

Dear All,

I arrived in flooded Bangkok at 6:30 AM, Thursday, November 17. That was after losing a day crossing the International Dateline on a *l o n g* 17-hour direct flight from LAX (which left on the evening of Tuesday, November 15).

Upon arriving, I never left the airport, but hopped on a domestic flight to *Payao* Province in Northern Thailand, where I am presently staying (by invite) with a Thai pastor friend and family, whom I have known for many years. Friday, I was asked to speak to the students at a Bible school in the nearby district town of *Chiang Kham*.

Interestingly, the class time was devoted to *Evangelism Methodologies*, which is one of my favorite subjects, and to which I have devoted many years in seeking to perfect a way to witness to the disinterested, non-seeking Thai Buddhist citizenry (which comprises the greater majority). I shared my experiences with the students, some of the wisdom the Lord had given me over the years, the conclusions I had drawn, and finally I introduced them to the witnessing method I developed, tuned to the Thai mindset, i.e., Creation-Evangelism, in which the Thai *do not* automatically confuse the Gospel with works-based religions.

I was asked to continue that afternoon after lunch. I decided to have one of the staff (a good reader with a booming voice) read the 20-page evangelism pass-out booklet called "Considering Creation," mentioned above. It was derived from many years of trial-and-error research and put to print for the first time last year. (*It was readily accepted and now ready for a second edition.*)

You could have heard a pin drop. The whole class was fixated on the booklet being read, as were the teachers in attendance. (*It introduces Intelligent Design, then segues into a strong Gospel presentation.*) It put the icing on the cake as far as what I had covered that morning... far better than me trying to explain it further, or pass out copies for them to read in their spare time.

I'm elated that I had this opportunity to help mold future pastors, teachers, and evangelists in using methods that work, and avoiding those that don't. I was asked to speak again on Monday. I will cover the believer's inheritance and position "In Christ," something most Thai need, as they are really weak on these important subjects, many having been infected by a strong Charismatic influence, which emphasizes emotions and experience, and provides very little solid meat upon which to stand and grow in Grace.

Last night, I was invited to the birthday party of Dorothy Ulrig, an 88 year old dynamo for the Lord who has spent the better part of her adult life in Thailand, working under OMF among the Northern Thai since 1951. She told me that she is actually an RN, but everyone likes to call her "Dr. Dorothy." Many of her local Northern Thai friends were in attendance.

One reason that I came here first, before continuing on the Isan provinces (or Northeast Thailand), is that there is a whole village nearby of Isan people exclusively that I want to make contact with... not to mention avoiding the widespread flooding in Bangkok, which is now beginning to subside, according to the latest news reports.

Hopefully, I'll be able to meet up with my Bible translation assistant soon, so that we can get started checking the last remaining N.T. books that need to be translated into the Isan language. There is an air/con tour bus that travels through here headed to Nakhon Panom, where I'm going--which lessens my travel costs. That being said, these last couple-three days were definitely of the Lord. Pray as I seek to make contact with the nearby Isan village. I was told that there are a few believers there.

My back surgery and the aftereffects get better every day. However, if I'm on my feet too long, I have to revert back to using a cane for a couple days. Pray that this residual pain in my left torso and leg will completely dissipate soon—as my neurosurgeon assured me that it would.

A sincere thank you to everyone who helped make this important trip possible. I'll be home just before Christmas.

By God's Enabling Grace *and* For His Eternal Glory,



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