

“Sharing Christ’s Kindness”

CHRESTOS UPDATE



From Mae Sariang, Thailand

JULY 2014



“He that dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.”

Psalm 91:1

A BIG THANK YOU!!!

A big thank you to all our dear family and friends in the UK that received us into their homes; came along to the meetings in different places and in many ways helped us and encouraged us in the work here in Thailand. We were so blessed by the love and fellowship of Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

2014-15 School Year Kicks Off!

The new term has started at the Chrestos Bible School with 55 students eager to learn and grateful for the opportunity to study. From 8:00 AM until midday, they are studying an ‘Overview of the Old Testament’ and the Gospel of Luke. We have several visiting Bible teachers this term. In the afternoons the students study 'Life Skills': improving their Karen literacy, Thai and English languages, computer and typing, choir and music.

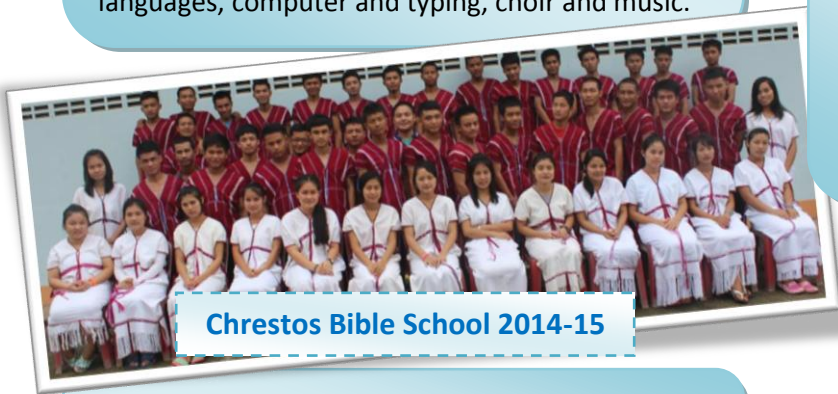
Pastors’ Conference continued...

They are inviting over 200 people, but possibly only about half that number will come. We feel privileged to be asked by them. By the time that you read this the conference will be over but we would ask prayer for the Karen churches that are faced with this problem.

The Karen mostly live in widely spaced mountain villages. Some visit them and, claiming to have a greater understanding than the pastor, proceed to teach them their particular doctrines and practices, and then control them. In this way, many Karen churches have been split and some have been carried away with divisive and sometimes anti-Biblical, doctrine. This has become such a serious problem that they are calling this special conference.

Samat

Samat, who has grown up in our Home of Peace and Joy, has completed his studies to become an electrician at the Vocational College here in Mae Sariang. He is going on to further studies in electricity and is doing electrical work with his teacher to get experience. He likes to work for Chrestos without charging, as a 'thank you' for the years he has been with us.



Chrestos Bible School 2014-15

New Edition of the Karen/English NT

The manuscript is being printed in China. When completed all the copies will be shipped to Chrestos in Mae Sariang via Bangkok, and consignments will be shipped out from here to other countries.



Likit



Samat

Pastors’ Conference

The Thai Baptist Convention (TKBC) has asked Chrestos Mission to hold a conference for pastors and leaders to teach them how to identify false teachers and how to deal with them. It will be held from 04-06 July. They have asked Geoffrey to take 6x 1-hour sessions on this subject.

Likit’s Progress

Likit from our Home of Peace and Joy will be starting in August. He will be studying Law. In the meantime he is studying English and making good progress. He is staying with missionary friends of ours in Chiang Mai. Please pray that he will be a good witness and resist the many temptations that will come to him in university.

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A Studio for the Karenni

The Karenni studio is now under way with equipment loaned by Chrestos, while Don Leonard of Project Video raises money for their own equipment.

Future Visits

Geoffrey and Pat will be visiting Dorcas and family and Ouame and family in September; and we will also visit Hsa Twel and family on the way. Tha Hser Minn plans to visit Karen churches and leaders in The USA during November. He has invitations to speak about Chrestos in different churches already.

Baby Boy Season at Chrestos Mission!

We have been blessed with a season of four delightful new baby boys! Our son, Daniel, and his wife, Duan, have baby Marcus (left); Tha Hser Minn and his wife, Cha Hta, have baby Sittikhun (top); Por Hta Shu (Media Worker) and husband, Moo Htoo, have baby Samuel (bottom); and Home of Peace and Joy Manager, Kri Htoo, and his wife, Cha Tri, have baby Kevin (right).



Items for Praise and Prayer

- ✓ Praise and thanks for all God’s provision for Chrestos.
- ✓ Baptisms of Likit and Somchai on 08 July
- ✓ Pastors’ Conference 04-06 July
- ✓ Youth Leaders’ Conference 29-31 August
- ✓ Students studying well in Gospel of Luke
- ✓ Visiting teachers in August and September – Pastor Frank Goveia & Pastor Ian Bowley, both from the UK

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 & Pat

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I will say of the LORD, “He is my refuge and my fortress; My God, in Him I will trust.”
Psalm 91:2

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