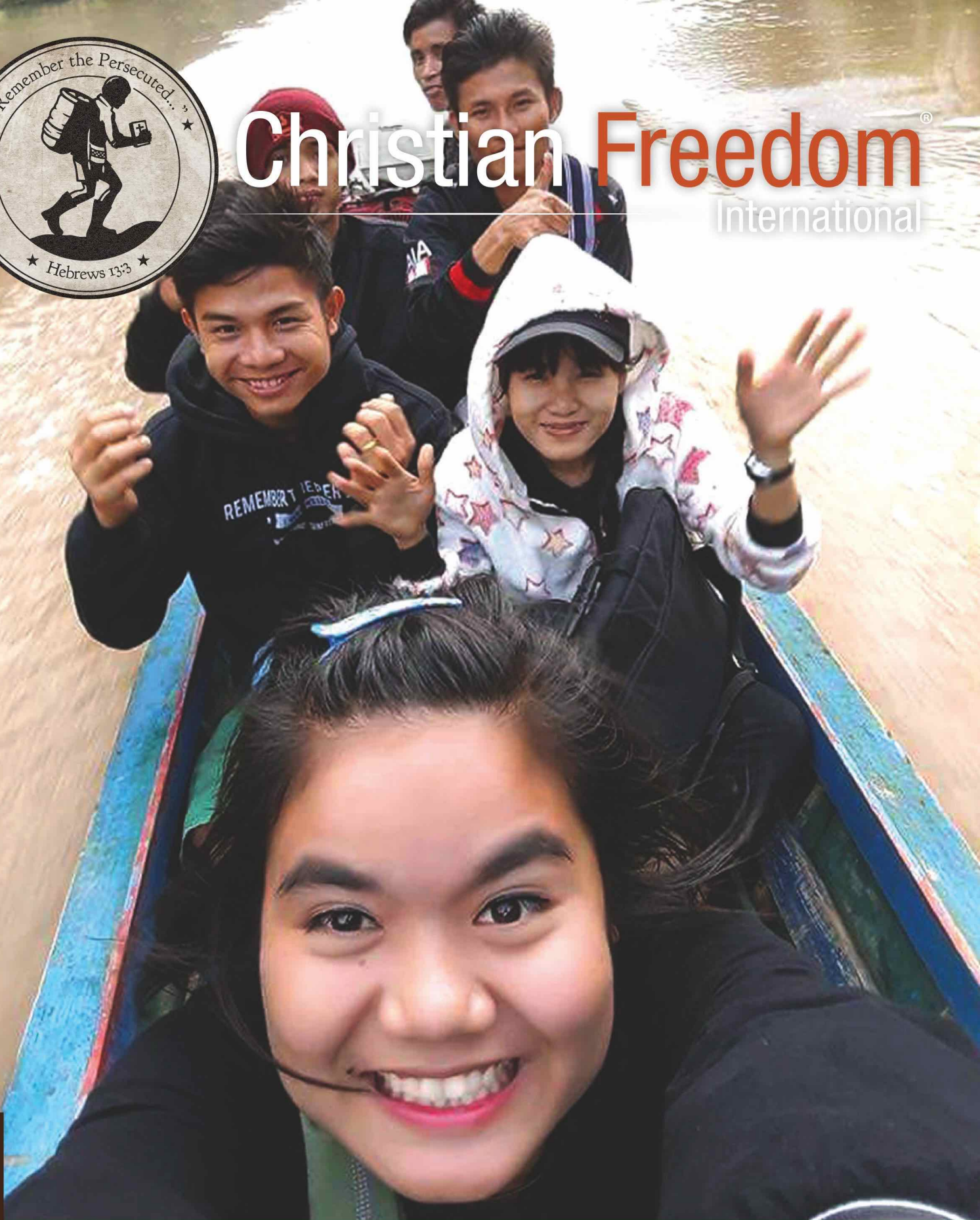


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## “ENTER TO LEARN & LEAVE TO SERVE.”

*“Remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering.” Hebrews 13:3*





➤ **PICTURED //**  
Local children  
watch the  
Christmas Nativity  
and celebration  
at HBI

# HUAI KALOK BIBLE INSTITUTE

*Student Life*

## DIRECTOR'S REPORT 2017

**EACH SCHOOL TERM**, as staff and students alike walk through the gates of HBI, although it is the first time for many, immediately they feel that they belong. For some, for the first time in their lives, they feel that they belong. It is our hope that they hear their perfect Father whisper, "my child, welcome home."

Quickly they learn that Kingdom work is not for the faint of heart. To become a leader, they must first be

a follower and so as any true disciple, they learn; to follow the leading of the Lord; to follow the advice of the teachers; to follow each other into service of others. When the students arrive, most speak Karen or Burmese and if we are very fortunate, they speak both. This may not seem like a big deal, but when you have a couple dozen people living in a dormitory, it is important that they can communicate with each other with some

degree of effectiveness. Teamwork and translation becomes one of the first skills at school. And then there are English and Thai classes. As if speaking two languages was not already enough.

For some growing up in remote villages or refugee camps, navigating the school living environment is itself a culture shock. Learning to use western-style flush toilets, propane stoves, and automatic

washing machines — just to name a few things — is enough to keep them busy for the first few weeks. For many it is new to spend a great deal of time in the classroom, digging deep into the Scriptures so as to become firmly rooted in the Word of God. They will not always be in areas where they can freely carry a Bible, so a keen understanding of God's character, His promises and His grace are of the utmost importance.





Paul, one of God's key Church planters and encouragers of the faith, is who we study as an example of what missions life is like. Although his first priority was building the Kingdom, Paul often used his worldly skills as an opportunity to share the Lord. We see in Scripture that disciples could become followers of Jesus as they worked alongside Paul as tentmakers. It is his example that drives home the idea that vocational training can open doors for ministry where we never thought possible, all while providing a missionary with an honest living.

Through much observation and discussion, we have been able to develop a new curriculum that will not only provide intense theology and Biblical training, but also leadership and business skills, technology/computers and

trades/traditional skills, as well as creative outlets. We are seeking ways to incorporate entrepreneurial & employment training to further equip our future graduates. At the heart of it all, their desire is to preach the Word not only from the pulpit but in the workplace and to their neighbors.

Day in and day out, over the next two years, they watch, they listen, they ask, they practice, they follow until, with servant hearts, they are ready to lead.

Then, out through the gate they pass; into the world. They will do what they have been taught. To serve their Father's loved ones. Welcoming others so that they will belong. Leading others so they will follow. Serving in hopes that others will, in that very moment, hear their perfect Father whisper, "my child, welcome home." And the Kingdom grows.

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➤ Tree climbing skills are an excellent addition to the physical fitness program





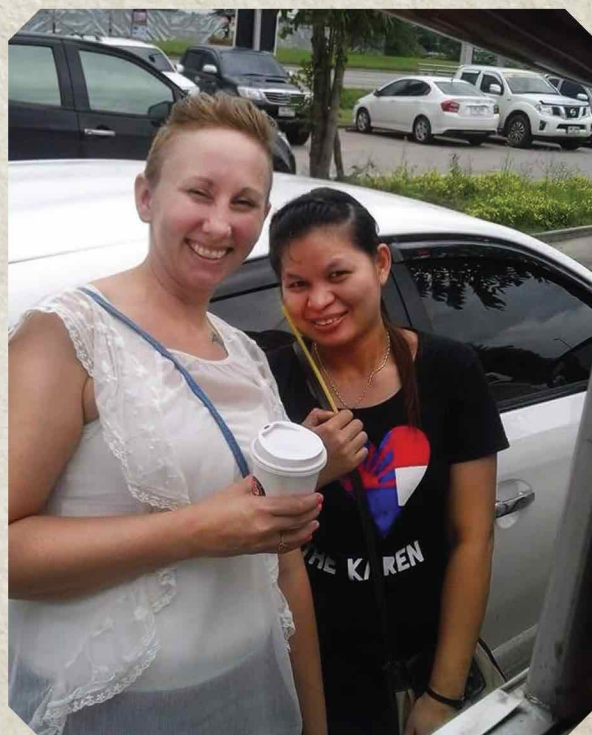
# STAFF:

First and foremost, our staff's job is to be mentors. They themselves were once given the opportunity to learn and grow closer to the Lord; to be made disciples. Now, as they work with the students, they are missionaries. Wholeheartedly, they lead; investing in the lives of these future missionaries. Their deepest desire - to send their students into the world, equipped with everything they need to build the Kingdom.

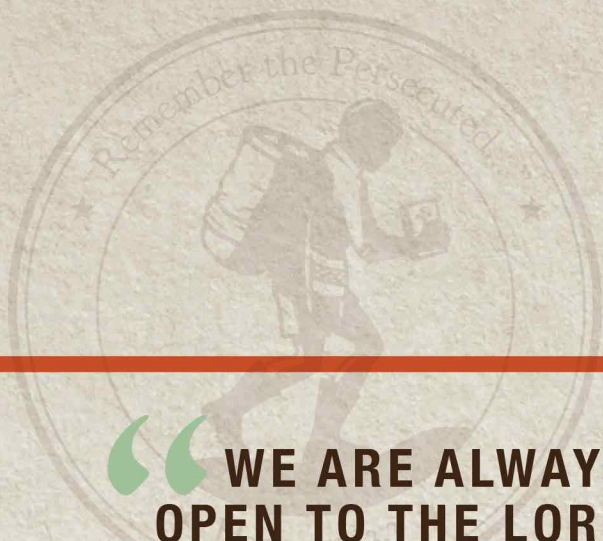
Currently, HBI employs five Karen teachers and three English speaking teachers with plans to welcome a 2017 graduating student in a teaching internship for the upcoming 2017/18 school year. We are always open to the Lord sending us visiting missionaries who would like to share their unique giftings with the students through short-term missions trips.

New Directors in 2016 meant new directives and a new way of doing things. One of the challenges placed on the present student body - to increase outreach from one day every two months to one week every month. The second major challenge was changing the course length from 4 to 2 years. It is our prayer that both of these initiatives will create a very intentional, focused and determined team of missionaries.

➤ ABOVE // HBI Directors Joe & Marnie Scott visit our school guard who is recovering from a heart attack, bringing care, encouragement, and assistance.  
BELOW // A cup of coffee starts the day







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➤ ABOVE // Students select thread for the traditional Karen-loom weaving classes. BELOW // The Christmas Nativity performed by HBI students to minister to local children in Huai Kalok village





*Go into all the world...*



## REFUGEE MISSIONS:

Discipleship is key, and peer-led short term missions are an effective tool for these future missionaries to practice with their mentors. Students began planning outreach ministries to local communities as soon as the term opened. This is, of course, the very purpose for their attendance at HBI.

This year, the senior students were up for a challenge. Within two weeks, we had a team of 5 students heading for Mae Ra Moe Refugee Camp (6 hours North of the school). The camp is quite remote and required the team to travel by longboat for many hours. The way is not always peaceful as it borders Burma, and at times, opposing forces could be seen and heard exchanging

fire on the banks of the river. We are thankful to God for keeping them safe.

For five evenings, the team led worship, preached the Word and taught Bible stories to refugee children. During the day, they visited families in their homes and prayed with them. They had many people asking questions about God and they were able to spend time in discussion about their faith. The goal was to create lasting bonds of friendship with the families in the camp. The team was able to witness the Holy Spirit moving in the people as their attendance numbers grew from 150 on day one to close to 300 on day four. Praise the Lord!



## LOCAL MISSIONS:

HBI was invited to teach at a school in Mae Kasa (30 minutes away) which houses 85 children between the ages of 5 and 12. In February, volunteers from Canada came to assist HBI in outreach missions, so it seemed the ideal month to do a school-wide mission. The students planned a Valentine-themed teaching and activities to share the love of God. Please pray that the students will develop a professional relationship with the director of the school so as to further mutual ministry in the future. Perhaps this will become a place of ministry post-graduation for one of our students.

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➤ HBI Students reach out to local school children



...& preach the Gospel!



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## WHAT IS TO COME:

Looking to the future, we would love to welcome 30-40 students through our gate for the fall semester 2017. We are prayerfully preparing for them as we remodel our dormitory-style quarters into 12 new dormer rooms, providing a more home-like atmosphere. Typically, our student population is comprised of young men and women from the refugee camps. Please pray with us for the Lord's will on all of our upcoming students.

As the political and social situations in the camps, in the west and in Burma change, so does the future of our refugee students. HBI has always been and will always be a school where the students 'Enter to Learn and Leave to Serve'. What this looks like changes from year to year to best serve those outside of these walls. One thing we know to be true is that when glorifying the Lord is at the center, His will be done through it all, and we are excited to see what He has in store for us in the coming year.

➤ LEFT // The Huai Kalok Bible Institute gets a new coat of paint. BELOW // Everybody chips in to get the job done



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