

Chrestos Update July 2012

If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed, and you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. John 8:31-32

Our Visit to the UK April/May

Many thanks to our family and friends in the UK who welcomed us and received us into their homes and churches. It was a busy but also a very special time.

The Fire in the Mae Lah Refugee Camp

While we were in the UK we received news that there had been a fire in the Mae Lah Refugee Camp and the Bible School and surrounding buildings had all been destroyed. We notified people concerning this and there was a very good response. The new buildings are nearly completed. Last weekend Geoffrey went with some of our Team to the Thanksgiving Service being held in the refugee camp.



New Bible School Students



Chrestos Bible School

Including our new intake, we now have a total of fifty-nine students. They study with us for four years, about eight months every year. We have early morning worship together where we study the Wisdom Literature, at present in the Book of Job. After breakfast, there are four hours of Bible teaching up to midday. In the afternoons we study languages [Thai, Karen & English], computer, choir, notes and musical instruments. They enjoy sports, especially football and volleyball. During the holidays they visit their families and also go on outreach to different villages.

Chrestos Staff:

The work is growing rapidly in all areas. We now have about one hundred and twenty living in the Chrestos Community. Twenty Karen staff work with us in different ministries. Twelve of them are also on the Teaching Team. Our son Daniel has settled down well and giving such valuable help in all the administration, and teaching several English classes.

Karen International Singing Competition

This will be held in Mae Sariang from July 26-30. Many Karen will be coming from all over the world to take part. We will be hosting about one hundred of them. There will be no classes during that time as the students will be helping to take care of the many guests.

Birthday Celebrations:



Our boys, now thirty-six of them, in the Home of Peace and Joy enjoy living on the campus with the rest of the Chrestos Family.



Karen Children's Bible

The Children's Bible is being prepared in the Karen language. 5,000 copies will be printed in August for distribution to the Karen in many places.

News from Laos:

Mrs. Phan is a Khmu widow, 76 years old, in Vientiane, Laos. She stays by herself and is cared for by the Christians in the village. Her pastor asked KCC*if they could buy 30 pieces of zinc roofing because her roof is all torn. Funds were provided and the Khmu team delivered them to her home. She was not there, so they left them for her. When she came back from her rice field, she was shocked. Had someone left these at her house? Would she have to pay for them monthly? The pastor told her that they were given to her from people who love the Lord. Then she started to cry and said, "There is still someone on this earth that would care for a widow like me!" James 1:27

Geoffrey & Pat, under Chrestos Mission, work closely with the *Khmu Christian Connection, serving in Laos.

Thank you from all of us here at Chrestos for your love and prayers,
With our greetings, *Geoffrey and Pat*

Chrestos Sponsorship:

Staff and Student

Sponsorship Programme

Sponsors are needed for several staff and many Bible School students.

The cost is £25 per month.

For further details please contact:

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Chrestos Home of Peace and Joy Sponsorship Programme

Sponsors are needed for 36 boys from the age of 6 up to 16 in our Home of Peace and Joy.

The cost is £25 per month.

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Just a Few Thoughts

Every month Pat sends out to women in different countries 'Just a Few Thoughts'. If you would like to be included please let her know.

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A Prayer:

Lord, please do not let this precious gift of life be wasted but used for your glory and honour. In my last breath on earth, may I be ready to meet You, the King above every king, the Lord above every lord. Amen