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Dear Pastor, Church, and Praying Friends,

"Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest." (Matthew 9:38)

To God be the glory; great things He hath done. One day while eating at one of our favorite noodle shops, a couple walked up and began ordering in English. Since it is such a rare thing, my ears key in quickly when I hear someone speaking English. After they ordered their food, I stood up to say hello and invited them to sit with us. They agreed and sat down with us. "How is it that you speak English so well?" I asked. James and Emily (the nicknames they went by) told me they were from Myanmar. James was in Thailand on an education visa; he was going to a university for monks.

We talked for a good while. After some time, I asked if they had ever given thought to Who had created the sun, moon, and stars. "No," James replied, a very sobering look coming over him. "Why?" "Why are you studying to be a monk?" I asked. James replied, "I don't really want to be a monk; I just want to be a good person" "Why?" I asked. "If there is no creator, who decides who is a good person?" James, having no answer, leaned back in his chair in deep thought. I continued, "Don't you think it would be wiser to find out Who created Heaven and earth and then learn what He says about how to live your life?" James leaned forward and asked, "Who is He? Do you know what he says?" "Yes, I do. I will show you what He says. I have His Words in the car."

I brought back my New Testament and said, "Let me show you some things that He says." Opening to Romans 3:23, I turned it around for James and Emily to see. James took it in his hands, and he read Verse 23 aloud. I asked him to turn a couple of pages and read Romans 6:23. He did so. Then I asked, "Is it true you are going to die?" "Yes, everyone dies," he replied. "What is this gift of God and eternal life?" he asked. "We will come back to that," I said. Seeing how he was holding the New Testament and with the great desire to know and understand the words he was reading, I was afraid to take it back out of his hands. I quickly explained how the Word of God is divided into books, chapters, and verses. I said, "Turn to the last book, Revelation, Chapter 20, and Verse 14." He did, and then we went back to Romans 6:23. On we went through God's Word, learning of God sending His only begotten Son to die for our sins, be buried, and rise from the dead.

The entire time, James was holding the Word of God and reading every verse aloud. James came to this conclusion and said, "So God will give me eternal life because Jesus has paid for all my sins?" "That is correct," I said. Then James asked, "How does He give it to me?" "Turn to Romans 10:13," I replied. He did and read it aloud. I said, "If you believe Him, then just call on Jesus' name and tell Him what you want." James looked over at Emily and said, "I'm calling on Jesus' name. What about you?" Emily said, "Me too." James said, "Now what do I do?" I said, "Just bow your head, and start talking to Jesus. He's



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listening." James bowed his head, "Jesus, will You give me the gift of eternal life?" James leaned over to Emily and softly whispered, "It's your turn." "Jesus, can I have eternal life too?" Emily prayed. James and Emily looked up with faces beaming. With tears flowing down my face, I asked, "Where will you go when you die?" "With Jesus," came the reply. What an amazing God we serve! Glory to God!

For some time, we had been searching for a different property to rent to meet for church. We came across a property that had sat empty for about 8 years. The property had 3 buildings on it. It had a central building that could be used for an auditorium. The other 2 buildings had been used for small apartments in the past. They are like hotel rooms with their own bathrooms. There were 20 rooms total in the 2 buildings. I began to think about the possibilities. They could be used for Sunday school rooms and, in the future, dormitory rooms for a Bible college. This was an unbelievable find.

The owner agreed to rent the entire property to us cheaper than any other acceptable place we could find. Since it was in need of a lot of remodeling, we began to talk with the owner about our making the repairs and not paying rent until all the funds were recovered. As we were going back and forth with ideas, a visiting pastor suggested I ask them about renting to own. I did, and the owner was very happy with the idea.

By the end of January, God had put into my hands what will become a beautiful property to be used for our God. In the end, we can own it. The purchase price is 9 million baht (US\$285,000). We have 3 years to purchase the property, and 50% of the rent goes toward the purchase price. We are moving forward and are praying for the funds for remodeling and purchasing.

We love you all and thank you for your faithful prayers and support! May God bless you and your work for Him there, as we work for Him here!

Yours for His harvest,

Andrew & Denise Long
Romans 10:14