



In Remembrance of His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej

December 5, 1927–October 13, 2016

Board of Directors, Director and Staff
Voice of Peace



Sanit—home with God

In February 2016, the first staff at Voice of Peace, Sanit Khongton, went home to God. The impact and results of the ministry of this former Buddhist monk can hardly be exaggerated.

Sanit was language teacher for Ketty and Viggo Søgaaard, and later as a speaker that understood how to explain the Gospel in a Thai cultural setting.

It was Sanit who suggested the name *Voice of Peace*, in reference to the words of Jesus in John 14:27.



GOOD NEWS



FROM
THE MEDIA MINISTRY
of
VOICE OF PEACE
THAILAND

Voice of Peace

The media ministry of Voice of Peace has now started its 6th decade of service. In 2015, the center could celebrate its 50 year anniversary, and we could look back on a time when radio and television got much more influence on the daily life of ordinary people than we could have anticipated or even dared to dream about.



The vision of Dr. Viggo Søgaaard in the beginning of the 60's to proclaim the Good News through media was big, and the expansive developments regarding media made it even bigger. Today, with our smart phones we can see TV, talk with our friends on Facebook and stream our favorite music. This has given Voice of Peace many new platforms for the ministry.

Some of the challenges for Voice of Peace in the future will be:

- To understand the modern person, his or her daily life, and ways in which they receive news.
- On the basis of this, present the Gospel in relevant ways in respect for old traditions and new tendencies.
- To find new ways and means, so that those who hear the Good News will be able to make lasting and life changing decisions for Christ. We are called to make disciples, not just listeners.

All of this will require creativity, ingenuity, love, and an ability to listen. Most of all, we depend on God's wisdom and strength. On the following pages, please read how VOP seeks to fulfill the task.

Thanks to all for prayer and support.

Dr. Jariya Sornmayura, Director

Partners

Our ministry would not have been possible for its present strength and coverage without good and faithful partners. Among them has been *In Touch Ministries* and *Leading the Way*.

A very special partner has been the Danish Covenant Church that since the start of VOP in 1965 has been a constant supporter for the ministry.

New Partner

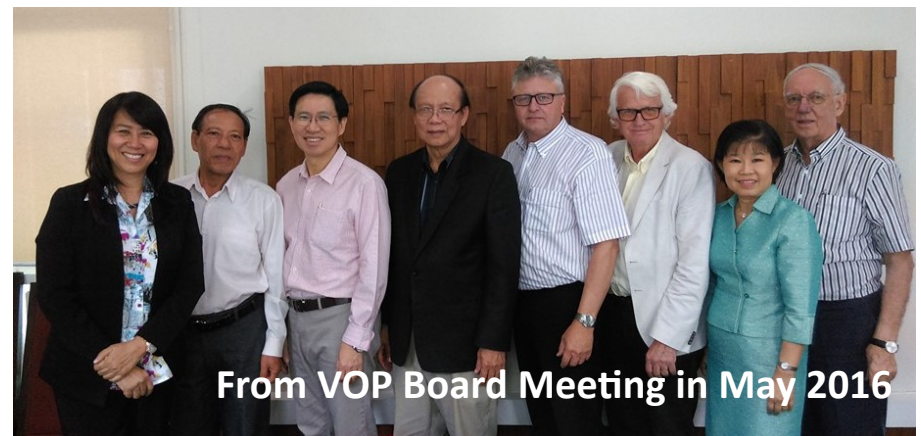
Recently, a new international partner is IBRA Media, an organization based in Scandinavia. Each day, IBRA brings the gospel to 100 different languages in 85 countries.

Among the partners that VOP had to say good bye to was *Leading the Way*. They changed their focus to concentrate on Muslim countries.

Board of Directors

There are four VOP board meetings each year. Representatives from DCC and IBRA participate twice a year.

From left: The Director of VOP Dr. Jariya Sornmayura, Rev. Sunny Danpongpee, Dr. Kriengsak Wattanasirakul, Dr. Preecha Jengjalern (chairman), Rev. Peter Götz, Rev. Bengt Åke Bengtson, Dr. Sompan Wongdee and Dr. Viggo Søgaaard (Rev. Allan Eubank –Absent)



From VOP Board Meeting in May 2016

Award to Voice of Peace on Stop Human Trafficking Day



Voice of Peace Wins National Competition

For the third year in a row, VOP received an award for a radio spot in a competition between all national radio stations. As in 2014 and 2016, VOP received the first prize, and the second prize in 2015. The topic of radio spot was "Stop Human Trafficking".

Together with the first award, VOP received 30,000 Baht.

The award was presented to VOP staff, Niran Chantachon, by the Prime Minister of Thailand at a ceremony in Bangkok. Niran was the producer of the radio spot.



Internet is a Big Opportunity for VOP

During 2016 there was a dramatic increase in the number of local radio stations that broadcast VOP programs each week. In the beginning of 2017, there were over 123 stations, which is twice as many as in 2016. These radio stations have registered with VOP and can then download the programs for re-broadcasting on their local stations.



Voice of Wisdom, Program on air in Bangkok

Apart from the local radio stations, there are 15 bigger government controlled radio stations that broadcast VOP programs. Eight of these air our program for free of charge, while seven of them, we pay for the airtime.

The newest expansion is on a station in Bangkok, which is under the administration of the Bangkok Police Department. It can be listened to by 10 million people in Bangkok. *Voice of Wisdom* program is on air every Saturday evening, for which VOP pays 20,000 Baht a month.

The Radio Programs

The big demand for VOP radio programs requires much work from the program department. The model used on most radio stations requires a new program each day.



A Program for Every Day of the Week

Monday: *Health* – how to take care of health and life

Tuesday: *With Love* – evangelism

Wednesday: *In Touch* – Bible teaching and preaching

Thursday: *Sharing Love* – basics of the Christian Faith

Friday: *Bible on Air* – Bible studies

Saturday: *Voice of Wisdom* – evangelism with wisdom from Proverbs

Sunday: *Leading the Way* – Bible teaching

Apart from these regular programs, there is production of programs like *With Love and Care*, *How to avoid AIDS*, and programs in different tribal languages.

The Listeners Respond

Every day there are 15-20 listeners on the phone, asking questions and often pray together with the VOP staff. But the staff is also busy answering questions from listeners on Facebook. Here they can get immediate answers. There is also a Bible correspondence course by mail for those who want to study the Bible that way. Some local churches advise their members to take the course. *Bible-online* is for those who prefer to study the Bible online.



Special Outreaches in December give many new Contacts for Voice of Peace

Even though Christmas is a Christian festival, Thai people like to celebrate Christmas in the month of December too. VOP uses the opportunity to have several different outreaches.

In December 2016 we contacted 500 Radio Stations with a request for them to use special Christmas programs from VOP. More than 100 stations responded positively to this suggestion.

In Chiang Mai, VOP had a special celebration at the studios for neighbors, local churches, music groups, and a speaker from the city. VOP provided a Christmas buffet on the grounds, and T-shirts, calendars, books, CDs and DVDs were distributed as gifts.



Thanks to the staff at
Voice of Peace



New shipment of MegaVoice to the refugee camp at Mae La

Voice of Peace and the Refugee Camp at Mae La

For several years, VOP has been working with the Mae La Refugee Camp closed to the Myanmar border. There is a Bible school with 500 students and 40 volunteer teachers in the camp. They have used the resources from VOP in different ways, like producing songs on CDs.

When the students go on mission trips into the villages of Myanmar, they bring MegaVoice audio players with songs and teaching from Voice of Peace. Voice of Peace has also provided teaching at the school, like teaching philosophy by Dr. Jariya.



Class room at the Bible School

Listener Responses

Ms. Phorntip

During a visit to an *Elephant Camp*, a guide, Phorntip, came and talked to us while we were waiting. When she heard that we were from VOP, she became very excited and told us that she had been listening to VOP every evening because she really liked the Bible teaching. Her favorite Bible verse was Luke 1.37: "For God nothing is impossible".



Mr. Wicharn Baothong

Hello VOP. I am a new Christian and I listen to VOP radio programs. I would like to study the Bible through your Bible correspondence course.

Ms. Kaewdee Manochai

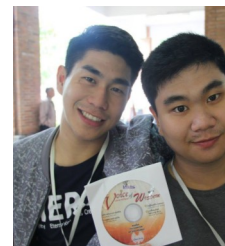
I called the director of VOP to encourage her for the Proverbs program. I listen with joy to VOP programs that are a blessing to me.

Ms. Tip Kiatsuwan

I listen to VOP programs from the Lee Mee Suk station. I am not a Christian, but I love to listen to VOP. The programs are very good for spiritual growth.

Ms. Nonglak Augkam

May God bless VOP. I always listen to your programs. I was sick, but God healed me and gave me new strength. I love God. Thanks for your encouraging letter.



TV

In the big and excellent VOP studio, we produce television programs that are broadcasted on local TV stations. There is also production of different DVD programs. The present focus is on the *Voice of Wisdom* series that are produced as both 5-7 min. and 25 min. programs.



Finger Dolls from Guatemala tells the story of Jesus to Children

Deditos is a popular TV and video program that uses finger dolls. It is created by an organization in Guatemala, and it explains the Gospel to children. VOP produced a new soundtrack so that the dolls speak Thai.



The history of Mr. Somwang, who became a Christian because of Voice of Peace radio programs, is a testimony to the power of God. Today, as a free man, he is a minister to the inmates in the prison.

New Christians

Each month we receive testimonies from people, who through the Bible teaching by Somwang have become believers in Christ.

Each year, our staff from VOP will go to the prison in Udon Thani to celebrate Christmas and New Year with believers in the prison, in order to encourage them. There is now a big congregation of Christians in the prison.

New rules in the prison prohibits women and men to meet together for services on Sundays. This give Somwang new challenges. Nevertheless, the prison management has requested Voice of Peace to increase their visits to the prison with special focus on care for the women prisoners.

CD Production

In 2016, VOP produced three CDs. One has songs written and sung by Christian in Udon Thani prison. The second one has new Christian songs by the group *Sing Out*. And the third one was Christmas songs. 1000 copies are made of each CD, which are sold in VOP bookstore, and used as gifts at different events in churches and at VOP.



Bookstore, Website, and Facebook

Bookstore

VOP has a bookstore with a variety of Christian books. Many visit the bookstore, both individuals and from churches.

Website

Everyone can go to VOP homepage and find the programs that they have missed. There is also information about VOP other services on CD and DVD, as well as books and booklets.

There have been many people who visit our VOP website. The address is **voiceofpeace.org**. English is also available by clicking on the English flag. The website is also used by local radio and TV stations who are registered to download the programs for local re-broadcasting.

Facebook

We have received hundreds of letters each month in the past. Now, our audiences can write and chat with our VOP staff through Facebook.

Voice of Wisdom



The proverbs project utilizes many proverbs in the Bible to communicate the Christian faith to modern, educated Thai Buddhists. The programs are produced for both radio and television.

They are also uploaded to the VOP homepage for radio and television stations.

Voice of Wisdom programs are also made available on DVD and sent to churches to be used in their outreach ministry. Wisdom and proverbs are important aspects for teaching in Buddhist cultures.



Mega Voice

This small sun-powered MegaVoice audio player can have 8-10 hours of recording. Its potential is big for preachers in small house groups, for music and teaching when you are alone, for general education and information related to health issues, or for a part of development projects. MegaVoice is definitely a special tool when reaching those who cannot read or write.



Our VOP staffs visited the provincial office in Chiang Mai where we prayed for the Governor before we left.

Visit to the Governor

There were many visits to the authorities in Chiang Mai and Bangkok to be exempted from a huge import duty on the MegaVoice players. Finally there was successful. The Chiang Mai Governor was positive and could see the possibilities of reaching those who cannot read through this new technology.

Testimonies

A boy is listening to Voice of Peace teaching program and songs through a Mega Voice, audio player.

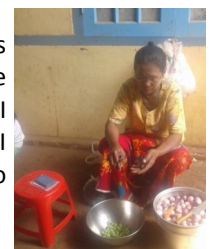


My name is Saw Htoo Say. I am a farmer who live in Taung Ka Lay in Myanmar. I am very happy for my MegaVoice, where I can listen to the word of God. In the evening, when I have finished my work, I listen together with my family.



My name is Naw Paw Nay Than. I am a student at the Bible school in the Mae La refugee camp. During our last mission trip into Myanmar, we visited a village called Htee Ta Kay Tah. We went in to a house, where the people were animists, who believe in spirits in nature. After our visit, they now want to be baptized. We gave them a MegaVoice audio player, so that they could receive good Bible teaching.

Through a Catholic priest in Myanmar, VOP received this greeting from Daw Nyo: I am very grateful to those who gave me this MegaVoice. Now I can listen to God's word while I work. I am a cook, so I use much time preparing food. When I sit down and work, it is a great value to be able to listen to God's word this way.



From one of the tribal groups, where only a few are able to read, we received this testimony: I listen to the MegaVoice player from Voice of Peace. It has been a blessing to listen to the teaching by different teachers and pastors. It has helped me to witness to others and taught my children about Jesus.