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Dear Friends,

Let's pretend that your church was advertising a seminar about how to do cross-cultural evangelism.

How many people would sign up to come?

Now let's pretend that your church is located in a predominantly Muslim area and you are teaching on how to share the Gospel with Muslims. How many would sign up to attend?

Now let's pretend that your city has strict laws about proselytizing Muslims and your permission to stay in your city (and keep your job) is based in part on keeping those laws. How many will come?

And just for fun, let's pretend there is a war going on in your city and there is debris falling from the sky as bombs explode overhead. How many will sign up to come?

One of our students just ran a seminar in these exact circumstances and he had over 50 participants attend. After the seminar the comments were "we need to do this again!" and "we need more time and opportunities to practice!"

Praise God with us for these faithful believers and our gifted students who are taking what they learn at ABTS and passing it on to their churches.

The class Tim is teaching right now is thirteen strong with students joining online from India, Ghana, Philippines, and Cambodia. They have been doing great on their quizzes and discussion forums. We have our second Zoom call on Monday. Pray they will bring great questions and that Tim can give proper AND succinct answers to the questions. For their group projects, they will be grouped according to language: Tamil, Hindi, and English. They all have to submit their work in English (for Tim to grade) but their discussions can be in whatever language they wish. Then for the next project we will switch it up - forcing them all to revert exclusively to English. You seldom get to pick with whom you work on a committee, so we will see how it goes.

Cai just finished a standardized test for which he had been practicing diligently and he scored very well. He even had to take the proctored test while we were on vacation. His Thai teacher has been glowing about his progress, one of her best pupils in the last 10 years. Perhaps the 2 years he spent in Thai preschool are coming back to him, too. We thank God for Cai's intelligence and Charlene's diligence in his homeschooling.

Because He rose and is coming again,
Tim, Charlene, and Cai