

Part Three Chrestos Christian Community

The Team House in Mae Sariang



Chrestos Christian Community Worshipping Together

We are not only a Christian Education Centre, but also a Christian Community of over one hundred Karen, and a few other nationalities. Morning and evening we meet together for worship. In the mornings, we study portions from the Wisdom Literature: Psalms, Proverbs or Job, and in the evenings one of the student teams: Matthew, Mark, Luke, John or Acts, take responsibility for the evening service.

Learning Together:

Karen, men and women, come to the Christian Education Centre to study the Bible, both Old and New Testaments, in overview form and in depth during a four year period. They also have short courses in related subjects such as exegesis, evangelism, preaching, counseling, Church history and Christian education. The students can study for a two year period [certificate course] or for a four year period [diploma course]. The majority do the latter. After this period of training, some graduates stay to help in the work of the community, others become pastors or evangelists, and others may work with women, youth, or children. The need is great in all these sections of Karen society.

In the afternoons, the students study other subjects such as: music and choir; Karen literacy, Thai, and English languages; health and childcare; information technology and typing; agriculture and animal husbandry, sewing, weaving, and drama. They study for eight months of the year, and return to their families during planting and harvest time to help with the work in the fields.



Learning Different Skills