

Dear Friends in Christ,

Greetings again from Bangkok, Thailand, in the Matchless Name above all names, that of the Lord Jesus Christ.

It's Monday evening here now. I had a good but *l-o-n-g* trip, arriving around noon yesterday: Sunday, May 12. I enjoyed a very restful sleep last night, and feel pretty good right now. Jet lag is a unique condition that can take as little as a couple days to recover from, or as much as two weeks, or more. One often feels very sleepy during afternoon hours, and then arises wide awake in the middle of the night. This occurs till one's "body clock" can adjust itself. The dictionary describes it as: "*Fatigue and sleep disturbance resulting from disruption of a person's normal body-time rhythm, typically as a result of long-distance jet travel*"

THAI PASTORS:

I was met by two Thai pastors this morning. They had both heard of my ministry and wanted to meet with me. We had a good time of fellowship together around our common Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. We also shared some profitable heart-to-heart chats about challenges facing the Thai Christian community, as well as how best to solve ineffective evangelism methodology problems here in Thailand.

The first was Pastor Rong, who pastors a church here in Bangkok, as well as ministers with Youth for Christ (YFC) around Thailand. The second was Pastor Santi, who ministers to a Thai congregation on the outskirts of Dallas, Texas. Pastor Santi is also editing contributor of a Thai Christian magazine. He asked permission to interview me for an article he is writing about missionaries to Thailand, to which I complied with his request. A very nice gesture, I thought, and hope it turns out well.

CHRISTIAN MATERIALS IN INCREASING DEMAND:

Shortly after the two pastors left, two Thai ladies stopped by, sent by their respective churches here in Bangkok. They came to confirm with me the possibility of receiving a quantity of 100-count boxes of the 226-page John-Romans scripture books. (*These are formatted in dual Thai and Isan languages, and also contain the creation evangelism booklet up front "Considering Creation."*) They also asked for a few hundred copies of the "Considering Creation" evangelism booklets. Of course I was more than happy to accommodate their requests.

All I hear from the Thai Christian community about the "Considering Creation" evangelism booklet is that it really works. This is because it addresses the felt needs of the unsaved Thai Buddhist reader. That is, all Thai Buddhists love Creation (which they call "Nature"), but have absolutely zero knowledge of their Creator. Beyond that, they show little interest or response to typical Westernized evangelism methods, of which they typically misunderstand and reject *en masse* all attempts to relate the Gospel to them—often saying that it is confusing.

Thus, I am pleased that the "Considering Creation" booklet works out so well. It bypasses all the typical pitfalls, which it is designed to do. In short, it works amazingly well as it piques genuine interest by introducing *Intelligent Design* to the reader, then transitions into a clear-cut Gospel presentation, starting from Creation through to Redemption. It now appears that it's time to print another 20-30 thousand copies; that is, if enough funds can be raised to do so. Printing here in Bangkok is very reasonable, especially since I now use a Christian-owned print shop, of which the owner is pleased to give us a price just above his cost because he desires to help in spreading the Gospel among the people of Thailand.

TERMITES LOVE BOOKS, BUT...

Now, concerning the termite situation here at the compound where I stay while in Bangkok. I was made aware a while back that termites had invaded the storage room where I am storing most of our printed materials that have yet to be distributed—namely the seventy remaining 100-count boxes of the John-Romans scripture books—7,000 scripture books in all. These are the remainder of an original 340 boxes (34,000 count) that we had printed and distributed around the Isan region in 2011. The printing was done under the sponsorship of "Bearing Precious Seed Global," Dr. Steve Zeinner, director.

Pastor Rong (*mentioned above*) and I did a fairly extensive examination around the storeroom this morning. Not knowing what to expect, I tried not to imagine the worse. I was very relieved to find that there was absolutely *NO* evidence of any damage done by hungry termites! None whatsoever, even though there were old termite trails on the cement floor surrounding the pallets containing the boxes of scripture books. I'm thinking that the Creator of all things instructed the termites to keep their distance from His Word. They obviously obeyed. The moth balls that had been strewn around on the storage room floor certainly did their part as well. I purchased a few more packs today, to help reinforce the protective shield until we can move the scripture books to a safer location for future distribution—hopefully soon, among committed Thai and Isan churches. The termite problem now being solved means that I am free to travel up to the Isan region and begin the review process of the completed Isan New Testament sooner than originally expected; likely this weekend.

BOTTOM LINE:

All in all, things are going very well here under the Lord's oversight. Seems like every time I come, everything just seems to fall into place—it's definitely a "God Thing," for which I praise Him. Even my unsaved acquaintances express gladness at my return, making me feel right at home. Bottom line: I find that establishing friendly and trusting relationships first is the key to being able to effectively share the Gospel here in Thailand—as well as around the world. Not too many people care to listen to someone whom they either don't know or don't trust

May God bless you richly. Please continue to pray with us for all peoples around Thailand, including the 23-million of the Isan region—that they would open their hearts to receive the message of the Gospel... then grow strong in Grace and the knowledge of their Lord and Savior.

By God's Grace and For His Glory,



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