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The Work Is Progressing Well, Beyond Expectation

"Great Doors of Opportunity Are Opening"

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2018 New Year's Greetings in Jesus Matchless Name,

Praise the Lord! We're now one year closer to Christ's return! The first part of the verse I cited above—penned by the Apostle Paul to the Corinthian believers—reads: *"For a great door and effectual is opened unto me..."* (I Corinthians 16:9a) It's true for us as well! God has recently opened extraordinary new doors of opportunity for our ministry in Thailand beyond our greatest expectations. These doors mean both greater exposure and effectiveness among the Isan and the Thai people in general... not only here in Thailand, but around the world as well. I'll explain more later. And, many of you—as friends and fellow partakers in this ministry—play a vital role through both prayer and sponsorship on behalf of those who are being reached with God's *Good News* of salvation from sin and eternal life in Christ.

Paul concludes the verse with, *"...and there are many adversaries."* Any proactive missionary can definitely identify with Paul's statement. As great opportunities arise, hindrances typically follow as the Adversary attempts to thwart the advance of the Gospel. The hindrances that Paul experienced came namely through false teachers spreading their *diabolical* teachings. These types use Scripture dishonestly as they warp the plain and simple truths of the Gospel for personal gain, confusing and leading people astray. (1 Timothy 4:1-2) This is true for us as well, as false teachers spread their warped rendition of the Gospel at an advancing rate throughout the land.

That said, we remain mindful of the fact that we are on the winning team because God is much greater than the Adversary and all of his dark spirit minions, having been vanquished at the Cross. I draw great encouragement from the words that Paul penned in Romans 8:31-39; especially verse 37 as the King James reads: *"in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us"* Paul emphasizes that we aren't merely on the winning team, but are *overwhelming conquerors* through the Captain of our faith, our King, The Lord Jesus Christ!

There are myriads of so-called Christians in Thailand today who have received a tainted Gospel message... a watered-down message of Grace with a caveat of having to keep oneself in God's good graces through a good behavior. These are merely a man-made list of dos and don'ts, imposed upon people to keep them in line... which is a form of righteousness in the power of the flesh. This is *not* the Gospel, but that's what many so-called Christians are trying to practice in Thailand these days.

God is definitely in the business of opening new doors of opportunity to advance the Gospel among the Thai and Isan populace like never before. One of these doors of opportunity is in the form of opportunities to give corrective, foundational teaching, something that, Through Baw Ter's Good News live video broadcast radio program followed and teaching opportunities.

A new Isan Christian fellowship has now been formed. It meets weekly in the building where the recording studio is located, beside Baaw Ter's home. The fledgling group decided to call it "Good News," following the name of the video radio broadcast that goes live out around the world by way of Facebook, to which there is a sizable and growing following of Thai and Isan listeners around the world.

PRAYER REQUESTS: Continued progress on the audio narration of the Isan New Testament • Ju's spiritual enlightenment and salvation • Growth of the *Good News* Bible Fellowship • Fruit from the *Good News* live video Facebook broadcast • Grace in the eyes of the authorities for obtaining a local radio broadcast license • Increased teaching opportunities of foundational truths • Increased local-area grassroots outreach (*which is presently occurring*) • God's protection for all those involved • Absolution of the debt that Baaw Ter and Ju incurred in the past from a local usurious lender during hard times (*they have learned from this experience*) •



Baaw Ter, Ju and Ron at my December 7 birthday party

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