



# *Voice of Peace* Annual Report 2014

## **A Year of Challenges and Opportunities**

The year 2014 was a year of many changes for the Voice of Peace ministry. There were political changes in Thailand that affected our mission, and we have had a number of staff changes. Through it all, we have experienced God's presence, and we have been encouraged by the faithful prayer partners who support the ministry.

In this report, we will highlight a number of activities from the past year, and we will point to some of the major challenges. The Office of National Broadcasting and Telecommunications Commission was concerned about professional ethics. Therefore, some radio stations have been closed. The Voice of Peace local radio station has a good reputation, however, we have been in the process of fulfilling the requirements of the government. We are waiting for official permission to resume broadcasting. Our programs on government radio stations have continued as usual.

The two major projects launched in 2014 have provided many exciting challenges, and the projects are moving forward. The **Proverbs Project**, which has been launched under the title of *Voice of Wisdom*, seeks to communicate the message of Jesus to modern, educated Thai Buddhists. The **MegaVoice** project will communicate the basics of the Bible message to many different ethnic groups in the mountains in both Thailand and Myanmar, but we are also planning to use the MegaVoice players in the cities of Thailand.

A pocket book with "*Encouraging Life Stories*" has been published for the use of evangelism, and it can be used in our follow-up of listeners. The book takes stories from daily life and puts them into the context of the Bible, giving hope through faith in Jesus. This book has received very good responses from Christian leaders and institutions.

Through everything we do, we want to communicate the message of Jesus which is "*My Peace I give you*".

**Dr. Jariya Sornmayura**

**Director, Voice of Peace**



## The Year of 2014 with Big Challenges for Radio Ministry

We believe that there is a time for everything. In 2014, VOP wanted to have a positive development on radio programs, as the listeners' responses that they would like us to produce more new programs that encourage their quality of life, and, most important, programs that help them in their spiritual growth or to grow in Christ spiritually.



We recruited and accepted some of the new graduates who studied “Communication Arts” from several universities to produce more programs. The programs will be on air this year as planned.

## MegaVoice Players Bring Bible Teaching to Ethnic Groups

VOP has launched a project using solar powered MegaVoice audio players to provide basic Bible teaching to ethnic groups that have poor reading skills. So far, production has been done in Sgaw Karen, Pho Karen and Burmese languages, and production is going on in Chin and Karenni languages. The project expands as funds become available.



The Mega Voice player is charged by the sun, so it does not require batteries or electricity. The size of the storyteller player is like a cell phone. The sound is loud enough for small groups to listen together. Voice of Peace is planning several different projects using MegaVoice players.



## Celebrate Christmas to Community

VOP staff had a great Christmas time with brothers and sisters at Voice of Peace. VOP also distributed Christmas gifts to Churches, Christian organizations and non-believers.



# Financial Report for 2014

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

## Income Summary

VOP Services (bookstore, studio, copying, misc.)	954,514 Baht = US \$ 30,791 (14 %)
Sponsored Projects (LTW and ITM)	1,793,209 Baht = US \$ 57,845 (26 %)
Project Support (Proverbs, MegaVoice, CD, DVD)	1,993,235 Baht = US \$ 64,298 (29 %)
DCC Regular Support	1,324,790 Baht = US \$ 42,735 (19 %)
Donations (Anniversary, book, Orchid)	<u>830,222 Baht = US \$ 26,781 (12 %)</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>6,895,970 Baht = US \$ 222,450</b>

## Expense Summary

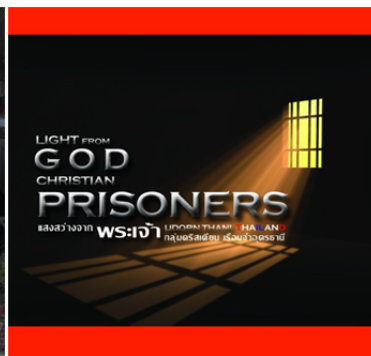
Staff expenses	3,701,115 Baht = US \$ 119,390 (55%)
Program expenses	1,815,690 Baht = US \$ 58,571 (27%)
Technical expenses	337,805 Baht = US \$ 10,897 (5%)
Support services	838,184 Baht = US \$ 27,038 (13%)
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>6,692,794 Baht = US \$ 215,896</b>

## 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. When the Christian prisoners 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 3,000 have studied the Bible by correspondence, and several hundred have been baptized inside the prison. Each year Voice of Peace arranges a special Christmas celebration, as well as participating in several services during the year.



Somwang is heading up the prison ministry which sees many come to know Christ each month.



A CD was produced with songs written by Christian prisoners.



The big sign on the Voice of Peace hall which is constructed inside the prison compound.



## Voice of Peace Anniversary Year

In October 2015 VOP will celebrate 50 years of ministry through media. The actual date is 19th October, but the main celebration event is in the evening of Saturday, October 17, Chiang Mai.

## Children Speak Out Against Corruption



Voice of Peace participated with the Karen Baptist Churches in Omkoi district for a special song contest: *Karen GenY Anti-corruption*. The winning songs were produced on CD by Voice of Peace. A special presentation was made by the churches as thank you to VOP. The competition was arranged by Compassion.

## Excellent Cooperation from Government Offices

During the year, Voice of Peace has developed very good relations with the Governor of Chiang Mai province and his staff at the Provincial Office regarding the import of MegaVoice players. We also received excellent cooperation from the Customs Department in both Bangkok and Chiang Mai. Photo to the right is from a visit to the Governor of Chiang Mai, Mr. Siriya Prasatbuntitya (second from right) by VOP Board Chairman, Dr. Preecha Jengjalern, VOP Director, Dr. Jariya Sornmayura, VOP Consultant, Dr. Viggo Sogaard, and Rev. Dr. Anchalee Jengjalern.



## VOP Retreat: One Mind ...One Spirit



In Celebration of VOP 49<sup>th</sup> year, Voice of Peace Board of Directors and staff had a wonderful retreat on the topic “One Mind... One Spirit” at Belle Villa Resort, Chiang Mai in October 2014. We are very much thankful to board members, incl. Rev. Peter and Neel Goetz, for having a good time together.

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

**Voice of Peace** is ready to work with all churches, providing professional media services. 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.

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