

## STAFF TRAINING

Voice of Peace's staff regularly attend seminars and courses to keep themselves updated in various areas such as,

- New technical developments
- Work values and goals
- Principles for spiritual life.
- Focus on new rules and regulations from the Government



Chairman of the Board, Rev. Dr. Preecha Jengjalern and his wife, Rev. Dr. Anchalee, spent the first day of the New Year with the staff. Dr. Preecha gave some teaching from the Bible while his wife, Dr. Anchalee shared her knowledge about Thailand's development as follows:

*'The development of Thailand has moved from being a country of agriculture (1,0) to light industry (2,0) and then advanced industry (3,0). In the future Thailand will be in a new period of growth. The focus will be on economic growth, social security, sustainable environment and focus on being self-sufficient.'*

As the Bible teaches us a great deal about money, respect and care for each other, the environment (the creation) and our consumption the new development means a lot to Christian mass media producers.

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**May the Lord bless you**

*"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you."  
(JOHN 14:27)*



# Voice of Peace

## INTRODUCTION

In this report you will find a summary of the most important areas of work and special events organized at the Voice of Peace Center in 2017. They are all based on the monthly newsletters published during the year.

## HOPE

On pages 3 and 4, you will find a short but very powerful article about hope and what hope can do in our lives.

Voice of Peace has been built on that hope and in each day, the media center continues and develops because of that hope.

## THE VOICE OF PEACE MEDIA CENTER

Apart from that, other pages present information and pictures of what Voice of Peace did in Chiang Mai as well as its missions outside Chiang Mai including the Prison Ministry at Udon Thani Central Prison and the Bible school in Mae La refugee camp.



## A SPECIAL GUEST

In August, Voice of Peace welcomed a very special guest.



The Voice of Peace founder, Dr. Viggo Sogaard, Ketty Sogaard, their daughter; Annette and their son, Kim visited VOP Chiang Mai.

This was the very last visit of Dr. Viggo Sogaard. He wanted to visit Voice of Peace for the last time to give thanks as well as to remind staff and board members of the founding values of Voice of Peace.





## VISITORS

Voice of Peace is so much grateful to the Lord for His blessings provided through visitors. We started the blessed New Year with friends who came from Bhutan and Nepal to visit us as well as to complete the records.

In February, a team from Mission Covenant Church of Denmark visited VOP. These remarkable people are the ones who hold responsible for, over 50 years, supports provided for Voice of Peace by the Mission Covenant Church of Denmark.



In March, a team of young people from Norway, Ansgar Høgskole, and the Danish volunteers visited us.

In July, a team of young people from Aids Care, Denmark introduced by Mogens Koch Pedersen came.



During the month of May Voice of Peace had opportunity to welcome visitors from Church of Christ in Thailand, Chiang Mai University and Children Evangelism Fellowship. The last group spent some days recording materials.

# HOPE

**There is no life without hope**



Hope is very important for us because hope impacts several aspects of our daily life. There is no life without hope. Hope gives life, its purpose and meaning.

Hopeful people try to achieve their goals and be successful.

Hopeful people have more self-esteem.

Hopeful people take better care of themselves.

Hopeful people have a desire to overcome obstacles even though they are in a difficult time or in pain.

There is a saying, "If people become more hopeful, they become more grateful." This means that they learn how to handle and deal with life situations, no matter have good or bad they are.

*Give thanks with grateful heart in all circumstances.*

Having hope means looking forward to a positive outcome and a positive outcome can be called as a fruitful or blessed life.

However, we cannot rely on hope alone in this changing world and at this challenging time. We need to have faith that gives us "hope for every season and every circumstance".

Allow me to ask you this most basic question: In which do you have your hope and how do you plan to make your hope come true?

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Generally speaking, hope can be uncertain due to a lack of confidence, expectation, and a desire for the better future things. Christian faith is based on Biblical hope which has God's guidance and help. With this hope, we are confident that the desired and expected things will positively happen in the future.

*"I alone know the plans I have for you, plans to bring you prosperity and not disaster, plans to bring about the future you hope for". (Jeremiah 29:11)*

Our God is the God of hope. I pray that God will help us to examine our lives and our desires to abide in these challenging times. I also pray that we will not only be more hopeful but more grateful and more productive people in our society, and above all for God's Kingdom.

For this year, Voice of Peace hopes to have more partners who will walk side by side with us in the ministries.

As always, we continue to develop good relationship with churches, Christian organizations, NGOs, and related governmental sectors.

Thank you for your kind supports that make many projects of Voice of Peace possible.

May the hope of God fill your life!!

***With love of Christ***

***Dr. Jariya Sornmayura***

**Director, Voice of Peace**

*Let your hope keep you joyful,*

*be patient in your troubles, and pray at all times (Romans 12:12)*

## MAE LA



The relationship between Voice of Peace and the refugee camp in Mae La has continually been strengthened. There have cooperated on special productions of CDs. Apart from that, Dr. Jariya has been teaching a course in philosophy at the camp.

In March, Dr. Jariya and some Voice of Peace staff members participated in the graduation ceremony.



The ceremony reflected how much joyful the graduates were and how grateful they were to the supports they had received from their professors and family members.



## UDON THANI

Voice of Peace has a good relationship with Udon Thani Central Prison.

Last January, a team from Voice of Peace visited the prison and celebrated Christmas and New Year with the prisoners. They worshipped with songs, sermon and shared lunch.

Mr. Somwang, an evangelist, has organized the activities in the prison. They had services every second week and it is obvious that Voice of Peace has been accepted by the prison administrative officers. They always receive the teams with warm welcome and appreciation.



**Mr. Somwang is preaching**

in the prison in Udon Thani

The commander of the prison and the director of VOP are exchanging gifts of gratitude and good relationship.



## Facilities and Staff

The Media Centre in Chiang Mai consists of a three storeys building with radio and TV studios, production rooms, administration offices, follow-up and conference facilities, bookstore and others.



Apart from these, there is a special radio studio operated by the Voice of Peace's staff which broadcasts the programs on a local radio station for people in Chiang Mai areas.

### SHARING FACILITIES

Voice of Peace allows local churches and Christian organizations to use its facilities to produce some good and professional materials.



### STAFF

The director of Voice of Peace, Dr. Jariya, is leading 10 –12 full time staff members and some part time staff members.

### MORNING WORSHIP

Three times a week the staff get together for morning worship, where they sing praise and worship songs, read the Bible and share their personal experiences with God. The worship always ends with prayers for the programs listeners, new believers and family members.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS** The Voice of Peace is governed by its Board of Directors. The board consists of seven members, mainly Thai. The members have 3-4 meetings a year.

## PRODUCTIONS

### PROVERBS

'Better a dry crust with peace than a house full of feasting with strife.'

Prov. 17:1.

Since 2017 Voice of Peace has started its largest project: The Proverbs project. The basis for this is founded in the Thai culture, where proverbs and short expressions often make a foundation for education of new generations.

52 programs have been produced for TV and in a form of DVD, and the same number have been produced for radio and YouTube. At the end they will be printed material.



### RADIO PROGRAMS

Voice of Peace programs are usually broadcasted in a 30 min. slot per day on the local radio stations all over Thailand. The programs have varied focuses during the week: Health, Evangelization, Bible teaching, Basic steps of Christianity and Voice of Wisdom. The radio programs are available on CD and can be bought by either churches or for personal use.

Voice of Peace produces 15 - 20 program scripts every week.



### FINGER PUPPETS - FROM GUATEMALA

The program series where finger puppets tell Bible stories have been a hit in many churches. This production for children has originally been produced in Guatemala. Voice of Peace has obtained the rights from the Christian organization, Vina to apply Thai soundtracks to them.

## SEMINARS

Like in other places in the world, people in Christian ministries in Thailand also need to be strengthened in their service for God.

There are always questions such as, "How can we build churches in Thailand and how can we talk about Jesus in Thai Buddhism culture?" "Where can we find the obvious open doors?"

"How can we help each other to move from one lifestyle filled with Buddhism idols and practices to a healthy Christian discipleship?"

With realization of a need for the answers to the questions, in February, Dr. Jariya organized a conference: Discipleship and Media for Christian leaders and ministers.

### Seminar with a cooperation of OMF



In September, VOP and Orient Mission Fellowship (OMF) co-organized a seminar: Walk thru the Bible at the VOP Media Centre. Dr. Larry Dinkins was the speaker for this seminar.



## PRINTED MEDIA

Research shows the efficiency of combining the audio-visual media with the printed media and Voice of Peace is aware of this. Therefore, along with the Proverbs project, which is the audio-visual media, VOP will produce printed booklets on the same topics.

Books and booklets with testimonies from Christians have, in large numbers, been printed and distributed to people during the past years.

Publications such as Power of Prayer and Prayer Calendar has also been produced and distributed.

The printed media can be read and re-read while the digital ones cannot be. This means printed media still have roles which cannot be substituted by the digital media to play.

## BOOKSHOP

Voice of Peace has every day visitors who look for book, CD with music or teaching, DVD or other kinds of material. VOP bookshop has variety of products they can choose from.



## CD PRODUCTIONS

In 2016, Voice of Peace had several CD productions. *Breath of Faith* was a collection of songs written and sung by prisoners in Udon Thani Central Prison.

*Drink from Their Own Wells* was a DVD produced by the refugees in Mae Lae refugee camp.

Voice of Peace produced a special CD to celebrate Easter. The CD consisted of 10 songs and the Easter message from the Bible.

## PRODUCTIONS FOR GENERAL INTEREST

Voice of Peace also had products for general Thai people:

- A CD with 6 lectures of King Bhumibhol on Sufficiency Economy, Natural Resources, Ethics, A good life, Good leadership and Education.
- A CD of 10 songs written by King Bhumibhol. The CD will be completed in October, 2018. More information about this is in this report.



## SOCIAL MEDIA

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## THE KING AND HIS SONGS

The beloved Thai King, King Bhumibol Adulyadej or King Rama IX, was gifted with many talents. Among them were his talents as a songwriter, musician and poet.

Voice of Peace had an aspiration to produce a CD of some of these magnificent songs. As the royal permission for the production was needed, the production process took time as well as many trips for Dr. Jariya to travel from Chiang Mai to the Royal office in Bangkok. Eventually, Voice of Peace was granted the permission to produce 3,000 CDs. The CDs are not religious, but through them, Voice of Peace expected to reach many more Thai people who love music and the King.



## MESSANGER - MEGAVOICE

Through decades the audio players have developed at a fast speed. We were all excited, when Dr. Viggo Søgaaard introduced the first cassette player which worked without electricity but manually to us.

Few years ago, the audio player Mega-Voice was introduced to us. It was, at that time, a new invention driven only by solar energy and could work for many hours after being charged with solar power.

The Messengers also include additional features to help in emergencies; such as an FM radio & flashlight. Also included is an additional Micro SD slot where people can add additional audio sermons or music from a computer or electronic device which enables the audio library to be enlarged.

These two kinds of solar driven audio player are very much applicable for Voice of Peace ministry. The messages such as, Bible teaching for illiterate groups, teaching on ethical principles, songs and music, etc. Can be recorded according to the distributors' preferences and specifications.

***Voice of Peace staff are presenting the Messengers to Mae La Refugee camp staff members.***





## SPECIAL OUTREACH

Voice of Peace always looks for special occasions to spread the Good News.

The staff continually produce special programs for days like Valentine's Day, Mother's Day and special Thai national holidays.

Christian celebration of Christmas, Easter and Pentecost are also very important occasions.



Whenever large events take place in Bangkok, staff members go and be part of them to distribute CDs, DVDs and booklets.

One of those occasions was a gathering to honor King Bhumibhol. Others were visits to churches, universities and a Catholic convent.

## TESTIMONIES

More people are blessed and encouraged by the Voice of Peace's programs than we have imagined. Following is only some examples of the testimonies we have received.

*Ms. Somya Pongpomsirakul from Suphanburi*

I love to listen to Voice of Peace's programs and every time I do, I feel encouraged. They are good for spiritual growth. I listen regularly, especially during the day and in the evening. May God bless the people who produce the programs so we can listen to them continually.

*Ms. Thapanee Saengsri from Petchaburi*

I listen to your programs in Petchaburi Province. I love them very much. When I have problems and listen to your program, I ask God to help me. God gives me good health. I want to receive Christ. Please tell me how to do that. Thank you.

*Mr. Tip Kiatsuwan from Lamphun*

I listen to your radio programs in Lamphun. They are very good programs and they teach people to live a decent life. I understand that you can give us a gift. I would like one for my nephew. Thank you very much.

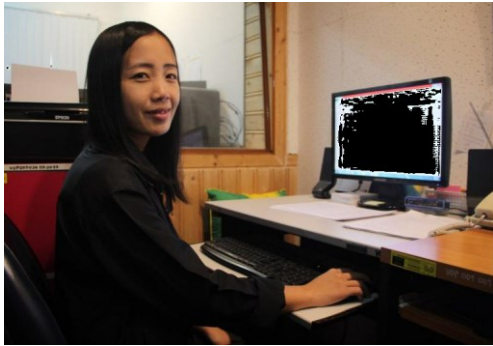
*Mr. Demchid Kaewdaeng from Sukhothai*

I listen to the VOP radio program called "In Touch Ministries" regularly. It is a great blessing. Thank you for the books you sent to me. I would very much like a CD with hymns, so I can listen to music and songs and praise God through them. I am now able to share the experiences with God with my family more often. Thank you for the words of encouragement.



### Voice of Peace is also a blessing for many Christians

Although the goal of Voice of Peace is to reach Thai people who do not know God as their Father or Jesus Christ as their Lord, it is evident from the responses we have received, that many Christians also listen to the programs and are encouraged to tell friends and families about the messages they receive from the programs. Many churches receive materials from Voice of Peace and use them for their evangelistic purposes.



**May-Jitsupa Taetua is responsible for the follow up and Bible Correspondence Department. She responds to the listener's letters approximately 50 letters daily.**

## NOT JUST RADIO LISTENERS

As Voice of Peace does not only aim to have many listeners, one of the busiest departments at our office is the follow-up department which deals with an average of 50 inquiries a day. These enquiries are sent via Facebook, e-mails, phone calls as well as from walk-in visitors and are answered by a Bible correspondence course.

## VISITS TO CHURCHES

Every Thursday evening staff members from Voice of Peace make an appointment with local churches and visit their pastors and church leaders to provide Voice of Peace's materials and products.

The church visit team always receives positive feedbacks on how VOP can help them in their teaching and outreach.



***Teerasant Sakorn is visiting a pastor and his wife.***

## RADIO STATIONS ACROSS THE COUNTRY

The digital media has, in many ways, been an important factor in spreading the Voice of Peace programs in Thailand.

135 local radio stations are now licensed to download the programs. In addition to that, 18 large stations, include 8 stations operated by the government are currently broadcasting the programs.

One of the stations in Bangkok covers the area of 50 provinces and can be reached by 10 million people.

Voice of Peace is presently paying for air time on some of the largest radio stations. The budget for this is 610.000 Baht (aprox 19.000 USD) which is 10% of the total budget.



**Radio program producers and coworkers:  
(From left to right) Em, Non, Dr. Jariya, Mani**

## LOCAL RADIO STATION IN CHIANG MAI

Some years ago, Voice of Peace established a local radio station and is now broadcasting programs for approximately 1 million Chiang Mai people.

A local radio station is operating under the current Government's law and regulations. These regulations change from time to time for the benefits of listeners, recently the programs with focus on people with disabilities were suggested.

One of the goals for this local radio station is to build close relationship with churches, institutions, schools, politicians and other sectors and groups of people in Chiang Mai.