

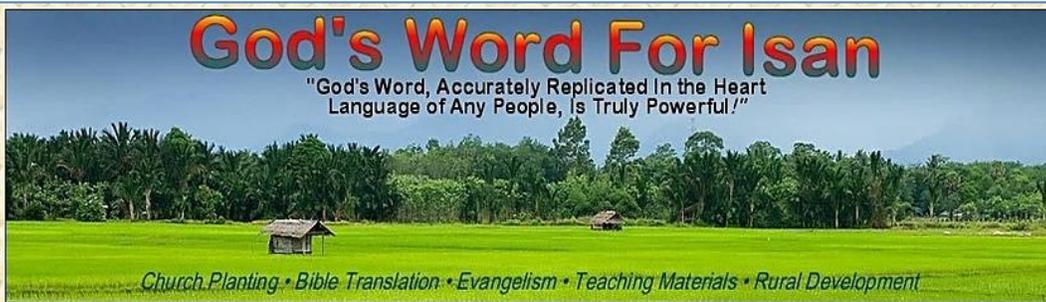
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# God's Word For Isan

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GOD'S WORD FOR ISAN NEWSLETTER

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## THE LONG WAIT IS NOW OVER; PART III

*Evidences of the Isan New Testament in Action!*

By Ron Myers

Greetings in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, Our Creator and Redeemer;

**WHO OR WHAT IS ISAN?** Isan, pronounced *E'sahn*, and sometimes spelled *Isaan*, refers to both the people and region of Northeastern Thailand, which now comprises roughly 25-million; about one-third of Thailand's total population, including land mass. Located on the Korat Plateau, Isan is a vast agricultural area, replete with rice fields and interspersed with countless small villages inhabited by peasant farmers. It is bordered by the Mekong River and Laos to the northeast; and Cambodia to the south. Isan is also Buddhist, but is distinguished from the rest of Thailand by its Lao-influenced customs, culture, food and language. Rural Isan dwellers are typically looked down on by their Thai cousins as being backwards and inferior... in actuality, they lack opportunity. Although there are numerous Bible translations in the Thai language, Isan has never had a Bible in their own heart language until now. (Note: **Red dot** on map is where our ministry is headquartered, in Isan's Nakhon Phanom Province.)



**ISAN NEW TESTAMENT UPDATE:** I recently received some very promising news concerning Isan New Testament distribution—both from missionaries ministering in Isan and Isan Christians. I have also received a few photos. Here's an encouraging word from one of the Baptist missionaries ministering in Isan who has been given a small stock of materials, both to use in their ministry and help distribute. His following email letter gives a short update concerning the acceptance of the recently published and distributed Isan New Testament.

"Hello Bro. Ron,

"I trust you are doing well and blessed of the Lord every day! I want to give you a little update on whom I have shared Isaan NT's with. Since my last email to you I have given out two 20-count packs at an Isaan Baptist leaders meeting—one copy to each participant; one pack to Pastor Winit Kiewon—pastor of Sisaket Baptist Church; and, two packs to [an Evangelical] Methodist Church in Mahasarakham Province doing ministry in various villages. I currently have 14 packs remaining here at the house in Yasothon Province. **We are using the Isaan NT in all of our village ministries and it is being received very well by folks across a broad range of ages. It's a blessing!**

"I want to also mention that **my wife is using your Considering Creation booklet with two groups of ladies in sewing groups that she has formed. They come together each week to receive stitching work, etc., and they study a section of the booklet together, with my wife leading. It's been very enlightening so far for many of the ladies, who have not considered God or that the creation gives such evidence of His existence and character. We're expecting fruit soon!"**

God bless you in all our service for the King!

Marty McAnally, Team Leader

IMB Isaan Team, Yasothon, Thailand

**OUR WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:** We celebrated our 47<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in Lake Tahoe over the long Labor Day weekend. Our stay there was a very thoughtful anniversary gift from our daughter, Michelle, and her husband, Curt. Married in August, 1969, Cheryl and I had entered training for the ministry one week after we returned from our honeymoon, which we spent in the Adirondack Mountains in Northern New York.

**HEALTH CHECKUP & SHOULDER SURGERY:** I had a complete health checkup a couple weeks ago. I praise the Lord that the results were great on all counts. This was done as a pre-op checkup for reparative surgery on my separated left shoulder, which is coming up on September 23rd. **Please pray for wisdom and skill for the surgeon, and for good success!** (Note: My left hip joint replacement, done last spring, is coming along nicely.)

In Closing, **Cheryl and I thank you for your faithful prayers and your financial partnership.** Please pray for good success as we continue in the delivery process of the Isan New Testaments throughout Northeast Thailand. Pray also for the upcoming ministry goals I have previously indicated: <sup>1)</sup> Getting materials recorded in audio format; <sup>2)</sup> Translating Bible verses that speak of God's majesty and power in Creation, and printing in booklet format.

May God Continue To Bless You As You Serve Him,

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New Isan Christian with Her Own Isan NT  
(Note: Photo is separate from letter)