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Dear Friends and Fellow Laborers,

Last month on December 5, King Bhumibol of Thailand turned 85. The king has the distinction of being the longest reigning monarch on earth. He has now been on the throne for over 60 years, his coronation having taken place on May 5, 1950.

The king has been battling several health issues and remains under medical care in the hospital; but rumors that he is near death, senile, or incapacitated are all false. His physical therapy seems to be coming along successfully and he has recently taken several excursions outside the hospital, including a brief shopping trip. Every time the king goes out, the streets are lined with yellow-shirted well-wishers shouting, "Long live the king!" and holding up pictures of His Majesty. We continue to pray for him daily.

It is not well known that, even though Thailand's monarchy is constitutional and the king has no real political power, his influence is far-reaching because of his over 60 years of service to the country. He has visited every province in Thailand and initiated thousands of small, self-help projects to raise the quality of life of the people. Thais from all walks of life actually love their king because he has sacrificed his life for them. Many years ago, he even contracted a rare heart infection during a visit to a remote border area while his immune system was run down.



Photo of His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej Rama IX taken in December, Courtesy of Wikimedia Commons.

Gloria and I have personally accompanied the King and Queen on some of their excursions to review progress at one border project or another. On one occasion while visiting a royal SUPPORT Foundation project in the northeast, Her Majesty Queen Sirikit asked me to escort the king over to see a piece of well-preserved ancient silk cloth woven in the Mudmee (traditional tie-dyed) pattern. When we started to walk, it was obvious the king was worn out from having spent the day in tropical heat looking at several agricultural projects and a newly constructed weir (small dam) for water conservation. This has been the pattern of his life. It has certainly been no jet-set lifestyle.

That incident in the northeast was over 20 years ago. Now in his 80s, one would think he should have more time to relax or take up a hobby like golf or fly fishing. No chance for this king. The only things that seem to force him to slow down are the doctors that watch over him. He even holds court audiences in a special room set aside for royal use at the hospital. A recent visit by President Obama to the king was held in this special hospital audience room.

The most recent information I have been given about King Bhumibol's health is that he continues to make improvements and is walking further distances and for longer periods of times. Please pray for Him and for the health of his wife Queen Sirikit, who is now 80.

The Work of God we are doing in Southeast Asia enjoys special freedom in Thailand. The king is the protector of all religions and we are free to teach God's Way and keep the weekly Sabbath and annual Feasts without interference. In fact, we have been privileged with royal favor for ourselves and other volunteer teachers and COG members over the years. Some time ago, King Bhumibol even granted us permission to use a beautiful pavilion, located at a royal project garden, for a Holy Day service during the Feast of Tabernacles.

The king and queen have shown my family and the Work of God here special care and consideration. When my wife and two sons came out of Nepal with typhoid, it was the king and queen that provided hospital care for them at royal expense. Again, when I was hospitalized four years ago for congestive heart failure and strokes, it was the king's own heart doctor that took care of me, and the Queen sent her ladies-in-waiting to the hospital every day to check on my progress. I was in the hospital for almost two months. Who paid the bill? You guessed it.

When I had to have cataract surgery, the Queen arranged for her own eye doctor to perform the surgery.

God has blessed Legacy and us personally with the concern of these two caring monarchs. It has not just been only my family that they have helped. Legacy teachers and students alike have had the best doctors provided and better hospital care because of their intervention. When we have difficulties with various forms of red tape and need advice, the palace servants of the king and queen are always available to help us. It is as if the Holy God of Heaven has graciously caused this noble couple to watch over us and the young people who come to Legacy to study or to volunteer as teachers. May God bless them for their magnanimity shown to God's people and many, many others over the years!



Legacy teachers: L. Hanna Reisdorff & Abigail Sylte

for her to stay on alone. She needs a female colleague to provide emotional support and help with the tremendous work load of teaching and supervising students. Legacy needs a mature young lady with a college or technical degree, or at least several years of undergraduate education completed. She should be a baptized Church of God member in good standing. (By COG, I mean from any one of our various fellowships.) She would need to be fluent in the English language. Experience in teaching and some experience living or traveling in a foreign country would be helpful, but not absolutely necessary. She would need to be either self-sponsored or find congregational support for a round trip air ticket to Chiangmai, Thailand, and also to cover the costs of a Passport, Thai visa fees, and renewals.

VOLUNTEER TEACHER(S) NEEDED

At the end of this academic year in February 2013, Hanna Reisdorff will be returning to the U.S. to continue her university education. She has done a fantastic job as a teacher and Christian example. Now she has to return home and get on with her life.

This means that Abigail Sylte is left as the only teacher. Abigail is also an incredibly capable and exemplary Christian teacher. We need her for one more year and she really wants to stay on and help. But it is unwise to agree



While on Visa Run: Ruins of Angkor Wat in Cambodia



Relaxing musical moment

In addition, a male teacher to help serve here at Legacy with the same above qualifications would be a great help to set the right example of Christian leadership for the male students.

Anyone interested, please contact Legacy Institute at: mail@LegacyInstitute.org

I appeal to our fellow laborers to please pray that we especially find a qualified young lady to help for the next academic year. The alternative is that Abby stays home in Texas and does not return.

That would mean that I would be the only teacher at Legacy until we find new teachers. I presently teach the two main Bible courses and Public Speaking. I also am the only Sabbath speaker, which means sermon preparation every week—not to mention the letters, videos, writing and editing booklets for translation, and visiting brethren across the border in Burma. I now understand better what God is telling us when He says:

Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit says the Lord of Hosts . . . (Zechariah 4:6)

Another scripture I read to give me great encouragement is:

He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall: But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint. (Isaiah 40:29-31)

We trust God and wait on Him to answer our prayers. We always appreciate your powerful prayers—the prayers of the saints of God—our brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ.

God's will be done!

PROPHECY MARCHES ONWARD

We know that things are getting financially tougher and tougher for our fellow laborers back home. We ourselves are feeling the pinch over here as our supporters are not able to help Legacy financially as much as they might want. The United States and Europe are in financial trouble. The U.S. averted the so-called Fiscal Cliff for a few more months, but nothing has been done to find a solution to the bottomless pit of debt the country has dug for itself. It is clear that the U.S. congress lacks the moral fiber to do anything about it.

The Europeans are scrambling to try to keep the Charlemagne Dream alive and even expand it toward the East. But the union is cracking apart at the seams even as the leadership tries to pour billions of euros into failing economies. Meanwhile, more and more world leaders advocate a new world financial order.

An article in online magazine, *The New American*, reports some startling news from a summit of Russian and European leaders that took place recently in Brussels.

*While much of the Christian and post-Christian worlds were busy rushing about in last-minute preparations for Christmas celebrations, an important event took place in Brussels, Belgium, that went largely unnoticed and unreported. Leaders of the European Union and Russia met in Brussels on December 20 and 21 for the 30th EU-Russia Summit, continuing a process of convergence and interdependence that is leading toward **political, economic, and social merger**¹.*



At Legacy garden enjoying the tropical Malagaw (Papaya)

¹ NEW AMERICAN, 27 December 2012, *Bilderberg-picked EU Leader Van Rompuy Calls for Global Governance With Russia*, HWilliam F. Jasper

That comment is shocking. Could anyone have ever imagined a political union of Europe and Russia?

Read on.

In his remarks at the conclusion of the summit, Herman Van Rompuy, president of the European Council, made repeated reference to progress toward the goal of “global governance,” which has always been code in globalist circles for world government. Van Rompuy stated: By working together, the EU and Russia can make a decisive contribution to global governance and regional conflict resolution, to global economic governance in the G 8 and G 20, and to a broad range of international and regional issues. I would like to congratulate President Putin for taking over the presidency of G 20².

The New World Order and an international common currency are just around the corner. The worldwide economic disruption of a financially broke America and the possible collapse of the euro could just be the catalyst for the emergence of a new financial world order led by some kind of supranational world government. The cards are being reshuffled right now.

We must remember that the Beast of Revelation is all about economics! When Babylon finally falls, it is the merchants of the world that weep and moan!

And the merchants of the earth shall weep and mourn over her; for no man buyeth their merchandise any more: The merchandise of gold, and silver, and precious stones, and of pearls, and fine linen, and purple, and silk, and scarlet, and all thyine wood, and all manner vessels of ivory, and all manner vessels of most precious wood, and of brass, and iron, and marble, And cinnamon, and odours, and ointments, and frankincense, and wine, and oil, and fine flour, and wheat, and beasts, and sheep, and horses, and chariots, and slaves, and souls of men. (Revelation 18:11-13)

There is an old saying about the Golden Rule. It is not one from the Bible, but rather an axiom of business and power. This rule says that “*He who has the gold—makes the rules.*”

The European rulers are already using this axiom to bring irresponsible and recalcitrant member nations into line by gaining more control over EU members by withholding bailout funds unless they give up control of their national finances to the supranational EU parliament. The current U.S. administration does the same thing with the various states. If a state wants federal funding, the governments of those states must fall into line about regulations and policies that President Obama wants put into place.

The world is changing rapidly. The Palestinians will be going to the U.N. very soon to gain complete recognition as a sovereign state with pre-1967 borders. With every new crisis, a new opportunity is presented to grab more power over the nations of the world.

With the financial and military help of the U.N., United States, and NATO, the King of the South continues to rise. Now northern Mali has been taken over by Al Qaida and Syria will soon fall to The Muslim Brotherhood-led rebel coalition (funded by American dollars).

² ibid

It is a very weird and confusing “Brave New World” we are heading into in 2013. It is no wonder that the brightest comet of the century will be seen this year by all eyes on earth as it passes on its way around the sun³. Only by the grace of God will we weather what is coming. It is scary, but I remember a story that occurred during a siege of Jerusalem.

Therefore sent he thither horses, and chariots, and a great host: and they came by night, and compassed the city about. And when the servant of the man of God was risen early, and gone forth, behold, an host compassed the city both with horses and chariots. And his servant said unto him, Alas, my master! how shall we do? (2 Kings 6:14-15)

Elisha’s servant was scared to death. A great army had surrounded the city and it appeared that all was lost. But the servant did not see the unseen powers of God. Elisha prayed and his eyes were opened.

And he answered, Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them. And Elisha prayed, and said, LORD, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the LORD opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha. (2Kings 6:16-17)

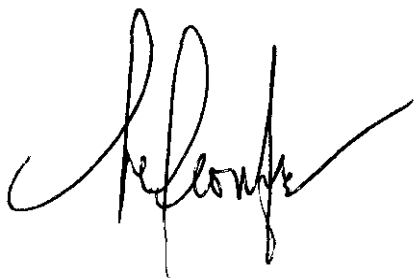
It is the unseen hand of God that protects His people. It never is, nor ever has been, our military or financial strength. A person can never really prepare physically for what is coming. We should do what we can; but ultimately, our salvation rests in the hands of God and His fiery host. Of ourselves, we have no strength.

Trust God and pray. Please remember us over here and the Work in God’s service that we are doing. I take seriously these words of Our Lord Jesus in John 9:4.

*I must work the works of him that sent me,
while it is day:
the night cometh,
when no man can work.*

The night is fast approaching.

A servant of Our Lord and King Jesus The Messiah,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Leon Sexton', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke at the end.

T. Leon Sexton

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³ Comet Ison