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*“To open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison, and them that sit in darkness out of the prison house.”
Isaiah 42:7*

Bangkok Update

Greetings from sunny, *hot* Bangkok! The last two months have been busy as we set up housekeeping, set up our office and prepared to begin the work here. There were several setbacks with networking, internet and other miscellaneous details, but we are finally completely functional in the office.

The first container of literature arrived the first part of March. It was exciting to see it unloaded, knowing we all had a part in the literature that was inside. Some of us had typeset and others had printed. We pray God uses this literature in Thailand and the surrounding regions.

Why We are Here

It is said that a picture is worth a thousand words. These pictures can tell our reason for being here much better than all of the words I could put together.

We went to the Grand Palace a few weeks ago. What started out as a day of seeing the sights with our visitors, turned into a burden for me. I know why we're here and I've been burdened for the people of Thailand and surrounding region, but the Lord once again squeezed my heart as we watched countless people bow to idols who could neither hear them, nor answer their prayers. They prayed, bowed, lit candles, burned incense, offered flowers and food. They tore the gold plating from the buddha statues and pressed it to their foreheads to bring them good luck. They offered food and gifts to the monks, hoping to gain merit. It was all so hopeless and heart-breaking to watch.

I stood in the back of the Monastery of the Emerald Buddha and watched the people come in and sit or kneel in front of this statue of jade. Yes, many were simply tourists, coming to see the sights, but many bowed repeatedly before this piece of stone, hoping a dead man would hear their prayers. My heart broke as I watched, and all I could do was pray that God would use us in showing them the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ, the living God. They need to know that their candles, incense, offerings and prayers won't save them or gain them merit. Jesus Christ made the only offering needed, Himself, and their salvation is by grace, through faith, nothing added by their works.



Ministry of Hospitality

One of the ministries we have enjoyed over the years is that of hospitality. While in Darwin, Australia, God gave allowed us to host many people travelling in and out of East Timor. We enjoyed

it greatly and I have missed that part of our ministry. God has once again given us the great blessing of hosting and helping others as they come through. We have enjoyed hosting people who come to (or just through) Bangkok. Not only do we get to be a help to them, they have all been an encouragement to us.

Computer Work

We are beginning to get some literature for typesetting. We are still waiting on some of it. The Lao John/Romans is being proofed and work continues on the rest of the New Testament. We are also looking at retypesetting the Burmese Bible and the Khmer (Cambodian) New Testament. The Burmese text is being checked now to insure that we have the original, good text before we begin work on it.



What's Ahead?

Our next order of business is visa renewal. Bro. Tom and Mrs. Krinny have gone to Singapore and Australia for meetings. On the 19th, Susie, April and I will meet them for a two-day stay in Singapore. We will be able to renew our visas and hopefully Tom and Krinny will get some much-needed rest after their travels before jumping back into the work. Please pray for safety for everyone as we travel.

Email Updates

From time to time, I send out updates via email. These are not full prayer letters, but short updates to fill folks in on what's going on here. I am not nearly as consistent with them as Bro. Tom is, but I do send them out occasionally. If you would like to get these updates, please email me at myranoel@aol.com and I will add you to the list.

Prayer Requests

- Health for the whole team. Everyone has been sick at least once since we arrived.
- Safety in travel. Not only do we need prayer for this upcoming trip, but someone is always traveling here.
- The work on the literature.
- Binding of the strongman of Thailand and that God would use the work here to free the people of this region from the bondage of sin.

Thank you for your prayers. We see God answering them on a daily basis.

Because all I am is His,

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