

“Showing Christ’s Kindness”

CHRESTOS UPDATE



JANUARY 2014

From Mae Sariang, Thailand



Be Still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!
Psalm 46:10

Family News

We had a very good visit with Philip, Sarah, Moses and Anna in Kalifi, Kenya, where they are doing medical research. The family is now scattered on four continents: Asia, America, Africa and Europe; and we try to visit them as often as we can.

Visit to Rangoon

Geoffrey and Thra Tha Hser Minn, Chrestos Mission Manager, enjoyed good fellowship with the Karen leaders in Rangoon during the 200th Anniversary Celebration of Adoniram Judson taking the Gospel to Burma.

SWEET DECEMBER!

The Karen celebrate Christmas the whole of December and call it ‘Sweet December’. During this time, the first to third year students are away for a month on outreach, in different teams, with each team under the supervision of a staff member. They have been preparing for this outreach for several weeks and we enjoyed a preview of their sharing, singing, dancing and drama late in the hours of 31 November as we welcomed December coming in on the Chrestos Campus. The villagers enjoy their visits and the encouragement they can bring to them.

The fourth year students are on internship for three months in different Karen churches. They will return at the beginning for February and then graduate at the end of March. Please pray for them!

Keeping Warm

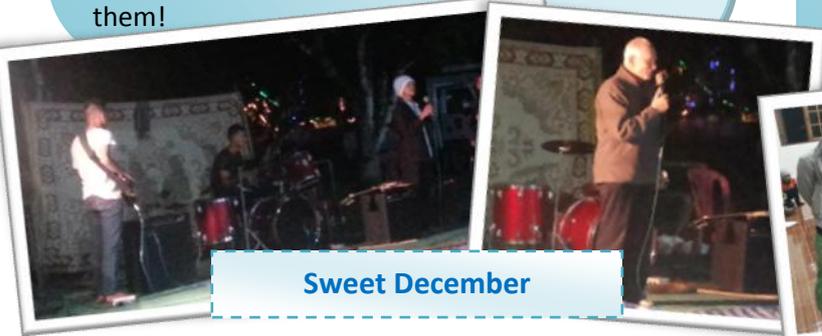
Thank you to all the ladies in different places that have been knitting hats and sweaters for the children. Some of these have been taken with rice and tins of fish to the Bukrit orphans; a group of about 35 children that were abandoned by their supporter over a year ago. Much of this warm clothing is being taken across the river into the Karen State in Burma where there are still many IDPs (Internally Displaced People) hiding in the jungle with children among them. Some will also be given to children in the refugee camps. The weather is cold at this time of year and this clothing is greatly appreciated.



Bukrit Orphans

Home of Peace and Joy

It has been such fun to spend time with our boys in the Home of Peace and Joy on Wednesday and Saturday evenings during their time of worship. On Wednesdays, Geoffrey shares from the Scriptures followed by them dramatising the story like ‘eager beavers’. On Saturdays Pat shares about an animal in the Bible and what we learn from this animal. So far, we have looked at the ants, the bees and the camels. The learning is followed by relevant games, snacks and enjoyed by all!



Sweet December



Fun and games with orphans

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Radio Ministry

Chrestos broadcasts over the radio two hours on Saturday and Sunday on three radio stations, covering a 100km radius. Please pray for preparation of programs for this vital ministry.



[Saw Wisi, Chrestos Radio Worker](#)

Karen/English New Testament

We praise The Lord for the second edition of the Karen/English New Testament which is now with the printers; ready to be printed.

New Term at the Bible School

The new term at the Bible School will start on 06 January 2014. Some of the books we study in depth, the more difficult ones we share the highlights. We encourage questions, enjoy dramatising and emphasise the importance of not only learning the Word of God **but** living the Word of God – not just information **but** transformation!

News from Laos

Please pray for the Khmu Team working in Laos among their people and also Pastor Sionh and his wife, Kham Yeng, leading the work and recording FEBC (Far East Broadcasting Company) Khmu programs daily. Pray also for the persecuted Christians in Laos to be able to stand strong in their faith.

Special Thanks

A special thank you to our Chrestos Board, Sponsorship Ladies and to Pam Shepherd for sending our newsletters in the UK. We are so grateful that 45% of our staff, Bible School students and boys in the Home of Peace and Joy have sponsors who help to support and pray for them. If you feel that you could help in this ministry also please contact either Sheila Martyn or Sarah Thackeray (next column).

Chrestos Sponsorship: Staff and Students

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 of us here at Chrestos,
With our loving greetings,**

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For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

2 Corinthians 8:9

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