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Amidst Trials and Testings, We See Victories

We Are More Than Conquerors Through Him That Loved Us

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Greetings Again in Jesus' Name,

Jesus said: "Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repents." (Luke 15:10)

Praise God! A few short days ago, I received word from Baaw Ter that one of his high school classmates whom he has been witnessing to, Ms. Pen, has now received Christ. Pen had been very distraught and hurt over her husband leaving her and their children for another woman a while ago. Baaw Ter and I had also spent time counseling and witnessing to her when I was there last month. Please pray with us that she is truly born-again. Also pray that she will grow strong in her faith and find victory in Christ.

Two days later: I just hung up from talking with Baaw Ter on a video call. I asked how Ms. Pen was doing, to which he responded, "She's doing fine. Her oldest daughter has now believed as well. We're now working on Pen's older sister. Also, a man in another district just trusted Christ. God is really working."



Baaw Ter's Classmate Ms. Pen



Daaw Instructing Her Younger Sister Maay

Four days later: Baaw Ter sent an update saying that 5-6 new souls have now believed over the last few days. As I was finishing up this newsletter, Baaw Ter sent another message saying that Daaw, a Christian lady in his group's younger sister, *Miss Maay*, has also believed.

Some might ask if anyone is following up on these new believers? And, do they have a church fellowship to help them grow? The answer is yes on both counts; I am mentoring Baaw Ter, who is becoming a capable teacher-leader and quite solid in the faith. Both Ms. Pen and her daughter came to the Lord under his ministry, as did others. He has a small but growing fellowship group or house-church that gathers in his home weekly. He named it *Good News*. Pen lives far north of town in a different district, adjacent to the Mekong River, but she comes to town regularly.

Spiritually, the whole area is extremely sparse of both Christians and Churches. Most towns and villages have none whatsoever. That's why Cheryl and I originally went there to evangelize and establish self-sustaining churches, who could then carry on the work. Continuing to answer the church question: there's one Baptist church in town where Baaw Ter and I fellowship at times. There are also a couple other churches in town. However, they teach and advocate a *Grace-plus-works* doctrine and all that accompanies it. My Isan Bible translation assistant, Pastor Pitak, leads a church that is solid, but is located out of town to the south. So, strategically-speaking, the answer is yes, and no. There are way fewer Christians per capita in the Isan region than all the rest of Buddhist Thailand, of which there are less than one percent. Praise God, the Gospel is making headway in the spiritually-needy Isan region. Your partnership is helping to make the difference.

Now, on the darker side of things; sadly, Baaw Ter texted me saying that his wife, Joo (who left him and their 15-year-old son because of their new-found Christian faith) has now filed divorce papers without his knowledge. His response was, "I love her and forgive her, yet I must pray for her and release her." I had advised Baaw Ter that he needed to seek the counsel of an attorney, which he has done.

By God's Grace and for His Glory, Ron & Cheryl Myers God's Word for Isan: IsanBible.org Through all of this, I just realized that Satan is using her to hinder the much-needed audio recording of the Isan New Testament. That is, if she manages to get the house and property where the recording studio is located. It's very serious, because apart from God's intervention, it could happen. Legally, she can't do that, I'm told. **Please pray that it won't happen.**

Pray too that truth will prevail. Also, continue to hold Joo up in prayer, that she will see the truth and come to a saving faith in Christ. We are trusting God for a miracle.