

## KAREN CHRISTIAN LEADER' S NEWSLETTER

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**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year** – We hope that this has truly been a Sweet December and that you all are having a great Christmas season in your churches, communities and families. Many will be celebrating Karen new year and we pray for solutions to the problems of the Karen people around the world as you celebrate the beginning of another year. And, as the international New Year begins, may God lead us and bless us in the days ahead.

**Note from Duane-** Thank you for all your prayers for me as I had surgery in November. The surgery went well and I am at home now. The doctors say it will take 2 – 3 months to recover from the surgery so I won't be able to travel for a couple more months. I move around slowly now and can't do much work, but am getting better. Your prayers help me know I am in God's hands and I know there is no better place to be.

Before the surgery, I had planned to go to Thailand and visit the Mae La Ma Luang (Mae Ra Moe) Camp. I am not able to go, but a group of 6 that were going to go with me are still going by themselves. The group is from Spokane and Seattle in Washington State and Richmond, Virginia. They are timing the trip so they can be there for the annual Thanksgiving program that will be held January 1, 2 & 3. Pastor Robert Htway recently told me that 350 people will be Baptized as part of the Thanksgiving program and that they expect several thousand people to come from many of the other camps and from inside Burma. Please remember to pray for the group traveling there and for the whole Thanksgiving celebration.

**Link to MIT Choir** – The link below:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vl9pL14dLz4> will take you to a You Tube video of a performance of the Myanmar Institute of Theology choir singing during a chapel service. The choir had just won a competition so you might want to listen to them.

**Karen Baptist Youth Conference July 23 – 25, 2010** – The Karen Baptist Churches in USA is planning a Youth Conference for next July 23 – 25 to be held at the First Baptist Church of St. Paul, Minnesota. It is hoped that 300 youth and adults will attend. There will be a registration fee of \$15 per adult and \$10 per youth under the age of 18. Start planning now so you will be able to attend.

**New Health Materials Available in the Karen Language** – Follow this link:

<http://www.healthyroadsmedia.org/karen/index.htm> and it will take you to a page on the

Healthy Roads Media web site of health related information all in the Karen language. You can click on the materials and listen to what they say as well as print them out. There is some new information on diabetes which we often get questions about as well as other diseases and health issues.

**New Musical Written** – The Second Baptist Church in St. Louis, Missouri has written a new musical combining hymns and history of Ann and Adoniram Judson. Of course the history also features the Karen and how their coming to the US now brings the Judson's story "full circle" back to the US where it started. The 2nd Baptist Church is happy to share this musical with anyone who would like it. To get a copy, you can write to Rev. Stephen Jones at [steve@2ndbc.org](mailto:steve@2ndbc.org). The musical is also posted on the Karen Konnection website where it is available for free download at: [http://www.karenkonnection.org/Docs/101109\\_Judson%20-%20A%20Musical.pdf](http://www.karenkonnection.org/Docs/101109_Judson%20-%20A%20Musical.pdf).

**Karen Pastor Needed** – The Karen church at Huron, South Dakota is looking for a Karen/English speaking pastor to come and live in Huron and help lead their congregation. The Karen pastor would be an associate pastor of the First Baptist Church of Huron and would preach at the Karen services, provide pastoral care and help the Karen community with cultural assimilation and immigration issues. A job would be provided at Dakota Provisions where most of the Karen people are working. If interested, please contact Florence Li at [Florence.li@abc-usa.org](mailto:Florence.li@abc-usa.org).

**Feedback:** If this newsletter is interesting and helpful to you, please let us know. Also send us any information to share with other Karen groups. Tell us what you would like to see in the next issues. Give us e-mails of leaders who might like to receive it--our list is very incomplete. This e-mailing is being sent to 288 leaders of Karens.

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