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So-Long My Old Friend "We'll Meet Again One Day Soon"

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Dear Friends and Supporters,



A sad farewell to a close friend, Prof. Satawat Si-in (1957-2024). I first met Brother Satawat in 1981 when Cheryl and I, along with our young family, transitioned into the city of Nakhon Phanom to begin work on the Isan New Testament translation. We turned over our peasant farmer village ministry into the capable hands of newly-arrived missionary family. Since then, Satawat and I met on occasion yet more frequently in recent years. Initially, he was an inspector for the Thai health department. Having two Master's Degrees, he then taught English at the University of Nakhon Phanom until retirement. Satawat was very proficient in English, both in his fluent pronunciation, grammatical correctness, and wide vocabulary, much due to being around missionaries from his youth.

In my most recent trip to Thailand, upon reaching our ministry headquarters in distant Nakhon Phanom Province, I called all my close friends saying I was back. We usually met over lunch or dinner to catch-up on things. This time, upon calling my old friend Satawat, he said he'd been in the hospital with what they thought was a Peptic Ulcer and was now at home resting to relieve the symptoms in hopes of improving.



I said I'd be glad to visit him at home but he declined. Little did we know he was dying of Lymphoma, which he texted me later saying he was slated to be referred to Sri-Nakarin Medical Center in Khon Kaen Province, albeit too late. It was likely non-Hodgkin's lymphoma as he faded quickly, entering into the presence of his Lord and Savior shortly after I returned to the US. Sadly, I didn't get a chance to see my old friend except a few texts and this photo he sent me.

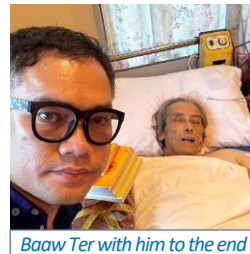
Satawat's faith was strong, having been saved out of idolatrous Catholicism. Nakhon Phanom has a century-old St. Anna's Catholic Church. Despite 1st Thess. 4:13—"I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope"—both Baaw Ter and I experienced much sorrow over Satawat's unexpected passing. Yet we are confident we'll see our old friend again. That's according to God's promises of His soon return in the air to call his own home to be with Him (John 14:1-3), which can't be too far off, perhaps today. We who are *In Christ* have a living hope (1 Pet. 1:3). Tragically, only a comparatively small handful of Thais have ever heard this Good News in a way they can grasp—the gift Salvation and eternal life *In Christ*. We are busy changing that with your help, of which we are lacking financial undergirding and need your prayers.



Satawat: Sick, yet at a reunion with his students



Sending off on my flight home



Baaw Ter with him to the end



My coworker Baaw Ter at Satawat's burial



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Your Missionaries to Thailand

- ✓ **Pray** that the Gospel of God's Love will soon have free reign among unreached Thai souls. We use proven methods and materials that speak to their hearts—including the more-accurate Thai translation I'm working on.
- ✓ **Pray** for my one-year multiple-entry Thai visa. If I get a one-year renewable (multi-entry) retirement visa, I'll be able to register my ministry pickup truck in my name and get another Thai driver's license.
- ✓ **Pray** for our airfare as prices continue to rise. Thailand is halfway around the world from San Diego, a 20-hr., 12,500 mi. flight. You can designate funds at our Baptist mission organization. (See address and tel. # below.)
- ✓ **Pray especially** for our waning finances. We need new supporters to stand alongside us in this task, the greatest, most satisfying and important job on earth, until Jesus comes.