obstructions (weather, seas, terrain), **POLITICAL** opposition (anti-Christian leaders/governments), and **SPIRITUAL** adversaries (Satan and his fallen angels). Our chief adversary is Satan and his demonic forces, all who hate God, Believers, and the liberating Gospel. Also, ill health and inadequate support are detrimental. "Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us" (Romans 8:37).

FIRST FRUITS-MY TIME IN BANGKOK:

I left the US on Friday, April 25. My first full day in Bangkok was Sunday, April 27. In the few days I been here, I've seen the Lord open numerous unanticipated doors of opportunity. I attended the Thai Victory Church, overseen by Pastor Tirakorn, a close friend and fellow laborer. That afternoon, he invited me to speak at an evening class he was teaching at Bangkok Bible Seminary (BBS) where he's an adjunct professor. A few local area students were present, but at least 30 more attended online through the ZOOM app.

I spoke with them about challenges missionaries and Thai believers face when trying to convey the Gospel in Thailand. I shared workable solutions I discovered and had used successfully. I also presented each student with a copy of my Considering Creation booklet in the Thai language in pocketsized format-product of over ten years of research. In conclusion, I instructed them how best to present Christ to their fellow Thais for maximum receptiveness through discussing *nature* (Creation), that they all love. Professor Tirakorn told me afterwards concerning my audience that: "They really appreciated you, especially your Considering Creation witnessing method that you taught them."



Prof. Tirakorn

The student in the green sweater is Mr. Chai (which means Victory). Chai is a young Isan man from Mukdahan Province bordering Nakhon Phanom where our ministry is headquartered. I sat beside Chai before speaking. We connected immediately and conversed in the Isan tongue. Chai said he might come visit me, another open door to minister in the lives of the Isan people. It appears that God used my message to challenge his heart to serve among the unreached of his own people. Pray for Chai to that end.



Some of the Classroom Bible Students



MISSIONARY SENDING CH^NESE CHURCHES:

My first full day in Bangkok was spent teaching Ch^nese Christians as their missions outreach advisor. There were only 2 of the 4 there, Ester, and Elaine. Unfortunately, Elaine's husband Philip was back in Chi^na renewing his Thai visa. Elaine's

Pastor Caleb had taken ill, so could not make the trip. **Please pray** for Pastor Caleb's soon recovery—a key man. Ester, I learned, is part of a Ch^nese underground seminary that is relocating in Thailand due to increasing government hindrances and obstruction.

I spent the afternoon instructing the two ladies the basic rudiments of working with native bi-lingual language assistants. We practiced how to begin learning unwritten languages of heathen people groups, like those they want to reach for Christ. For example, the first words one needs to learn when seeking to master an unwritten language are, "What is that called?" "Please repeat." "Say it slowly." "Did I say it correctly?" etc. Then practice and build from there to include short dialogues.



GREAT NEWS-AN ANSWER TO OUR PRAYERS:



Radius International Cross-Cultural Church-Planting Training for Missionaries: Designed specifically for Ch^nese nationals, RI has now moved from Taiwan to Thailand where they will be able to offer Ch^nese Christians specialized training. It appears Taiwan has become off-limits for Ch^nese mainlanders. The instructor, Missionary Wayne Chen, is a Ch^nese man who has trained and served Christ with New Tribes Mission (NTM). Cheryl and I received our specialized missionary training and served with NTM for many years. This new development is a tremendous answer to our prayers. We praise the Lord that the hope of sending many highly-trained young Ch^nese missionary couples into the far reaches of the globe to reach many yet unreached people groups with the Gospel is now one step closer to fruition.

Unforeseen Opportunities at Bangkok Christian Guest House:

During breakfast one day, I was approached by a Thai lady named Lek who asked for my help. An Insurance agent and Bangkok Bible Seminary alumnus, she was staying there temporally during home repairs. Ms. Lek shared some of her concerns and frustrations she'd been experiencing, and asked my input. Essentially family concerns and frustrating relationships with a selfish condominium neighbor persistently taking her parking spot. I spent two breakfast-time sessions counseling and sharing God's Word. She seemed to find God sufficient, and got victory and over the things that were robbing her peace. I suggested she smile and greet her neighbor warmly next time they met and see if it helps, instead of negativity.

BACK IN OUR NORTHEASTERN THAI HEADQUARTERS:

I'm now in Nakhon Phanom, staying (by invite) with my coworker Baaw Ter and wife Ju' in their spacious home. I've mentored Baaw Ter since he received Christ in 2016. He calls me his spiritual father. A gifted individual, he has done many things: bank management, ran for office, radio show host, and a list of others. He also started a growingf house church. Unfortunately it was a victim of Covid. Ever since the FM station dropped his talk show he's been taking speaking engagements to supplement his waning income. We first met a short while after he received Christ. He had heard of me but couldn't find me, deciding I must have died—I was back in the States then.





How we met: After completing and distributing the Isan New Testament, I needed someone with a good speaking voice to narrate it by chapter. I asked Pastor Pitak and wife Sri if they knew of anyone. They looked at each other, turned and simultaneously said, "Baaw Ter." Learning his whereabouts, I walked into his office and introduced myself. That's when he told me he thought I must have died. We laughed. Baaw Ter was glad to have had a primary role in producing the Isan New Testament in audio format. All was recorded successfully, including a soft indigenous-music background. It's available to listen online or download. Listeners (and readers) include Lao and Lao-speaking Isan people everywhere.

Yesterday, Baaw Ter told me how he's growing tired of life's daily grind and still desires to serve the Lord full time. It reminds me of myself when I once said something similar, It's all just a big rat race. We have plans to start an informal Bible study club for Christians and non-believers alike. We chose the name of Jasmine Club, after the fragrant flower. It's unique and innocuous, not an obvious giveaway for non-Christians who desire to learn about the Bible and Christ, yet remain anonymous.

THE JASMINE CLUB: We'll discuss points of interest, Biblical truths, false doctrines plaguing the Thai Churches. Points like: The Gospel, Tongues, Holy Spirit, Eternal Security, Grace vs Behavior, Religion vs a Relationship. We'll also address how best to introduce the Gospel and Jesus' real identity to Thai Buddhist friends and relatives in ways they can readily receive. Our goal is to see Christians strengethened, new believers, and new churches started.

PREACHING AND TEACHING:

I was invited by Pastor Pitak to teach at his Goot Khaw Pune church last Sunday morning, May 11th. The church is in *Goot* Khaw Pune village, a few miles south of Nakhon Phanom City. It was started by Pastor Prakop, the former villager hoodlum with a price on his head (now church-planting Pastor) whom I introduced in earlier newsletters.

When considering what to speak on, I sensed the Lord directing me to cover New Testament prophecy since the times and conditions of the world are drawing much closer to the Rapture. In researching, I found a great one-page prophetic timeline list of events from the Rapture to the New Heavens and New Earth on the Got Questions website. It was perfect. I printed out reference copies for everyone in Thai. This is a subject on which Thai believers are weak, mainly because most teaching done by missionaries and Thai pastors alike fails to cover it adequately. Teaching NT Prophecy at Pitak's Church



A NEW THAI BIBLE TRANSLATION:

Meanwhile, I'm busy translating a brand-new Spoken Thai New Testament. The more I find grossly mistranslated passages on Grace in all Thai New Testaments, the more determined I am to see an accurate Spoken Thai New Testament placed in the hands of the Thai. All Thai Bibles now available purposefully, for whatever reason, distort these key passages into works salvation mixed with good deeds, not salvation by Grace through faith, apart from works (Ephesians 2:8-9). God has given dire warnings in His Word about that. I'm convinced the reason Thai believers find it difficult to grasp salvation by Grace alone is due entirely to these distorted translations. (Note: Dr. Philip Pope is doing an accurate KJV oriented literary language style version.)

All has been going well. Recently, I've been reviewing terms and phrases used in various Scripture passages to make

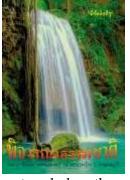


sure they are accurate, readily understandable, and convey the intended meaning of the original authors, i.e., the Holy Spirit and His human assistants. I'm presently nearing the point where I can confidently turn the work over to a Thai friend, Brother Tirakorn, who does free-lance translation work, along with his assistants. He's the pastor and seminary prof I mentioned above. I've known him for a long time and am fully confident of both his doctrinal position and his translation ability to render things in a colloquial, easy-to-read style.

CONSIDERING CREATION UPDATE:

If fact, Brother Tirakorn and I worked together on the Considering Creation evangelizing tool that I wrote initially in English. He translated it into everyday colloquial Thai, without and religioussounding terms. So far, we've printed 120,000 copies in pocket-sized booklet format. Plus 34,000 copies in the John-Romans dual column Thai-Isan language book foreword, and 10,000 copies in the Isan New Testament. That's 164,000 copies, most of which have already been distributed. These are not tracts that get tossed aside, if they do get read. These are books.

We've tried to improve on it, but haven't seen anything obvious, except for adding more pictures. However, the ending about trusting in Christ and His work on one's behalf could be clearer on receiving or. There's a two-way (wide or narrow) signpost a few paragraphs previous. I refer to it in making the right life's decision. New: My Vietnamese friend Boy and I are now working on a Vietnamese version.



This new paragraph reads, "Before you choose, allow me to explain the lifestyles these two paths represent, and where those



who travel either will end up, eternal judgment or eternal bliss." It then invites the reader to place their trust in the living Savior, Jesus Christ, for their soul's final destination. That He is the Creator of the Nature they all adore, not the Westerner's religious guru. This will make the Considering Creation booklet even better. It will also need funding for printing. Here's a link to the English version for those interested in seeing what Thai Buddhists enjoy reading, then pass around for fellow Buddhists to read also: CONSIDERING CREATION (Feel free to download and send it to unsaved friends.)

CONVERSATIONAL EVANGELISM APPLIED:

I take every opportunity to visit unsaved friends and make new acquaintances with the goal of introducing them to the Savior, using basic Considering Creation conversational principles. I find it's the best way to evangelize people without the advantage of having grown up with a Judeo-Christian worldview. Always start at the beginning!! Asians, and now many Westerners, do not have a Biblical socio-cultural worldview.

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Cheryl and I deeply appreciate all you who support our ministry, both through gifts and sustaining prayer. Your monthly gifts are the lifeblood of our ministry as they play a vital role in enabling us to do what we do best—reach the unreached masses in Thailand for Christ.