



Ron & Cheryl Myers GOD'S LIVING WORD FOR ALL PEOPLE Thanksgiving 2023

A Faith-based Missionary Outreach Sustained Through the Prayers and Partnership of God's People

Enter His Gates with Thanksgiving – His Courts with Praise

Be Thankful to Him – Bless His Holy Name!

(Psalm 100:4)

By Ron Myers

Happy Thanksgiving to All,

Growing up in the scenic Finger Lakes Region of Upstate New York, harvestime was my favorite season. Especially Thanksgiving Day and what it means. It meant everything to the believers at that first Thanksgiving meal in 1621. As meager as it may have been, they realized if it were not for God's gracious watch care, along with the kindness of the local natives, they would have surely perished. They thanked God for His provision despite their circumstances.

Two centuries later a civil war split our nation. Sarah Hale, the Christian school teacher who penned *Mary Had a Little Lamb*, wrote to President Lincoln suggesting that to heal our divided nation a day should be set aside where all could thank God for His goodness and pray for divine intervention. Motivated by Sarah's letter, in 1863 President Lincoln proclaimed the last Thursday of November as a special day of thanksgiving, where all would take timeout to recognize our Creator God and thank Him for His every blessing. Nowadays, people express thanks for all sorts of things, but not to God. Sad!



Freedom From Want, A Thanksgiving Painting by Norman Rockwell (1943)

Not only are we in a sad state of affairs as a nation, but in uncertain times worldwide. Especially if we take our cues from our surroundings in our fractured nation. Instead, we need to *"fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith"* (Hebrews 12:2). And place our hope in God and His Promises: *"For all the promises of God are Yes, and Amen, to the glory of God"* (2 Corinthians 1:20). Considering our present-day surroundings, the verse I chose in Psalms for this newsletter's header says it all. *"Enter into His Gates with Thanksgiving and Into His Courts with Praise; Be thankful to Him, and bless His Holy Name"* (Psalm 100:4). Also, in these days fraught with uncertainty and unusual events, we need to heed Christ's admonition in Luke 21:28, *"And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh."*

In the spirit of thanksgiving, Cheryl and I want to thank all of you who partner with us, pray for, and support our ministry among Thailand's 78-million Buddhist population. God loves these Thai people with an everlasting love, like He loves you and me. Yet over 99 percent do not know His love, or Jesus Christ as their Creator and Savior—the One who died to atone for their sins and rose bodily for their justification. Today, due partly to faulty evangelism methods, only 0.1% of the Thai people have embraced Christ as their personal Savior.



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Missionaries to Thailand

Pray also for the Isan masses of Northeast Thailand. Our ministry here includes friendship evangelism, teaching believers, mentoring leaders, church planting, and Bible translation, as well as culturally effective reading materials. People do not realize that native-born Isanians are Lao-related, a separate people group from the Thai majority. They presently comprise over 25 million souls—one-third of Thailand's total population. Thank you for standing with us in this vital endeavor, taking the whosoever-will Gospel of Grace to those still waiting in heathen darkness for the first word. We thank God for you (2 Cor 9:7-12).