

“Sharing Christ’s Kindness”

CHRESTOS UPDATE



OCTOBER 2014



From Mae Sariang, Th

“Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised.”
Psalm 48:1

Baby Marcus

Born in June to Dan and Duan is now just over 4 months old and is exceeding all average milestones. He is a bright and lovely addition to the household, and we thank God for him.



Marcus

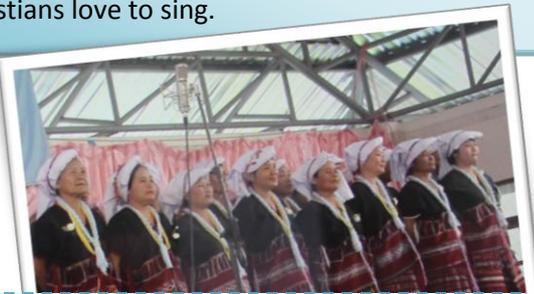
Frank & Rhona

Pastor Frank and Rhona

On 01 August Frank Goveia arrived with his wife, Rhona, to teach on the book of Isaiah. We thank God for the comprehensive and good exposition of this important book. We also had a good time of fellowship with this godly couple.

Choir Competition

On 10 August we had a choir competition, attracting choirs from many churches in the area. Our choir sang but did not compete. Judges came from as far away as Chiang Mai and Mae Lah, both about three and a half hours drive away. It was a good time of fellowship and enjoyment. Karen Christians love to sing.



Married Women’s Team, Choir Competition

Neiko and Wendy Tase

Neiko taught 2 Corinthians for four days. He is a theological graduate from a Baptist University in Nagaland and has taught at Siloam Bible School in Chiang Mai. Now he runs an evangelistic mission in Chiang Mai, reaching people of different races.

Pastor Paris

During September we had Pastor Paris of Operation Blessing teaching on counselling for a week. Then Teachers Klare and Ble Wah from Siloam Bible School teaching on some of the historical books of the Old Testament.

USA Visa for Tha Hser Minn

In early October we prepared documents and I went with Tha Hser Minn to request a one year visa for him to visit our Karen contacts in The USA to seek cooperation in publishing and distributing our Bibles and other literature amongst the Karen people there. To our amazement he was given a 10 year business visa. Praise the Lord! He will go during the month of November.

Project Video

This month we also had a visit from Mr Jon Boyer and his daughter Brianna, who were bringing filming equipment for the Karenni studio just North of Mae Hong Son city, which was already making Christian films with borrowed equipment. This equipment had been bought with money donated by members of a church through Project Video.

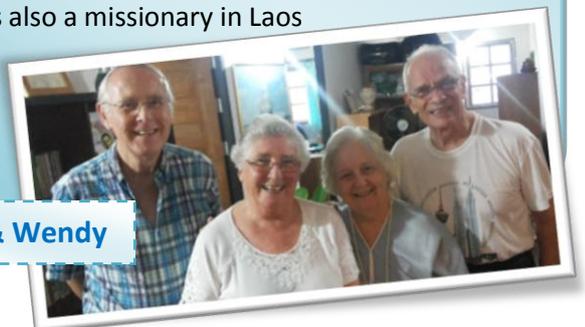


Brianna, Jon, Tha Hser Minn, Geoffrey & Pat

Ian and Wendy Bowley

Ian and Wendy Bowley arrived on 12 October. Ian is teaching the book of Ezekiel for two weeks. He was at Bible school with Pat and Geoffrey in the early- 60s and so we are delighted to welcome our old friends. He is also an excellent exegete and we know that his teaching will be much appreciated. He was also a missionary in Laos

while we were there.



Ian & Wendy

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USA Trip 2014

During the month of September Pat and I visited the USA. We first visited Rev Hsa Twel and his lovely family in Dallas and took part in the Morning service on Sunday. He is pastor of the Karen church in Dallas and has oversight of Karen churches in a number of states. He is also chairman of the Karen Baptist Convention of USA youth program. Hsa Twel was previously deputy director of Chrestos Mission and is a dear friend.

We also visited our daughter, Dorcas, and her husband, Pat, with their two children, Henry and Esther. They have a farm in Arkansas with many kinds of animals and she is also a consultant in emergency medicine. It was a joy to be with them.

After that we spent some time with our son, Ouame, and his wife, Thong Vieng, also in Arkansas. Ouame had kidney failure but is now much better since he came off dialysis and received a kidney from his son, John. He owns a chicken farm and is a pastor to the Lao speaking people in the area. We had a wonderful time enjoying their hospitality.



Pastor Arthur's Orphans



Hay Blue Moo

Hay Blue Moo and Various Orphanages

One of the young ladies, Hay Blue Moo, from Bu Krit orphanage, which we support, has completed Grade 12 at high school and has joined our Bible School on scholarship. She is doing well and is an asset to the student body.

We continue to support the Star orphanage in Mae Surin refugee camp, which has largely recovered from the devastating fire that destroyed most of the camp and killed many people. We also continue to support Pastor Arthur's orphanage in Mae Lah refugee camp.

We also channel support to refugee schools in the Karen State with money sent from Australia.

Item for Prayer

Please pray for Anuson and Dachi, two of our boys at The Home of Peace and Joy. Some years ago their father drowned and their mother then committed suicide which is why they came to be at our orphanage. A few weeks ago their elder brother committed suicide in their village. He was a Bible School graduate. Pray that this further tragedy will drive them more into the comforting arms of Jesus and be an ultimate blessing for them.

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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Jesus said, "Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart and you will find rest for your souls."

Matthew 11:29

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