

A Faith-based Missionary Outreach Sustained Through the Partnership of God's People

Faith Comes by Hearing the Word of God

Living, Powerful, Sharper than any Two-edged Sword

Dear Friends and Supporters,

As I sit at my desk each morning, I'm awed with the tremendous privilege and new responsibility I now have. That is, to translate an accurate version of God's Word into the Thai language, the official language of the Royal Kingdom of Thailand. This is the second New Testament I have done. The first was the Isan New Testament, the vernacular of Northeastern Thailand (see map upper right). The Isan region's millions never previously had the Scriptures in their heart language. I also translated the Book of Genesis chapters 1-25 into the Isan language (26-50 were done by another missionary). As with anything else, the more I translate, for more proficient I become. I have begun the Thai translation with John's Gospel for an initial John-Romans booklet. I sent the first three chapters of John to one of my native-born Thai checkers. He replied with, "It Looks good."

Working with unreached people, those that have never heard the Word of God, as Cheryl and I have done, is a privilege few people have. I've been blessed to have witnessed their reactions when they hear God's Word in their own language for the very first time. Especially the Creation account in Genesis because their worldview has no concept of a Creator God.

As I was translating Genesis into the Isan language, Gui, a young Thai-Viet man, became interested. He was friends with our two boys, David and Danny. While chatting, Gui asked me what I did. I took him into my office and had him read some text from the computer screen. "Where did you get this? It goes into my heart," he said after reading a few lines. I said "It's an ancient text about our Creator. His name is Jesus." I then explained the Gospel. A few days later Gui returned saying he wanted to believe. I watched as he confessed his need for Christ. Gui lived for the Lord a year, then got caught up in things of the world. **Pray for Gui.**

Another instance was in the peasant farmer village where we first ministered. An elderly couple came from a neighboring village to get some "foreign" medicine from the "foreign" doctor (me). Actually, I bought meds from a pharmacy in town. I tended to their needs, then said, "I've got more medicine that can cleanse your hearts so you can go to heaven." "Bring 'er out so we can see it," the man chimed up. I left our porch, went inside, and brought out large colored posters, aids to present the Gospel. I also brought out a cassette and tapes of Genesis in Laotian, a language like their Isan language.

They were very attentive as I played a tape of the Bible text of Creation. They **oohed** and **aahed** as the living Word sank into their hearts, to which they attested. They accepted Christ that day, sitting on our village home's porch where they called out to The Lord for mercy. The woman was a powerful spirit medium who had longed for years to be freed. She was freed for eternity the moment the Spirit of God took up residence in her heart, as He did with her husband. The following day their whole family received Christ through their testimony—sons, daughters, and grandchildren. The man told he that, on their way home, they felt like a tight chain had been unwound from around their chests. They were the seed of my first church plant.

One more beautiful example I'd love to share with you is of the Living Word in action. Each time I completed translating a book, I'd print as many copies in booklet format as my funds would allow to get it into circulation. My latest at that time was Galatians in the Isan language. I knew a young but mature Isan Christian lady who had the problematic Thai Bible Society's 1971 Bible. I gave her a copy of the freshly printed Isan version of Galatians. While reading it, she turned and said, "This is wonderful. I sense it going deep into my heart. I have to decipher my Thai Bible but this is wonderful."

Please pray as I translate the new *Spoken* Thai New Testament. I return to Thailand on October 23. There, I'll continue to translate the new Thai N.T., teach foundational Bible truths, and mentor disciples. I also hope to finally get my one-year visa.



Ron & Cheryl Myers

Pray for my friend, Gui, that he'll repent and walk in truth again.

Pray for accuracy as I translate the Thai N.T.

Pray for my good health and mental acuity.

Pray for financial backing for this vital project.

Pray for my ongoing mentoring ministry.

Finally, pray my one-year Thai visa is granted.

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