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GOD'S WORD FOR ISAN NEWSLETTER

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## "In the Fullness of Time"

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Greetings from Northeast Thailand In the Name Of the Lord Jesus Christ,

In his letter to the Christians at Galatia, the Apostle Paul affirms that the Lord Jesus Christ (100% Divine "Son of God") came to this earth, at the Divinely-appointed time, to become the 100% human "Son of Man," i.e., Emmanuel: the sin-bearing God-Man, Savior of all humanity. Paul expresses the thought like this: *"But when the fullness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, [born] of a woman, [born] under the law, to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of [sonship]."* (Galatians 4:4-5)

I was originally going to use this newsletter to send you the second part of a three-part series on Buddhism, as it is practiced in Thailand—an integral part of a threefold religious system. However, the appropriateness of the Christmas message made writing about Thai Buddhism part-two quite inappropriate at this time. I'd much rather write about the Christ of Christmas anyway. Although the seasonal holidays are welcomed throughout most all of the marketing world, Christians have more reason to celebrate the real meaning of Christmas than anyone else.

Why? Because, as Christians, we alone among all others are truly privy to what this season is really about. It's not about Hanukkah, Kwanza, Santa Claus, Christmas Trees, or Winter Solstice, etc. As Paul penned many centuries ago, *"In the Fullness of Time..."* To deliver this divine announcement, God sent angelic messengers from heaven down to this spiritually-dark and sin-cursed planet called Earth; sent to chosen men and women who were assigned specific roles in the arrival of God's Son.

One of my favorite passages is the occasion where God sent "the Angel of the Lord" to the lowly shepherds tending their flocks in the hills above Bethlehem, announcing: *"Fear not: for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, [who] is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger."* Immediately, a countless host of angels filled the skies with praise, singing: *"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."* (Luke 2:10-14)

All I can say is, thank God for these priceless truths, the key words being, <sup>1)</sup>*good tidings of* <sup>2)</sup>*great joy, which shall be to* <sup>3)</sup>*all people*. That is, the Gospel of God's Amazing Grace, revealed in the Name, Person, and Work of the Lord Jesus Christ! This is why Cheryl and I gave our lives unreservedly to serve Him in the greatest job on Earth; taking the Word of God to those still sitting in abject spiritual darkness at the uttermost, unreached ends of the Earth, until Christ's soon return. This essential ministry is *not* a one-man-show. We could never do our part as faith-based missionaries without people like you doing yours. Therefore, we appreciate and thank you for your partnership in prayer and love gifts!

Finally, during this trip, Pastor Pitak and I were able to review more of the Isan New Testament, up to Colossians 3:3 despite interruptions. I also had many profitable opportunities to share the Gospel using Creation evangelism. Please pray for one man in particular, Mr. Tawan, an airport wheelchair employee to whom I gave a *Considering Creation* booklet. When he came back to wheel me to the plane, he commented that he had read it all already, wanted to read it again, and also wanted his wife to read it. Exchanging email addresses when we parted, he said, *"Please don't forget me."* I certainly won't! Lastly, Wycliffe Bible Translators of Thailand contacted me, asking permission to analyze the Isan translation in hopes of giving it their stamp of approval. Thanks for your prayers. I am confident in its accuracy, and am pleased to report that they concluded that it met their standards. Receiving their official recognition will certainly heighten its validity and acceptance among missionaries and users!

By God's Grace and for His Glory,

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