



 VALLEY VIEW

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Carmen Filbeck has served with Christian Ministry to the Orient (CMO) in Thailand for 26 years. She currently serves as the Administrative Director for Lanna Theological Center (LTC), a leadership training center located in Chiang Mai, Thailand. For 40 years, LTC has been training leaders from multiple ethnic groups and denominations. Alumni are serving in Thailand and Laos in all kinds of ministries. Other LTC alumni are making evangelistic trips into Myanmar, Vietnam, and China. Valley View Christian Church has been associated with this ministry for many years and has sent volunteer teams to Thailand.

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Carmen was born to missionaries, David and Deloris Filbeck, who spent 60 years serving in Thailand and are the founders of LTC. During Carmen's teen years, the Filbecks lived in Lincoln, IL where David taught at Lincoln Seminar and helped start Pioneer Bible Translators. The Filbecks returned to Thailand following Carmen's high school graduation. Carmen took a gap year and went back to Thailand with them where she heard her own Call to serve. Carmen returned to the US and attended Ozark Christian College before transferring to Milligan College to complete her degree in Education. She then spent 3 years working at LTC before returning to complete her Masters at Wheaton College.

Carmen spent several years in the US teaching ESL while taking graduate classes and teaching at Hope International University. In 2003, God called her back to Thailand, and in 2011, LTC's Board of Advisors asked Carmen to step in as Director. Carmen continues to lead the school and CMO through a process of reorganization so that LTC can raise Biblically trained leaders for a growing Church in Thailand and beyond.

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

- **Restoration Leadership Training Center for all groups.** Lanna Theological Center serves a vital role in the development of leaders for a growing church in SE Asia.
- **The church in Thailand continues to grow.** The harvest is slow, but steady. There is a great need for Biblically trained leaders.
- **LTC will continue to be stewards of all that God has already done to establish and build up this ministry.** LTC owns 13 acres of land with five buildings that all paid for. The well-trained staff and faculty are ready to continue forward.