

Chrestos Mission Update 3: October 2003

Adoniram Judson impressed an empire for Christ and laid the foundations of God's kingdom with imperishable granite in the heart of Burma. He was successful, one of the few men who mightily impressed the world for Christ. Many men of greater gifts and genius and learning than he have made no such impression; their religious work is like footsteps in the sands, but he has engraven his work on the adamant. The secret of its profundity and endurance is found in the fact that he gave time to prayer. E.M.Bounds

Burma:

The Internally Displaced People within Burma [Myanmar] live in constant fear and move frequently from place to place. The number of orphans has increased in the camps. Through Chrestos, we have been able to supply some necessary food, both spiritual and physical, and other urgent needs such as mosquito nets and water-pump. It is a privilege to help our brothers and sisters in these small ways and they are so, so grateful for the little we can do for them.

Mae Sariang:

We are proceeding slowly with the proposed Christian Educational Centre at Mae Sariang. After Geoffrey returns we will be visiting the Christians in the area and discussing future plans. During our last visit we met a Karen pastor and his son who thought that the hospital was still functioning. We shared with him that the hospital has closed and we may have a residential Bible School on the premises sometime next year. He was overjoyed and enquired about the possibility of his son coming to study with us.

Khmu Ministry:

There are about 600,000 Khmu people in northern Laos and about 40,000 in northern Thailand. They are part of the Mon/Khmer race, displaced by the Thai/Lao migrating from China in the 14th.century.

In Laos there are house-churches and open churches, with about 40,000 Khmu Christians. In Thailand there are 4 Khmu churches. Since radio broadcasts started in 1987 by FEBC the number of Christians and churches has been growing rapidly.

Chrestos has been able to help with some of the medical needs, as well as the cost of some of the Border Seminars, when the Christians meet for three full days of Bible teaching, praise and prayer, sharing of their experiences and problems, singing and drama.

We attend the Khmu Worship Service in Chiang Mai each week and sometimes help with the teaching there. Also once a month they join us for a meal and fellowship meeting in our home. Thank you all for your love, interest, and prayer support in these matters.

Geoffrey and Pat