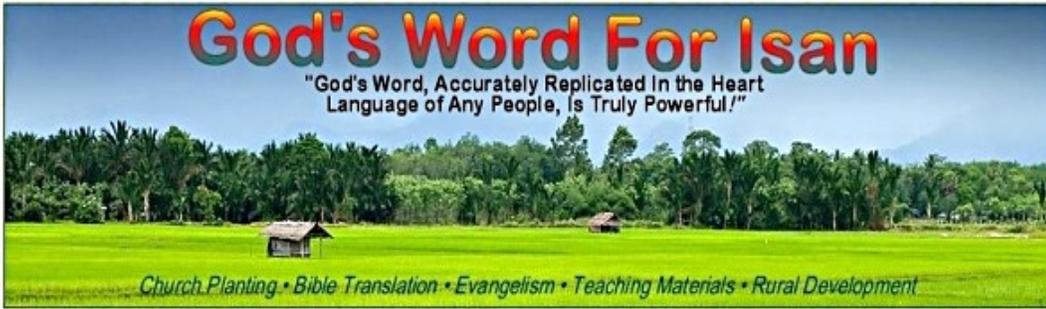




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The Fervent Prayer of a Righteous Man Availeth Much!

"And If We Know That He Hears Us, Whatsoever We Ask..." (1 John 5:15, James 5:16)

By Ron Myers

URGENT PRAYER REQUEST: I have a very serious and urgent prayer request concerning my Isan co-worker, Baaw Ter, who desperately needs our prayers. Baaw Ter (*pronounced Baaw as in bow-wow and Ter as in turf*) is a local-area radio personality who is working with me producing the narrated audio version of the Isan New Testament, which is nearing completion. I find that he is a naturally outgoing and good-hearted honest person, ready and willing to help. Around the time he accepted Christ two years ago, he had become involved in a tourist travel business venture in Bangkok. It has now come back to plague him as it has become a potentially serious problem, both for him and the ministries we are involved in—unless God intervenes.



It all began when the business owner asked Baaw Ter to assist by co-signing for a very sizable check in the tourist-travel business venture, which Baaw Ter felt inclined to become involved in. Thinking that all was on target and progressing, he returned to his home province of Nakhon Phanom. Then, everything changed. He received Christ into his heart and life as his personal Lord and Savior. A few months later we met and have become very close friends; providentially so, I might add. This was when I was searching for a professional speaker to help produce an audio version of the Isan New Testament. Baaw Ter was a perfect fit, being a radio announcer. It was around that time he was notified that the check he co-signed had bounced and the situation had not been resolved, the business owner's capital having become exhausted with no remaining funds to cover the bounced check.

The civil court in Bangkok became involved, arraigning both the business owner to appear, as well as Baaw Ter. He has dutifully gone each time, freely admitting to the judge that he had co-signed the check in good faith, believing all was on the up-and-up. However, it appears now that the husband & wife business owners were likely not totally honest. In fact, they have yet to show up in court, abandoning Baaw Ter to take the full brunt of the charges.

He traveled to Bangkok again earlier this week to appear; but as usual, the owners were no-show. I am told they have now fled to Hong Kong. The courts have issued an arrest warrant for them; which hopefully Thailand has an extradition agreement with Hong Kong, because these two are fully culpable and not Baaw Ter, although he has become complicit under the law.

The favorable judge whom he appeared before last time was not present this time. Bottom line, Baaw Ter is now sitting in jail awaiting an appellate court date, with a fairly high bail set, 500,000 Baht or around \$15,000. Christians in the 30-member church that meets at his home in Nakhon Phanom Province (*our headquarters*) have been able to scrape together 400,000 Baht (\$12,500). Which means he might have to sit in jail for a few months unless the bail is lowered. Baaw Ter's house-church will suffer, comprising mostly new believers whom he has baptized (*right*). The audio narration of the Isan NT will also be jeopardized, as well as his daily two-hour radio program, his main source of income. A positive thing is that his Buddhist wife, Joo, is being drawn closer.



Baaw Ter and I were able to communicate via chat-line for a while Monday while awaiting incarceration, before his phone and belongings were taken away (*left*). I have been his personal spiritual mentor for over a year now and am pleased with his growth and attitude. He told me he was at peace and is even passing out our *Considering Creation* evangelism booklets. Baaw Ter also said he wasn't afraid and was placing everything in God's Hands, which he admitted he would have been panicked if this had occurred before he accepted Christ, mentioning he was reminded of the Apostle Paul sitting in the Philippian jail. No new word so far, so pray!

PLEASE PRAY WITH US: We are asking that justice will prevail; that God will overturn this whole situation, which I ultimately realize is a ploy by the Enemy, Satan, to hinder the ongoing advancement of God's work. That Satan's attempts to destroy will be confounded; that all facets of our ongoing ministries will continue unhindered; that people will be saved; that God will get the glory; and that valuable lessons will be learned by all.

I was preparing to cancel my upcoming knee surgery and fly over, but one of the more mature Christians in charge said it wasn't necessary. I see that as a positive sign for them being both willing and able to handle things on their own, and not always rely on the missionary.

By God's Grace and For His Glory,

Ron (& Cheryl) Myers