

Chrestos Update 30

April 2010

'I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call on the name of the LORD.'
Psalm 116:17

In our Chrestos Community we are seeking to thank God more for all His blessings to us in countless ways. We thank Him also for all of you, the Chrestos Family, who pray for us and stand with us in the work here.

Meeting with the Khmu leaders from Laos:

February 22-25 we spent on the Lao/Thai border with nearly a hundred of the Khmu leaders from Laos. At least a third of them have suffered for their faith. It is a great challenge to be with those who are not afraid of persecution and willing to suffer for Jesus' sake. Please pray for them.

Chrestos Bible School: We have had a good academic year, with a keen, attentive student body, and an increased number of Karen teachers, including some of our own graduates. We have now included in the curriculum a week on drama and voice production. This will be very helpful in the times of outreach and in their future ministry.

Third Graduation:

On April 18 there will be the Graduation Service of twelve of our students. This is the third graduation of those who have completed the four year period of training. Four of them will stay on our staff: two helping in administration and two working as village preachers. The remaining eight graduates will be working with their home churches in some capacity. Please pray for these young people as they serve the Lord full-time.

The Home of Peace and Joy:

The thirty-two boys in the Home of Peace and Joy are doing very well at school, and receiving extra tuition in the Thai language. The older boys are extremely helpful with the younger ones. We join them weekly, when we can, for their evening worship service and afterwards for a time of acting out a Bible story or playing a game. It is a great time of fun together. Please join us in praise and thanksgiving for the staff, and for what the Lord is doing in the lives of these young people.

Siloam Bible School:

We have both been asked to be advisors and teachers for the English Bible Teaching Program at the Siloam Bible School in Chiang Mai, part of the Thai Karen Baptist Convention. We will both teach in the first part of June, before the Chrestos Bible School opens again for the new academic year in July.

Htaw Htoo, who has helped us with some I.T. work during the past year, has now left Chrestos Mission as his work is completed. At present, he is in Chiang Mai teaching computer at the Siloam Bible School.

The Karen/English New Testament:

The proof-reading is almost finished with the help of multiple readers, mainly from our staff and an older mature student.

Outreach into Mae Sariang:

Through English teaching we have opportunity to reach out to some of our Thai friends in Mae Sariang.

Auction of the Hotel:

At the second auction the bank withdrew the property from the auction because the bids did not go high enough. They plan to advertise more widely, and unless they can get a higher price for it they will sell it again next year. Please pray with us concerning this.

Visit to the UK

We will be in the UK from April 24-May 24. (Please see attached itinerary). We are so grateful to Pam Shepherd for arranging our itinerary for us, as well as the many other things she does for Chrestos. She is a wonderful friend and fellow-worker. We would also like to thank the members of the Chrestos Board, who give wise counsel and much encouragement to us in the work here. We are sorry to say farewell to Jimmy Ho, who has now left the Board, and give him our heartfelt thanks for all the hard work he has put into Chrestos Mission, and all that his friendship means to us. Thank you Jimmy!!

Hope to see some of you soon.

With our loving greetings to each one of you,

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