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Fourth of July in Thailand (L to R): Manorah, Brennen, Leon, Owen, Eamon, Gloria, and Ganya
Photo taken by Bronson and Chanisa (“Jib”) Sexton, pictured on right.

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Dear Friends and Fellow Laborers,

FOURTH OF JULY IN THAILAND

Thailand does not have an independence day, since the kingdom of Thailand never broke away from anyone. But my family and I are Americans living in Thailand, so we decided to have a small celebration of July Fourth. I broke out my father’s memorial flag that was given to my mother at my father’s funeral, which included a 21-gun salute by the local VFW. We also had fire crackers the grandkids set off and enjoyed special snacks. I also put on some 1776 videos on YouTube so the grandkids could learn more about America’s roots. My son Bronson is an American citizen which makes his children legal Americans.

It is important for all Americans to remember the blood, sweat, and tears that went into the founding of the United States. My own Sexton family came from Ireland to America over 350 years ago fleeing religious and political persecution. I have one ancestor, John Sexton, who fought in the Revolution with the South Carolina Militia under commanders such as Francis Marion and Nathaniel Green. Our Cherokee roots go even deeper into the fabric of America.

Today our young people are forgetting their roots. They have been brainwashed by our educational institutions to now even HATE what America means. Where are they being taught about the likes of George Washington, John Adams, and Ben Franklin? Are they being taught what is in the American Constitution (one of the greatest documents in history), alongside the Magna Carta, and the Declaration of Arbroath? No! The reason they are forgetting is because they are *not* being taught such history in the educational system. They hear a great deal about gender assignment, climate change, and white privilege—but little or nothing about the men and times that forged our nation. Is it any wonder that our youth are being uprooted from America’s birthright?

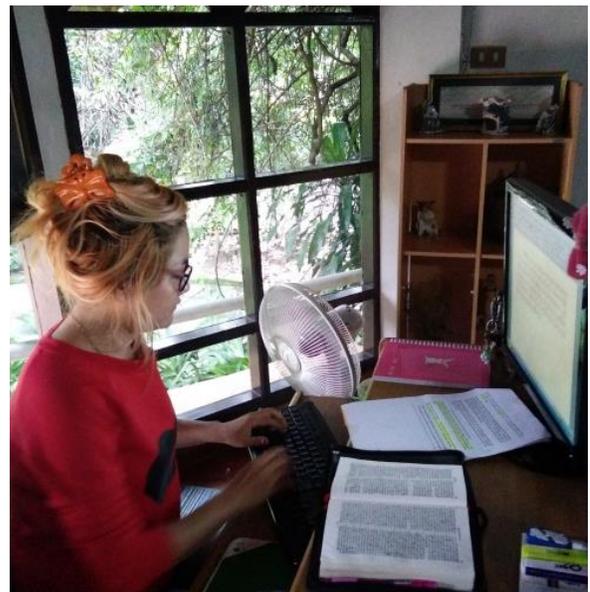
I also celebrate the Fourth of July in remembrance of the many and immeasurable blessings that God gives us because of the covenant He made with Father Abraham. We reap the benefits today because of Abraham’s faith in Almighty God thousands of years ago. Do we forget that we are the descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob—and are inheritors of the covenant God unilaterally made with Abraham? There are 13 stripes on the American flag. After adopting Ephraim and Manasseh, there were 13 children of Jacob (Israel). I keep the 4th because I want to continue to remember the incredible wealth and world power God promised to Abraham’s covenant descendants. I want to always remember God as the guarantor of our prosperity and freedoms. I want my children and grandchildren to remember. The Fourth of July is a time to remember who the Giver of our blessings is and to get on our knees and thank Him. That is why my family flew the flag of America on the Fourth of July—even in Thailand.

BOOKLETS IN THE BURMESE LANGUAGE

With the help of Legacy graduate AhJar Shan, we have translated two new booklets: “Is This the Only Day of Salvation?” and “What Is the Second Death?”

I thought it might be informative for you to see the list of booklets we have already translated into the Burmese language over the years:

1. Did Jesus Abolish God’s Laws about Unclean Meats?
2. God’s Holy Days
3. How to Count Pentecost
4. How to Judge Righteously
5. How to Make Peace with Your Brother
6. Is Christmas in the Bible?
7. Is God Really a Trinity?
8. Is this the Only Day of Salvation?
9. The Names of God and Jesus
10. Qualifications for the Ministry of Jesus Christ (*For the Ministry*)
11. Should a Christian Keep the 7th Day Sabbath?
12. The Deep Meaning of Yom Kippur—The Day of Atonement
13. The Meaning of the Feast of Tabernacles
14. The Problems with Christmas
15. The Tithes of God
16. What is Repentance?
17. What is the Difference between Law and Grace?
18. What is the Meaning of the Last Great Day (8th Day) of the Feast of Tabernacles?
19. What is the Real Reward of the Saved?
20. What is the Second Death?
21. What is Tithing? Why is Tithing Important?
22. Why We Should Keep the Feast of Trumpets



AhJar Shan at her computer translating.

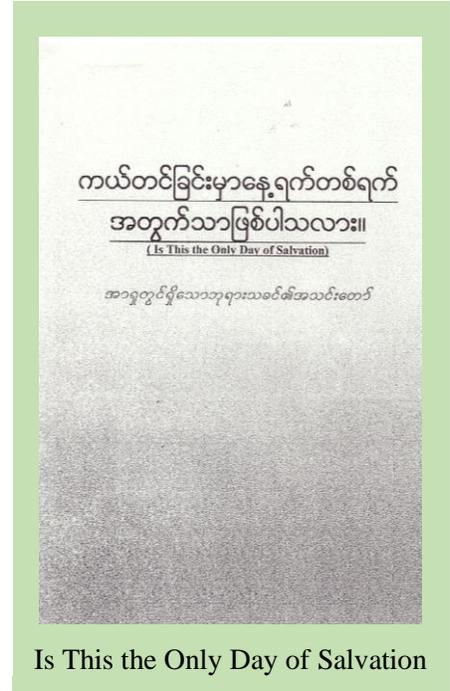
We are presently working on “What is the Kingdom of God?” It is important to understand that we cannot just translate a booklet by one of the COGs in English directly into Burmese. The COG booklets are written by American writers for an American readership. COG authors also take for granted that certain doctrines are already understood. We do not have that luxury.

I must first edit any booklet written by an American or English author into English that is readily translatable by our translator who is NOT American. I must also explain concepts that are automatically understood by an American reader but will not be readily understood by a Burmese reader. The two cultures are quite different. Sometimes I marvel at the idea many Americans have: that the whole world thinks like Americans and has the same cultural background. Frankly, sometimes it is better for me to just rewrite the whole thing.

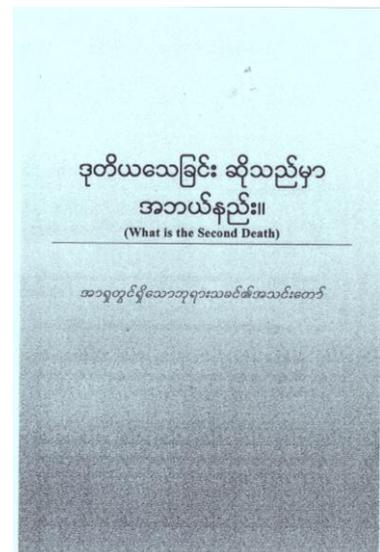
I remember one very important lesson Mr. Herbert Armstrong taught me. He said, “Know your audience.” There were times on trips overseas to Sri Lanka, Thailand, and other Asian areas that he would have me read the local newspaper to him while he was getting dressed before one of his speeches to leaders, so that he would understand the things that were happening in their country and were important to them. He would then address those issues important to them. He studied his audience.

We must do the same thing. How does one write to a former Buddhist or traditional Christian audience? Even those who come from a supposedly Christian background have only heard a few well know scriptures and learned to sing nice songs in church services. Knowing your audience is a must in order to get the Gospel across to people who do not speak or understand English. At Legacy school in Thailand, we always emphasized learning English so that they could much better understand the Bible classes and other classes all taught in English. We will continue to teach English in Burma.

More booklets are needed. Plus, we need to produce a children’s Bible lesson series so the young ones in Burma can also learn. Gloria is working on this. She runs into the same problem I have. She must simplify and edit the English to be translated for a young Burmese reader. So Gloria just started over. There seems to be no end to the work we must do here. Sometimes Gloria and I become totally exhausted. But we do not complain. It is a great honor to serve Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We just ask God for more strength to keep going.



Is This the Only Day of Salvation



What is the Second Death

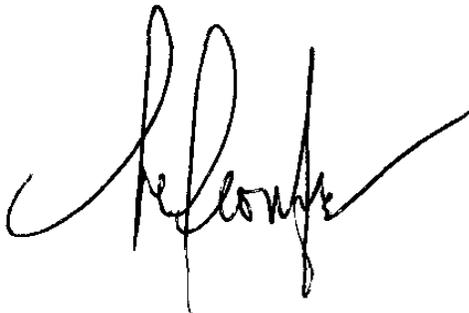
Please continue to pray for us and don't forget to include our family. Our son and his wife, with five precious children, are here with us in Thailand. They give us a lot of joy. Our grandchildren's energy wears us out—but somehow recharges us at the same time. They are Manorah (10), Galaya (9), Owen (7), Brennan (2 ½) and Eamon (1).

Bronson helps us with sending out all our letters and videos online. He also edits and adds extras to the videos. He is our technical support with the computers and other equipment. He takes care of our Web page, numerous online updates, and monthly PayPal deposits. He drives our Denny Luker tractor and helps us with anything teachers used to do. The list never ends. His wife, Jib, also helps us, mostly when we get into a jam or have an emergency and need more expert help with the language... Jib used to work in our office until her pregnancy with Owen.

Please pray for our pastor Seng Aung in Burma, his wife Seng Pan, and their two boys (Blessing and NawNaw), and MoPalel, assistant to Seng Aung. They have a lot of work to do as they take care of Jesus' sheep in the Taungoo area of central Burma. Then there are all our young teachers and students that need to be guided and helped. SengPan is also teaching piano keyboard, sewing, cooking, gardening, how to be a good wife, and the reality of marriage.

We thank you for all your prayers and financial assistance, without which we could not do this important work of preaching the Gospel here in Southeast Asia.

In Jesus' service,

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

T. Leon Sexton

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