



◆ Country Project Outline



Thailand: Chiang Mai is the most-developed city in Thailand, after Bangkok. Hill tribe families seeking a better life migrate to the city in search of work and a more promising future. But with few services to meet the demand, many families are forced to live in informal slum communities. Their homes are constructed of whatever materials they can find to protect them from the sun, wind and rain. They have no direct access to basic services and are forced to use the nearby canal for sanitation and cleaning water. JRCWP 09 will work with one of these communities. The goal is to build up to 82 houses on that main site during the week, in honor of the King of Thailand's 82nd birthday on December 2, 2009. This will be a traditional JRCWP-style event with opening and closing ceremonies.



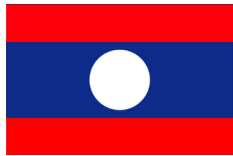
Vietnam: Volunteers will build 20 homes in a fishing community in Hai Duong city, southeast of the capital, Hanoi. This is part of a comprehensive three-year project to build a decent community for nearly 300 impoverished families – some 2,000 people – currently living in slums or on cramped fishing boats on the banks of the Thai Binh River. The project will create a microfinance program to allow families to save for their new homes and have access to better education and employment opportunities. The fire-brick Habitat homes, to be built on land provided by the government, will have insulation, gardens, clean water, hygienic toilets, electricity and roofs designed to catch rainwater. This will not be a blitz build; the houses will not need to be completed at the end of the week.



Cambodia: Volunteers in Cambodia will help build safe, decent and affordable homes for 20 families, including 80 children, who are relocating from an unsanitary dumpsite in Damnak Thom village, on the eastern outskirts of Phnom Penh. The new homes will be built on a 3,000-square-meter site on the northwestern border with the capital, in Srok Por village, Punhea Leu district, Kandal province. Habitat for Humanity Cambodia is providing microfinance loans and other help to build the homes, along with a clinic and community center. This will not be a blitz build; the houses will not need to be completed at the end of the week.



China: The Carter Work Project volunteers will help build 20 homes near the city of Kunming in Yunnan province. Habitat currently works in rural areas of China where homes are often makeshift, unsafe structures. Electricity is widely available, but water comes from communal wells and sanitation facilities are rare. A typical Habitat home measures about 70 square meters and is constructed of red bricks, stone, compressed earth blocks or wood, topped by a tiled roof. This will not be a blitz build; the houses will not need to be completed at the end of the week. Volunteer will stays at a hotel near the site.



Laos: The Lao People's Democratic Republic, or Laos, is among the poorest countries in Asia. Poverty is most concentrated in the rural areas, where most people live. One-tenth of the population lives in semi-permanent shelters with grass or bamboo floors, walls and roofs of bamboo or grass. Wood and bamboo houses built on stilts are a frequent sight in rural and mountainous areas, where many ethnic minority groups live. Carter Work Project volunteers will do repairs on 20 homes in the urban areas of the capital city, Vientiane. The majority of the volunteers for this project will come from Thailand and other parts of SE Asia.

※The site adornment, sophistication, and entertainment associated with recent Carter Work Projects will be present at the main Chiang Mai site only. Volunteers at all sites will receive t-shirts and welcome kits and will enjoy opening and closing ceremonies. But the event week in the satellite sites will more closely resemble a Global Village trip in its modesty and emphasis on construction and interactions with the families and community.