



**“How Excited Are We about Sowing the Good Seed of God’s Word?”**

Greetings Again In the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ,

Jesus said, *“If I be lifted up, I will draw all men unto me”* (John 12:32). *“The Lord is not slack concerning his promise... but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance!”* (2 Peter 3:9)

The message that we teach is that *only* Jesus Christ can forgive and redeem all who place their trust in Him. Not in oneself or in some socio-religious system (as Buddhism teaches), or in get-rich schemes or experiences (as present-day perverted Christianity declares), but personally trust, wholly and fully, in the finished work of the Lord Jesus Christ. He is the One who bore our sin on the Cross, and thus can truly save us from the punishment, power, and presence of sin, and engift us with Everlasting Life.

This may sound somewhat surprising, but it is easy, even for front-line missionaries, to get involved in secondary “busy-work” (and there’s plenty of that on the field), and neglect the most important task of all, that of getting into the foxholes of life to reach out to the lost and perishing souls around us with the message of forgiveness and Eternal Life in Christ.

As a veteran church-planting missionary and Bible translator working among a complacent, difficult-to-reach people group, I believe no matter what one’s role in life, every Blood-bought, born-again believer in the Lord Jesus Christ has a God-appointed task to fulfill... that of *Sowing the Good Seed of God’s Word* on a regular basis, whether convenient or not. That means giving *verbal testimony* of the Good Tidings that the Savior of the world has come to seek and to save lost humankind.

God did His part; now we must do ours! If we honor the Lord in this, He will certainly honor our diligence. God’s Word alone contains the key to liberating the souls of lost men and women everywhere, in every nation around the globe. Problem is, multitudes are still waiting to hear for the very first time. *“So then, faith cometh by hearing, i.e., hearing by the Word of God”* (Romans 10:17)

Concerning communicating verbally, some might say, *“I can’t speak very well,”* or, *“I’m too shy,”* or *“I’m not properly schooled,”* or *“I’m afraid I’ll make a mistake,”* etc. *“Therefore, I’ll just let my life do the speaking.”* One must ask oneself, *“Am I more concerned about myself or the lost souls around me?”* Others might say, *“But I don’t have the gift of evangelism.”* May I direct these to the Apostle Paul’s admonition to his fellow-worker, Timothy: *“Do the work of an evangelist!”* (2 Timothy 4:5)

We must consider Jesus’ admonition to those whom He had delivered from various ailments and afflictions. For instance, He told the man who had been hopelessly demon possessed: *“Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee.”* (Mark 5:18-20)

Although the demoniac wanted to stay with Jesus, he obediently departed to tell what great things Jesus had done for him throughout the mega-complex of Decapolis. Everyone who heard was amazed at the man’s testimony. In another instance, the man blind from birth, when confronted, stood up to the taunts and jeers of the self-righteous Pharisees, as to who had restored his sight.

The angel of the Lord, after casting the large stone away from the tomb opening where Jesus’ body was lain, announced to the two visiting women that, *“He is not here: for He is risen... go quickly, and tell that He is risen from the dead...”* (Matthew 28:6-7)

In fact, the initial *Great News* that was proclaimed was *“Jesus Is Risen”* bodily from the dead! This is still at the heart of the Gospel message we now proclaim. Unfortunately, we are often quick to exclaim that *“Jesus died for our sin,”* yet we neglect to include the *resurrection factor*, without which we are delivering an incomplete message (1 Corinthians 15:17-19).

While teaching on the parables of seeking and finding the lost, Jesus added that even the angels in heaven greatly rejoice when just one lost sinner repents (Luke 15:10). There is no greater joy than to see a new-born babe in Christ begin their new life in Him, especially if they had never before been introduced to the Gospel message—which I have been privileged to witness many times.

I trust this helps encourage you as you carry on with the wonderful privilege we all have of *Sowing the Good Seed of God’s Word*, and the joy gained, as we *“Hold Forth the Word of Life,”* before a lost and dying world (Philippians 2:16).

Please pray as I return to Thailand this coming October to continue the review process on the now-completed Isan New Testament... along with encouraging believers and developing more teaching and evangelism materials. Also, please pray concerning the details of a new opportunity that has opened up—to establish a beachhead for the Gospel in Northeast, Thailand—a veritable spiritual lighthouse where a conservative Bible training center would be established.

In closing, Cheryl and I want to sincerely thank all of you who have stood faithful in your partnership in this vital and exciting work. Christ’s return is increasingly near. As believers, we are admonished to *occupy* till He returns. We must strive to *finish strong* as we advance towards the finish line, whereupon we will enter into His glorious presence.

By God’s Enabling Grace and For His Eternal Glory,

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