

“Sharing Christ’s Kindness”

CHRESTOS MISSION UPDATE



From Chiang Mai, Thailand

SEPTEMBER EDITION

Visitors

We were delighted to receive 4 groups of guests from June to September. In June the Reverend Kim Roller came with a group from his church in the USA to hear our choir. The church organises a trip to Thailand annually and one of their constant features is to visit Chrestos Mission and hear our choir.

Our daughter, Sarah Bejon, came with her children, Moses and Anna. Anna has recovered amazingly well after her heart surgery a couple of years ago. She is fit and quite the cart wheeler! It was such a joy to be with our daughter and grandchildren. Sarah is doing medical research in Kenya and mentoring 2 PhD students.

Peter Hardy came with his daughter, Sian, from 05-08 July. We had a happy time of fellowship as we drove, ate and talked together. Peter even got the surprise experience of driving the latter half of the road from Mae Sariang to Chiang Mai...

Roger and Sarah Thackeray spent 2 nights and a day at Chrestos Mission in Mae Sariang. Roger is a member of Chrestos Mission’s board. They visited on the tail end of a 25th Anniversary celebration tour of Asia. They joined the evening worship with the orphan boys and were happy with what they saw.

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Each intern will be assigned to a senior pastor who will normally be the pastor of a “mother church.” The intern will either work alongside the senior pastor or will be re-assigned to one of the daughter churches as the sole pastor for their 6-month internship.

Sometimes for larger assignments the students are grouped into teams where there is more need. Many of the students are often invited back to rejoin the church team after they have graduated.

Academic Programme

The Bible books and topics covered in the last 3 months at Chrestos Mission Bible School:

| Teacher | Subject | Duration |
|---------------|-------------------------------|----------|
| Wisi | Bible Overview for 1st year | 1 Week |
| Dr Geoffrey | The Parables of Luke’s Gospel | 1 Week |
| Pat | The Song of Solomon | 1 Week |
| Thong Tip | Bible related subjects | 1 Week |
| Eh Htoo Hair | Christian Education | 1 Week |
| Kri Htoo | The Book of James | 1 Week |
| Dr Geoffrey | The Gospel of John | 2 Weeks |
| Tha Hser Minn | Karen History 1 | 1 Week |
| Eh Htoo Hair | Karen History 2 | 1 Week |
| Pat | The Book of Joshua | 2 Weeks |

Movement...

Over the years we have lived in 5 countries (some of them twice) for over 50 years and lived in almost 40 homes. In this respect they’re no different and they’ve moved again. The new address will be:

The Esteem (Chiang Mai), 189/71, Moo 2, Soi 7,
T. Ton Pao
A. San Kamphaeng
Thailand 50130

We continue to teach at Chrestos Mission in Mae Sariang for at least 2 weeks every month during term time. We will continue to teach, lead and raise funds for Chrestos Mission all the while preparing local staff for the future.



The Hardys, the Thackerays and the Bejons

4th Year Internship

On Friday 04 August we prayed for our 4th Year Bible School students before they set out the following day on their internship assignments.

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We give thanks...

Just before dinner on Monday 04 September, the family dog attacked our 3 year old grandson, Marcus. It was so quick, completely uncharacteristic and out of the blue! Marcus had facial surgery at 2am that same evening for 2.5 hours. The plastic surgeon and his team did a wonderful job. Pat travelled from Mae Sariang to Chiang Mai that evening and arrived just before surgery at 1am. We praise and thank the Lord that Marcus' vitals on his face were missed. Daniel, Duan and Marcus spent 3 days in hospital whilst Marcus recovered. We give thanks for everybody's prayers from around the world. Marcus continues to recover and will restart at a different nursery on Monday 25 September.



Marcus recovering at hospital on Day 2

Teaching and misc news

In preparation for the future we are embarking on a programme of teaching suitable staff 2-3 books each so that the teaching can go on in the years to come when we can no longer teach.

In conjunction with the local government we have appointed 2 members of staff to be responsible for disease control. The government will give them training in such things as elimination breeding sites of mosquitoes and flies as well as maintaining and upholding sanitary conditions throughout the Chrestos Mission campus.

Items for Praise

- ✓ For the group of eager students we have
- ✓ For Acharn Wittaya who is close with government officials and for his advice and help on local government issues
- ✓ For the quick recovery of young Marcus after he was savaged on the neck and chin by the family dog. The dog was humanely put down later that week by a British dog charity in Chiang Mai.

Items for Prayer

- ✓ Please pray for the 4th Year Students on internship
- ✓ For safety in Geoffrey and Pat's travel, within Thailand and over to England for the AGM in November.
- ✓ For the Telaku Christians under pressure from local government officials to close down the churches in the Laytonku and Saw Mae villages.
- ✓ For the completion of the Karen/English Study Bible; waiting for glossary by language experts in Yangon.

Chrestos Sponsorship: Staff & 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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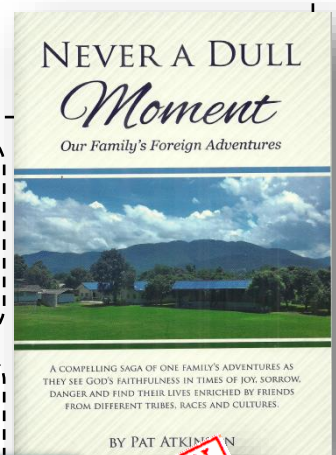
Chrestos Home of Peace & Joy

Sponsors are needed for boys from the age of 6 up to 16 in our Home of Peace & Joy. The cost is £25 per month. 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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"Therefore, whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets."
Matthew 7:12 (ESV)

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