



Visiting 4th year student interns (Naw Sah Moo and Saw Day Poe) in their allocated villages left deep impressions. Student interns (whom we have seen grow up in Chrestos) were shouldering responsibility and taking initiative, teaching and training children to read, memorise and recite scripture to the whole church.

Older church members were learning to take active part in worship and responsibilities in serving. Host pastors were profoundly encouraged, joyful and thankful. Some Karen ladies were thrilled to hear Christians from far away worship God with a song familiar to their own hearts, "I need Thee every hour". (Day Poe grew up in the Home of Peace and Joy since age 6. After completing State School he asked to train at the Bible School. He is a mature and strong leader and has the character of a future pastor.)

Each village visit left moving insights into the servant-hearted love and faith underlying fruitful labour in the harvest of souls. At Chi Pi Ko village, families and households had been turning to Christ during a decade of devoted service. Wah Thi is the hard-working lady pastor of the isolated daughter church at Chi Pi Ko village.



Her husband, Der Ler is the evangelist working in this and the surrounding villages. They graduated from Chrestos in 2014 and 2013 respectively. Prior to conversion, many villagers were saddled with debts. Despite continued debt, they tithe to the church. With some outside help they have built a new church building next to a large government owned solar panel power source.

Praise God for His inner strengthening and provision!

Review of education and training at Chrestos Bible School.

Portay and Rosebell are in the final stages of their 4-year course - their final internship and related dissertation taking place as they begin teaching at Chrestos. Our Karen Trustees are reviewing all aspects of admission criteria, training and academic standards. A significant consultation will take place on Saturday 14th March. Please pray future Chrestos graduates will be the better equipped for the range of responsibilities they fulfil.

Graduation of the current 4th year group will take place the following day Sunday 15th March.

Points for prayer and praise: (Also as above)

We praise God for the fruit seen through village mission visits by students and staff, through 4th year interns and most of all, through the steadfastness of Chrestos Alumni labouring as pastors and evangelists.

We praise Him for inspiration and renewal of mission vision in the hearts of visitors in 2024 and 2025. Some have already booked flights for October 2026. Please pray for these visits and ask God does He want to send and inspire you?



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