

## **Chrestos Update 17: April 2007**

Praise the LORD, all nations! Extol him, all peoples! For great is his steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever: Praise the LORD. Psalm 117:1-2

Coming to the end of our third year of teaching and training our Karen students, we give praise and thanks to our God for all his mercy and kindness to us in providing all that we need. A fresh intake of students will come in July. We have also had many visitors of different nationalities during the past year and so grateful to all that have contributed in many ways to the life here in the Chrestos Community.

We continue to supply relief in the form of tins of fish, noodles, medicines and clothes to those in need in the refugee camps, and the migrant schools on the border. We also provide a fund for medical services for the national Christians who serve in Laos, who often do not have sufficient to pay for medical treatment.



As well as our daily study routine, we also feel that the students learn so much by using what they are learning. Now they have three months of outreach per year and nearly every Sunday they go to different villages to bring help and encouragement where they can.

‘Students on Outreach’

The campus here is being used more and more. Recently, we had our first Women’s Retreat with about 65-70 women, coming from many different areas. They found it hard to leave and said they will be back next year. We have also had our first ‘Bible Day’, when young people from hostels in town come and join us for a Bible Memorisation competition, some teaching, followed by an afternoon of fun and sports, and finally the presentation of prizes. Since then some of the young men have been joining our students in the afternoons for football.

The recording studio continues to produce CD’s and DVD’s of Scripture readings and songs for those in the villages. We have also produced another small booklet for children called ‘Meet My Friends’.

This time next week we will be in the air on our way to the UK and will arrive at Heathrow early on Saturday morning. We will be there for a month and so looking forward to seeing our family and friends again.

With our loving greetings and sincere thanks for standing with us in the work here in north Thailand and the regions beyond.

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