# **Thailand** Women's Ministry Newsletter

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"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord." 1 Corinthians 15:58

## Dear Praying Friends,

It is a sad fact that 40% of prisoners, both in Thailand and the US, after having served their sentences, end up back in prison. This occurs repeatedly. However, according to statistics by Thai prison officials, of those prisoners who come to know the Lord while incarcerated, only 1% end up back in prison.

Based on this fact, Thai prison officials are open to Christians preaching the Good News to the imprisoned. They also allow them to receive correspondence courses from Christians organizations. Once prisoners have finished their courses, they receive certificates which can then be used to lower their sentences. For this reason, prisoners are open to learning about God. Those who become Christians while in prison often experience godly transformation in their lives which serve as positive testimonials to prison officials. However, not all prison officials are open to this process. Irrespective, we all know that God is the one who opened the doors of opportunity for the prisoners to learn about Him.

I continue to receive letters from prisoners in response to having read the book, "Knowing the One True God". I believe you will be encouraged by reading excerpts from these letters as you learn how God has used His powerful Word in this book to bring about godly transformations in the prisoners' lives.

## Labe Chungja: (from the Lisaw tribe.)



Thank you for giving us the book, "Knowing the One True God," as it has helped us believers to be able to study the Word of God with a much better understanding. Also, it has helped us to truly know the one true God, understand His purpose for our lives, as well as God's plans for mankind in this world. He wants all sinners to be reconciled to Him and receive eternal life through his son Jesus Christ. I am greatly encouraged by the life of the author, because after she became a Christian, she was rejected by her family and faced all kinds of obstacles. This certainly encourages my heart to

endure when facing problems that come my way without relying on my own strength but instead, on the strength that comes from the one true God alone. Thank you once again for giving us this book.

#### Mahday Pawsai: (from the Lahu tribe. Age 37)



I ended up in prison because I disobeyed God's Word and sinned against Him and many other people. I have often thought about my wrongdoings and wondered who would be able to forgive me. Because of that, I have had a lot of anxiety in my heart all these years. I never thought there would be someone who could forgive me. But now that I have read the book, "Knowing the One True God," I am so happy to have learned many things about God: He created everything, loves mankind and always extends forgiveness to all. I believe God loves me and has given me another chance

and that His forgiveness is always available to me. In the past, I was so weak and felt hopeless and was very sad that I had sinned against God, my family members, friends, and many other people, and it was all my fault. I did not understand the wrongs I had done, but this book brings me understanding. It also gives me encouragement; although I have done so many wrong things, it doesn't matter how much wrong I have done in the past, if I confess my sin to God, He will forgive me. Now I know that this God is the only one true God who loves me and extends His forgiveness to me all the time. I thank him for protecting me and for forgiving me.

#### Pongsakorn Naijang:



This book is very good and useful because it helps me know God better and it has solved many doubts that I had. It is so easy to understand and I received many answers from it. I have been led to read the Bible a lot more because I have to search for the answers from the scripture and answer the questions in the book. It is so exciting and a lot of fun. Each chapter has taught me a lot of things. Now, I understand more regarding God's creation. It helps me understand the lives of the patriarchs and I'm able to apply this to my life.

All the things that I have learned help me understand how I should live my life and what I should do in order to please God. Although I have been facing difficult times, I believe that God will never forsake me. I want to thank God for sending His servant to bring me this book so that I can study it. I thank God for His written Word which has entered my life. The Word of God is the truth and this is the most important thing in my life.

#### Suranaat SaeHur:



I used to think too much, and was not able to sleep well as I was under a lot of stress. Thank you for bringing me the book that is written by Chanaddah so that my Christian friends and I can read and study it. The profound nature of God's Word in this book has brought many questions and answers to me. I have learned about God creating the heavens and the Earth, man and everything else. This has helped me understand God's righteousness, man's sin (which I and other men have committed) and its effect.

Every portion of this book is so useful and meaningful to me. I am very glad and grateful to God for Jesus Christ and His written Word. I'm also grateful for every teacher, and Chanaddah for writing this book. Every question and answer in this book have led me to become a happy man and it's like I have a new life.

#### Prajin Wonganun: (from the Karen tribe. Age 36)



I am from the Karen tribe and was sentenced to jail because of drugs. I used to be very discouraged because of the many problems I had been facing. I was at the point of having no more strength nor a heart to go on. But after reading the book, "Knowing the One True God," it has helped me understand more about God and His Word. Through this, I now know the value of my life a lot better. Thank you once again for giving me this book.

#### <u>Ratchapon Poonperm:</u>



I have been a Christian for nine years, but I never understood how to live a Christian life and I had no idea what I should do, but after reading this book "Knowing the One True God," I understand a lot more. I have been inspired and encouraged by the different stories of the patriarchs and I would like to follow their examples. This book explains things well and gives illustrations of the real-life stories of the author, and that has helped me understand it a lot more easily. It is so fun to read and it has homework to do, and it's not boring at all.

#### Songchai Congnisai:



I have borrowed a book, "Knowing the One True God," from an inmate. This book has helped me learn the truth from Genesis through Revelation. I am going to use what I've learned from this book to preach to those (about 30 of them) who come to worship God on the Sabbath day. I will use Chapter 6 to preach to my brothers in Christ. I have done the outline of Chapter 6 already, and will share those main points with Christian friends. Unfortunately, time for sharing in jail is very limited.

### <u>Vichai Seeja:</u>



There were times when I read the Bible, that I did not understand the meaning of it. I used to have a lot of questions like: How could I be sinful if I never killed anybody, never committed adultery (as it never entered my mind to do so), and I never stole? Because of all those doubts, I was not confident in obeying God. But, after reading the book, "Knowing the One True God," I have come to understand that everything is created by God, and everything does not exist due to nature. I also learned about the origin of sin and how it entered the world. It was because of the disobedience of Adam

and Eve who ate the forbidden fruit. As a result, everyone became sinners because of one man, and only Jesus Christ can save us from sin.

I now have confidence in the teachings of Jesus; He is able to help a person like me be saved from sin. In the past, I did not believe in Him. Now that I believe in Jesus and follow Him, I have seen changes which God has brought upon my life. I have given Him everything and I thank Him for saving me from sin.

#### <u>Suntorn Jasaw:</u>



This book has helped me understand God's purpose for mankind. He wants us to turn our back on unrighteousness so that we can have an abundant life, and live pure lives for His glory. After studying this book, I now have a profound understanding of the Word of God. All of the problems and doubts I used to have; I now understand that the answer is in the Word of God. After studying this book, my life has changed, as well as my thoughts and actions. Thank you once again for giving me this book. I thank God for changing me.



While working on this newsletter, I am also working towards printing 10,000 more copies of the book, "Knowing the One True God." Hopefully, it can be completed by the beginning of May. Even though I need to continue raising funds to print more books for prisoners, I thank the Lord for giving me this wonderful problem. Please join me in this work for the glory of God.

Thank you once again for your prayers and kind contributions. May our faithful God bless you in all of your ways.

In Him,

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