

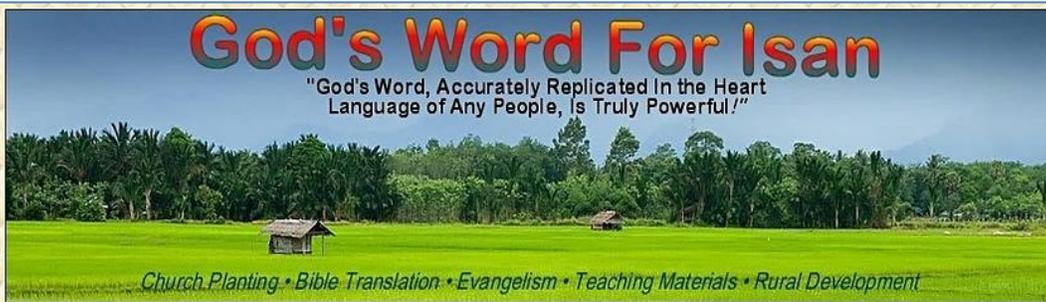
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GOD'S WORD FOR ISAN NEWSLETTER

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"THE LONG WAIT IS NOW OVER" The Isan New Testament Has Been Printed!

By Ron Myers

Greetings Again in Jesus' Matchless Name,

I've often heard it said that good things take time. I've also found by experience that this is a general rule in the matters of life as a whole. We (*especially intense "Type A" perfectionists like yours truly*) often want to see things accomplished "on the spot" and "according to plan," and can become frustrated when they don't; typically when seemingly unnecessary interruptions or delays occur out of the blue. These interruptions or delays have especially been true in the completion of the Isan New Testament; because, we are in an intense spiritual struggle for the yet-unreached souls of lost men and women while the adversary is hard at work trying to keep them in darkness.

I am reminded in Ecclesiastes 9:11 that the race is not always won by the swiftest; nor the battle by the strongest, nor the reward to the wisest, nor riches to those of most prowess, nor preference to the most gifted, because time and chance are at play in every situation. That said, I believe that God is ultimately in control and rewards faithfulness. We also know that patient endurance is a quality that is dear to His Heart. I must say that, by God's Grace, I have gained a good share of this as I trudged on by faith over the years amidst numerous unseen interruptions, disappointments and delays.

I got to the place more than once where I wondered whether I was just going forward on stubborn willpower, or did God really truly want the masses of Isan people to have His eternal, life giving Word in their own heart language. When I looked at it from that aspect the answer was pretty straightforward... Yes, He did in fact! And, He had obviously placed His Hand on me for the task.

Upon one occasion, when our financial support was running extremely low month after month, I became somewhat frustrated and exclaimed: "Lord, Doesn't anyone realize the vital importance of this work?" The answer was immediate: "I do, Ron," came the reply of a still small voice in my heart. 'Nuf said. That settled it; I was going to plod on because I was reminded again at that juncture that God was certainly in this 100%, that everything else didn't matter, and that I could trust Him in all things through it all, no matter what. Note: In sharing this, I haven't forgotten those of you who have toiled and partnered with us faithfully over the years through thick and thin: **Thank You!**

Now, as you read this—*after decades of hurdles, slowdowns, setbacks, disappointments and even seemingly impenetrable walls strewn across the path*—the completed, checked and rechecked, reviewed and proofread Isan New Testament is all formatted and being printed at a print shop in Bangkok. This Christian-owned print shop is also where the Thai Gideon New Testaments are printed. For the Isan New Testament, we have opted to use the same materials as they did for the Thai Gideon New Testaments—high-quality 34 gram imported Bible-page paper printed on modern presses.

The finished product will be 532 pages of medium-sized, very readable Thai print in A5-size format and just over 1/2 inch in total thickness. The A5 size is just under 6 by 9 inches, not unlike a medium-sized English Bible. The cover is a very durable yet flexible 360 gram (0.4 mm) thick simulated-grain imported dark blue material designed specifically for Bible covers, called *Kestoboard Madrigale*. I'm especially fond of this combination because when the Bible is opened and laid on a flat surface, it remains fairly flat and easy to read, and does not try to spring shut. Black is now being ordered for a second printing later on. The print on the cover is simulated gold in color.

I was especially blessed that the print shop owner, a dedicated Christian, forewent her normal fee schedule to give us a special price, 62 Baht per copy or about \$1.70 each for 10,000 copies at the present exchange rate. The second edition will cost considerably less if nothing is changed, since the fees for producing the printing plates will not be involved.

On Thursday, June 2, we will have a dedication and presentation event here in Nakhon Phanom province. We are hoping many Missionaries and Isan Christians will attend. Dr. Steven Combs, Assistant Director of *Bearing Precious Seed Global*, that raised the funds for the printing, will also be in attendance.

Please pray for good success as we deliver these Isan Bibles around Northeast Thailand: "**Faith Comes By Hearing... Hearing By the Word of God.**" May God Continue to Bless You as You Live For Him,

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