

not raise permanent tomb but a wooden cross on the grave. After seven days of the death a funeral feast is organised in the house of deceased. The Pastor comes to this house and conducts prayers.

### FESTIVALS

As the Karens are Christians of American Baptist denomination, the usual festivals of the American Baptist Church are observed by them. The Karens observe the harvest festival which is known among them as "Takubu Tasiblu". It is a thanks giving festival observed by all the villagers together. The villagers following the harvest gather on an appointed Sunday to give the thanks to God for the bounty harvest and to request a similar harvest in the subsequent years. This festival is observed following the paddy harvest in the villages. They bring harvested paddy near to the Church. The feast is cooked and eaten. Pastor conducts a special prayer on this occasion.

### HABITS OF THE KARENS

The daily routine activities of the Karens are distinct and this traditional routine

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