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Dear Fellow Laborers,

The recent riots in Bangkok have now ended and things are back to normal. There is still a curfew from 8 PM until 6 AM, but other than that, there is no sign of any more Reds on the streets. Abhisit Vejjajiva, the Prime Minister, tried to avoid deadly force as long as he could. He ordered the soldiers and police to use rubber bullets, water cannons and tear gas to disburse the rioters. He tried to have meetings with the Red Shirt leaders and come to some compromise. He even agreed to dissolve Parliament and hold new elections in November. But they would have none of it and escalated their rioting. They took over a hospital and threatened the patients and medical staff with sharpened bamboo sticks. They launched Rocket Propelled Grenades into crowds of ordinary people. They set fire to government buildings, the Bangkok Post newspaper building, a television station, banks and other buildings. As long as the Reds stayed behind their barricades and remained in one place, there was some hope of compromise. But when they turned into raging street mobs, killing, burning and looting, something had to be done. The last straw was when a Red Shirt mob looted and burned a large mall in downtown Bangkok. Citizens of Bangkok metropolis were very afraid and pressed the Prime Minister to do something decisive. Foreign diplomats urged Prime Minister Vejjajiva to bring things back to normal. Finally, he ordered police and military units to disburse the rioters from their urban strongholds using whatever force necessary and arrest ringleaders. With their leaders killed or in custody, the Reds scattered like chaff in the wind.

I have been praying that God bring a halt to the Red activities in Thailand. I have asked all of you to pray, too. In order to do God's vital work in Asia, we need peace and stability in Thailand. It is in Thailand that we are continuing to build the Legacy school. It is in Thailand that we enjoy the freedom and even the support that we can receive in no other country in this area of the world. Thailand has religious freedom found nowhere else—not in Laos, Burma, Cambodia, Malaysia, China, or Vietnam. Nor can we find the kind of religious freedom we need in the great democracy of India. Thailand's religious freedom is guaranteed by the person of King Bhumibol himself.

The work we have been given to do must continue. We must use the resources God has given us—coupled with the power of the Holy Spirit that is given to us by Him. We have had absolutely no Red activity in the little village where we have our school.

Nor have we seen any activity any more in the provincial capital of Chiang Mai located 15 kilometers away. We are blessed to have God's protection. But in order to bring young people from the border areas of Thailand and from surrounding countries like Burma or Laos, we need peace and stability.

Our goal is to train young people and send those God calls to His Work—BACK to serve among their own people. Travel across borders is almost impossible if there is rioting and bombing going on in the capital.

The king and queen have been very saddened by the violence and do not want to see bloodshed in the streets. They consider themselves the “parents” of all Thai people and mourn the death of even one person. King Bhumibol is a constitutional monarch. He has no direct role in politics. He would like to see the people of Thailand work out their differences according to the democratic process and the rule of law. His power rests in his moral credibility and influence. He has no political power other than being Head of State according to the Thai constitution. The political power rests in the office of the Prime Minister and Parliament.

The king has been in the hospital for several months recovering from a severe lung infection. He is now 82 years old and suffers from the ravages of age and the strenuous responsibilities he has carried out for over 60 years on the throne. Queen Sirikit stays with him in the hospital and he is much improved but continues with physical therapy. He wants to walk out of the hospital and go back to stay in his royal residence in Bangkok, but needs to remain under the therapists' care until his walking and balance improve. We can only imagine the toll that the Red Shirt rioting in the capital has on his health. Please continue to pray for the king and queen of Thailand.

When I think about the king and queen and how tired they must be after struggling for over 60 years on the throne trying to bring peace and prosperity to their country, I have to think about my own physical condition and the struggles I face every day to carry forward God's Work of preaching the Good News of the coming Kingdom of God. I think about how tired I get and how weary I become. It seems that Satan never sleeps and the evil he generates—endless. It is easy to become weary in well doing. I have been at this battle for over 40 years, being called into the Church while serving in the U.S. Navy as a young man of 20. I, like many in the Church today, yearn for the return of Jesus, King of Kings and the beginning of a new world.

Gloria and I are traveling in the USA at this time and we have been able to visit in California and Texas. I am surprised how well I am holding up because this is the first time I have had a chance to come back to the U.S. since my congestive heart failure and strokes over a year and a half ago. I get tired—really tired. Sometimes on this trip I have found myself absolutely exhausted. But The Almighty keeps

giving me the strength to continue on. Being a servant of the Lord is not easy. But people have told me how encouraging it has been for them to see me “back in the saddle” again. I am a living witness of the power of God.

During this trip I have heard a recurring question: “How much time do you think we have left?” I can only answer that I cannot know. Jesus said that only the Father knows. But He also said that we should read the signs of the times. We cannot know how much time we have left. Every time we have set dates in the past, we have gotten into trouble. We can only know that the End is eminent and we have an important job to complete.

Jesus gave us all a job to do. We all have a part to play in that job. He said:

All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost (Spirit): Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen. Matthew 28:18-20¹

Jesus’ words give us important clues about our job and how long it must last.

First, we are to teach all nations. Not some nations. Not most nations. Not just those we consider to be modern day Israel. NO—Jesus said ALL! All includes the many nations of the modern day Non-Israel or Gentile world. That job hasn’t been done yet. I remember back about 25 years ago I was talking to someone in Pasadena about the Gospel mandate. He had a list of Plain Truth magazine subscribers. At that time, the Plain Truth had an international subscription of over 8 million. This person claimed that the Gospel had been preached to the whole world because we had magazines going to almost all the nations of the Earth. I asked him how many were going to Laos. He checked his list and came back with, “one.” I asked him how many were going into the People’s Republic of China. He again checked his list and could find no listing. I then asked him, “So, do you still believe that the job is complete? Do you believe that the Gospel has been preached to the whole world?” Sadly, he said, “Yes.”

People choose to believe what they want to believe. The 1982 census conducted by the Chinese government showed that the population had reached over one billion people and was still climbing. How could we say we reached the whole world when there were still ONE BILLION people unreached? That was 18 years ago. Today, 40% of the world’s people are either Chinese or Indian. Can we truly say that the Gospel has been preached to them? Can we honestly sit back in our sofas or easy chairs and say, “I can rest now, the job is done?”

¹ All scriptures KJV unless otherwise noted. Parenthetical notations my own.

I have had people tell me that we don't have to reach every nation because the Two Witnesses will complete the job; or an angel will complete the job; or that we will complete it in the Millennium. Any or all of these may be so, but Jesus did not give the Matthew 28 command to only two people or an angel, and He did not say, "Never mind, just wait until I come back to complete the job."

How long must we continue to labor? Jesus gives the answer, "till the End of the World." That means we must continue to expand every effort to fulfill Our Lord's commandment. If we do not, we are failing to do our jobs.

I gave a presentation on this trip about taking the Gospel to the nations. When the scriptures talk about "the Nations", they are talking about mainly the Gentile nations. Jesus said that many from the East, the West, the North, and the South would come and sit down with Abraham in the Kingdom of God. The "nations" have only barely been reached. We have only just scratched the surface. If we are to complete our jobs, we must reach the nations that are NOT what we understand to be modern Israel. That means the nations of Africa, Russia, Asia and other peoples.

I know that it is overwhelming to think we have that much more work to do. It is mind-boggling. We have to ask, "How can we possibly do it?" This leads to the next answer found in Matthew 28: "How are we ever going to be able to do it?" Two verses answer this:

...All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth...

...lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

Jesus reassures us that He has ALL POWER! This means that every resource in Heaven and Earth is placed at our disposal. It means that there is NOTHING we cannot be given to get the job done. All power means just that! Jesus also says that He will stay with us—backing us up all the way—until the very end! With this kind of power and resources at our disposal, there is nothing in Heaven or on Earth that can prevent us from completing our job—no matter how great and overwhelming it may seem. The Bible tells us that we are to bring down strongholds, mountains, thrones and every other seemingly invincible power that exists in Heaven or on Earth! We do this by the Power of God. Can we trust our Lord Jesus and take Him at His Word?

For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong hold. 2 Corinthians 10:4

This means that no matter what task God gives us, we can accomplish it through the power of the Holy Spirit that God pours out upon us.

Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts. Zec. 4:6

We have a lot of work ahead of us before the End. It is like the gun lap of a race. That final lap around the track is when you put every bit of your heart and energy into winning the race. You hold nothing back. We have not yet completed our task. When it is done—only then will Jesus return.

Take heart. Go to God and tell Him how much we need our batteries recharged. The Work will be completed by the Great Power of God poured out upon us because we exercise faith.

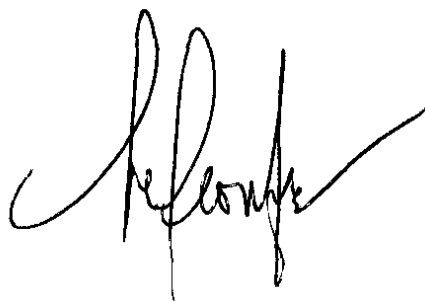
It is by faith—and faith only—that we will complete the race.

We are pressing on with God's Great Work in Asia. I am frankly exhausted from this trip back to America. But at the same time I am energized! The economy is bad. The country is in the throes of sweeping changes for the worse. Yet, God's people remain faithful and engaged in getting His work done.

Let nothing discourage you. The Mighty Lord Jesus has all power in Heaven and in Earth. Trust Him and DO THE WORK!

Until next letter,

In the service of Jesus Christ the King,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Leon Sexton', with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

T. Leon Sexton

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