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GOD'S WORD FOR ISAN NEWSLETTER

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God Opens New Doors of Opportunity "These Are Exciting Times!"

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Greetings Again In Jesus' Name,

You're likely familiar with the oft-quoted verse. "...one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day." (2 Peter 3:8) With that in mind, we often get the mistaken idea that God's timetable always moves slowly. However, when the designated moment arrives, God executes His purposes without delay... like Jesus' prophetic statements concerning His soon return, "Behold, I come quickly" (Revelation 22:7,12,20). In essence, it means: "When the time arrives, I'll come suddenly," or "without delay".

FOREWORD: That's how I feel about what I experienced during my most-recent time in Thailand. I knew what my goals were—record the *Considering Creation* booklet and the Isan New Testament in audio format—but was uncertain as to how I was going to see it accomplished. Meaning, whom could I get with a professional-sounding voice to record the narrative?

In short, I needed professional assistance. There's a radio station in the provincial capital of Nakhon Phanom where our ministry is headquartered. I know two of the radio announcers there, both committed Buddhists. A while ago, I had approached each separately about recording my *Considering Creation* booklet. Both readily agreed to do it, even after telling them it was a story about God; that is, until they read it and became convicted—each bowing out quietly once they realized it might jeopardize their reputation among their peers.

GOD'S PROVISION: I needed a Christian with a trained voice and professional equipment on which to do the audio recording. I prayed, presenting my situation before the Lord. I admitted that I didn't know who to get to accomplish the task, but knew that God did. The following day, God marvelously opened a new door. I began to sense that God was working and that I was along for the ride. Upon asking Pastor Pitak, he said there was a radio DJ who had recently received Christ. His radio "handle" was *Baaw Ter*, and he is on fire for the Lord. He has a music and call-in talk show weekday mornings where he openly witnesses for Christ, Pitak added. *Baaw Ter* also leads a Bible study group of new Christians, evidence that he is developing as a leader. What could be more perfect? And, it was all of the Lord's doing!

SUCCESS: Fast forwarding a bit, *Baaw Ter* was overjoyed at the prospect of recording the *Considering Creation* booklet, which turned out great beyond my expectations, including nature sound effects and a soft musical background. [Click here to experience a brief introduction.](#) *Baaw Ter* and I have now developed a close friendship and mentoring relationship, where I've been able to ground him further in the faith. Our plans are to make *Considering Creation*, and the upcoming Isan New Testament recording, readily accessible in a variety of media formats, including: websites, computer downloads, phone apps, flash drives, CDs, Facebook, YouTube, Bible players; even *Christian radio*. (More on that later) 

RECORDING THE ISAN NT: Now comes the greater task of recording the Isan New Testament in audio format, which *Baaw Ter* is taking very seriously. We'll be recording one book at a time, starting with John's Gospel and the Book of Romans, since we have already introduced these two books in a separate printing. When *Baaw Ter* recorded the *Considering Creation* evangelism booklet, we used the recording studio of one of his friends in the adjoining *Mukdahan* province, 112 kilos (70 mi) to the south, or about 1.5 hours one way. It only took one day. Now, can you imagine trying to drive back and forth to complete the whole Isan New Testament? All considered, it's just *not a viable solution*, let alone the gas and time consumed and the danger involved in traversing often-perilous traffic conditions countless times.

A VIABLE SOLUTION: You might ask, "What about the government-owned radio station in Nakhon Phanom, where *Baaw Ter* works?" Good idea, except it's not available for personal use. Let me fill you in about *Baaw Ter's* radio background. Before he received Christ, *Baaw Ter* had his own radio station in Nakhon Phanom Province, including a recording studio. It is located in a small block building behind his home. One day, during a bad thunder storm, lightning struck his steel radio tower nearby. It followed the cables down into his recording studio, destroying all of his equipment, mixers, mics, computers, everything! As a result, he was forced to abandon the station, not having the funds to rebuild.

A NEW DIRECTION: Given the alternative, we both concluded that the best solution was to believe the Lord for His provision to repair the recording studio instead of attempting the repeated 70-mile trip. The first goal being, complete the recording of the Isan New Testament; then, reestablish the radio station to broadcast solid Christian content in that spiritually parched land. The day I left Thailand, I sensed the Lord leading me to give *Baaw Ter* what funds I had left, to help him financially and to begin the rebuilding process. He was grateful and visibly touched. The initial process is now underway: cleaning up, applying new soundproofing materials, pricing new equipment, getting a new electrical transformer and reestablishing service to the building, etc. I am fully convinced that this decision is the Lord's leading, yet there are hurdles we must cross.

By God's Grace and For His Glory,


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THESE ARE EXCITING TIMES: I was further inspired when *Baaw Ter* recently wrote me saying: "During this preparation period (before the recording studio is ready), I am practicing reading the Isan New Testament text so that it will sound natural. Because, if I don't practice reading it first, it won't sound smooth and flowing. I want this to be my very best work; for God, for you Uncle Ron, that you'll be pleased; and, so that I can have personal satisfaction in this accomplishment."

URGENT PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Pray for Baaw Ter's family to be reunited. Both he and his 14 year-old son D.J., have received Christ, but his wife, *Joo*, hasn't. She moved out because of it. Joo is adamant that her son enter the Buddhist priesthood to make merit for her—a tradition that the eldest son must do to honor his mother. That isn't likely to happen, attesting to the truth that the Gospel often brings a sword of division and not peace (Matt 10:34).
- Pray too that Baaw Ter and son D.J. will be a godly testimony before Joo; that she will be convicted of her need, humbly come to faith in Christ and be gloriously saved. And, that this family will become a living testimony of God's grace before the Isan people around them.
- Pray specifically that God will protect this family from the onslaughts of the enemy and keep them safe from all harm. Especially for Baaw Ter, as he is a key factor in seeing the audio version of the Isan New Testament come to fruition.
- Pray also for Baaw Ter's financial predicament, that he won't have to sell his home and property, including recording studio. He had cosigned a sizable check to help a trusted friend. It bounced and the "friend" skipped town, leaving a huge debt that Baaw Ter feels responsible for.
- Pray for the soon completion of the recording studio, so that Baaw Ter can begin recording the Isan New Testament.
- Pray that the Lord will give Baaw Ter the stamina and perseverance needed to see the task through to completion.
- Pray for the funding needed to complete both the recording studio, followed by the Christian radio station. The goal being, that the Isan New Testament (including other Christ-oriented programming materials) can go out over the airwaves to the unsaved millions in Isan and adjacent Laos in their own language. If anyone would care to have a part in this project, funds can be designated to "*Isan Airwaves*" and sent through my mission agency: **Baptist World Missionary Outreach Ministries, PO Box 3303, Chattanooga, TN 37404; Tel. (426) 624-8330.**



Baaw Ter Gives Thumbs Up During His Call-In Radio Program



Work Crew at Baaw Ter's Home Recording Studio



Baaw Ter & Family, Before Wife Joo's Leaving



Son "D.J." with His Mom, Joo



Baaw Ter's Home with Recording Studio & Radio Station



Baaw Ter Sending Ron Off at the Local Airport