

Chrestos Update December 2012

For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6

Journey to the States

In November the students visit their villages to spend time with their families. It was a real joy for us also to be with some of our scattered family in America. We enjoyed Thanksgiving with some of Ouame and Thong Vieng's family and friends. Very thankful that Ouame, our eldest son, is recovering well after his kidney transplant and enjoying some foods that he has not been able to eat for several years. John, who gave his kidney to his father, is well and back to work again. We had some precious time with all four of Ouame's children and five grandchildren. While in the Ohio, we had a couple of days with our friends, Bob and Peg Gunther, sharing precious memories together.

Dorcas kindly arranged our schedule for the visit. It was so special to be able to spend some time with her and Patrick, Henry and Esther. In the coming year our family will be scattered on four continents, so we appreciate every opportunity we have to be together.

We also visited Thara Hsa Twel, Moo K'Baw, Shiny and Joseph in Dallas. He is pastoring a Karen Church of nearly three hundred with many young people. They invited us to share with them on relationships in marriages and families and we felt privileged to do so. Thara Hsa Twel has been appointed as Director Designate and plans to come and join us in the work of Chrestos in a year or so, if a replacement can be found. Please pray with us that the Lord will raise up another Karen pastor who will protect and care for his flock there.

Outreach to the Villages

By the time we arrived back to the Bible School in Mae Sariang most of the students had already left in teams on outreach to different villages, where they evangelise and also encourage the local Christians. Villagers come from far and near to see their dramas that they have prepared and practised for several weeks beforehand.

A team has gone to Ma Oh Jo to the church started through one of our outreach teams a few years ago.



Geoffrey joined the team for a few days.



He preached at the Sunday Service and then many patients came for treatment.

Thank you ladies for the multi-coloured warm hats for the refugee children.



Meet two of our toddlers at Chrestos

Plans are underway for a Chrestos Christian Kindergarten for the children of our staff and others who may like to come. One of our graduates has shown an interest in helping with the project. Please pray with us concerning this.



Laos News – please pray for these 3 pastors

The Lao authorities are using the local spirit-cult custom to force Christians to deny their faith in Phin District, Savannakhet Province, Laos.

Together, about 31 Christian families (approx. 155 individuals) and over 70 families of non-Christians were asked to perform spirit occult ritual of taking oath, stating that they would adhere to the traditional religion (spirit cult).

Christians are required to sign documents as a proof that they have resubmitted themselves to the spirits through the ceremony and have renounced Christ. Officials insisted that without performing the ritual, Christians would no longer have the right to stay in their villages. Thus far, Christians have refused to participate in the ritual, which they consider to be an act of rejection of their Christian faith and the returning to the former religion of spirit cult.

The Karen /English New Testament

Seven thousand copies of the Karen/English New Testament are being sold rapidly in the USA, Australia and Thailand. We are preparing a new edition with references, notes, glossary, headings and maps, with a licence from Crossway to use the ESV translation and references. We are having difficulty formatting in InDesignCS5. We would be grateful for prayer in this area. Chrestos has published the Lion Children’s Bible in Sgaw Karen and it is selling well in Australia and the USA.

All flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of the grass. The grass withers and its flower falls away: but the word of the Lord endures forever. 1 Peter 1: 24-25

Sponsorship Programme

Chrestos Students

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