



PUBLISHING/TRANSLATION CENTER:

Work continues as our staff remains faithful to their work in Bangkok. The 2 year project translating a Bible Institute Curriculum into Thai is nearly complete. It is doctrinally sound material and nothing else like it can be found in the language. The Gaudets and the Langes, as well as churches in Thailand and Singapore will have spent approximately \$12,000 on it by the time it is completed. These are investments which will have impact for many years to come.

Setting the type on the Judson Burmese Bible is nearing completion. This was necessary as we did not have a good copy to print from. Pray as that work comes to completion. The New Testament was sent to printers in the USA and last month I got sample copies from a printing of 50,000 awaiting shipment. 5,000 Bibles are being printed now with commitments for many more once the text has been re-typeset!

Just before departing for the USA we shipped around 22,000# of Burmese scriptures across the border. The next week, requests came asking for more. The need is great. In November our local staff handled the importing and transshipment of the Falam Chin New Testament. This was a first printing of a new texturally sound translation into that language. The brethren in Burma are having a dedication service for that New Testament on Dec 12. Oh how blessed we are to have dedicated co-workers who are laboring faithfully even though we are thousands of miles away in the USA.

Karen refugees are coming at a steady pace from refugee camps in Thailand to the USA. The last video we produced was about the Karen and what Churches in the USA could do to reach out to them. I received a call from Fellowship Baptist Church in Marshalltown, IA concerning some Karen living in their city. We consulted with the church about it, and they started a Karen meeting during the regular Sunday school time. It has been a tremendous blessing. That has opened the door to many other Karen living throughout the USA. We have discovered

that not only within Burma and Thailand but also within the USA there are needs for doctrinally sound materials in this language. More, so much more needs to be done, and this is another example of it.

We are in the USA now preparing to return to Thailand. We originally envisioned being there for 1 year. That was 5 years ago! We had no idea of the scope of the need for what we had to offer. It has taken this long for us to fully comprehend that which the Lord wants done in the region.

We were not prepared financially for staying this long. That is what we are doing now. We plan to return in January and immediately make a move to Chiang Mai from our current location in Bangkok. There are many advantages to making this move but access to speakers of various languages is one of the greatest. Our entire operation will move there as soon as possible. Approximately 1/2 of the local staff will move with us, thus new staff will have to be found and trained. In the process we plan to add capacity with more room to work, additional staff, and additional equipment. We trust the Lord to send additional short term co-laborers. Funds need to be raised for the relocation and additional equipment, as well as additional support. Churches have responded well as we have presented this. Please pray as we finish up our time here in the USA. We have a vision statement prepared which spells out specifically the needs. Thank the Lord at this time, approximately 2/3 of the set-up funds have already come in. Additional support has been committed to make it possible to expand the work.

None of this would be possible without the faithful intercession of our prayer partners and the faithful support for our family.

FROM KRINNY:

I have had a wonderful and restful time in the US for the past couple of months. One of the things which has been the most helpful to me is knowing that we have a good, reliable, and capable staff back in Thailand who are taking care of things while we are here. There

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is no substitute for faithfulness and we are so thankful for faithful people, who love God and want to serve Him.

As our time in the US is quickly coming to a close, I know that I will be returning to Thailand rested, recuperated, and ready to hit the ground running. Upon arrival in Bangkok, our plans are to leave almost immediately for Chiang Mai. Tom, Carolyn, and I will be heading up there and searching for housing and facilities for moving our whole ministry operation to this location. Our Thai office manager Khemjira, whom many of you know as Pook, and our Burmese coordinator and translator, Noah, will be moving with us. We are sorry that we will be losing Nakon and Bunga. Nakon has surrendered to the ministry and will be staying and preparing for ministry at his home church in Bangkok. Bunga is having another baby and, of course, will not be moving with us. Pray for her as she will need other employment.

I want to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you who sent cards, gifts, and special offerings at Christmas. They were so very much appreciated. Thank you for your prayers on our behalf. Many thanks to those of you who have come over and helped us. May God bless all of you as you have blessed us.

*Have a Merry Christmas
and a blessed New Year!*

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