



Dear Supporter of Chrestos

On 20 October 2021, two of the UK Trustees were in conversation via the internet with staff at Mae Sariang. Ajan Wittaya (AW) was unable to join us due to a gastro-intestinal upset.

We shared encouragement from Ps 147 followed by a review of God's leading to our faith over the past 30 months. Geoffrey and Pat were present and were clearly encouraged by the review; Naw Moo Gay Khu (MGK) and Ajan Bu Ka (BK) were encouraged to learn the value of up-to-date information regarding student progress to encourage supporters' prayers.

News from interns:

AW and BK with Kri Htoo and Saw Wisi have been able to visit four interns, two pairs in two villages. Saw Sriwichai and Naw Lah Say Wah are in Wae Peh Hta village. They have been teaching 21 children Music, Bible truth and to read and write Karen. They teach for two one hour sessions a day, 8-9am and 5-6pm. At weekends they take Sunday School. Sriwichai will have to leave the village on 25th October as he is due for military call up and has to be in army camp by 1st Nov.

Naw April and Naw Ree Paw are in Mae Lwee Hta village, teaching 25 children. The Pastor is Thra Di Kwah, helped by his son, Saw Wi Dah, who is a Chrestos graduate. It is the rainy season. When roads are passable, April and Ree Paw will go to the daughter church.

Senior staff plan to visit other villages and interns when Covid and weather permit. Meantime, Ajan Bu Ka keeps in touch by phone, encouraging and praying with interns.

Mentoring: senior staff have divided the students between them for the purposes of mentoring and praying more closely together.

Discipline: A number of students have been found smoking cigarettes. This was expected as some have past history of drug taking and shoulder various worries about domestic issues. We have asked trustees and other supporters to pray specifically for these individuals in the process of learning to find their strength in the Saviour.

New building: Plans for the new men's shower and toilet block have been prepared and the ground surveyed.

Praise God for His continued keeping the campus free from Covid and for His commissioning of young men and women to serve His Kingdom.

Please pray: for Ajan Wittaya to recover quickly.

- for the students to know the surpassing worth of Christ as they battle to give up cigarettes.
- for Saw Sriwichai during military service. His heart desire is to become a pastor.
- for wisdom concerning individual circumstances of students and in mentoring.
- for interns to know the love of Christ enabling them to sow wisely into the lives of village children; that many of these will in turn be drawn to Christ and to Bible School training.

Your brother in His service, John Silverstone, Treasurer

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For further prayer...

Thou hast put more joy in my heart than they have when their grain and wine abound. Psalm 4.7.

Thou hast multiplied, O Lord my God, thy wondrous deeds and thy thoughts toward us; Psalm 40.5.

Following our conversation last week with staff at Mae Sariang, Moo Gay Khu has sent news of some of the interns. I trust this will encourage your prayers for this work, which Pat Atkinson reminded us, began in the heart of God and in His grace He made known to his servants.

As we collectively follow Geoffrey and Pat's example of faith, may God reveal His ways to our hearts as well as to staff and students engaged in this work that has come from the heart of God. Was Peh Hta village is about 2 ½ hours drive south of Mae Sariang.

Please pray God will anoint Naw Lah Say Wah and Saw Sriwichai with love and understanding as they prepare and teach village children.

Praise God for His going before appointing a strong pastor in the village and for his son, Saw Day Yay, who graduated from Chrestos in 2011, and now heads up evangelism in the Mae Sariang district. Ten years on it is good to hear of his faithful service to the heart of Christ.

