

PUBLISHING

There is some exciting news concerning the publishing work here in Thailand we would like to share with you. The Langes and the Gaudets have been working to put effective literature into print in Thai over these past three years. Until now it has been hit or miss as we had funds to undertake it separately.

At the beginning of February we pooled some resources together and hired a Thai man who will focus his skills on translating solid doctrinal books into Thai. He has finished two small booklets so far and now has started on an entire Bible Institute curriculum for training full-time Christian workers. This will probably take him most of this year to complete. However, the long-reaching impact of it is incalculable.

There are very few Christian books in Thai and most of those seen in bookstores are of the self-help variety and not doctrinally sound. We want to make a difference with this aspect of the work and to do so will require a major push.

Future plans for Thai Publishing: If funds are available, we wish to expand the Thai publishing by hiring another translator for at least one year. We would like to work on this hard for one year then re-examine the need. Churches are desperately in need of it.

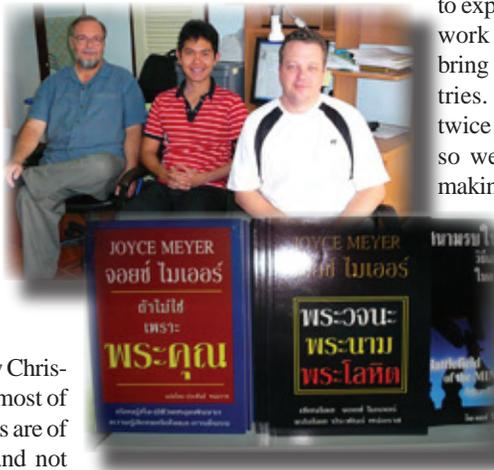
Future Plans for Regional Languages: We have been working on producing sound evangelistic and doctrinal material in the regional languages since arriving in Thailand, but it has gone slowly. With the **Publishing/Translation office** in place and functioning well, we now want to expand the operation by bringing in men from several regional countries to focus on translation in their lan-

guage. In many languages in the region we find only a Bible and a song book in print. I am thinking of several languages which have virtually nothing in print beyond that. No tracts, no discipleship lessons, no study aids, no concordance...

The huge project of handling the foreign language publication of the illustrated book, *Good and Evil* is now involving some 75 languages. We have handled the graphic work on around 35 of these languages to date!

What we now have in place is a hi-tech office with several computer systems as well as separate houses for women and men. It is easy

to expand this aspect of the work to include men we bring in from other countries. We have done this twice now and it worked so well that we are now making plans (if funds are available) to begin bringing men in for around 3-6 months at a time depending on the need. With many of these men, there will be an opportunity to train them in the Bible while they are here.



Most Christian books available in bookstores now are by Charismatic authors

Hmong Refugees

Very little has changed concerning the Hmong refugees from Laos. They are still being threatened with deportation. The only difference is that the military has made it very hard for anyone, including the missionaries to have access to them. It is now necessary to give the authorities an itinerary a month in advance to meet up with them. Then it is only if we are accompanied by a Thai citizen and only on a Saturday or Sunday.

Please pray for the believers to remain strong in face of these difficulties. Pray for a peaceful and equitable solution to their plight.

GAUDET'S IN THE USA - FOR 10 WEEKS!

Over the last few years we have had a number of invitations from churches at home to present our work. We have not lost support, rather gained over the past year or so, but the decline in the US Dollar has been responsible for a 28% loss. This is at a time when the work should expand rather than slow.

At any rate, the time at home will be fast-paced with us in at least 9 new churches as well as reporting to some of our supporters and of course some time with the brethren of our home Church. Please pray for these travels, March 8-May 21.

Jeff and Theresa Lange have agreed to fill in for us while we are away. This includes dealing with some of the oversight of work at the **Publishing/Translation office**, paying some bills, and covering the midweek English services for our coworkers. Theresa will also be filling in for Krinny in a Bible study she does every week.

We cannot imagine laboring in an environment where there are no coworkers or fellow missionaries. Thank God for them!

...FROM KRINNY

By the time many of you read this we will be in the United States. The ever shrinking dollar on the world currency exchange has made it necessary for us to raise additional support. Everyone is asking me, "Are you excited about going home?" The answer is quite frankly, "No, not really." The work here is progressing at the fastest rate that it has since we have been in Thailand. Much is being accomplished and there is finally a feeling that we are forging ahead in the war against the powers of darkness that have such a powerful stronghold in this region of the world. Leaving now, even for only two months, I know what Phillip must

have felt when he was called away from the excitement of Jerusalem to go to the Ethiopian eunuch. However we all know how that story turned out, so I am looking forward to what the Lord is going to do while we are in America.

What I am looking forward to the most is seeing my church family and also old friends in Colorado, Texas and Louisiana that I haven't seen for many years. But there are a few other things that I am looking forward to also.

I look forward to seeing the bluebonnets which will be blooming in Texas soon after our arrival. I am looking forward to buying some new clothes and shoes to bring back to Thailand. I am looking forward to soaking in a hot tub and recovering from the 24 hour flight. I look forward to driving a car again and hearing people speak English. I look forward to going to *Metropolitan Baptist Church*, my own church where I am a member. *Wal-mart*, *Target*, *Popeye's Fried Chicken*, the *Outlet Mall*, the thrift store and a few other places are also on the list.

Seeing family and friends is what is really important. When I think of this, I think of the early missionaries like Adoniram Judson and all the others that took the Gospel to Burma a hundred years ago. They shipped their belongings over in coffins. They and their families and loved ones knew that the chances of ever seeing each other again were remote and very unlikely. The sacrifices they endured and the physical misery they suffered for the Lord makes life in the region today incredibly easy by comparison.

It is very hot in southeast Asia. There is not a single day since we have been here that we have not had air-conditioning turned on. They did not even have electric fans. We have good medical care and good hospitals. They had none. We live in comfort. They died young. We have the *Internet* and can communicate anywhere in the world at the speed of light. We can telephone, text message, and e-mail and talk to our loved ones whenever we want. Back then, a letter took months to arrive at its destination. By the time

the letter arrived, the person who wrote it could have been dead for months. When we feel overwhelmed with our place of service, it never hurts to step back and remember the sacrifice of those who paved the way for us. These are the "*great cloud of witnesses*" who are watching and waiting for us to finish the job they started. May the Lord give us the strength and courage to do so.

NEW VIDEO

We have just completed the production of a new video about Adoniram Judson and the Burmese Bible. *The White through the Darkness* deals with the focus



Judson had on the production and distribution of Christian literature. He felt that if the people of Burma were to be evangelized, it would be with literature. It is a fascinating study to see what he wrote and how he practiced missions.

It can safely be said that Judson was the greatest tract evangelist that America has ever produced. He translated the Bible and produced Gospel tracts and teaching aids. These were used mightily of the Lord. The Judson version of the Bible and a grammar that he wrote are still being used in Burma today.

The following quote is from a book used for reference for this video.

"1837 was the year when the presses were kept busiest, turning out 21,002,000 pages of printed matter in three different languages of Burma. The total number of

pages printed from 1830 till 1864, when Mr. Bennett retired, was 164,208,137. Distribution reached a peak in 1836 when 10,380,956 pages were issued."

It is our desire to continue to produce these videos to raise the awareness of missions. Please pray that we can do so. At

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They died young.*



Current staff in the Publishing/Translation Office

present we do not have a full-time video editor. We are also in need of replacing and upgrading some of our equipment. Please pray!

If you wish to have a copy of this short video (12 min.) please let me know and one will be sent to you without charge. If you would like to view any other of the videos we have produced go to our web page and click on [Videos](#) at the top of the screen.

PRAYER & NEWSLETTERS

We are able to get 3-4 of these printed *Prayer&Newsletters* sent in the course of each year. In between each one we send a large number of e-mailed updates called *Gaudet Family Updates*. It may not be the best way of handling correspondence but it seems to work for us. To subscribe to these e-mailed updates, you may go to our web site www.gaudetfamily.org and click on [Sign up for our E-mail Newsletter](#) to be automatically subscribed. Or you may send me an e-mail requesting subscription.

Thank you for your intercession, support, and concern for the Gaudet Family and the work He has entrusted to us. We would not want to attempt ministry without your intercession. Thank You!

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