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Dear Fellow Laborers,

I want to get this letter off to you before you travel to your various Feast of Tabernacles sites. We are looking forward to gathering together here in Chiang Mai, Thailand, with people of various tribes and nations to keep the Feast and worship the Lord of Hosts.

This year we are preparing translated sermon tapes and written translations in the Burmese language to send to the COG brethren in Burma and in refugee camps along the Thai/Burma border. You see, English language tapes and written materials do little or nothing for them because few can read or understand English. In order to preach the Gospel and feed those God calls out and separates for His glory, we must translate sermons and booklets into a language they can understand. Many of them speak three or four languages. Unfortunately, English isn't one of them.

It is especially important we prepare material for translation that teaches about the meaning of the annual Holy Days. Some will gather to keep the Feast days. They will sing hymns and have Bible readings. But, unless they come to Chiang Mai, no one will have a preacher. Only a few can come to Chiang Mai. Either they have no money to travel, or they cannot get permission to travel. That is just the world they live in. If they can't make it to the Feast, it is our job to do our best to take the Feast to them. This we can do by getting them tapes and written material translated into their own language.

We are blessed by God, who has given us people to help. La Lu Nan is a third-year Legacy student from Burma. He is a Kachin tribesman, but his education was in the Burmese language. I baptized his mother some time ago and he is also baptized. He is now at Legacy school receiving training in English, Bible, and Computer. He sometimes gives sermonettes in our Legacy school Sabbath services. We also have the help of Jack, a COG member living in the US. He checks La Lu Nan's translations and sometimes translates material as well. He is from the Karen tribe, so he can translate into both Karen and Burmese languages.

I just finished a letter and tape about the Day of Trumpets that went out to the border brethren, COG church congregations, and individual members in Burma. We are following up with the same for Atonement, along with the Feast of Tabernacles and the Last Great Day. None of this would be possible without the help of dedicated Church members such as Jack and LaLuNan. And, most certainly none of this would be possible without God inspiring you, our fellow laborers, to support the Work of God here.

It won't be long now and the Feast of Trumpets will begin the third in God's series of Holy Day seasons. This third series of Holy Days foreshadows the last days of man's rule on this Earth and the changeover to the rule of God. Last Sabbath in worship services, we sang a hymn called, "This Is My Father's World." My wife Gloria commented that she felt uncomfortable singing this song, because the world of today is not God's, but Satan's.

Look around.

It is difficult to get good international news coverage here in Thailand, so I resort to Internet news services. What I read is shocking! The state of the world we live in was prophesied long ago, but it still is not easy to take!

#### **Matt 24:12-13**

And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold.

Jesus' words ring truer now more than ever before. We live in a lawless and cold world. I don't have to read the news for very long to start feeling sick in my stomach and having tears well up in my eyes! Some of the atrocities we perpetrate on our fellow man are unfathomable!

The Bible says that God notes the tears that are shed over the sins of the world.

#### **Ezek 9:3-4**

Now the glory of the God of Israel had gone up from the cherub, where it had been, to the threshold of the temple. And He called to the man clothed with linen, who had the writer's inkhorn at his side; and the LORD said to him, "Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and put a mark on the foreheads of the men who sigh and cry over all the abominations that are done within it."

What is patently evil is that the greatest crimes are perpetrated against the helpless. It is the children and the unborn that are chiefly targeted by Satan. The section in the Bible where Jesus blesses the children comes to my mind often.

### **Matt 19:13-14**

Then little children were brought to Him that He might put His hands on them and pray, but the disciples rebuked them. But Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

I used to think that Jesus likened the people of the Kingdom to children because they are humble, innocent, and teachable. But now I believe He did this because children are also helpless and vulnerable.

Recently our little granddaughters were staying over with us for the very first time. Norah, the two-year old, was taking a nap. While she was sleeping on the living room floor, I thought it would be a good time for me to go to my office (next room) and work on this letter.

Norah woke up and I heard her crying. I hurried in and all she wanted to do was hold me and then find Grandma. She woke up in a dark and unfamiliar place and no one was around. She became frightened and began to cry for someone to help her.

Children are innocent. Children are humble. But they are also helpless and vulnerable. Children know they need our help and protection. They know that they cannot do without their parents to guide and protect them.

Years ago, in the Garden of Eden, Adam and Eve decided they did not need God's guidance and protection. They decided they could "go it alone" without God. The ultimate result of that decision will become apparent to the whole world during the Day of the Lord.

The world at the time of Jesus' Second Coming will be a world destroyed! It will be a world that is broken and sickened by the rule of a terrible beast power and the curses of the final end-time plagues. Jesus said that it will be like nothing the world has ever seen, nor will ever see again!

### **Matt 24:21-22**

For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be.

What the people of the world will need at that time is a Savior, someone who will intercede, save them, and destroy their destroyers. The whole world will be like little children waking up in a dark and scary room, helpless and crying out.

Remember the story about the Israelites in Egypt before the Exodus? The Pharaoh ordered his soldiers to kill all male children born to the women of Israel. How long would it have been before the Israelite nation in Egypt would no longer exist? The Israelites cried out to God—even as little children in serious trouble will cry out to their parents. They needed help and God sent Moses back into Egypt to save them.

The people of the world that are left at the End will need a Savior too. And God Almighty will send one!

How does God look at the people of the Earth—all of us children of Adam? Does He see us as His very own children gone astray?

Let's consider the parable of the Prodigal Son. The father rejoiced because the son that was lost finally came back to him.

#### **Luke 15:22-24**

But the father said to his servants, "Bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet. And bring the fatted calf here and kill it, and let us eat and be merry; for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found."

Is this how God looks at the world? How much rejoicing will take place in Heaven when Jesus comes back to save the world from complete destruction? How much rejoicing should we be doing during the fall feast days? God has chosen to reveal to us—in advance—His glorious plan to save the world!

The fall feast days have far more meaning for the world than maybe we have realized in the past. Perhaps too often we've only thought about how we will be changed in the twinkling of an eye at the resurrection of the saints. Or maybe we've focused mainly on being kings and priests and setting everything straight along with Jesus, King of Kings. Those are wonderful things to personally look forward to; but what about the rest of the people of the world? Shouldn't we care for them, too? They are the ones who are poor, blind, and naked! They are the ones who will have been deceived by evil men and demons bent on their annihilation! They will be in sore need of a Savior—one who is coming to inaugurate a completely new world.

The Feast of Trumpets, Day of Atonement, Feast of Tabernacles, and the Last Great Day of the Feast are for them too! Maybe they don't know it yet, but WE DO!

While we are feasting and enjoying a foretaste of the peace, safety, and prosperity of the Kingdom of God under the leadership of the Great Christ Jesus, what will the rest of the world be doing?

I will tell you what they will be doing. They will be blindly careening down the toboggan slide of destruction as the world continues to march faster and faster toward the time of terrible cataclysm called by God's prophets "the day of the Lord."

Part of preaching the Gospel is to warn the world about what is coming before Jesus returns bringing the Kingdom. Also part of our job is to prepare ourselves to help receive God's children who will be coming back home to Him.

**Isa 62:10**

Go through, Go through the gates!  
Prepare the way for the people;  
Build up,  
Build up the highway!  
Take out the stones,  
Lift up a banner for the peoples!

The Feast is an advance celebration of the blessings of God that will eventually come to all the peoples of the Earth. It will be a time when we can share the joy of the Kingdom with all who are willing to come to Him. I really look forward to that time when many prodigal sons and daughters will finally come home to God's house.

The stage is being set now for the emergence of a world-seducing, savior-like figure who will deceive the nations with the direct help of Satan himself.

Jesus will have to return to save the whole world from utter and complete destruction.

People will be deceived. The people of the world will be seduced and lulled to sleep by a false sense of safety and prosperity. They will have no idea what is about to happen.

**Matt 24:37-40**

But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.

Our great and wonderful God has graciously called us to a very special and holy calling. The Kingdom is not just for us. The Kingdom is for all the people of the world. We are to tell them about the coming Kingdom now, warn them

about the evil times to come, and ultimately help God share the glories of the Kingdom with them. I hope that time comes soon. Meanwhile, during the upcoming Feast days we will celebrate together the meaning and import of the Kingdom to come. While we are so doing, let us not forget the others of God's children who have yet to come home.

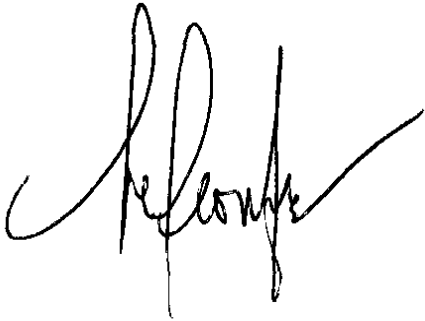
I remember the words of an old gospel song my little Grandma used to sing:

I once was lost, but now I'm found.  
Was blind, but now I see.

I look forward to the time when the whole world will sing those words.

Have a wonderful and bountiful fall festival season.

In service to the King of Kings,

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

T. Leon Sexton

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