

2019 CREST Newsletter

May



1 Month in China

In May, our Executive Director spent almost one month in China to conduct several trainings and to attend meetings. We thank God for His protection and divine appointments.

Wenzhou – In total, 13 participants attended a 4 day/3 night IDRN 1100 & 1300 training. They come from Shenzhen, Shanghai and Beijing.

Beijing – This is the first joint training with the government. It is a joint venture with Compact Rescue Training (CRT) from Hong Kong. During the training, our Executive Director was given the opportunity to present disaster preparedness and relief training to the government.

Sanya – 17 members of Sanya Relief Team attended the IDRN 1100 & 1300 training. Sanya Relief Team has experience in Urban Search & Rescue and Water Search & Rescue. From time to time, they conduct disaster awareness to the public.



Group Photo After Our Outdoor Practice



Sanya Relief Team (Search & Rescue Unit)

Laos Recovery Team

1st-5th May, CREST team impacted another 127 families that were affected by the 2018 Attapeu flood in Laos.

Each family was given 10 chickens and 15kg of feed which will last for 3 to 4 months when mixed with other grains. The families are mostly farmers and have been relocated to temporary shelters. They are not allowed to farm on the land provided by the local government. They are expected to stay in the shelters for another 3 years before being relocated permanently. Villagers were extremely grateful for this form of assistance as the events following up to this has created a disparity in income generation.

This distribution in the village of Donbok is the second livelihood assistance CREST has rendered in Attapeu. The first was the village of Hinlat in January 2019. In the recent trip CREST team returned to Hinlat for a follow-up visit to re-evaluate the needs of the villagers. A detailed trip report can be found on CREST's website.



Volunteer assisting with the distribution of chickens



Chicken feed to be distributed