

EVALUATION REPORT

of the

PWO KAREN
AGRICULTURAL
DEVELOPMENT PROJECT



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INTRODUCTION

In December 1991, Mr. Duane Binkley of the American Baptist Mission, the Thailand Baptist Missionary Fellowship, and the Karen Baptist Convention, requested the Payap University Research and Development Institute to evaluate its Pwo Karen Agricultural Development Project in Mae Hong Son, Chiang Mai, and Tak Provinces. These are among the most remote Karen areas in Thailand and work with the people there is of only recent standing. The Institute accepted Mr. Binkley's offer and conducted the evaluation from February to May 1992.

In this evaluation, we first examined the Project in its historical and social context. Then we evaluated it both in these terms as well as in terms of the stated goals of the Project itself.

Following the evaluation we recommend the continuation of the Project. We also make suggestions, in the final chapter, which should make the Project more effective both in identification of tasks to undertake and in ways to accomplish the goals of the Project. We expect that this evaluation will assist possible future projects through its recommendations and by revealing trends and problem areas associated with this small-scale bottom up development Project.

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