

## Chrestos Mission Update 2: August 2003

*'There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven.'* Faber

*The heavenly people are, therefore, those who most acutely feel earth's sorrows and are able to enter into fellowship with God in prayer for the winning of the victories of His love.* G. Campbell Morgan

### **Laos:**

The latest report from Laos is that there are now only two Khmu pastors in prison. These are imprisoned in the extreme north-west of the country at Udom Sai. Please pray for them at this time that God's peace will rule in their hearts. Thank you for praying with us for other prisoners who have now been released. We continue to attend the Khmu Church on Sundays here in Chiang Mai and help with the teaching. They have now started memorising the Scriptures.

### **Burma:**

The situation in Burma [Myanmar] remains very tense with Aung San Suu Kyi still being detained by the government. The Burmese Government have protested against all humanitarian assistance given to the Internally Displaced People of Burma [IDPS]. Many are in very critical situations.

### **Maesot on the Burmese Border:**

During our last visit we went into the Mae Lah Refugee Camp, that has about 40,000 refugees. We visited a lady called Jury who cares for 27 orphans as well as Pastor Arthur who cares for 47 orphans. Orphans from Burma have greatly increased during the last few months. They are absorbed easily into other families, but they still have to be fed and clothed.

We visited the work being carried on by Pastor John Felix from South India and our short term worker, helped with the children for three days. There are over 50 registered 'street children' who come to the church at 9.00 a.m. and stay for about six hours during which they have time to play, time to eat and time to study.

### **Mae Sariang:**

The Karen Christian Hospital has now closed and a wing of the hospital has been offered to Chrestos by the Karen Baptist Convention to use as a base for witness in that area of north Thailand. We plan to have a Bible School for nine months of the year; an evening English Teaching Centre to reach out to those living in Mae Sariang, and when teachers are available, some instruction on computers. On the practical side, rooms have been measured with decisions made what they will be used for; equipment needed has been assessed, and prices checked. We are hoping to start work soon on the renovation.

### **Thursday Outreach:**

The Genesis Studies continue on Thursdays with just a small group of several different nationalities..

### **Thank you for your prayers.**

### **Khmu Needs.**

- The needs of the prisoners and their families in Laos.
- Small groups of faithful Christians in Khmu villages.

### **Karen Needs.**

- \* The street children in Maesot.
- The needs of the orphans in the refugee camps..

With our love, Geoffrey and Pat