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Clockwise: Denise Dobson, Gloria Sexton, Dave Dobson, Leon Sexton, John and Cindy Karlik,  
and Bronson and Jib Sexton

Dear Beloved Faithful Brethren and Fellow Laborers,

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### **Why are We Called “Legacy”?**

We are called “Legacy” because we follow the plain truth in the Word of God as taught at Ambassador College. “Legacy” because it is also an honor for what we were taught by Mr. Armstrong and other teachers at Ambassador.

Mr. Armstrong *preached the gospel* to America, Mexico, Canada, as well as Europe. Through Ambassador Foundation, the gospel continued to go to India, Israel, Muslims in Jordan and Egypt, Buddhists in Asia (China, Japan, Sri Lanka, and Thailand), as well as Hindus in Nepal. He also met with Haile Selassie, the Emperor of Ethiopia.

He took the words of Jesus Christ very seriously: “And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations . . .” (Matthew 24:14). He was regarded as the unofficial “Ambassador of World Peace”.

I (Leon) was only a teen when I would see booklets or *Plain Truth* magazines on our family coffee table. Time went by and I enlisted in the Navy. That is the time when God was working with me, called me to the truth, and I was baptized. When miraculously honorably discharged from the Navy, I went to Ambassador College, where a “legacy” was drilled into my brain: preach the Gospel to every nation.

I also studied the Thai language—and now here I am in Thailand. All because of the truth in God’s Holy Word and the legacy of Herbert W. Armstrong and Ambassador College.

When we began the foundation, and for a very good reason, the first name that came to mind was “Legacy.” That is why we started a training center right here in Chiang Mai—to keep that legacy going!

Now I have been to many exotic places in Asia, such as Bangladesh, Bhutan, China, India, Myanmar (Burma), Nepal, Sri Lanka, and Thailand—sometimes with Mr. Armstrong and sometimes as a representative of the Ambassador Foundation. While serving with Mr. Armstrong, I witnessed him teach the Gospel message to the leaders of each country.

One example: Mr. Armstrong asked me to get the English-speaking newspapers for him in Sri Lanka and read certain parts to him, so that he would be in touch with the recent events. Then later, in his meetings with dignitaries, Mr. HWA would address those issues with the Good News in mind and preach a future hope of a better world tomorrow and a future peace that would come from “above.” We know that one day many leaders around the world who heard one of these messages will remember it at their resurrection, when meeting their Creator and Maker.

In the name of the Gospel—The Good News—and our Legacy,  
Thurston Leon Sexton

### **Visit from Dave and Denise Dobson and John and Cindy Karlik**

What an uplifting and encouraging visit for all of us! We met for the first time many years ago in the Bakersfield—Lancaster church area in California. Did we ever think that we would meet again—*all together*—in Chiang Mai, Thailand? To see our brothers and sisters in Christ was just too overwhelmingly wonderful! Also, that we all continue to “hold fast” together through everything we go through—the ups and the trial-downs in our lives. We—as do all of you, our longtime beloved faithful brethren—look to our awesome HOPE when we meet our Lord and King at the very moment our Father God says the time is exactly right! We wait, we hope, we groan in expectation!

### **Jawk Taing Youth Sports Day**



Bundled up in cold season—all get warm quickly in a game of passing the ball from front to back—then run to the front until all have taken their run to the front! The first to accomplish this is the WINNER!

We are grateful to our donors and steadfast supporters of our youth in our church compound. Our Tulsa, Oklahoma, brethren have never quit in their support, even through the toughest times of the worldwide covid pandemic and all the trials entailed with that. Not only does it take care of all the supplies, special snacks, and prizes for the COG Sabbath school and Jawk Taing educational school, but also the extra-curricular activities. Youth Sports Day was special because they were able to go out to the Pathi Water Dam and keep safe. Care and safety are a constant vigil with the ongoing coup. When will it ever end?! Please keep praying that Leon and I will be able to once again visit our so-very-much missed brethren. We last were there for FOT in 2019.



Bananas

**Legacy Garden in Chiang Mai**

We are at the beginning of a permaculture concept. We keep in mind principles of sustainability, sufficiency economy, and agriculture from King Bhumibol Adulyadej—Rama IX. So far all has been organic and our intention has been self-sufficiency even as we learn the above.



Passion fruit will be ripe when yellow.



From garden to table: cucumbers, gourd, red long beans, chilis, and mustard greens.

Now is the best time of year for growing with the least number of bugs. JoTu and his son Stelle greatly take care of the Legacy farm. In our last letter we mentioned our produce, so here are a few pics of a blessed harvest!

As Mrs. Dorothy Stevenson, (who regularly writes us and has donated from the beginning of Legacy) ALWAYS says: “Let’s stay prayed up.” Yes, please keep that sweet incense to God burning and never let it go out!

Until next time, we thank all of you for your prayers, letters, and generous hearts to keep God’s Good News and Legacy going! Know that we too are praying for our brothers and sisters worldwide—the Body of our Lord and King—NOT divided but in UNITY with our Father and His Son!

We will write again, God-willing, after the Passover and Days of Unleavened Bread. Until then, God be with you!

In Christian love,

Leon and Gloria Sexton