

“Sharing Christ’s Kindness”

CHRESTOS MISSION UPDATE



From Chiang Mai, Thailand



England Trip

We were in England from 07-22 November. On 08 November, our daughter Sarah arrived, rented a car and became our chauffeur to take us around. We stayed with our son, Peter, and family in Bournemouth except while travelling.

On Saturday 11 November we attended a board meeting where John Silverstone, who had kindly agreed, was appointed the board treasurer (details attached). Geoffrey gave the information that Acharn Wittaya would like to step down as associate director but remain as an advisor, agriculturist and help with government dealings.

Col. Luka was mentioned as a possible alternative. He was a graduate in Theology from Payap University and was recruited by the Thai army to enhance Karen loyalty at a time of Communist insurgency in the 70s-80s. He retired a few years ago and has been the interim director of Siloam Bible School where he was much appreciated.

On Sunday 12 November, we attended Rye Lane Chapel in the morning and Christchurch Anerley in the evening. On Sunday 19 November, we attended City Gate church in Bournemouth, where our son Peter responded to an altar call. We were also able to celebrate Peter’s birthday on 21 November before we left for Thailand.

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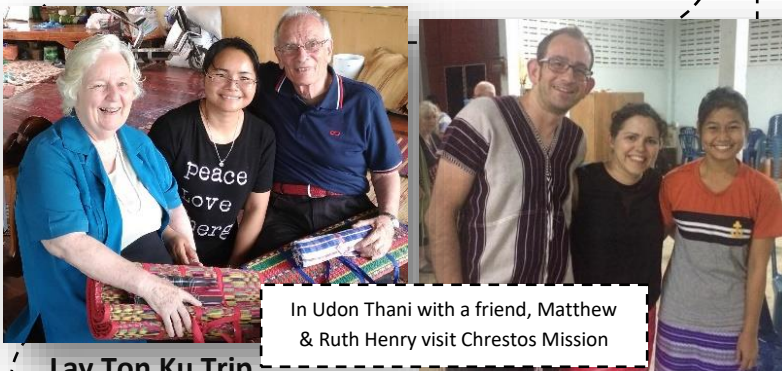
of former students, Saw Dee Lay, whose parents asked for prayer last time but have still not committed themselves and Saw Dee Nu, a 4th Year on Internship, whose parents love The Lord very much. Unfortunately, Geoffrey and another team member went down with a virulent ‘flu’-like respiratory illness and decided to abort the trip after being laid low for over 2 days. The Telaku villages are over a 12 hour drive from Mae Sariang and the team were still another 3 hours away. The trips to the Lay Ton Ku area are very important because the medical centre there requires its staff to be trained by a Thai-qualified doctor at least twice a year. Geoffrey and the team went back to the Telaku villages on 04-09 December to fulfil the training requirements before the year’s end.

Conferences

On 02 October, we drove 12 hours to Nong Kai in North East Thailand to attend the Khmu Christian Connection (KCC) board meeting. Many people are coming The Lord in Laos. Ian Bowley, a dear friend of ours who also worked in Laos, and now does regular Lao surveys - recently wrote that 1,000 have been baptised in recent months and 55,000 have joined the Lao Christian Facebook page. There is also persecution and in some areas the children of Christians are not allowed to go to school. Chrestos Mission therefore gave money for a student hostel to be run by a pastor in an area where Christian parents are allowed to send their children to school.

We also attended a conference on Laos in Udon Thani (a couple hours from Nong Khai). This conference brought missionaries together for networking, fellowship and up-to-date information.

We were also invited to another conference in Chiang Mai by a dear brother in Christ in Chiang Mai that we also knew in HK. The conference was for 4 days and 3 nights and was primarily for rest and relaxation for missionaries. The conference was funded by churches in America and volunteers from those churches who paid their own fares to service the missionaries invited to the conference. It was a wonderful time and we’re so grateful to our dear friend who sponsored us.



In Udon Thani with a friend, Matthew & Ruth Henry visit Chrestos Mission

Lay Ton Ku Trip

On 01 November, Geoffrey, set out to reach the Telaku Karen in the Lay Ton Ku villages. On the way he stayed at Bu Krit orphanage, which Chrestos Mission helps to support. As requested Chrestos gave money to build a new girls dormitory. Geoffrey also visited the Telaku village of Saw Met, where he attended the Sunday service and visited the homes

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Health...

We are in excellent health and have not retired. Pat has a meniscus tear in her left knee for which she will have surgery. Our ability to continue serving Chrestos in a director's role is now with the UK board. We are waiting for their decision to confirm us in this role or to relegate us to Bible teachers only.

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Items for Prayer

- ✓ Pray for our students as they proclaim the Gospel in many villages, and for our fourth year students as they serve in different churches.
- ✓ Pray for 10 boys @The Home of Peace and Joy who are awaiting baptism and being instructed by Kri Htoo, their orphanage father/manager.

Visitors

We were blessed with the visit of Matthew and Ruth Henry. Ruth is a longtime supporter of Chrestos Mission since her first visit in 2006. They appreciated all they saw and we had a good time together.

We were also visited by long term friends and supporters of Chrestos, Oliver and Sophie Mark, from Australia via HK & England. Geoffrey has known Oliver for almost 60 years.



2 pickup trucks' worth of clothes,
Pat with Oliver & Sophie Mark



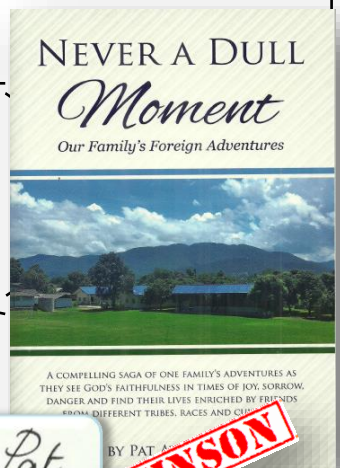
Chrestos Sponsorship: Staff, Students & Orphans

Sponsors are needed for staff, Bible School students & orphans @The Home of Peace & Joy. The £25 per month goes towards their upkeep. For further details please contact:

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Never a Dull Moment...

Copies of Pat's book are still available and can be mailed to anywhere in the world! Please contact Pat for more details.



Thank you from all of us here
at Chrestos. With our loving
greetings,

Geoffrey & Pat

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Christmas Clothes Donation

Once again, Stefan Tetzl, the staff, the students and the kind families at Christian German School in Chiang Mai donated their spare clothes for the Burmese Karen refugees both in Thai camps and on the Burmese side - as well as Thai Karen in the remote mountain villages of Thailand. This last donation has been the biggest yet from the school and required 2 pickups to take all the clothes down to Mae Sariang to be sorted by size, age and gender.

New Treasurer

We are happy to announce that John Silverstone has been appointed as Chrestos Mission's new Treasurer. We thank Andrew Geary for all his efforts and services as Interim Treasurer at Chrestos Mission.

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Items for Praise

- ✓ Thank The Lord for the supply of all our needs through His faithful people.
- ✓ Praise The Lord that He is sending out labourers into His harvest

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*"For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given;
And the government will be upon His shoulder.
And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor,
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."*

Isaiah 9:6

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