

Chrestos Update: October 2012

Be still, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!

The LORD of hosts is with us;
The God of Jacob is our refuge.
Psalm 46:10-11



Lady students weaving Karen shirts

Chrestos Bible School News:

We have had a very good academic year with attentive students, studying together four books from the Old Testament and six of Paul's letters to the churches and other related subjects. We appreciate our visiting teachers: Teacher Gle and Teacher Ble Wa, Teacher Paitoon and Teacher OParis. Including our own staff, we now have twelve on our teaching team with three more of our own staff in training.

Some of our Bible School fourth year students will be going to different churches or orphanages for their three months of internship training [Nov-Jan.] and will return to us for the remaining two months of study before graduation. They would appreciate your prayers.

Two of our fourth year students will be coming on the staff as trainees in the Home of Peace and Joy, and the Publishing Department.

Competitions:

We have all appreciated a series of competitions in the Bible School. We have had a football tournament with four student teams, an orphan team, and teams from two hostels in town. The ladies followed with a volleyball tournament. Then a Scripture Memory Competition where one of our young ones from the Home of Peace and Joy came second. There have also been some interesting debates.

Studio: Our new studio is now completed except for electricity and sound insulation, which should be finished within about two weeks.

Project Video Conference:

Project Video is an institution associated with Wycliffe and SIL to produce Christian films in local language. Several organisations are involved including Chrestos. We are producing films in the Karen language including dubbing the films of Matthew, John and Acts, six films in the "God Provides" series, and a two hour film of the Karen Prodigal Son. This year Project Video had its annual two day conference at Chrestos Mission, where we were a mutual encouragement to each other.

Karen Children's Bible

We have published the Lion Children's Bible in Sgaw Karen and we are selling them to the Karen in Australia, USA and Thailand. It is much appreciated.

News from Laos

Praise that Boon Chan, a former communist colonel, 13 years in prison for his faith, was released early this year. His health has suffered. Please pray for his recovery.

The Far East Broadcasting Company broadcasts into Laos in several languages: Lao, Khmu, Mien, Akha, Tai Dam, as well as Thai, Chinese, Vietnamese and Cambodian.

Just recently Acharn Somboon, serving with the Khmu in Laos, came and shared with us at Chrestos about the work going on there and how we could pray for our brothers and sisters at this time. The church continues to grow.

The Bible School in the refugee camp has been rebuilt bigger and better than before due to the generous donations of individuals and organisations.

The Home of Peace and Joy:



Sak Tong, one of the older boys in the Home of Peace and Joy, helping some of the younger members of the family.

Bu Kri Orphanage:

One of our Chrestos graduates, La Poe, is an evangelist in the Umpang area. In the course of his work he visits 40 children at the Bu Kri Orphanage. La Poe visited us to tell us that the children are hungry and in need of food. Some of our team took five sacks of rice and 200 tins of fish to them and discovered that the person who had been supporting the children had stopped his support. We sent more food for three months while we look for supporters for this orphanage. It costs 12,000 baht per month for food.

Travel:

Chinese friends, from Geoffrey's student days when he attended the Chinese Church in London, recently invited us to join them for a reunion in Malaysia. It was a refreshing time of renewed fellowship.

We will leave for our annual visit to the USA on October 25th, returning on November 25th. While there, we will get our annual visa for Thailand and then have time with our daughter Dorcas and her family and our son Ouame and his family. Ouame's son John is donating one of his kidneys to his father in a kidney transplant on October 9th.

Chrestos Sponsorship: Staff and Student

Sponsors are needed for several staff and many Bible School students. The cost is £25 per month.

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Chrestos Home of Peace and Joy

Sponsors are needed for 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.

Thank you from us all here at Chrestos and the regions beyond. With our loving greetings, Geoffrey and Pat

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