The Annie Margaret Barr Children’s Village is located in the village of Mawsynjri—a village too small to be on Google Maps. The larger village of Kharang is about 5 minutes away by car.
The Children’s Village is in the northeast state of Meghalaya
Shillong is Meghalaya’s largest city. Cherrapunji-Mawsynram Reserve Forest is a beautiful national park southeast of the Children’s Village.
Smit and Nongkrem to the west of Kharang both have Unitarian churches. So does Kharang and Mawsynjri.
Beautiful Meghalaya countryside
Meghalaya is sometimes called “The Scotland of India”
Carrying brooms—Meghalaya is a big producer of brooms
Shillong cityscape
125-year-old double-decker natural root bridge—yes, the bridge is made out of the roots of the tree to the right!
The roots up close
On the bridge from below
On the bridge—from upper level
Delta of Bangladesh from Cherrapunji
The Seven Sisters Waterfalls on the edge of Meghayala near Bangladesh
A Unitarian church in Shillong
Unitarian church in Jowai—the birthplace of Khasi NE Indian Unitarianism
A village Unitarian church
Inside a village Unitarian church
Inside the Unitarian church in Smit
A child is honored for perfect Sunday School attendance—on the Sunday before Anniversary Day.
Youth and young adults often have speaking parts in services
Youth and young adults playing drums and guitars and singing often lead hymn-singing
A village Unitarian school
Unitarian Union General Secretary Rev. Nangroi Suting and Children’s Village Executive Secretary Barishisha Mukhim
Children’s Village co-founder Rev. Catie Scudera, on site of Children’s Village before it was built in 2009
Original Children’s Village building—it’s now the Girl’s Home
Outside the Girl’s Home—this area now includes a beautiful, new sustainable garden
Children’s Village pigs
Boy’s Home at dedication in September 2017. Recreation room to be added to upper level later.
Unitarian Union of NE India President Rev. Derrick Pariat ceremonially opening the door to the new Boy’s Home
Boy’s Home dedication celebration
Boy’s home dormitory
Father’s Room—where the head father of the Boy’s Home lives
Boy’s Home bathroom area
Boy’s Home shower
Where new recreation area in Boy’s Home will go
Children’s Village children and guests for the Boy’s Home dedication
Children singing at Boy’s Home dedication
Children performing at Boy’s Home dedication
Staff and leaders of Children’s Village performing at Boy’s Home dedication
A guest at the Boy’s Home dedication
The lush landscape around the Children’s Village