

O Lord, be gracious to us; we wait for you. Isaiah 33:2

Bible School in Thailand:

At the end of April, we will have completed our first year at the Chrestos Bible School in Mae Sariang. With our Karen Team we have decided to make this a two year course and will be starting the second year the beginning of July. At the request of the Karen leaders, we will increase the number of students, as there are many young people who would like to come for training. We have already studied a number of books in the Old and New Testaments and will continue with more next year. We have done some of the teaching and others have come to join us for short periods of time from within Thailand and from other countries: Karen, Thai, Filipino, Chinese, British, American and Canadian, and we are grateful to each one.

The Karen love to sing. Some are also learning to play musical instruments: keyboard, guitar and drums. They have recently made a music CD and this will be available in the next few weeks. While at the school, there are opportunities to improve their written Karen and their Thai and English. Health lectures and counseling studies are also part of the curriculum. Between terms, in December and May, the students go to visit and encourage the Christians in many of the Karen villages.

Karen Refugee Camps in Thailand:

During the last few weeks, our staff and students have been to two graduation services of Bible Schools in the Karen refugee camps, and we are so glad to be linked up with them as we seek to serve together in this way.

It is always a joy for us to visit Pastor Arthur and his large family of 86 children in the Mei Lah Refugee Camp and they are grateful for the help we can give to them in the way of food [tins of fish], clothes, sports equipment and stationary. Altogether, our team distributes 2,500 tins of fish monthly to two refugee camps and to a migrant school on the Thai/Burma border.

Chrestos School and Clinics

Due to the generosity of friends we are also able to keep the Chrestos School running with its 40 orphans. We are also able to supply them with rice, tins of fish, stationary, sports equipment and some wages for the teachers. They feel remembered and loved by the outside world. Also, there is a great need for medical treatment and we are able to keep three clinics functioning with supplies of medicines. Thank you to each one who has given so generously, enabling us to help these people in their time of great need.



Pastor Arthur and Clasper in Mei Lah Refugee Camp

With our love and sincere thanks to each one of you, Geoffrey and Pat