

“The Isan Saga”

(An Abbreviated Version)



“Faith Comes By Hearing; That is, Hearing the Word of God”

Thailand and the Isan Region



One-Third of Total Population & Landmass
40/12 Million In 1973 → 68/25 Million+ In 2016
Without Any Scriptures In Their Heart Language!!

God's Word for Isan

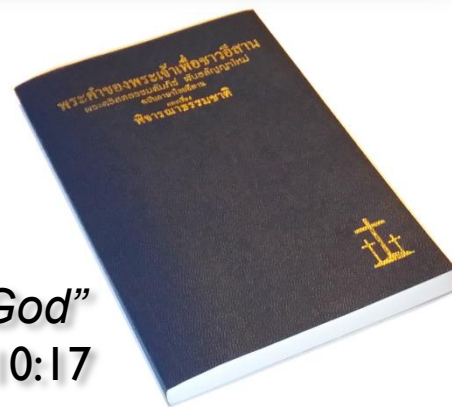
พระคำของพระเจ้าเพื่อชาวอีสาน

Isan New Testament

Completed, Printed, Distributed

"Faith Comes By Hearing; That is, Hearing the Word of God"

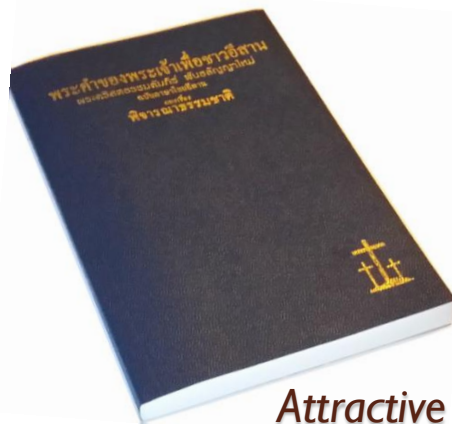
Romans 10:17



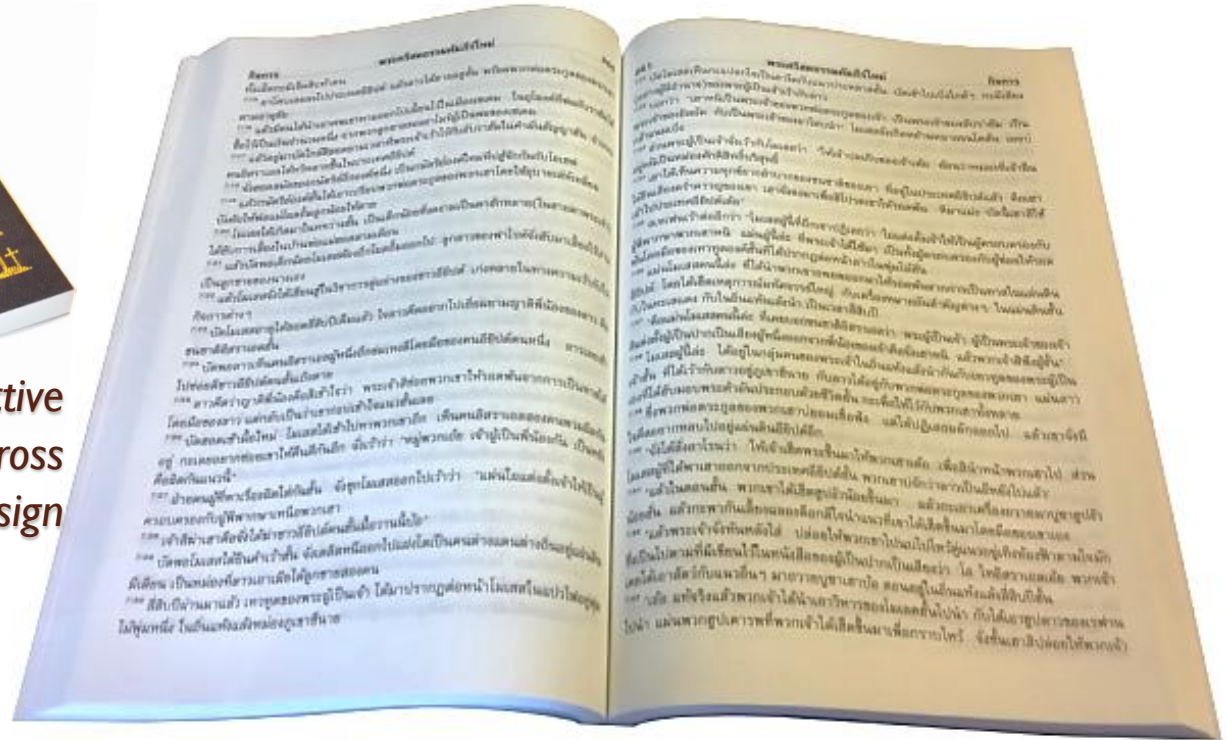
Target Audience: Christian Minority
Rural, Agrarian Isan Peasant Worker-class

*High Literacy Rate; Low Education & Opportunity Level;
Thai Bible Hard to Understand ; Nearly 100% Buddhist.*

After 20-plus Years of Work Here's The First Scriptures Ever In The Heart Language Of 25-Million Isan People



Attractive
Three-Cross
Cover Design



Isan being An Unwritten Language, The Thai
Script and Spelling Rules Were Adapted

John 3:16 เพราะว่าพระเจ้าทรงรักโลกยิ่งนัก จนได้ทรงประทานพระบุตรองค์เดียว
ของพระองค์ที่บังเกิดมา เพื่อผู้ใดที่เชื่อในพระบุตรนั้นจะไม่พินาศ แต่มีชีวิตนิรันดร์

Christian-owned *Four-One Printers*



Left-to-Right: Ron Myers, Ms. Kai (Owner),
Dr. Steve Combs, Ms. Kai's Assistant

Isan New Testaments In Process



*Christian Print Shop Owner, Ms. Kai, Gave A Special Price Per Copy
(62 Baht Each, or \$1.70)*

Isan New Testament Covers



*All Bible Materials Imported From Finland,
Same as Thai Gideon New Testaments*

Ron Reads First Completed Isan NT



Location: Alliance Guest Home, Bangkok Thailand

Ron Gives Isan NT To Isan Taxi Driver



*Isan New Testament Foreword Contains
“Consideration Creation” Evangelism Booklet*

Dedication & Presentation Venue



*Second Floor, Rhombus Industries Electronics Assembly Plant
Nakhon Phanom Province, Northeast Thailand*

Rhombus Conference Room



*All Furnished Including Lighting, Air Conditioning,
Restrooms, Hot-water Showers, Internet, etc.*

1,600 Isan New Testaments



Bibles and Evangelism Booklets Delivered Just One Day Before Dedication Celebration, by Christian Trucker Working Out of Bangkok

The Dedication Begins With Prayer



*Veteran Pastor-teacher Insom Leads in Opening Prayer
Ron and Pastor Pitak On Either Side*

Ron and Pastor Pitak Introduce Notable Guests, then the Isan New Testament



*We Received Rapt Attention As We Extolled
the Benefits of Isan New Testament*

Introducing The Chinese Delegation



**Three Small Hainan, Chinese Churches Sponsored
Raised \$20,000 of the \$25,000 For Printing Costs
(Very Humbling and Awe Inspiring)**

**Resident Missionaries In Hainan, China Are:
Eddie and Cindy Mills *English School Program***



Our Guests ...



*The Large Conference Room Was Filled
Note Dr. Combs and Chinese Delegation In Front*

More Guests ...



And More Guests



Passing Out Isan New Testaments (1)



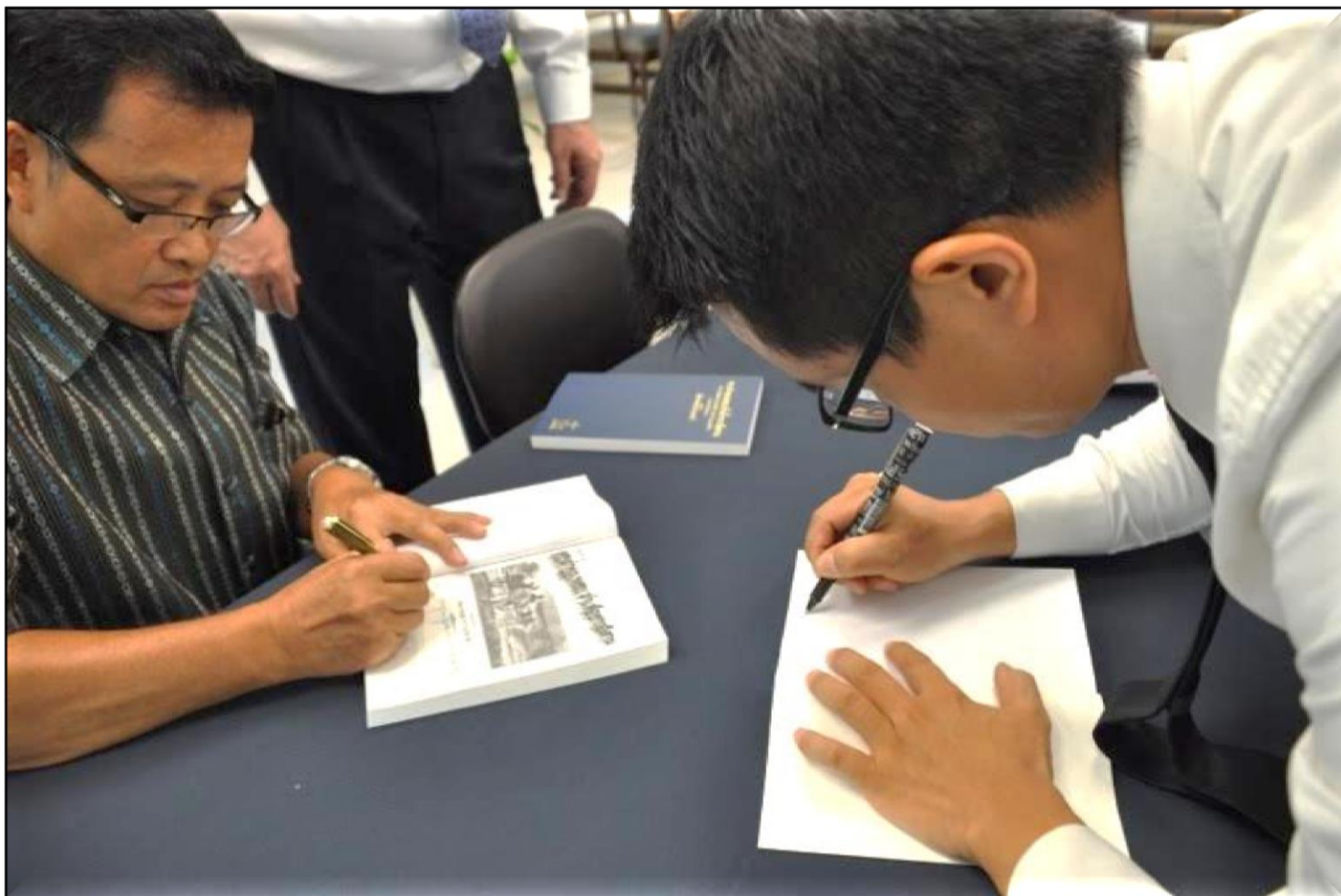
*Pastor Pitak Hands Out Copies To Missionaries
Others Pitched in to Help... Each Guest Received A Copy*

Passing Out Isan New Testaments (2)



Dr. Sawat Sri-In, Professor of English At Local University, Helps Hand Out Copies

Pitak Signs Isan NT for Chinese Pastor



*The 1,600 Isan New Testaments Came 20 per Package
Pastor Pitak Signs a Personalized Copy for Chinese Pastor*

Chinese Delegation Presentation



*We Presented Jeremiah Study Bibles to the Chinese Delegation
with as a Special Recognition Gifts (The Pastors Speak English)*

Catered Thai-style Luncheon



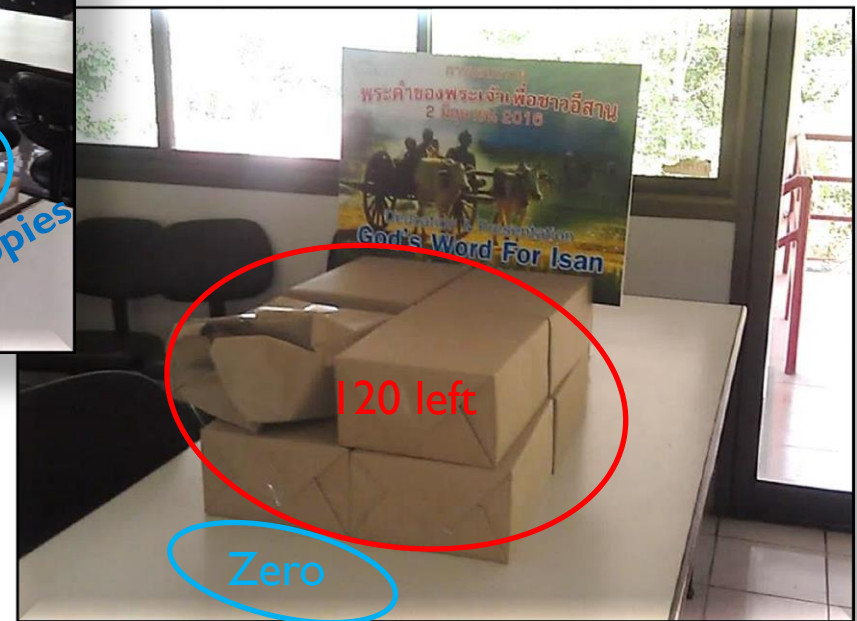
*A Big Lunch, Followed By Sealtest Ice Cream,
Coffee and Cookies*

Passing Out Packets of Isan Bibles



*Pitak Gives Bible Packets to fellow-pastor Pradit
Of Nakhon Phanom Baptist Church*

How Many Bibles Were Left?



*Out of 1,600 Isan New Testaments, 120 Were Left
(The Remaining 8,400 Isan NTs Are Being Distributed From Bangkok)
Out of 1,000 Considering Creation Booklets, None Were Left*

What Isan Believers Are Saying

- 1) *"I can finally understand the Word of God."*
- 2) *"Wow! Where did you get this? ...It's great!"*
- 3) *"The Isan Scriptures go deep down into my being."*
- 4) *"When I read the Isan Scriptures, they fill my heart."*
- 5) *"When I read the Thai Bible, I have to translate it in my mind to understand it. Now, I don't have to."*
- 6) *"I like this very much. I consider it a real treasure for the Isan people. Thank you." An Isan School Teacher*
- 7) *"Dear Ron, I am from Northeast Thailand and I say that the Bible in the Isan Language is the best I've ever read and very easy for Isan people to understand." From Isan Pastor's Wife*

Ultimate Goal Finally Realized (1)



*As it is written, "To whom He was not spoken of, they shall see;
And those who have not heard shall understand." Romans 15:21*

Ultimate Goal Finally Realized (2)



*A new Isan Christian (right) holding her copy of the Isan NT
Her aunt (left) recently led her to Christ and gave her a copy.*

An Isan Teacher Who Received an Isan New Testament Says:



“Dear Pastor Ron; I like this book very, very much... It's like the Isan language that I know... I've never seen a book like this before... I'm very pleased that you have poured yourself into this, because it helps to preserve the Isan language... Thank you very much that you came to help preserve the Isan language... Since my mom and dad are school teachers too, I want to give them a copy as well. I consider this book a real treasure for the Isan people... something to be very, very proud of.”

An Isan-Based Baptist Missionary Writes:

"Hello Bro. Ron,

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); 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 your service for the King!
Marty McAnally, Team Leader
IMB Isaan Team, Yasothon, Thailand"*

A Small Rural Isan Church



Rural Isan Churches like this (*small due to the surrounding tight-knit Buddhist society, yet unshakable in their faith*) will benefit greatly from the Isan New Testament.

So, What's Next?

- Translate Scriptures that speak to “God’s Majesty in Creation” into spoken Thai.
- Print and Distribute “God’s Majesty in Creation” in pocket-size booklet format.
- Record and Distribute “God’s Majesty in Creation” in audio format.
- Promote using the Isan New Testament among Isan Believers.
- Print and Distribute More Isan New Testaments... as needed.
- Record and Distribute the Isan New Testament in audio format.
- Print and Distribute More “Considering Creation” booklets ... as needed.
- Record and Distribute “Considering Creation” booklet in audio format.
- Pursue translating “Considering Creation” into major Asian-Buddhist languages.
(A Chinese translation is underway; China has 1.5 billion potential readers.)
- Produce more evangelistic and foundational teaching materials.
- Conduct evangelism and teaching workshops in Thailand on a continuing basis.
- Continue to Witness and seek to bring lost souls to Christ.

Thank You For Your Partnership, Your Prayers, and Your Participation

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