

## “Sharing Christ’s Kindness”

### CHRESTOS MISSION UPD



From Mae Sariang, Thailand

**MARCH 2016**



#### Chairman on Board!

Anthony Harrop, Chairman of the Chrestos Board in the UK, has been able to visit Chrestos annually for the last few years. This year he visited for a week late-February and then went onto Hong Kong with Geoffrey and Pat. Anthony was able to re-acquaint himself with board members at Chrestos’ Thai Board’s AGM as well as key figures in the TKBC (Thai Karen Baptist Convention). Anthony had a busy time and taught the students. He also shared with the boys @The Home of Peace & Joy: the subject of Naaman’s wife’s maid and the subsequent story.

#### Never a Dull Moment

It’s been over 70 years in the making and at least 30 years in the writing...Geoffrey and Pat’s story has been put into print and 3,000 copies are expected towards the end of March. The story starts in the WWII era in England, Laos in the 60s-70s, Thailand in the 70s-80s, Hong Kong in 80s-90s, England until 2002 and then the last 14 years in Thailand with Chrestos. The front cover reads: *“A compelling saga of one family’s adventures as they see God’s faithfulness in times of joy, sorrow, danger, and find their lives enriched by friends from different tribes, races and cultures.”*



Pat, Stella, Geoffrey and Anthony in HK

#### An English Spring

Geoffrey and Pat will be making their annual 6-week trip to England to see family, friends and supporters of Chrestos. Director designate Rev. Hsa Twel will also be travelling to England for 3 weeks to attend meetings. As per usual they have a hectic whirlwind of a schedule which means that all prayers for wisdom, strength and endurance will be much appreciated. Their schedule is available from Pam Shepherd (contact details at end).

#### A visit to Hong Kong

Geoffrey & Pat, along with Anthony Harrop, headed to HK for a week in early March. They went to see old friends, explore new avenues of friendship and appreciated the hospitality of Alan & Madel Crawley. 10 years in Hong Kong from 1985-1995 proved a vital component to Chrestos’ existence. Everywhere Geoffrey and Pat have been – God has led them and introduced them to wonderful “brothers” and “sisters” in His Family – that have in some form or another added to what Chrestos is today. Chrestos has been 50 years in the making and it was all in His plans! How wonderful to be a child of God!

#### Key to Chrestos...

A batch of 150 key rings made by the boys @The Home of Peace and Joy have just been completed. Keep a look out for Geoffrey and Pat when they’re on their travels to get yours! The varnished wooden key rings have a Scripture Verse on one side with the Chrestos website address on the other side. Even the wood comes from Chrestos’ own compound. This carpentry activity gives the boys a hobby and is something that keeps them engaged.



Pat, Wah Ling and Geoffrey in HK



Geoffrey, Alice and Pat in HK



Remind Geoffrey or Pat for one when you see them!

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### Late Christmas presents to Burma

Stephan Tetzl, a teacher at the Christian German School in Chiang Mai, and his wife, Sarah, have become keen supporters of Chrestos here in Thailand. They are also members of The Gathering, a church in Chiang Mai that Geoffrey and Pat go to when in Chiang Mai. They have organised two very large donations – the first with secondhand clothes mentioned in the previous newsletter and the second, surplus and donated Christmas presents from families at the international school. We thank God for utilising the Tetzels and giving them hearts for the needy Karen both on the Thai-side and the Burmese-side.

### 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 until further notice 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 all of us here at Chrestos,  
With our loving greetings,



Christmas presents for refugees in Burma

### Watch out!

Here at Chrestos our Media Department is committed to producing film and various media-related products. Please keep an eye out for new things on the Chrestos Mission Channel on YouTube. For those that sponsor staff, students or orphans or those that want a more behind the scenes access to Chrestos, please tune in and watch/subscribe. Hear and watch what the people have to say...

### News from the Telaku

Geoffrey, Hsa Twel and a team will be visiting the Lay Tong Ku area, a 10 hour drive from Chrestos; where many Telaku have recently believed. Eh Nee, who graduated from Chrestos Bible School last year is now a pastor and chaplain for his people.

### Items for Praise

- ✓ Successful visit to HK. Visited old friends and forged new relationships

### Items for Prayer

- ✓ Geoffrey and Pat visiting England 31 March to 16 May. Lots of meetings, appointments and travelling.
- ✓ Rev. Hsa Twel visiting Thailand 18-30 March and England 31 March to 18 April.
- ✓ Graduating students returning to their villages and new work

*Geoffrey & Pat*

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*"So teach us to number our days that we may gain a heart of wisdom" (Psalm 90:12)*

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