"For the Word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart."

Hebrews 4:12 ESV
In January 2023, my church announced an upcoming presentation by Vision Beyond Borders (VBB) about smuggling Bibles into closed countries. Little did I know that this announcement would lead me on an incredible journey guided by God's divine hand. As I spoke with my pastor, I realized that I had previously contacted VBB after hearing an interview on a Christian radio station with their director, Patrick Klein. The day of the VBB presentation arrived, and I was introduced to Patrick Klein, the very person I had heard on the radio years before. To my surprise, my pastor and the worship leader informed Patrick that I would be joining a Bible smuggling trip.

Pat invited me to go on a motorcycle Bible smuggling trip to a Southeast Asian country, a place I had coincidentally read about in a book. It became clear that these "random" encounters were not coincidences at all but part of God's plan. Feeling both excitement and apprehension, I embarked on the journey, fully relying on God's sovereignty. From misspelled airline tickets to evading searches at military checkpoints, God's favor was evident throughout our adventure. We experienced one miraculous event after another as if God was guiding each step.

His sovereign hand was reaffirmed in Proverbs 16:33, reminding us that every decision is ultimately from the LORD. The trip also opened my eyes to the immeasurable value of the Word of God. In countries where owning a Bible is forbidden, believers risk their lives for even a glimpse of God's Word. It made me realize how privileged we are to have easy access to the Scriptures. The Word of God came alive in my heart as Hebrews 4:12 resonated within me, describing its living and active nature.

Throughout the journey, prayer became our lifeline. Facing fear, doubt, and challenges, we found strength and guidance through fervent prayer.

May this testimony serve as a reminder of God's sovereignty, the priceless nature of His Word, and the power of prayer in our lives. Let us embrace these truths, cherishing His Word and cultivating a vibrant prayer life as we walk in faith.

In His sovereign grace,
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