

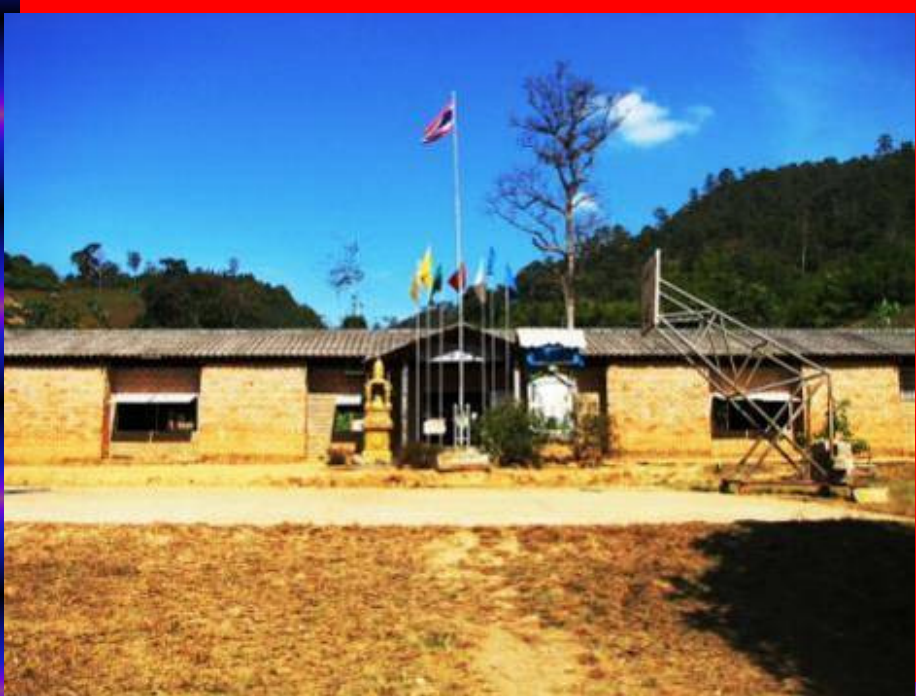
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**Short-term Mission Trip Report**  
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**Lak Taeng Christmas Carol**

In the morning we went to visit Thai Burma border where the army posts were stationing just a stone throw away from one another. They can even talk to one another over the bamboo fence.



Later we went to visit primary school for the Shan IDP run by NGO. Interestingly one of the school buildings was donated by Buddhist Firefly Mission from Singapore and other building was donated by Stavros Niarchos Foundation. More than one hundred students attending this school.



Carol Singing is a common practice of Shan churches in Shan States. I enjoyed singing Carol from evening till early morning in my younger days but I have no opportunity of doing it for thirty years. This year I again have an opportunity of singing Carol from house to house in Lak Taeng.





We wished them Merry Christmas, we sang Carol and we prayed for the family. We only went to the homes where local pastor had informed them in advance. As we were Caroling a man, a non-believer, came to us and asked us to go to their home and sing Carol and pray for them. We joyfully accepted and we did.  
As a custom of the Shan, after our prayer, they presented their gifts (alms) in a silver bowl and offered to us.  
Pray that the people may hear “Today, the Messiah is born for you”.

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