

A Challenging Time for Thailand

Our country of Thailand is experiencing very challenging times. There are serious political disturbances, and the modern world is giving many new social changes. In the midst of these changes, we thank our unchanging God for **His faithfulness** and great care during the past year. We have been blessed with support and concern from people all over Thailand and from many people abroad. Our grateful thanks go to all partners, as well as donors and supporters that made VOP projects possible and the message of Jesus is communicated to people all over Thailand and neighboring countries.

A highlight of the year was on the first of November when we celebrated Voice of Peace 48th anniversary by arranging a seminar on Christian leadership. We were blessed by the support of many friends, and more than 230 Christian leaders participated in the event. The speaker, Rev. Dr. Joseph Tong, was well received as he shared about evangelism in Asian contexts. The special book “**Testimonies of Christian Leaders**” was distributed to all participants and to brothers and sisters in Christ all over the country, giving them new spiritual inspiration as they read the life stories of key people.

Another highlight was the attendance at the EMDC conference, which was conducted in Chiang Mai, and Dr. Jariya Sornmayura and Dr. Viggo Sogaard were plenary speakers. Several participants came to visit Voice of Peace, and this has given us many new contacts. New partners have provided encouragement and excitement.

Highlights of the year were also the start of two new exciting projects, which will be further explained in this report. The so-called Proverbs Project seeks to communicate the message of Jesus to modern, educated Thai Buddhists. At the same time, the MegaVoice project will communicate the basics of the Bible message to many different ethnic groups in the mountains in both Thailand and Myanmar. Through everything we do, we want to communicate the message of Jesus: *My Peace I give you.*

Dr. Jariya Sornmayura
Director, Voice of Peace



Children from First Thai Church in Chiang Mai Sing Christmas Songs



A group of 15 young girls from Chiang Mai First Church recorded a new Christmas album, which has been very well accepted.



A Unique tool for teaching those who have difficulties in reading



MegaVoice is producing a special player for use among ethnic groups, where only a minority are functionally literate. The model used is the Storyteller that can have app. 8 hours of sound recording. The purpose is evangelism and Bible teaching, but there are also social needs and other needs that can be covered. At a special micro-finance based project in Burma, the Storyteller is used for training village people. Apart from the micro-finance project itself, there is also teaching on sanitation, trafficking, violence against women, etc. A special branch will bring Bible and evangelistic material.

The **Mega Voice** is charged by the sun, so it does not require batteries. The size of the Storyteller player is like a cell phone. The sound is loud enough for a small group to listen together. Voice of Peace is planning to produce the Bible material in several different languages.

Refugees Preparing for Ministry

At the Mae La refugee camp, which is situated close to the Burma border, an exciting community exists under the leadership of Rev. Dr. Simon. Voice of Peace has been involved in a variety of ways, helping to provide resources, give teaching, and promote the ministry of the Bible College, including an orphanage with more than 200 children and a home for handicapped who have been blinded and maimed by landmines.



Rev. Dr. Simon recording Bible teaching at Voice of Peace



The Bible College has more than 500 students

Financial Report for 2013

VOP is grateful to the Lord, and to all friends and partners who have supported Voice of Peace ministry in Thailand.

Incomes:

Danish Covenant Church and donations from Denmark	2,258,421 Baht	US \$72,852
International Partners for Broadcasting	2,064,540 Baht	US \$66,598
Sponsored Projects and Bookstore	4,171,086 Baht	US \$134,551
Donations and Local Support	<u>321,293 Baht</u>	<u>US \$ 10,364</u>
Total	<u>8,815,340 Baht</u>	<u>US \$284,365</u>

Expenses:

Staff salaries	51%
Ministry, production, airtime	36%
Technical Equipment and Maintenance	5%
Office Expenses	3%
Reserve Account	5%

Radio Broadcasting to the whole Country and Beyond

Voice of Peace has throughout 2013 been broadcasting on 13 government radio stations, and 56 local stations have used the programs regularly. For Christmas, another 36 stations broadcast VOP programs. VOP own local radio is broadcasting everyday from 8.00 to 22.00 and there are two Internet based channels that can be heard around the world.

Prisoners are Believing in Jesus.

Fifteen years ago, a prisoner by the name of Somwang gave his life to Jesus. He then lead many other prisoners to study the Bible by correspondence from Voice of Peace. Somwang was later pardoned, and he then continued to minister to the prisoners. And when the Christians are released, he assists them and introduces them to local churches. Support for this ministry is received from Christians in Denmark. During these 15 years, more than 5,000 persons have studied the Bible by correspondence, and several hundreds have been baptized. Each year Voice of Peace arranges a special Christmas celebration, as well as participating in several services during the year.



Mr. Somwang and Dr. Jariya together with head of prison guards. He has also studied Bible by correspondence.



Christmas service at the prison together with more than 100 new Christians.

Christian Leadership for Effective Evangelism in Asian Contexts

It was a special joy for Voice of Peace to celebrate its 48 years of ministry in Thailand by conducting a seminar for Christian leaders. A total of 232 registered for the one-day conference. Speaker was Rev. Dr. Joseph Tong, the former president of International Bible Seminary in California.



Some of the participants in the seminar



Dr. Jariya with Rev. Dr. Joseph Tong

Proverbs Project - the Big Challenge for 2014

The aim of the project is to communicate a clear message about Jesus to modern Thai Buddhists. The approach is based on the way the Apostle Paul handled the religious people of Athens. The project includes radio, television, book, correspondence course, CD, DVD, Apps and Social Media.

Voice of Peace Extends its Services to all Churches and Christian Organizations.

Voice of Peace is ready to work with all churches, providing professional recordings. Churches are welcome to contact VOP for working together on productions. Our professional music studio with musical instruments is available, and an excellent professional television studio can be used for different kinds of productions.

You are also invited to become an **Orchid Member**. We have three kinds of orchid members: Classical, White, and Gold. Membership levels are based on the amount members pledge to support VOP ministry.



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