

# HOWe THINGS ARE... April 2016

I get to go to Thailand this month! Back when I was sick, I was pretty convinced I would never recover and failed to comprehend that a future without being sick was highly probable.

Thailand is a once every three years delegate conference. And I get to be a delegate. I got elected and everything. I've appreciated past years when the people who were delegates reported back what happened and got input before they left. I want to live up to their good examples.

On the way to Thailand, I have a long layover in Hong Kong (time enough to leave the airport... assuming flights all behave themselves).

Meanwhile, since recovering from the plague, I'm now paranoid about everyone and their germs... because apparently you can catch something horrible from germy people and not recover for six weeks. I have hand sanitizer and disinfecting wipes... I also have face masks in case it comes to that for me.

While I was sick doing NOTHING, I apparently pulled a muscle in my abdomen. Perhaps you'll recall my having whined about what would be fair and not... getting injured while doing nothing: highly unfair. So, I couldn't run. This after I couldn't run for weeks because I was sick. After a couple weeks the pulled muscle thing was better, but not healed. I knew I couldn't run but thought I could probably walk. It was fantastic. So proud of me for enjoying being able to walk instead of being annoyed I couldn't run. Maturing right before my eyes... Currently I am neither sick nor injured, so I'm running sort of like a normal person again. It'll of course take some time to get back to where I was. I would again just mention the not fair bit: to work up endurance and pace, it takes a LONG time. To lose all that work, takes maybe four days. I do not like how that works. There's probably some spiritual application in there. Let me know if you figure it out.

One of the reasons I'm excited about Thailand (I mean besides the obvious "it's a new place. New places make me happy" reason), is the opportunity to be exposed to God's work in Bible translation around the world. There's a LOT of work left to do of course. Everyone needs access to God's Word in their language... but there's SO much happening and so many people and organizations involved. How cool to see a glimpse of this hive of activity where God is at work calling people and communities to Himself through His Word. And one day, God's Word in everyone's language!

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