

## Our Infallibly-Powerful God

Greetings Again In The Name Of The Lord Jesus Christ,

It's a lazy Saturday afternoon here in the small touristy mountain town of Julian, California (San Diego County), where Cheryl and I are spending the weekend, resting and relaxing a bit before the busy weeks ahead. She's reading a book and I'm writing to you. In a few short days (May 15), I'll be boarding another long flight, headed back to Thailand to continue the final review process preceding the printing and distribution of the now-completed Isan New Testament.

I want to share with you an example of how God is interested in even the smallest details of this vital ministry. I typically travel to Thailand twice yearly on 60-day tourist visas. There is a Thai Consulate in Los Angeles, about a two-hour drive north of San Diego. In the preparatory process, I normally drive up once yearly to submit my application for two visas, and return the following day—having them send my passport and newly-stamped visas by express mail, arriving here a day later.

This time, however, I wasn't feeling up to the four-hour round trip drive in heavily-congested freeway traffic, so I opted to send in my visa application by express mail. It was over two weeks until my flight, so I had plenty of time, figuring that it wouldn't take much longer than if I drove up there, as I usually did... also saving me the time and trouble, as well as motel and fuel costs.

After mailing my application, I noticed further details on the Consulate website, stating that mailed-in visa applications don't get returned for two weeks due to processing turnaround time. (*Hand-submitted applications get processed first.*) I became concerned that my passport and new visas might not arrive in time for my scheduled flight. What could I do now? Calling the Consulate only produced a voice message. Finding an email address for the visa processing department, I wrote them a letter describing my plight. The American employee who receives the hand-submitted applications soon responded, essentially repeating the same as was stated on their website.

What could I do but wait and pray that all would work out well? I reassured myself that this was God's work, and that He had come through many times in the past. My flight was the low-fare type, with unchangeable dates. A few days later, I received an email from the man who receives the hand-submitted visa applications; he had heeded my email. It read as follows:

*"I issued your visa today and will be mailing your passport with the visa on Wednesday (tomorrow). If you require additional information please contact the Visa Section..."* Thank you, B.R. – Visa Section, Royal Thai Consulate General, Los Angeles

It was one whole week before my flight was due to leave. God was at work, easily overriding regulations and bureaucracy to meet my needs. Rejoicing, I promptly thanked the man, adding that I would drive up the next time; whereupon he wrote back:

*"You're okay – no need to come up here... just let me know when you apply... Then, I can locate your application when it arrives and issue the visa accordingly. One less car on the freeway." ... B. R.*

Our *infallible* God is more than able to meet our needs, be it small or great, especially when we are involved in the work most dear to His Heart—World Evangelism—even though it sometimes seems an impossibility in the natural.

While in Thailand, my main focus will be the final review of the Isan New Testament. My Isan translation assistants and I have already carefully gone over every word and sentence of each book, often multiple times as we progress. Each completed book is then proof-read by my team of native-speaking Isan committee members, all of whom are staunch believers. Yet, despite the care involved, things can sometimes inadvertently slip by, from minor typos to oversights in the text.

Another important reason for this final review process is to make sure Biblical terms coincide throughout all books, to arrive at harmony of terminology. While doing the translation we sometimes tried different terms, endeavoring to arrive at the most-viable and meaningful term out of the various possibilities. These terms still need final decisions and coordination. This is not so easy at times, especially when working with languages and cultures far removed from the original Greek or Hebrew texts, like the Isan language and culture, for instance.

A Bible-translator acquaintance working with difficult tribal languages was once asked to describe the translation process. He summed it up by saying that it's often reduced to a series of difficult decisions. To this, I can whole-heartedly agree.

However, the reward comes when the finished text—let's say the creation account in Genesis chapter one—is read aloud to an elderly couple. I heard them verbally exclaim with *oohs* and *aahs* as God's living Word sank deep into their hearts for the very first time. It makes it worth every hour of time invested just to experience that response. The elderly couple to whom I specifically refer were enslaved in demonism and sorcery all their lives, but longed to be free. Jesus freed them instantly, the moment they received Him by faith. A church has been established in their all-Buddhist village, and they have now gone on to be with Christ.

Please hold us up in prayer as we seek to carefully expedite the final review process, that we may soon print and distribute the Isan New Testament into the hands of the 24-million Isan souls—the greater majority of whom have never seen or read God's Word, or ever heard a clear Gospel presentation! We truly thank you for your prayers and partnership in this very-crucial ministry.

By God's Enabling Grace and for His Eternal Glory,



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***"Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."***

The Lord Jesus Christ

*"Yea, so have I strived to preach the gospel, not where Christ was named, lest I should build upon another man's foundation: But as it is written, 'To whom he was not spoken of, they shall see: and they that have not heard shall understand.'"*

The Apostle Paul