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Dear Fellow Laborers,

Let me first ask all of you to pray for the King of Thailand. It is obvious that the continuing political turmoil has taken its toll on his health. He could not even give his annual birthday address to the nation because he came down with bronchitis. Both the king and queen are very supportive of us and recently made sure that I was well taken care of in the hospital during my health crisis.

It is important that we have peace and safety in Thailand in order to continue our God-ordained Work of taking the True Gospel to this part of the world. King Bhumibol is the driving force of peace, stability and religious freedom in this country. But there are evil political forces at work here that seek to undermine his influence and bring chaos to the country. Satan never sleeps and hates that God has placed us here so he will naturally try to bring destruction down upon the country and upon those who favor us. Therefore, it is very important we all keep the king and queen in our daily prayers.

My own health situation can be discouraging at times. But I remember that it could be far worse. The doctors said they almost lost me twice – but I am alive and improving daily. I have eyesight deterioration caused by the strokes and my right arm has nerve problems which I am told is caused by the stroke damage in the brain. Thankfully, I can walk fine and my speech is normal. I can work and God has blessed me more than I can count. There are many people far worse off than I! I am grateful to God for His mercy.

What I find myself doing, however, is backing away from doing things I need to do. When a person doesn't see well they stop looking. When things get difficult, we tend to back away and not attempt to do them. As usual, Satan is right There discouraging one from trying! It becomes



Returning volunteer teacher Erika (L) & Elaina (R.) pose with graduating student Nora while visiting the King's Project Fair.



Graduate Lal Lian (L) standing with three 2009 graduating students (L.to R.: Lal Beka, Hkawn Din & Seng Mai)

a struggle. I know better now what Jesus meant when He said it is not easy to enter the Kingdom of God.

And He said to them, "Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I say to you, will seek to enter and will not be able."¹ (Luke 13:24)

But continue to strive I must! There is just too much work to be done. Ever since we decided to come to Thailand and begin Legacy's efforts to preach the true Gospel and train young people to help do the job given to us by Jesus the Christ, we have had many and unceasing hardships. It is never easy getting something new started, and when it is dealing with God's Work on this earth, it is even more difficult. Satan the Devil certainly does not want us to be here. Asia is a stronghold of spiritual darkness. He does not want the light of God's truth to shine here and expose his deceptions. So we suffer attacks from the instruments of darkness both spiritual and human. The Work of God is like a constant battle with no letup.

For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age... (Eph 6:12)

God is merciful and helps us through every trial, but the battle continues to wear us down. Satan would like nothing less than for us to roll up our tents and go home. Instead, we are going to renew our efforts to do more! Our Lord Jesus did not give this job to someone else. He gave it to me and to Legacy's loyal fellow laborers who help get the job done! There can be no turning back now.

But Jesus said to him, "No one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God." (Luke 9:62)

Every time the trials of this Work get me down or my physical disabilities make me discouraged, I turn to the Bible. The Bible is a very encouraging book because God is an encouraging God. One of my favorite scriptures for encouragement is Isaiah 40:31.

*But those who wait on the LORD
Shall renew their strength;
They shall mount up with wings like eagles,
They shall run and not be weary,
They shall walk and not faint.*

We are in the middle of a special training program for our young people that will last through next February. Brian Drawbaugh is here helping Nathan Kimmons and me teach Homiletics, Doctrines of the COG and Principles of Pastoral Care. It is great having Brian here and he is a welcome addition to our teaching team. We are grateful that God sent him to help us. Too bad he will have to return to the US at the beginning of March.

We will be graduating seven at the end of February and have three young people in Burma ready to come to Legacy school. We are not yet sure how many from the Thailand side of the border will also be starting as Freshmen in June. Three of our volunteer instructors (Erika Pedersen, Elaina Spivey and Nathan Kimmons) will be returning to help next year. We have brought back a graduate,

¹ All Bible quotations from NKJV unless otherwise noted.

Seng Aung, who will be concentrating on translating booklets and other material into the Burmese language. We are also in the process of developing a Bible study course to be translated into Burmese, Thai and other languages. Time marches on and so does the Work of God. Jesus said the End would not come until the present Work would be finished.

And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come. (Matt 24:14)

Do I think this evil age is drawing to a close and the Day of the Lord is eminent? Yes I do. That is even more reason to concentrate on preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom to the unreached corners of the world.

The runner who slows down or drops out of the race just before or during the gun lap wins nothing. But if we put more effort into our running and finish the race, we have a crown waiting for us at the finish line.

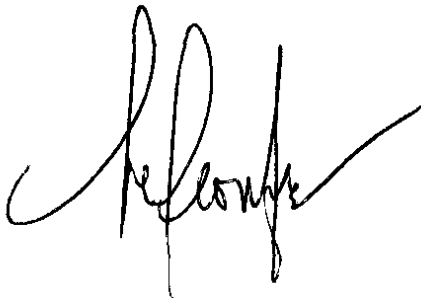
Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your soul. (Heb 12:1-3)

Please continue to pray for Gloria and me and all the Legacy team as we continue to pray for all of you. Gloria has had to pick up a lot of the school administrative duties since I've left the hospital. It is a lot of work.

I still get easily fatigued and continue to have high blood pressure and blood sugar problems. I am assured that I am sustained by the prayers of the Saints. Thanks to all of you and to the Almighty, by whose hands I am held up.

I remain in the saddle.

Your fellow laborer in God's harvest,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Leon Sexton', written in a cursive style.

T. Leon Sexton

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