



Ron & Cheryl Myers

GOD'S WORD FOR ISAN MINISTRY NEWSLETTER

October 2022

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

"Good News Thirty-Three" A Much Needed Outreach **Reaching the 33,000 Isan Villages Still Without the Gospel**

THE RICE PADDIES ARE RIPE UNTO HARVEST!

by Ron Myers

"Say not, are there not yet four months, and then cometh harvest? Behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest" (John 4:35).

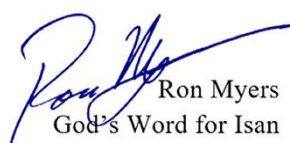
THE FACTS: In my August and September newsletters, I told you of the astounding demographics concerning the unreached people in Thailand's Northeastern or the Isan Region. The figures I quote are some of the latest data compiled by the Joshua Project.

FIELDS ALREADY RIPE UNTO HARVEST: Where, How, Who, What, When? I'm speaking of the present-day spiritually lost condition of the 33,000 villages that remain untouched by the Gospel message. That's 98% of the 34,000 total villages in Thailand's Isan region. Consider this. These lost souls can neither accept Christ nor reject Him since they've yet to hear the first word of the *Whosoever Will* Gospel of God's Amazing Grace.

As I contemplated the tremendous unmet need, God touched my heart to do something about it – at least start an endeavor to reach out to these countless villages – a challenging new phase of my ministry. That of planting Gospel seeds among the hopelessly lost masses residing in these 33,217 unreached villages spread across Thailand's vast Northeastern hinterlands. But how? I know what they are like, having lived among them and observing their primitive lifestyle during the first phase of our village church planting ministry.

God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes will not perish but have eternal life (John 3:16). We know God's love extends to these unreached villagers too. And that He yearns for them to hear and respond to the Gospel. As proof, the Apostle Peter states that *God is not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance* (1 Peter 3:9). Meanwhile, the Apostle Paul writes in Romans 10:13-15 that some are to go while those at home are to send. As believers, we are called and have a Heavenly mandate to take the Gospel into the uttermost parts of the unreached world until Christ's return – these villagers are prime candidates. As I stated previously, these all adhere to Thailand's three-part, state-ordained religious tradition – Buddhism, Brahminism, and evil spirit appeasement. These, mixed with folklore and superstition – syncretized and congealed under a culturalized form of folk Buddhism. And they have zero knowledge of Their Creator or Jesus Christ, who came to seek and save those who are lost.

QUALIFICATIONS: Cheryl and I gave our lives to serve Christ in Isan – Thailand's Northeastern hinterlands. We lived among the unreached Isan peasant farmers here, dwelling with, befriending, and leading many to Christ out of their centuries-old customs, cultures, and dire living conditions. We have the training, skills, stamina, and experience to do the job. And, probably most important, we are fluent in the Isan language – into which I translated the Isan New Testament. We've seen firsthand the utter lostness of these people for whom Christ died. He paid their sin debt, then rose again victorious over death and the grave to give them eternal life. Now, they need to hear.


Ron Myers
God's Word for Isan

This is *not* a small undertaking. We need your prayers and generous support more than ever to undergird this evangelistic thrust. Isan believers with this same vision and I are in the planning and strategizing stages, looking to the Lord for strength, wisdom, provision, and direction. My prayer is that you join us in this critical endeavor. Be a part! I'm not ashamed to say we need your help – as God leads.



Isan Region Topographical Map



Ministry Headquarters, Nakhon Phanom Provincial City



The Isan Region's Outer Perimeters



Mekong River (runs 2700 mi. from Tibet to S. Vietnam)

Imagine making 43,003 pinpricks inside the perimeters of this Isan region map (65,000 sq. mi.) That's the total number of Isan villages in this vast region – 33,217 of which remain unreached by the Gospel. The names that appear here are some of the larger districts of the 20 Isan provinces. Some provinces are prefixed with the word *Mueang*.

Our goal, given we receive adequate funding, is not to attempt to reach every single unreached village (*a nearly impossible logistical task*) but hopefully plant Gospel seeds in at least one unreached village in each subdistrict of each district in the 20 provinces in Thailand's Northeastern or Isan Region. As such, we plan to speak to, and leave materials with each headman or village elder. Materials would include my updated *Considering Creation* booklet and my diglot of *John-Romans* in both Isan and Thai languages.

