

Education

While I was in Chiang Rai with the American young people team from Arvada, Colorado, 17 to 27 June, 2002, I had some side trips related to education. The major one was a visit to the new Mae Fah Luang University, then partly under construction. Its main courses are to be taught in English. So I was wondering if I should be a professor there. But I did not pursue that idea. This is a Google Earth satellite image of the MFL university campus as of 2023. It is located north of Chiang Rai.



Approaching the campus



Various campus buildings, many still under construction.

While walking the halls I heard some lectures being done in the Thai language rather than in English as promoted.



Empty classroom



Full classroom



This center of the MFLU campus is easily seen in the satellite imagery.

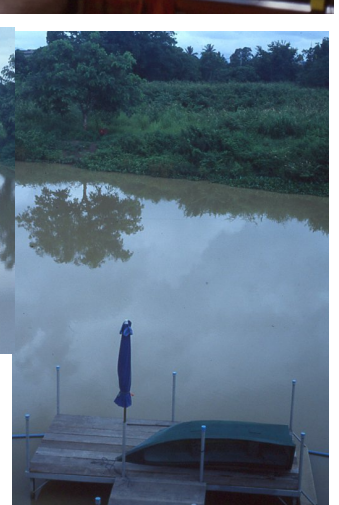
My host, after the team from Arvada was gone, was an American, Gary, who was working in Chiang Rai. I stayed overnight in his home and took photos in the morning. We discussed the economics of living there, and it was very inexpensive for this quality of housing. His income was much less than if he had an American job, but it was quite adequate for the cost of living in Chiang Rai. This is even a waterfront property.



China has contributed much to MFLU.



They home-school their son.



About a hundred Akha pastors and evangelists were called in from their villages for the meeting illustrated on the next page. I gave a lecture (with translation) and had my Biblical coin exhibit laid out for them to examine, verifying the historical reality of what is mentioned in the Bible. (See <http://www.edholroyd.info/BiblicalCoins/>)



Akha Christian leadership

I was then taken for a return visit to Phayao Bible College where I had lectured three years earlier. Again I gave the lecture and showed the Biblical coins. Such physical confirmation of Biblical things, people, and places did strengthen the faith of many of the students.



Phayao Bible College students



Entrance to Phayao Bible College

Cultural items from the Akha orphanage, House of Joy, in Chiang Rai:



As in many cultures, shoes are left outside.



These are brooms.