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Dear Pastor, Church, and Praying Friends,

"Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest." (Matthew 9:38)

To God be the glory; great things He hath done! This letter is about answered prayers. I have spent quite a bit of money and tried various methods of learning the Thai language, with seemingly no progress. Even when I say, "Hello, how are you? What is your name?" people don't understand me when I speak Thai because the tones are not correct. The Thai language has 44 consonants, 33 vowels, and 5 different tones. The same word can be said with 5 different tones and thus have 5 different meanings.

One Sunday, Silas was busy talking with others, and I was greatly wanting to talk with the people who had come to church that day. Being unable to do so without an interpreter and aching deep inside, I cried out to the Lord, "Isn't there someone in this entire country who could help me learn this language, someone who could help it make sense to me?" A few days later, a widow lady named Bee came to visit our church. Bee said she was moving from Bangkok and was looking for a church. I said, "Well, you found a good one." To which she simply replied, "Great, now I'll go pack and see you in three weeks." I asked what she did in Bangkok. She said, "I teach foreigners Thai." I didn't say a word. I was just thinking in the back of my mind: could it be that God was sending me my answer?

Three weeks later, Bee was back. Still cautiously hoping, I asked, "Do you really teach foreigners Thai?" "Yes, I do," came the reply. "Can you teach people who are very hard cases? Can you teach those who cannot hear the difference in the tones, let alone duplicate them?" I asked. "Yes, for sure," came the answer. I was greatly hoping those words would be true, so I asked, "Do you want another student, the hardest case you have ever had?" She answered with confidence, "Sure, you just wait and see. God will help me teach you, and God will help you learn Thai."

About five months have passed, and God is helping! Praise the Lord! The pieces are coming together for me. I can read paragraphs now. (I don't know what they mean yet, but I can read them!) I now understand the tones and can duplicate them somewhat. I just want to praise God! Praise God! Praise God! Praise God! Praise God! Please pray that God would fully unlock my mind and my tongue in this language.

Another answered prayer came for a Thai man who was away from God. He had not been to church or even prayed for ten years. On a Friday night, he got on his knees and cried out to God, asking His forgiveness and making things right with God. He asked God to help him find a small church to go to. The next day, we left a tract at his house. He and his family came that Sunday and have been coming ever since. His wife and their son have both trusted Christ as their Saviour, and the entire family has followed the Lord in baptism. His wife's sister, a sister-in-law, and two nephews have also come to Christ.

We are pressing forward here with the property in Thailand. We are still in need of 17 more exterior doors, 4 buckets of paint, and some gravel for a parking lot. Then it is a race to purchase the property. We have until February 1, 2029, to come up with the balance still owed. The church here has given 85,000 baht so far. So, the balance owed is now down to 8,915,000 baht; with the current exchange rate, it is approximately $272,000. It has become a beautiful property for our Lord's use.

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Bro. Isaac in India is continuing on for the Lord! Though his location is very hostile against Christ, God is still blessing, with several coming to Christ. Several of the men he has been training are now able to step up and take care of the churches that have been planted. He was praying about where to go for a new work, and God led him into a big city. God has already blessed, with several coming to Christ and coming together to learn more about Jesus. I praise the Lord that he allows me to still have a part in India—in praying, teaching, and encouraging them to press on for Christ. Please pray with me that God would provide the funds needed for Bro. Isaac and these men to press on.

My son Joseph has now been able to obtain a yearly renewable visa for India, though he is in India living by faith and without support. God being his helper, he has been overseeing and providing for the care of 13 orphans. He also told me that another orphanage has asked him to come every week and teach the Word of God to their children also. As you know, working with orphans has been a dream of his from childhood. Please keep him in your prayers. We are also praying for about $35,000 to build a concrete building in which to house the orphans.

We love you all and thank you for your faithful prayers and support! May God bless you and your work for Him there, as we work for Him here!

Yours for His harvest,

Andrew & Denise Long
Romans 10:14