

## Chrestos Update July 2013

Paul told Timothy that, 'A servant of the Lord must not quarrel but be gentle, able to teach, patient.' 2 Timothy 2:24

### Chrestos Bible School

Our new term for the Bible School opened the beginning of June. 16 new students have joined us, bringing the total number of students to 53. Our fourth year students now go to village churches at weekends and at the beginning of next term will have a period of internship in different churches and ministries before they graduate.

### Students in the Classroom



### Publishing

We are getting close to completing the formatting of our second edition of our Karen/English parallel New Testament. The second edition is due to have centre column references, paragraph headings, footnotes and end notes, a glossary and maps. We hope to get it to the printers in September. When this is completed, we will start on a similar edition of the whole Bible.

Pat has written booklets on several Bible books and counseling, childbirth and baptism. When she is satisfied with the text and demand is assured, we will publish these.

### Broadcasting

We are now broadcasting Christian messages on three radio stations in Karen, while teaching Thai and English. The stations reach a 100 km radius.

### Agriculture

Earlier in the year we had a visit from Mr David Purdy who taught us 'Farming God's Way'. Our manager, Thra Tha Hser Minn, has eagerly picked up on this and our vegetable garden is flourishing as never before. Also, our first compost heap has reached maturity. We are set to have a good supply of vegetables in the future, and planting has started on our hired rice field. Our future daughter-in-law, Duan, is also planting a beautiful flower garden on otherwise unused land.



### Home of Peace and Joy

Our 33 boys in the Home of Peace and Joy are growing rapidly physically and we trust spiritually. They continue to study well at their Thai school and have good reports from their teachers.

Thank you to those in Cornwall and other places who are knitting and praying for the needy children in this part of the world. Many a child in the cold mountain areas will thank The Lord for their warm clothing.

## News from Laos

Chrestos continues to fund a small Bible School in Laos. Graduates from there have been visiting churches to encourage and teach them.



## Visit to the United States

We have been invited by the Karen, who have gone to the USA as refugees, to attend the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of Adoniram Judson taking the gospel to Burma. This will be held in Minneapolis. We will also be at a Project Video Conference that is being planned for that time. Some other language groups, from here in Thailand, will also be represented there.

Project Video has given valuable help and advice in our production of films in Karen that have been greatly appreciated by the people.

We will also visit our children, Ouame and Dorcas and their families, while we are in the States. Our Karen Team will take care of the work here while we are away. We will leave for the USA on 9 July and return on 15 August.

## Wedding Bells!

Our son Daniel and his fiancée, Duan, will be getting married here at Chrestos on Saturday 7 September. They have both been a great help in administration and teaching English, Thai, computer and dressmaking, as well as helping us to care for the guests that come to visit us at Chrestos.

## Chrestos Sponsorship: Staff and Students

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

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. For further details please contact:

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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 of us here at Chrestos,  
With our loving greetings,  
Geoffrey and Pat**

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**I will praise You, O LORD, with my whole heart;**

**I will tell of all Your marvellous works.**

**I will be glad and rejoice in You;**

**I will sing praise to Your great name,**

**O Most High. Psalm 9:1**

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