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*A Faith-based Ministry Sustained Through the Prayers and Partnership of God's People*

## Current News from Thailand - Continued

### *My Return to Isan Is Being Hindered*

By Ron Myers

Greetings in The Matchless Name of The Lord Jesus Christ,

FOREWORD: My present need to return to Thailand—as well as our Isan ministry in general—has experienced numerous hinderances, impeding progress at every step along the way. Now, it's the Covid-19 outbreak, both here at home and in Thailand; which is now locked down due to a serious Covid-19 outbreak. These things remind me of the Apostle Paul and his longing to visit the Thessalonian believers to minister to them: *"For you yourselves know, brethren, that our coming to you was not in vain ... We wanted to come to you time and again—even I, Paul, time and again—but Satan hindered us"* (1 Thessalonians 2:1 and 2:18).

Paul uses different forms of the Greek verb (*egkopto*) for hinder at least five times in his epistles, which conveys the military meaning of, *to disrupt or impede one's course of progress by cutting off the way*. The hinderances of the advancement of the Gospel Paul experienced took many outward forms (as it does for us), yet he pinpointed the actual source when he wrote *"but Satan hindered us."* Yet, despite the hinderances Paul underwent, he wrote to the Philippian believers *from a Roman jail cell* that: *"But I want you to know, brethren, that the things which happened to me have actually turned out for the furtherance of the gospel"* (Philippians 1:12).

Paul, now jailed and awaiting execution, Satan thought he had conclusively stopped Paul's incessant spreading of the Gospel message. However, the recurrent changing of the Pretorian guards that were chained to Paul for a while—then reassigned to other parts of the Roman Empire—was an example of the *furtherance of the gospel* of which Paul spoke, since Paul had presumably led many of them to Christ.

Missionaries serving deep into unreached areas say the same. Satan hates the Gospel because it robs him of the lost souls he has enslaved. The Gospel frees them from the bondage of sin and death when they embrace the Lord Jesus Christ, *by grace through faith, apart from works* (Ephesians 2:8–9; Jude 3:5). Our God and Savior is the One whom Satan hates the most, because the moment enslaved souls trust in Him, they are freed from Satan's clutches—having received forgiveness and the gift of eternal life (John 3:16 & 3:36). Satan, cunning and ruthless as he is, can only hinder the advancement of the Gospel temporarily because God foils his plans and the Gospel continues to advance through the Gates of Hell to reach lost souls. *"And ... on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it"* (Matthew 16:18).

RECAP: That in mind, after experiencing many time-consuming hinderances and setbacks, my Isan co-worker, Baaw-Tuer, has now completed the narrated audio version of the Isan New Testament. A grueling task, yet he remained faithful to the end and did a great job with his trained radio voice—dividing it into books and chapters. Here's a 5-min. sample: [Nicodemus & Christ \(John 3:1-21\)](#). To make it more culturally-appropriate sounding, we included Lao-Isan instrumental *kaen* music playing softly on a background—*right-click the link to open in a new tab*. It will be featured on Baaw-Tuer's YouTube channel and his Facebook *Good News* pages. It will also be featured on our *Good News* website, as well as my *God's Word for Isan* ministry website: [www.IsanBible.org](http://www.IsanBible.org) for listening or downloading (presently in process). In due time, there will also be computer, tablet, and smartphone apps.



*In Front of Mic*

UPDATE-1: Now, a new website will also feature our work. It's called the *Independent Baptist Thai Materials* website. <https://baptistthai.org> My *Creation Evangelism* materials are already posted there, in both Thai and English—*Considering Nature*. The Isan New Testament is coming soon. This website was created as a resource center for Christian audio-visual materials in Thai, Laotian, Burmese, and English. Materials posted there are for use in the local church and all are free to download and use.

**URGENT—BAAW-TUER'S HEALTH:** Baaw-Tuer received his first Covid-19 vaccination last month. Although he is a large *strapping* man in his mid-forties, he experienced a very serious reaction. He has been sick-abled most of the time since then, feeling tired and weak, and guilty that he's not up and around (as usual). He has also experienced numbness on one side of his body, and just now returned to bed with a mild fever. Although we have prayed earnestly, committing him to the Great Physician's watch-care, I am becoming more concerned as time passes. Please pray with us that this will not endanger Baaw-Tuer's life! This hinderance is another scare tactic from the enemy, and an example of why things become slowed down in the field.

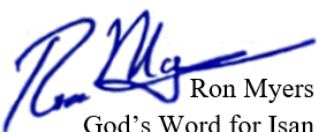
UPDATE-2: As I mentioned in our last newsletter I'm stuck in the States until Thailand reopens. Now, Bangkok has been sealed shut due to a new Covid-19 outbreak, making my return even more dubious as to when. Most inbound flights have stopped and no one is allowed in except for permission through special exceptions. I Thai lady friend and owner of a popular Thai restaurant near here told me straight-out, "Why do you go back there now? It's very dangerous!" God knows the end from the beginning of all things, including when I'll be able to return. Meanwhile, please continue to pray for Baaw-Tuer, for his yet unsaved Buddhist wife, and for the lost masses throughout Thailand, that their hearts will soften as they ponder the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

MORE NEWS: The dangerous India strain of Covid has now invaded Thailand, I am told. Which means more danger and deaths. Not that I'm afraid, because I traveled there and back during the SARS epidemic (another strain of Covid where everyone wore masks). I am here, awaiting God's opening the door for me to return. Meanwhile, my faithful Isan co-worker, Baaw-Tuer, is not slacking off, despite the strong reaction he's suffering from due to the Covid-19 vaccination. He just sent me this photo. It was taken in his home where he encouraged believers, witnessed to unbelievers, and distributed the Isan New Testament along with the pocket-sized Considering Nature booklet—a very effective creation evangelism message of which over 100,000 have been printed so far.

Two of these Isan people who visited Baaw-Tuer are believers and the other two are not. Despite the masks, can you tell which two are Christians? The Isan man on the left is a believer as is the joyous Isan lady on the left. Her name is Ben. Baaw-Tuer and I counseled with her a couple of years ago, consoling and witnessing to her after her husband was unfaithful, leaving her embittered and helpless with two young daughters to raise by herself. She soon received Christ and was baptized by Baaw-Tuer in the Mekong River. (See photo insert.)



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