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from the editor.....



Dear friend,

Bomb blast! Kidnap! Killing! Corruption! Extortion!
Economic blockade! Use of military force!

We live in a region of confrontation, conflicts, and violence. The situation is much more complex than we can comprehend. In general, the principle of yielding to others with humility and trust with an intention of sacrifice and service for common good has become an obsolete and scary thought. We are gripped by the fear of being exploited or taken advantage of our humility. "Might" not "Humility" seems to produce instant desired result. Hence, the use of greater force that compels others to submit is a popular *modus operandi*. Even after the two world wars that killed millions of innocents, the jungle rule of coercive force still seems to be the only choice left to the modern mind. Confrontation that leads to violent conflict is inevitable. In such a complex and tense surrounding, the Church has no choice to remain uninvolved. The cost is very high and perhaps for this reason, an effective number of participants from the Churches in ongoing conflict are yet to be seen. May the good Lord raise more men and women who will have a clear sense of leading from the Lord and go forth to bring peace in our region.

When CBCNEI leaders met in Taloi for its 59th Annual Conference on April 2009, there were two concerns that confronted them: (i) The leadership crisis of the Eastern Theological College (ETC); (ii) The future of Satribari Christian Hospital (SCH). We decided to put our best effort in resolving them. We met several times, prayed, and had several consultations. We are glad to inform you that with your prayers we have come a long way. The Council has appointed Rev. Zhabu Terhuja (The President) and Dr. Akheto Sema (The Principal) as two leaders of the ETC. Regarding SCH, we are glad to inform you that we have signed an MoU of partnership with 4B Health Care Company pvt. Ltd, a Christian company led by a former CMC Vellore doctor. The MOU "purports a referral healthcare center par excellence for the Northeast India region, in continuance and furtherance of the original purpose of the mission and vision of the Satribari Hospital as a Christian Hospital." We have

begun to dream that one day, our members will have access to the best medical facilities given as Christian service without any fear of exploitation in Guwahati.

The 60th Annual Conference of CBCNEI that met from April 16 - 18, 2010 in Williamnagar was a historic event as it has resolved many important decisions including the following:

- * Launch a Baptist University to meet the growing need of Education with Christian values.
- * Develop the CBCNEI Campus in Guwahati with a unique building structures that generate revenue and that represent Baptist heritage appropriately.

In this issue of Baptist News, we bring you a comprehensive report from the sixtieth Annual Conference. The excerpts of the reports from the six conventions and the CBCNEI institutions are published here. Our intention is to keep you informed about the Baptist family under CBCNEI so that you may be able to intelligently pray and involve.

We are glad to inform you that Ms. Boinu Singson has joined as the Assistant Editor. We hope to improve our Baptist News under her leadership.

I attended the 20th EC meeting of the NCCI on June 25th, 2010 at Nagpur. In that meeting, Rev. Dr. Roger Gaikwad, Principal of Aizawl Theological College was unanimously selected at the new General Secretary, NCCI. He will take over the office from Sept. 2010.



Many of you have taken keen interest in the ministry of CBCNEI and have supported it through words of wisdom, letters and emails of encouragement, prayer, and donations. We continue to need your help. Thank you for your partnership.

Rev. Dr. A. K. Lama
General Secretary, CBCNEI

New Staff and Volunteers

Dr. Jolly Rimai has joined as the Mission Secretary of CBCNEI. He is from Southern Tangkhul Naga Baptist Association, Manipur. He did his Bachelor of Divinity from Eastern Theological College way back in 1993 and was also awarded the Proficiency Award. Later he pursued his M.A course in Christian Education as well as his Doctoral Studies on Intercultural studies in Reformed Theological Seminary, Mississippi, U.S.A. After his academic studies, he joined as the Principal of Christian High School in Shamator, Nagaland. Later he moved back to Manipur and served as the Mission Secretary of Manipur Baptist Convention for five years till March 2010. Currently, is based in Mission compound, Guwahati.



Ms. Pallavi Neog is from Kamakhya gate, Durgasarovon, Guwahati. She joined CBCNEI office as an Assistant Archivist and Librarian. She earned her B.A in Philosophy from Cotton College and Master in Library and information Science (MLIC) from Guwahati University. Pallavi's interest is to work for the service of humanity.

Ms. Boinu Singson has joined CBCNEI as the Assistant Editor for the Baptist News. She hails from Medziphema town in Nagaland. She completed her M.Th (Pastoral Theology and Counseling) from SAIACS, Bangalore this year.



Ms. Sharon Ao from Kahlipara, Guwahati has joined as a volunteer in the CBCNEI archive. She completed her B.Th from "*Believer Church Theological Seminary*" in Kerela. She is actively involved in Children's Ministry in Khalipara Baptist Church, Guwahati.

Mr. Noel Satish Konwar hails from Maligaon, Guwahati. He completed his B.A / L.L.B from Bangalore University. At present he is pursuing M.A in Sociology from Tezpur Central University. His hobbies include swimming, soccer, rock climbing and oil-painting. He is interested in working for Human Rights NGO's and Wild Life NGO's. He worked for CUPA (Bangalore), PFA (Guwahati) and participated in several social workshops. Noel has joined CBCNEI as an intern for two months to assist Mr. Atungo Shitri, Secretary for Justice and Peace Department.



Greetings from Mission Secretary...

Dearly beloved members of CBCNEI,

I greet you, as your new Mission Secretary, in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Trusting that it is the Lord's call, and expecting your fullest support and cooperation, I have joined the Council. I want to thank all of you for trusting me and giving me this responsibility. With all my weaknesses and limitations I seek your advice and suggestions for the advancement of the mission work of the Council.

As a family I also want to see that we move together with the same vision to complete the task He has assigned to us to finish in our days. As much as possible I will make myself available to attend to your needs and help you in areas where you need me.

Please pray for me so that I will be an obedient vessel worthy to be used in His Kingdom. Let Him manifest His strength in my weakness, all for His glory. Amen.

Pilgrim brother in the Lord,

Rev. Dr. Jolly Rimai
Mission Secretary, CBCNEI

THE RULE OF LAW – PART II

Atungo Shitri, Secretary, Justice & Peace Department

[This article is published in continuation of the article “The Rule of Law - Part I” published in October 2009 - March 2010 issue].

V. What Is “The Common Law”?

The word common law is used in many different contexts. In the present context, it is used to describe the body of legal principles and concepts which were evolved over many centuries by judges in the English courts of law. Historically, the common law was influential in molding both the area of and restrictions on freedom in England and those parts of the world which have the common law tradition as their legal foundation. A study of the history, development and modern undermining of the common law is crucial to an analysis of the democratic order, which it has helped to shape and underpin.



The common law is the product of long evolved social values which are judicially articulated and interpreted. The crucial importance of the common law has tended to be forgotten in recent times in the course of searching for ad hoc solutions to social problems. This tendency is due to pursuit of particular goals by special interest groups in disregard of long term damage to the foundations of liberty. One of the greatest virtues of the common law system is found in its capacity to balance the individual interests in liberty with the common concerns and interests of the community.

The question may be asked; what makes the judiciary courts superior to politicians, bureaucrats and academicians as custodians of individual freedom and public interest? Three reasons may be given. One is the impartiality and competence which is associated with courts functioning in the common law tradition. Despite frequent attacks and attempts to denigrate these qualities they remain real in the public eye. Public confidence in the judicial system, as demonstrated by surveys, (notwithstanding academic and political attacks) surpasses its confidence in political institutions, the bureaucracy, the media and academia. This confidence itself encourages and promotes the impartiality and dedication of the judiciary.

A second factor is that unlike political institutions, the common law courts have no license to commit arbitrary acts. Judicial discretions,

unlike political discretions, are strictly limited to the application or adjustment of already established norms and standards. Thus there are inbuilt restraints in the judicial method which ensure a greater degree of certainty and fairness. A third factor is that the common law itself is a product of reasoned disputation where individual rights and duties are claimed and evaluated.

The common law restrictions on freedom are expressed in the form of criminal offenses, civil wrongs and liabilities arising out of the sanctity of contract. When these restrictions are examined it is not difficult to see their relationship to the public morality and in particular to the religious beliefs and values of the community. For example, criminal offenses such as murder, rape, theft and fraud are acts universally condemned by the ethical systems of all major religions. Such offences constitute the core of the restrictions on human conduct recognized by civilized societies. Even in the absence of major religious influence, civilized communities consider such acts reprehensible and impermissible as they jeopardize human survival and well-being.

VI. The Legislation

Laws should apply *prospectively* and not *retrospectively*. A person should never be made to suffer in law (criminal or civil) for an act which was not unlawful when he committed it. Retrospective legislation, which destroys the certainty of law, is arbitrary and is vindictive, (being invariably directed against identifiable persons or groups). Such laws undermine many characteristics of the rule of law.

VII. An Independent Judiciary

The most elaborate system of rights, remedies and procedures would be of little use when there is no independent, impartial and competent judiciary. The independence of the judiciary has been ensured by the judges' security of tenure as well as the judiciary's own distinguished traditions of learning, integrity and technique and the law of contempt. Independence of the judiciary was inextricably linked to the system of formal courts. The most elaborate system of substantive, procedural and remedial provisions is meaningless without an independent, impartial and competent judiciary for one reason: administration. Without jurisdiction to administer, the law is purely academic and without a proper judiciary, the jurisdiction to administer is purely oppressive, as may be seen in numerous uncivilized countries of the world.

In order to have a proper judiciary, properly exercising its jurisdiction, several things are necessary. They fall into three broad groups: technical competence, commitment to sound ideals and finally, institutional (and therefore, personal) independence. Naturally, these groups overlap to a certain extent.

VIII. The Limits on the Power of the Legislature to Delegate

Legislation should be about general principles not about details of policies. James Madison (the most influential of the draftsmen of the US Constitution) thought that legislation is primarily concerned with the determination of “*the good of the whole*”, “*the common good*”, “*the public good*” and “*the interest of the people*” in relation to the proper aim of government. However, delegation of the law making function has become inevitable in the modern state. The objectionable aspects of this delegation which have undermined the rule of law are: the sheer magnitude and volume of delegated legislation, the abdication by Parliament of its duty to lay down “*general principles*” and the inordinate extent of uncontrolled discretions that have been conferred on the executive.

The control by Parliament over “*general principles*” is important for the functioning of the democratic order. Parliament is elected by and responsible electorate. A governing political party in Parliament is elected on the basis of its manifesto which then constitutes its mandate. If Parliament is restricted to legislation on “*general principles*”, electoral control over Parliament and also over the executive is a possibility. The executive must act within the confines of laws passed by Parliament - otherwise it will be subject to the doctrine of “*ultra vires*” (acting beyond authority) and its actions will be invalid. The people may compare legislation with the Party manifesto and pass judgment. Thus the control over Parliament and the executive by the electorate breaks down due to:

- i. the sheer volume of delegated legislation, and
- ii. delegation to the executive of legislative power on matters of “*general principle*”.

IX. The Moral Dimension

Analyses of the rule of law will not generally refer to the moral dimension. There is in education, media, politics and even from within the church and its agencies an attack on traditional morality. The conflict is not between traditional morality and values neutrality, it is between

one moral order and another — the values of the new moral order include: autonomy for the individual, equality and social justice. If law is not based on morality on where is it based? The rule of law and the common law are in retreat because their moral base is being undermined.

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WELL-WATERED GARDEN

Rev. Kevi Meru, Pastor, Shillong Baptist Church

The Bible begins in a garden (Eden) in Genesis and ends in a city in Revelation. Lot was lured by a prosperous garden and migrated toward the plains in Sodom and Gomorrah (Genesis 13:10). As for Abraham he left his country in search of a city built by God (Hebrews 11:10).



For their idolatry and wickedness the people of Judah were exiled to Babylon. When the people return to God, when the fortunes of Israel are restored, the promise is that “they will be like a well-watered garden, and they will sorrow no more” (Jeremiah 31:12).

Spiritually passionate and the blessings of God properly enjoyed, we can live in a well-watered garden — close to the one in Eden, spiritually speaking (Genesis 2:10,15). Faithfulness to God and living in purity is the key to maintaining the peaceful life in the garden. But this serenity can be disturbed or forfeited if one drifts into complacency and arrogance like in Sodom (Ezekiel 16:49). Backsliding or disregard for God will turn us into “a garden without water” (Isaiah 1:30).

“Depart from evil and do good; Seek Peace and pursue it.”

Ps. 34:14

Come! Holy Spirit, Revive Us Again: A Reflection (Gen. 11:1-9; Acts 2: 1-21)

Dr. Shimrengam Shimray, Director Post Graduate Studies, ETC Jorhat.



The following sharing is developed from my personal reflection on three concerns:

- 1) It is often remarked that people of theological seminaries do not preach on ‘revival’ and ‘the second coming of Jesus Christ;’
- 2) The CBCNEI General Assembly in April 2005 has decided that year, its member churches should give emphasis on revival with the note that without the work of the Holy Spirit we will not be able to bring harmony to this violent and decaying region. Hence, the theme was chosen “Come! Holy Spirit, Revive Us Again.” Several programmes have been conducted on the theme. Since then, we continue to ponder on that concern.
- 3) My own concern of reviving life and its method of management. In the world of academics/ high level theological deliberation people seem to have confused revival with that of social & religious transformation. We are concerned that when there are problems in the lives of the people, when the state cannot look after the needs of the people we need transformation of system so that the precious lives of many are taken care of. The Protestant Reformation during the 16th century was an example to it.

The prophets in the Bible called for repentance only when people’s religious life had become ritual. We are also speaking of revival because our society is not proving to be a Christian society; being religious has almost become an excuse for people to hide their immoral actions – that people act so religious outwardly in the church/fellowship/religious gatherings and when it comes to daily affairs with money, plight, politics, rumour etc. they act like another persons.

Therefore, it is often made to think that a time has come for us to consider and reconsider that human effort alone is insufficient to transform our church & society. Therefore, we first need revival of individual and also the communal revival. In the Genesis account, we see the work of life-giving *ruach*, wind of life. This wind of life, the life-giving power of God, is the spirit which enabled people to come out of Egypt – giving signs of hope in the form of miracles, constantly reassuring them, and renewing the spirit of the people concerned. But in the context of the story of *Babel* we see the signs of people being suffocated by the wind of death. The story of *Babel* is the story of human greed without limit. This tower of greed divided all people. In that situation, we see that people talked to each other, but no longer understood each other. As each of them was imprisoned by their own greed at the expense of others, they lost the ability to feel each other. In the NT, we see Jesus calling such acquisitiveness, “Mammon”. Mammon, carrying great wealth on its back, exploits, breaks and kills people in order to possess more wealth. This madness for possession divides human communities and finally destroys our fragile earth.

We need to note that it is that wind of death which is active in creating misunderstanding among people, teaching people of their differences, instigating people that they should get and others should not, and telling people that it is not religion which will give you comfort but it is your status, ego, and self ability which will make you happy.

But it is also interesting to note that the compassionate God did not abandon people in despair. God called them to come out of their prison of despair, cynicism and oppression. When God’s spirit was upon the people on the day of Pentecost, God confronted their broken hearts and called them into discipleship (Acts 2: 17-18). When the life-giving power of the Spirit was poured onto the faithful, they saw the vision of

a new world. A revival took place.

Today, we need not explain the situation in which we are living. It is a society which is divided into numbers. A Society, in which people no longer feel like working together. A society where rights of the people are least recognized. The rules exists only within one community. Privilege is available only to those who have political backing and unwanted virtues.

Those unhealthy socio-political issues have driven Christians away from religion. The effort of few concerned persons are not significant enough to revive the life of the church. Perhaps, that is the reason why some leaders of the CBCNEI were made to think that this is the hour we need to call on to Holy Spirit to revive our church. Unless we experience the Holy Spirit who enable us to confess our sins, we will continue to struggle in solidarity with all forms of life.

The history of the tribal churches of this region tells that when they experienced the moving of the Holy Spirit during the 1920s, 1950s & 1970s, the impact was overwhelming. We understand what they called “revival movement” was more in line with that of charismatic movement in nature. However, the truth remains that there were tremendous changes in the life of the Christians. Without such experience people might not have become Christians. It is that aspect of religious experience we need to think today, that in the present context of social turmoil and religious dryness we are in need of such experience of the Holy Spirit moving among us, making us repent from material, religious, individual, communal sin and renewing us to a new ways of Christian life.

We need to experience *metanoia*, a genuine repentance to radical change of direction in our individual and community life. In order to feel the Holy Spirit, we have to turn ourselves to the direction of the wind of life. Unless we experience *metanoia* the energy of life will not be able to dwell within

and among people. This is to say that we need to break the wall of separation and division so that the energy of life can breathe and flow in harmony.

In order to change from culture of death to the culture of life we need *metanoia*. I say this because our people are confused to think that they can solve their problems by killing the enemy. Conquer theory or capturing attitude is no more acceptable in any undertakings. By abolishing the conflicting party they think they will achieve peace. But peace achieved through this kind of violence, however will only lead the world into greater form of oppression.

Another important reason we need to consider when we try to bring change is the question why the Christian churches failed to bring satisfactory transformation to the people for such a long time? And perhaps, the answer is, because they try to cover their sins and try to speak about revival, about change. That is not going to be possible in any way. The God of the Christians is very cruel in the sense He has never committed Himself to forgive sins if we are not willing to confess. A monkey is said to have got hold of something wrapped with cloth. And inside that wrapper it is said to contain rotten meat. And so if she tries to open it stinks. And yet, in spite of the fact that she knew she will not get anything useful inside that wrapper she refuses to throw it away. She tried to throw it but she went back and picked it again and again. The moral is, human beings should not act with sin as the way that monkey acted with rotten meat. It will not profit us but destroy us. But we must be able to decide to throw it away then only we can experience the change of attitude and living.

Let us, therefore, call upon the Holy Spirit to revive us again.
Amen

Benediction

It is not sufficient to hear and know of you Lord. But we want to experience the pouring over of your Spirit on us. With our experience of killing and hardening of hearts we know that there is no magic solution to human sinfulness and healing our wounds. We no longer believe in an omnipotent, macho warrior God who rescues all good guys and punishes all bad guys. But the compassionate God alone will instill us amidst the cruel destruction of life. We therefore pray and commit that your Church will rise against evils and death. With this assurance and faith, send us out apart and yet united in you.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR THE POST OF HEADMASTER / HEADMISTRESS / PRINCIPAL

Applications with photostat copies of certificates and testimonials are invited from candidates having the following requisite qualifications for the post of Headmaster / Headmistress / Principal in Nichols High School, Satribari, Guwahati. The applications along with recommendations from (A) Church, and (B) any Christian organization, must reach the undersigned on or before 30th September, 2010.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- (a) Post graduate with B. Ed.
- (b) Ten years teaching experience of which 5 (Five) years should be administrative experience.
- (c) Minimum age 40 (Forty) years.
- (d) Good Christian background from any protestant church.

Headmistress
Nichols High School, Satribari, Guwahati

Memorandum of Understanding between the Council of Baptist Churches in North East India and 4B Healthcare

After several rounds of meetings, discussions and negotiations, an MOU has finally been signed between the Council of Baptist Churches in North East India and the 4B-



HealthCare Co. Pvt. Ltd. on the 17th May, 2010 in terms of the decision of the Executive Committee Meeting of the Council on the 12th April, 2010 vide NEIEC/2010/12.

The main purpose of handing over the management of Satribari Christian Hospital, Guwahati is that the premier arm of the Council's healing

ministry gets upgraded as a healthcare centre *par excellence* in the North Eastern Region, in continuance and in furtherance of the original purpose of the Missionaries who established it.

4B-Healthcare shall in due course be taking over complete administrative, operational and management of the said Hospital and the Nursing School on the terms and conditions as agreed upon and on certain conditions as set forth in the agreement, the main points of which are:

- * the relevant bodies of CBCNEI give their approvals;
- * CBCNEI undertake to clear all the dues and liabilities of the Satribari Christian Hospital;
- * CBCNEI continues to actively partner and support the management of the Hospital;

* 4B-HealthCare will make satisfactory arrangement for transition of the existing employees provided they are willing to work under a new arrangement to be formalized by 4B-HealthCare;

* 4B-HealthCare will share its business plan for the operation of the hospital to CBCNEI.

Scope of the MOU:

The scope of the MOU dwells on the broad agreement on Hospital charges, contracts, billing and collection of accounts, payment of salary and indebtedness, procedures and systems of accounting and financial record, depository of accounts, purchases, leases and such other related matters.

Let us commit this in the hands of the Lord so that the Healing Ministry of CBCNEI becomes a blessing to the people in the region.



KINDLY PRAY FOR THE
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GOSPEL OLYMPICS TO BE
HOSTED BY THE Nagaland
Baptist Church Council, Youth
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Kohima, Indira Gandhi Stadium.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE – A BACKLOG

K. Archana Santi, L. L. B, a representative of Assam Baptist Convention in Justice & Peace Dept.

Human beings and nature are God's beautiful creation, especially which we see in human being, the difference between a man and a woman. Women are actually soft minded, loving and patient natured. Women's role in the society is versatile. As women play important part in upliftment, education and modernization of family, similarly women as a whole inputs big contribution in building socially and economically modern society. A woman is a person working globally as a provider of care and protection for all. She emphasize many roles in a society such as, a good mother, daughter, sister, mother-in-law, daughter-in-law, grandmother, etc. with full compassion towards mankind. But setting aside these realistic, divine and wonderful women and comparing this modern world with those historical ages, things have definitely being changed, but a question always arise, "Why women are facing domestic violence in this modern era, and is there any end to it?"



For centuries past, women all over the world have not only been denied full justice, socially, economically and politically, but as a "weaker sex" they have been used, abused, exploited, and then discarded to lead immoral, vagrant and destitute life till their death. Women constitute about one half of the global population due to gender difference and bias .The general, though unfortunate, impression has ever since been that women are sub-human species, an object of contempt and ridicule, a commodity for barter, an expandable asset and a plaything for mere sexual enjoyment. The ancient Judeo-Christian society regarded women as "a scorpion ever ready to bite," and pagan Arab saw in her the devil's whip. The Indian regarded women as social evil to be burnt at the pyre of her husband. In India however, now a days women have broken their ill-social shackles and are ready to face the contemporary challenges without any help and hesitation.

Indian society is traditional bound, where women have been socially, economically, physically, psychologically and sexually exploited from time immemorial, sometimes in the name of religion, sometimes on the pretext of writings in the scriptures and sometimes by social sanctions.

The constitution of India guarantees all Indian women Right to equality (Article #14), no discrimination by state [Article #15 (i)], equality of opportunity (Article #16), equal pay for equal work [Article #39(d)]. In addition, it allows special

provisions to be made by the state in favor of women and children [Article #15 (3)], renounces practices derogatory to the dignity of women [Article #51(A) (e)], and allows provisions to be made by the state for securing just and humane conditions of work and for maternity relief (Article #42).

Since alcoholism is often associated with violence against women in India, many women groups launched anti-liquor campaigns in Andhra Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Haryana, Orissa, Madhya Pradesh and other states and gained considerable result for the spirit of fight shown by them against alcoholism.

In 1961, the government of India passed the dowry Prohibition Act, making the dowry demands in wedding arrangements illegal. However, many cases of dowry-related domestic violence, suicides and murder have been reported. In 1985, the Dowry Prohibition Rules were framed. According to these Rules, a signed list of presents given at the time of marriage to the bride and the bridegroom should be maintained. The list could contain a brief description of each present, its approximate value, the name of whoever has given the present and his/her relationship to the person. However, such rules are hardly enforced. The abuse by Dowry tradition has been one of the major reasons for sex-selection abortions and female infanticides in India.

The insertion of new section 498-A in the Indian penal code by Criminal Law (second amendment) Act, 1983 came into force w.e.f. 25.12.1983, with the sole object to stop all sorts of cruelty towards married women. To find cruelty it is not necessary to find physical violence.

Domestic violence is undoubtedly a Human Rights issue and serious deterrent to development.

In India it is the most widely recognized and heinous crime against women. The incidents of Domestic Violence are higher among the Lower Socio Economic Classes (LSEC). The phenomenon of domestic violence is widely prevalent but has remained invisible in the public domain. The Civil Law does not address this phenomenon in its entirety. In order to protect women from being victims of domestic violence and to prevent the occurrence of domestic violence in the society, The Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Bill was introduced in the parliament. The Bill was passed by the Lok Sabha on 24th August 2005 and by the Rajya Sabha on 25th August 2005 and received the assent of President of India on 13th September 2005, which came into force on 26th October 2006. The Act provides for more effective protection of the Rights of Women guaranteed under the constitution, who are victims of any kind occurring within the family and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto. A woman can receive

Protection and Assistance under this Act, if the person(s) with whom she is / were residing in the same house, commits any of the following acts of violence against her or a child in her care and custody, such as physical violence, sexual violence, verbal and emotional violence, economic violence etc.

The lawmakers have made their best effort to enact laws for putting brakes on domestic violence, but the hardest truth is that making law alone is not going to curtail domestic violence rather it needs to be implemented in a positive frame of mind. Further, in our society a bigger section of women are unaware about their rights and the laws, hence it is very important to educate them about the law provided for their protection against Domestic violence. Moreover, every individual in our Indian society should understand that women have played significant role in bringing many countries in the rank of "Developed Countries." Therefore with this enlightened thinking among male gender, and adopting civilized attitude, this may come to end.

CBCNEI Library & Archive

Digital Preservation of Manuscripts and Rare Books

In present age, the rapid development of information technology and communication system has brought revolutionary changes in the organization and management of information. Now the information technology brings the unique opportunity to the field of preservation with the digital preservation facility of the non-digital documents, through the use of computer equipment, software, and storage media. Manuscripts which are basic and primary source of information for researchers reflect our glorious past and tell the story of our forefathers.

Only when records are held in responsible custody-it limits the extent of physical damage and slows the rate of deterioration. Recognition of the limitations imposed by life expectancy is a constant factor in archival management. If preservation is understood to comprise a series of actions to prolong the life expectancy of archival of materials, it is necessary to rethink the concept of enduring value.

(Ref: Digital Preservation of Rare Manuscripts in Assam. RanjanMajumdar // <http://www.inflibnet.ac.in/caliber2009/CaliberPDF/2.pdf>)

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| 1. Kohima Phom Baptist Church, Midland | Rs. 1,000/- |
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Towards Justice & Peace Department:

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| 1. KohimaLotha Baptist Church | Rs. 80,000/- |
| 2. DimapurLotha Baptist Church | Rs. 10,000/- |
| 3. Baptist Pastors' Fellowship, Dimapur | Rs. 10,000/- |
| 4. KohimaPhom Baptist Church, Midland | Rs. 10,000/- |

Towards Cyclone Relief:

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| 1. Board of International Ministries(BIM) \$2000 | Rs. 90,543/- |
| 2. Church's Auxiliary for Social Action(CASA) | Rs. 30,000/- |
| 3. Shillong Baptist Church | Rs. 10,000/- |
| 4. Christ Church, Guwahati | Rs. 1,000/- |
| 5. Nagaland Baptist Church Council(NBCC) | Rs. 25,000/- |
| 6. Asia-Pacific Baptist Federation(APBF)/BWA | Rs. 50,000/- |

Besides those who support CBCNEI financially and materially, we are grateful also to those who continue to uphold us in their prayers and give us their moral support. It is our prayer that God will bless every individual member as well as each of the localized bodies of believers so that they continue to be living witnesses of the compassionate heart of God and continue to be channels of His blessings through their generous and sacrificial giving.

Finance Secretary

CBCNEI, Panbazar, Guwahati 781 001

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Report from the 13th Christian Conference of Asia, Kuala Lumpur

by Aradhana Singha, a member of Guwahati Baptist Church; grand daughter of the first Gen. Secy. Rev. Edward Singha.

Firstly, I would like to extend my humble gratitude to COUNCIL OF BAPTIST CHURCHES IN NORTH-EAST INDIA for selecting me to apply as a steward for the 13th CCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY held from 10-20 April 2010. It was a lifetime experience where I also got the opportunity of learning new things about ecumenical movement and how activities of the Church and other Christian Organizations can go beyond the dimensions of mere preaching and conversion.



On my arrival at KUALA LUMPUR on 10th late night I was received by a local Malaysian Steward at the airport and escorted me to GRAND SEASONS HOTEL. The programme was scheduled for the next 11 days.

The next two and a half days comprised of valued and treasured learning where my mind was freed from the bonded chains of “campus-church” and the limits of denomination. In the backdrop of the theme of the general assembly which was also the theme of the youth pre-assembly “**CALLED TO PROPHECY, RECONCILE AND HEAL**” we were taught the role of youth in church and the role of church in society. How important it is that we, as a church grow and show concern to those “sinned against”, the less privileged, the broken and also to those denied justice comprising of issues like poverty, unfair education, human trafficking, health, prostitution, etc. What are our churches doing for these matters?

The issues of the church- its loss of direction and vision, intervention of selfish political interests and individual gain were some of the few topics that were taken up and discussed as it seemed to be a rising issue of the Asian churches. A “revision of the mission” of churches was proposed. Questions like “Who is the Jesus we are presenting through our evangelism?” and “Is our Churches of today worshipping a ‘deformed and disabled’ Jesus?” and hence a revision of the mission of the churches was strongly recommended. The participants of the youth assembly also had to collectively prepare a youth statement that was later presented at the General Assembly. The statement comprised of the concern of the youth on various social issues like HIV/AIDS, environment, health, education, poverty, etc. The statement together with our recommendations was

received in the main assembly with much appreciation.

After the Pre-Assembly the Stewards were divided in groups of three and were stationed together as a group. We had to work in various stations like general secretariat, documentation, information, plenary hall, etc.



ABOUT C.C.A (in brief): The **CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE OF ASIA** is an ecumenical movement which is 53 years old and various churches, irrespective of denomination, councils and other such Christian associations has come together as ecumenical partners for the promotion of peace and justice, embracing critical dimension. C.C.A. undertakes and formulates various objectives and propaganda keeping in mind, the realities in Asia today.

PERSONAL OBSERVATION: Once again I would like to personally extend my heartiest gratitude to CBCNEI for giving me an opportunity I could not afford to miss. Not only was I blessed with experiences and friendships of a lifetime but I also returned home loaded with learning, and a burning desire in my heart to challenge our local Christian youth to serve the Lord by working for the marginalized and “sinned against.” The experience also extended my outlook and deepened my understanding of the importance of ecumenism.

Serving as a steward in the General Assembly turned out to be a humbling experience for me. I have learnt that there is great joy and satisfaction in serving the Lord even in the pettiest of things. Overall, it was an overwhelming experience. Even as I was greatly blessed, I would like to let CBCNEI know that if there be any way I could be serving the poor and the marginalized in future, I shall make my services available through them. I have also pleaded with my Church for initiating a project regarding any of the burning social issues.

NEWS CAPSULE

HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN THE NE REGION

On 27 February 2010, the Justice and Peace Department of Council of Baptist Churches in North East India (CBCNEI) in collaboration



with International Justice Mission, organized a one day seminar on the Theme: *Modern Day Slavery: Preventing the trafficking of our Women and Children* at Conference Centre, CBCNEI Mission Compound, Panbazar, Guwahati. The Purpose of this seminar was to find a workable solution for networking among regional social organizations and various Church bodies to effectively encounter-act the growing menace of trafficking of women and children in the North East region.

The meeting initiated by the Justice and Peace Department of CBCNEI was the first of its kind, where the church, leaders and representatives of the Baptist councils, various Christian association, Govt officials, lawyers and NGOs came together

to discuss the seriousness of Human Trafficking and to bring about a structural change in the society to combat and remove the menace of Human Trafficking.

According to the US Department of State, Human Trafficking is the world's third largest criminal enterprise, after drugs and weapons. Worldwide, there are nearly two million children in the commercial sex trade. (UNICEF) Approximately 80 percent of Human Trafficking victims are women and girls and up to 50 percent are minors. The total market value of illicit human trafficking is estimated to be in excess of \$32 billion. (UN). Sex trafficking is an engine of global AIDS epidemic. (US Department of State) The alarming rate at which the children in the North East Region go missing almost every day cannot be ignored anymore. The society as a whole should come together and take up this issue seriously to effectively



eradicate Human Trafficking.

Some of the key issues of the seminar were the involvement of various of NGOs in trafficking issues, engaging with the Public Justice System in the fight against trafficking, incorporating good Practice initiative to combat Human Trafficking, providing services to help victims transition into their new lives and encouraging long term success. Overall the participants came out with a greater awareness about the importance of networking with churches, local bodies, public justice system, administration and professionals from different fields. A resolution was made to present a unified Front in the stand against the Trafficking of Woman and Children.

Christian Education Secretaries Workshop



What are the responsibilities of the Christian Education Secretaries? How do you make learning



effective for Children? Do you know it's crucial time to groom the future leaders? Do the Sunday School children need counseling? If so, how do you become the counselor to the children? To that effect CBCNEI invited Christian Education Secretaries of Conventions and Associations for a workshop at CBCNEI to which 16 participants turned up. Mr. Rolland G. Momin, Finance Secretary coordinated the program. The resource persons were Rev. David Bess (Responsibilities of Christian Education Secretaries), Rev. Bendang Toshi Longkumer (Teaching Methods), Rev. Dr. A. K. Lama (Leadership Qualities & Management), and Dr. Asangla Ao (Counseling).

Our thanks to Ms. Debbie Mulneix, BIM Development Worker for connecting us with Dr. David Bess from US for the workshop. More such trainings will follow during the year. So, please be on the lookout

Atrocities against NE Youths in Delhi

On 20 April 2010, with the initiative of the Justice and Peace Department of the Council various Christian leaders from across Delhi gathered at Bodoland House New Delhi to deliberate on the issue of atrocities and sexual assaults committed against NE youths. The following are some of the compelling issues both Northeast Church/Fellowships in Delhi and from Northeast Churches should take up:

* Sexual Assault: According to NE Helpline it has taken on many cases, of which 5 out of 10 are sexual assault. The victims are mostly uneducated, from unorganized sector, from poor economic background and are thus vulnerable to attacks. They are mostly female. The problem lies in filing the case which involves long court process and formalities.

* Discrimination: When discrimination happens the reactions become community based or which community he/she belongs to. Example: when Mizo girl is terminated from job with no appropriate reason, Manipuri do not think it is part of their problem and vice-versa.

* Lack of awareness: Young people from the backward areas of the NE who come looking for greener pasture often lands up in trouble. They often choose slum area or area invested by criminals to live and work which make them expose to violence.

* Indiscrete dressing: Dress code is

cultural therefore there is a need for awareness among NE community to dress, act and behave appropriately in the city.

* Lack of networking among various communities: There is a need for common platform on which these groups can come together. A proposal is to revive the Northeast Christian Fellowship in Delhi.

The members present resolved to:

* develop a procedure for appropriate action to encourage the NE communities to work together, and to pressure the legal authorities into looking the problem and act;

* conduct meetings to unite the different communities. Students unions should be involved at the highest level;

* engage the police aggressively while filing complaint so that no material information should be erased from the complaints;

* maintain a directory by all communities for effective networking;

* form a platform where NE students and employees can be informed about life in the city. Church/fellowships and student associations are ideal and should be encouraged to be part of them;

* take concrete steps to ensure that whole of India is listening to the cries and groaning of the NE people in Delhi. Various community fellowships should not shy away from media to bring their case to the fore-front;

* revive the Northeast Christian Forum.

Wycliffe / CBCNEI Partnership



The Secretaries of CBCNEI met with Rev. Greg Dekker and Rev. Elisha Chua to finalize the MOU for the partnership. The CBCNEI shall enter into partnership with Wycliffe for five years to cast vision for Bible Translation as one of the important mission concerns of Churches under CBCNEI.

Theological Education Committee Meeting

CBCNEI is grateful to BIM grants for Leadership development. The Committee met with two objectives: First, *we need to build more theologically qualified pastors for rural Churches in Karbi Anglong, Arunachal, and*



Assam. Second, we need to develop faculty for our 8 seminaries. The Committee decided to sponsor 8 students for undergraduate theological studies, 5 for postgraduate studies, and recommended 4 for BIM Leadership grant for Doctoral studies abroad. It was also felt that our students must be encouraged more to apply to the CBCNEI recognized seminaries. They also decided to involve Seminaries in helping CBCNEI achieve its goal in Leadership development plan.

All Principals' Meeting

A meeting was conducted for all Principals from the Seminaries under CBCNEI on March 27, 2010. It was held at the CBCNEI conference room. This



meeting was a historical event as the Principals of ETC, Jorhat; CTC, Aolijen; TTC, Dimapur; BTC, Pfutsero; and SBS, Kohima came together to share their achievements and challenges. It was a time of exploring the strength in the unity. They discussed how to make seminary training more relevant to our churches in our northeast context. Some important decisions were made, which needs follow-up.

A Meeting with the Vice-Chariman, Minority Commision

On 29.04.2010, Assam Christian Forum and Justice and Peace Department of the Council jointly convened a meeting with Dr. H. T. Sangliana, with the Church leaders of Guwahati. About 20 leaders attended the meeting.

In the meeting Dr. Sangliana

emphasized the ‘15 point programme’ for the Welfare of Minorities and said that as the Vice-Chairman and in-charge of NEI minority issues and welfare, he will extend his support in fulfilling the schemes.

He said that the Churches should collect information on the schemes for minority welfare and inform the members and the community to take advantage of the available schemes. He also suggested that the surplus land belonging to Church should be utilized for making income for the ministry of the Church and such schemes are available with the Minority Commission.

He further assured the church leaders that the Minority Certificate for the Christian Institutions where the stipulation of 30% Christian students is a necessity will be looked into and something will be done about it.

The Justice and Peace Department of the Council also apprised him about the security of NE Youth pursuing education and job in different cities in India and requested the Commission to help them. Further, on the issue of religious persecution of the Christian minority in Manipur, the Department requested the Chairman to look into the matter

with immediate concern. The Department also requested the Hon'ble Vice-Chairman to look into the issue of scholarship for the Manipur students who are pursuing theological studies in various seminaries and theological institution all over India.

Overall the meeting was a successful one and the members present expect a good outcome of this meeting in the future.

The 60th Annual Conference of CBCNEI



The 60th Annual Conference of CBCNEI was ministered by Rev. P. Bonny Resu, General Secretary APBF; Dr. Jolly Rimai, Mr. Tony C. Marak and Rev. Dr. A. K. Lama. The theme “**One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism**” was brought home to the minds of the participants. The host Church, Kusimkol Baptist Church, under the leadership of Pastor Junalson Sangma and the leaders of the Garo Baptist Convention displayed generous Christian hospitality. There were 59 official delegates from six conventions.



Other invitees represented BIM, NCCI, CASA, WVI, ARLDF, SIM, and IJM.

During this meeting Executive Committee and the House voted unanimously for many important decisions. Following are some update for your information and prayers:

1. The New Executive Committee CBCNEI for the session 2010-12 was installed:

Nominated by Annual General Meeting:

President: Mr. Roderick D. Shira, (President, GBC)

Vice President: Rev. Amos Humtsoe (Associate Director, NMM)

Members by virtue of their office:

Chairman of six Conventions (ABC, ABCC, GBC, KABC, MBC, NBCC)

General Secretary of six Conventions (ABC, ABCC, GBC, KABC, MBC, NBCC)

President of the CBCNEI Women Fellowship

President of the CBCNEI Youth Fellowship

President of the Eastern Theological



College

Ex-Officio by virtue of their office:

The General Secretary of CBCNEI

The Finance Secretary of CBCNEI

2. Dr. Jolly Rimai was installed as the Mission Secretary of CBCNEI.

3. The proposal of the EC to have a President for the Eastern Theological College was passed. The appointment of Rev. Zhabu Terhuza as the first President of the Eastern Theological College for five years (first term) was passed.

4. The proposal of the EC to enter into partnership with 4BServe Health Care Company to upgrade the Satribari Christian Hospital was passed.

5. The EC agreed to organize a consultation on the possibility of initiating a Baptist University.

6. The EC appointed a sub-committee to bring proposal for making the prime property in Guwahati a revenue generating project of the Council.

7. The next AGM Meeting shall be hosted by Assam Baptist Convention.

Christian Teachers Seminar

Christian Teachers Seminar was held in CBCNEI, Guwahati. Three faculty members from Judson University: Dr. Kathleen Miller, Dr. Mathew Varghese, and Dr. Rani Varghese taught 16 Christian teachers who had come from various Schools run by CBCNEI Churches and Associations. It is the



first seminar organized specially for Christian teachers. The teachers returned encouraged and challenged.

Annual Conference of ABCC

The second ABCC met from May 7 - 10 in Itanagar. Around 55 leaders from 16 Association registered. Rev. Dr. A.



K. Lama, General Secretary CBCNEI, and Rev Puhor Daimary, NBBC, ministered the **Word of God**. Arunachal Convention is in process of uniting the Baptist Churches.

New President & Principal for ETC, Jorhat

The Council has appointed Rev. Zhabu Terhuja as the first President and Rev. Dr. Akheto Sema as the Principal of the Eastern Theological College. In an Installation Service on May 11, 2010 at ETC, Jorhat. Rev. P. Bonny Resu, General Secretary of Asia Pacific Baptist Federation commissioned and consecrated them. Ms. Debbie Mulneix (BIM); Mr. R.D. Shira, President, CBCNEI; Rev. Dr. Anjo Keikung, General Secretary, NBCC; Rev. Yevito, Exe. Secy, SBAK; Rev. Vitoshe Swu, Exe. Secy, WSBK; Rev.



Kiyeto G. Sumi, Exe. Secy, SABAK; Rev. K. Linyu, ABCC; Dr. Sashikaba Kechutzer, Faculty, ETC; also attended and brought greetings on this occasion.

Social Service



CBCNEI staff along with few volunteers from “Fire Brand Fellowship” had a day of social service on two Saturdays (May 15 & 22). The task was to clean up and rearrange the stack of old files and furnitures which needed immediate attention. Meanwhile others cleared the tree which fell down due to the storm the previous night. It was a meaningful day as there was a team work and enthusiastic spirit among the staff.



Annual Reports 2009 - 10

*presented at the 60th Annual
General Meeting at
Kusimkhol Baptist Church,
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Resolutions of the 60th Annual General Meeting of the CBCNEI

1. The 60th Annual General Meeting of the CBCNEI hereby resolves to thank Garo Baptist Church for the excellent arrangements made for successfully hosting the annual meeting.
2. The 60th Annual Assembly hereby resolves to thank all the speakers, Bible study leaders, the Panel members, the delegates, observers and the local congregation for their whole hearted participation.
3. The 60th Annual Assembly hereby resolves and request CBCNEI, Convention, Association and Church leaders to carry out in right earnestness all the concerns addressed in the keynote address of the President and meaningfully carry out at the grass root level.
4. The 60th Annual Assembly hereby resolves to uphold the Baptist unity and Distinctiveness and make Christ and the center in all its operation. It requests the Council to arrange for consultation on local church concept for clear direction.

Report from the General Secretary, CBCNEI

Hon'ble Chairman and the Leaders of the Council,

With gratitude toward God for the year 2009-10 and with a deep appreciation for the support that I have received from my family, from all the secretaries, from all the CBCNEI office staffs, and from the members of the CBCNEI Executive Committee (EC), I present this report to this august gathering of the 60th AGM of the CBCNEI to put on the record all the accomplishments that God has blessed us with individually and as a CBCNEI team.

When I took over as the General Secretary (GS), I did not start from the scratch. I was handed over a great lineage, heritage, and legacy. As the fifth GS, I received the honor and privilege to be in line with some of the great missionaries of the American Baptist Churches (ABC) and the Baptist International Ministries (BIM). Thanks to all former GS, Rev. Ngulkhan Paul in particular, who continued this heritage with great fervor and devotion.

I am also grateful to the present BIM/ABC leaders for their warm encouragement and partnership. They have always shown great interest in listening to me and supporting me in my work. Thanks to Rev. Benjamin Chan, Rev Reid Trulson, Ms. Debbie Mulneix and Ms. Cathy Holmes. Their willingness to support our proposal has enabled us to do many things so far.

I. The Six Conventions: I was able to visit the leaders and staffs of MBC, NBCC, SABK (Nitomont) and ABAM, listening to their opinions how CBCNEI could serve the best. I spoke in the Annual Conferences of NBCC, MBC, and KABC. I am glad to inform you that Churches under CBCNEI continue to look up to us for leadership and guidance. Most churches have bigger expectation from CBCNEI, bigger than her resources and her present ability.

Unfortunately, many Churches think that the CBCNEI is composed of those who are living in the CBCNEI Compound in Guwahati, and often they exclude themselves. One of my objectives has been to our Churches understand that we together comprise CBCNEI and its strength depends much on how much the Churches, Association, and Conventions are willing to sacrificially

give to the council.

We are grateful to God for American Baptist missionaries who handed down to us a ready made platform with a vision to foster Baptist FELLOWSHIP and UNITY among the Baptist Churches. Hence, the mission of the CBCNEI is to bring a greater sense of togetherness among all the conventions of CBCNEI. I will continue to work to strengthen this relationship and inculcate the sense of belongingness to each other.

I also noticed that the Baptist Autonomy of the Church is over-exercised, while not much has been done to exhibit our unity. I feel that there needs to be a greater sense of ownership and responsibility by the individual Churches toward association, so also of Association toward each Convention, and Convention in turn toward the Council. I foresee the possibility of a greater wealth in such unity. The Council must play its role in promoting such ethos in the Baptist family. As many times I got an opportunity to speak, I have promoted this ethos. Hence, the theme "Baptist Unity" was unanimously agreed upon by the Council leaders for the 60th AGM.

I would like to suggest this august gathering that following measures may be taken in order to strengthen our Baptist Unity and fine tune the Baptist autonomy:

- (1) Teach the Baptist Distinctive in all Churches at least annually once. Many Baptists are ignorant about Baptist Distinctive.
- (2) Teach about the commonly agreed roles and responsibility of an individual Church toward association, Convention, and the Council.
- (3) Publish a book on the commonly agreed Baptist polity for the Churches under CBCNEI.
- (4) Exchange of preachers and teachers across associations and conventions within CBCNEI.
- (5) Ownership of the Baptist News by all Churches, Associations, and Conventions.

The Lord also led me to pray sincerely for the long pending issue

of resolving relationships in the CBCNEI family. How to reconcile and restore some Churches (such as SBAK, Aizoto, Tangkhul Churches, and others) under one Baptist family? What role the bigger family of CBCNEI can play in coming alongside of the Convention and Association in resolving the issue amicably? I visited the leaders of SBAK Nitomont and Aizoto and requested to pray about the possibility of a reunion. I urge this august gathering, not to give up, but press on toward the perfection. Please go back with a burden to pray and become an instrument in the peace-making task.

II. Historic Consultation: The Council hosted a historic consultation to fine tune the structure and policies of CBCNEI in Sept 29-30, 2009, which was presented to the EC and the EC, approved it for ratification by the AGM. Following suggestions were made:

My observation:

Some of the Committee is too crowded and therefore often expensive to host them. The local committee needs to be empowered. The employees of CBCNEI must remain as an ex-officio, but not a participant in making any decision which may in some way directly or indirectly influence him/her. The composition of the committee must give more ownership to the Conventions and their representatives.

Action suggested:

- (1) A new structure for the EC is proposed. It will have the Chairman and the General Secretary of the six conventions. This will enable the EC to be more effective and it will encourage more involvement of the convention
- (2) A new structure for Medical Board and the Administrative Committee is proposed. The new Board will be smaller and more effective.
- (3) A new ETC Board is proposed.

III. Ministries:

A. Hospital Ministries: I joined as CBCNEI on the 1st Oct, 2008,

as the GS designate; however, I was also given the charge of the Medical Secretary. With the help of Rolland G. Momin, the Treasurer CBCNEI, who was actually holding the charge, I began my studies of the six hospitals of CBCNEI. My studies led me make the following conclusions:

My observations:

- (a) Revision of the salary of the hospital staffs was long due.
- (b) Doctors and staff were in survival mode. There was absence of visionary leadership.
- (c) Hospital had low bed occupancy as they did not have needed number of specialist doctors. Most doctors were in mood to leave and those who were staying lacked motivation to serve.
- (d) The CBCNEI sponsorship for training doctors had been virtually a failure project as it could not retain doctors over the decades of history of sponsorship.
- (e) Working environment for all continue to lack spiritual and professional motivation.
- (f) Low bed occupancy in the hospitals, low revenue generation. The hospitals, especially SCH, were running with a huge deficit. No great deposits for future.
- (g) Very poorly maintained buildings. No long term goal or planning to develop these hospitals. No plan to generate revenue from the unused land in JCMC, KCH, and ICM.
- (h) Weak administration, no system to evaluate the performance of a staff or a doctor. Administrative line of accountability or authority is not spelled clearly in terms of reward, or punishment.
- (i) There was too much dependence on the CBCNEI central administration.

Action taken:

- (j) Personal visit of all the hospitals.
- (ii) Salary is revised with incentives for doctors.
- (iii) All hospitals are required to submit monthly expenditure statement.

(iv) Mr. Lokho Mao was appointed as the chief Administrative Officer, who was instrumental in improving the declining state of SCH. He also introduced many good changes in making the administration effective.

(v) A consultation on the structure of the Medical Board was held, which suggested downsizing of the Medical Board and bestowing the ADMC with more administrative power.

(vi) Enhanced the Bond service of the CBCNEI sponsored doctors to five years and a penalty of Rs. 15 lacs.

(vii) Requested ABAM to conduct a consultation on the profitable use of ICH land.

(viii) A team is constituted to study and propose the profitable use of JCMC land.

(ix) A series of consultation and meeting for the future development of SCH. Negotiation for the managerial partnership with the 4BHealth-Care Co. (a Christian company) in enabling SCH so as to draw a huge investment and excellent expertise for SCH to become one of the best hospitals in the northeast region.

B. Mission Department: The EC meeting in Oct 2008 expressed the need of a Mission Secretary who would complement and facilitate the roles of all Mission Secretaries of the Conventions. I was asked to convene the Search Committee and after much prayer and research, the Search Committee presented Dr. Jolly Rimai to the Council, which was approved unanimously in Oct 2009. I am glad that we are going to install him and his family in this august assembly.

In the Consultation held in Nov 2008, the Council also unanimously agreed to change the composition of the Mission Committee of the Council. Now the Committee will be composed of all the Mission Secretaries of Conventions.

I want to thank Mr. Pawan Bhuyan, the property secretary, who helped me run the Mission Department this year. I learnt that BIM/CBCNEI evangelists are paid only Rs.3000/- per month. As a result they are partly engaged in other income generating activities to support their families. Some of them also told me that often they

are not welcomed in the village as an evangelist. In light of this, this year we took following measures:

(a) Organize a 10 days training for all evangelists in Capacity Building traits such as Bee Keeping, Mushroom growing, Poultry and Piggery farming. We will name them as Community Development Worker (CDW), rather than evangelists. Their ultimate goal will be to present the gospel but Capacity Building training would give them access to the villagers.

(b) We also gathered them for another three days training in December to reaffirm their commitment as evangelist, where we interviewed them to confirm their commitment as evangelists.

(c) We have increased their salary and traveling allowance from Rs. 3000/- to Rs. 5000/-.

The time has already come now when many young missionaries are making themselves available to go as missionaries abroad. In my last conversation with Rev. Ben Chan, he suggested that the Mission Department should venture into forming a *Mission Board* which will train and facilitate centrally to sponsor Baptist Missionaries from our Churches in partnership with BIM and other like minded mission agencies. He mentioned about the return of Rev. Taku Longkumer and his wife whose expertise may also be used. I see great opportunities in front of us as Council in exploring the experience and resources of stronger Convention and serving the needy Conventions in this regard.

C. Conference Center Complex (CCC): In general, I noticed that we did not have a good plan to invest back into our assets for its longevity and enhanced output. Plan for creative maintenance and up-gradation was missing. As we all know that cows when not fed properly may collapse and cease to give milk. We need strategic business plan and an effective system in place. All staff needs training and motivation to serve.

With the help of Mr. Pawan Bhuyan, the property secretary, and Mr. Ashin Luikam, we have begun the work. I am glad to inform you that we have renovated CCC, upgraded some rooms, renovated all the secretary's quarters, painted some of the staff

quarters. The roads are broken as we plan to take care of it in the budget year of 2010-11.

My desire is to see that we as CBCNEI family be a good steward of the assets we have received that we may generate revenue to their full potential. We are actually sitting on gold mines (metaphorically speaking), but to extract gold we need plans, resources, and modern technologies. Today, CBCNEI has assets gifted by the missionaries that have the ability to generate revenue for more than our need.

D. Theological Institutions: When I took over, I was confronted with one of the most difficult tasks of bringing normalcy in the Eastern Theological College. We are grateful to God for the leadership provided by the Chairman of the ETC Board, Mr. R. D. Shira; Mr. Amrit Goldsmith, the Chairman of the CBCNEI; and Rev. Ngulkhan Pau, the then General Secretary. Finally, the Lord provided Rev. Zhabu Terhuja, the ex-General Secretary of NBCC, as the Interim Principal. I am particularly thankful to Dr. Anjo Kaikung and the leaders of NBCC for helping me to overcome the toughest task at the very beginning of my ministry in CBCNEI. I dream that the ETC will be one of the best evangelical seminaries in the South Central Asia. Please continue to pray with me for ETC. ETC is the only seminary which we own it together. It has raised pastors for all conventions for last several decades. I would like to challenge you to claim your ownership by at least allocating Rs. 100/- per year for ETC in your Church budget.

We are very privileged to have grants for leadership development from BIM. Many students have been sponsored by this grant. Nevertheless, we need to become more intentional in recommending students for theological studies. I have found out that many Churches and Associations recommend students often based on the interest of the students rather than the need of the Churches or Association. As a result, many of the students sponsored by CBCNEI do not return to their recommending body, or often they are not absorbed by to their recommending body. I want to urge the Churches and Associations to recommend students who have worked with you for at least 2 years and have

affirmed the calling of God. Please recommend them for theological training because you need them back.

Recently, we had a meeting of all the Principals from the seminaries under CBCNEI. I am glad to inform you that they have decided to meet on a regular basis. They intend to work together to make their curriculum more relevant to the churches. They intend to discover their strength in the networking with each other. They have proposed a sub-committee to look into possibility of initiating a Baptist University under CBCNEI. The matter has been proposed to the EC.

E. Christian Literature Center: We are glad to inform you that CBCNEI is taking over CLC as its Literature Ministry Department. Hopefully, CLC will be able to work close to the Churches and serve their need by publishing literatures relevant to our Churches.

F. Baptist News: This is the only link that can bring us together more than once in a year. We need following urgent need in order to make it a successful ministry.

* Help from each Churches, Associations, and Convention to send to the editor on regular basis news and views.

* To promote its subscription in your Annual Conferences.

* Need a full time qualified Editor.

IV. Partnership: I am glad to inform you that we have entered into partnership with SIM, Wycliffe, and TLA ministries in order to bring some benefits to the Churches under CBCNEI.

V. New Venture

(i) Justice and Peace Department

I am grateful to the EC for allowing me to launch Justice and Peace Department. You have already heard the report from the Hon Secretary Mr. Atungo Shitiri. I am grateful to his youthful and energetic leadership in pioneering this department. The best is yet to come as much can be done in the field of Justice and Peace. The Baptist Churches must give leadership to other Churches in the northeast as the issue of Justice and peace impacts every aspect of life. CBCNEI needs financial help from its constituencies

to launch this department with a full time secretary.

(ii) Bible Translation Promotion Secretary

The Lord brought Rev. Greg Dekker and Rev Alisha Chua to us with a proposal of partnering with CBCNEI in casting the vision for Bible translation among the Baptists in the northeast region. They proposed a MOU which included sharing of the financial need for the project. The EC has approved it and now we need to pray for a leader who can carry out this project.

VI. Proposed Consultation in 2010-11: Having recommended changes this year, there is further need for Consultation:

i) A Consultation to bring into a place an administrative structure within CBCNEI, where there is more effective ways of evaluating the performance of an individual (both employee and the Board members), hold one accountable for the non-compliance of rule and policies, define and describe the nature of disciplinary actions against individual who failed to obey the rules, define and describe a reward for those who bring benefits to the CBCNEI family.

ii) A Consultation to suggest a guideline for the roles and functions of the Committee members representing their Conventions.

iii) A Consultation to suggest uniformity in the practice of the Baptist polity, Baptist rules and policies, a training manual or a handbook for all Baptist Pastors across CBCNEI family.

VII. Shall we dream few Baptist Dreams together?

(i) A DREAM for a big CENTRAL CHURCH with a monumental MULTIPURPOSE COMPLEX for the entire northeast in Guwahati.

(ii) A DREAM for a Business Venture in CBCNEI Compound: A BEAUTIFUL RIVER VIEW HOTEL facing Brahmaputra that may generate enough revenue to sponsor evangelists for an unreached area and also educational scholarship for needy pastor's children.

(iii) A DREAM for a Baptist Television show

(iv) A DREAM for a Baptist University.

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REPORT FROM THE ARUNACHAL BAPTIST CHURCH COUNCIL

Excerpts from the report presented by Rev. Modam Dini, Regional Secretary, ABCC

BRIEF HISTORICAL BACKGROUND OF THE FORMATION OF ARUNACHAL PRADESH BAPTIST COUNCIL (ABCC) AND ITS PRESENT STATUS:

The ABCC is formed with the merger of the then ABC and APBC. It is an answer to prayers of many hundreds of Baptist Churches around the world and Council of Baptist Churches in North East India in particular. This unification was first initiated by the CBCNEI office more than 15 years ago. Unification of Baptist family in Arunachal Pradesh has been a long felt need for the Baptist Churches in Arunachal Pradesh for the common cause of defense of faith and observes the distinctive Baptist heritage. We thank our Lord Jesus Christ for making this unification possible.

Present ABCC office bearers:

1. Rev. Halli Likha	President
2. Rev. Banbo Pertin	Vice-President
3. Rev. Modam Dini	General Secretary
4. Mr. Kara Sako	Treasurer
5. Miss Mary Gao	Women President
6. Miss Kenjir Kakki	Women Secretary
7. Mr. John Padung	Youth President
8. Mr. John Borang	Youth Secretary

Constituent body of ABCC:

Association	:	16
Churches	:	977
Members	:	82929
Ordained Minister	:	22

I. Change of leadership:

There is a change of Executive Secretary in 6 Associations: GBCC (Galo), IMBBKE (Idu), DLBCA (Adi), SABA (Adi), TBCC (Tutsa) and TBCA (Tangsa).

II. Selling of Likabali land:

The council decided and sold the old mission center land at Likabali at Rs. 6 lakhs. The council has also resolved to sell the Land at Naharlagun and use the money for the development and construction of office building at new compound.

III. BIM sponsored scholarship students:

1. Mr. Jomke Angu (M.Th) at ETC from GBCC
2. Mr. Songpong (IBD) at CTC from WBCA
3. Miss Ruth Tindia (B.D) ETC from LMBCA
4. Mr. Chinya Taju, (B.D) ETC from GBCC

IV. BIM sponsored graduates:

1. Mr. Mankai Wangcho (B.D) is working as Bible Translator for Wangcho tribe.
2. Mr. Noktom Wangsu (B.D) is working as Evangelist cum Asst. Field Director of WBCA.
3. Mr. Akam Wangsu (B.Th) is working as evangelist in WBCA.
4. Mr. Tasap Songting (B.Th) is working as Pastor in Khonsa Baptist Church, NBCA.
5. Miss Roinam Taisim (B.D) is working as Sunday School promoter in TBCA.
6. Mr. Chinya Basar (B.D) is working as Finance Secretary in GBCC.
7. Mr. Gokom Kambu (B.D) is working as Executive Secretary in GBCC.
8. Miss Miyi Mindo (B.D) is working as Office assistance in GBCC.
9. Miss Mary Gao (B.Th) is working as Women Secretary in SABA.
10. Mr. A. Panging (B.D) is working as Pastor in Pasighat Town Church, SABA.
11. Mr. Noksai Wangsu (B.D) is working as Pastor in Center church Longding, Tirap.

V. Outreach ministry:

In partnership with the Board of International Ministries through the CBCNEI there are 8 local evangelists working under 8 different associations among different un-reach people groups like Khamti, Singpho, Kamba, Chakma primarily Bhuddist; and also among the Missing tribe, Mishimi, Tagin and other un-reach areas. God is wonderfully using these evangelists among these people groups.

VI. Partnership with Word for World, Bangalore & WYCLIFFE India:

With the help and support from "Word of World", Bangalore, the Bible translation work has started in 4 tribes: *Tutsa, Tagin, Bogun* and *Idu*. Wycliffe India is also helping Bible translation in *Miji* and *Mishimi* tribe. And with the support of CBCNEI and BSI the translation in Nokte is almost completed.

VII. Partnership with SIL, USA:

In partnership with the SIL, the Story Telling project has been taken up by the council among 5 tribes: *Monpa, Miji, Galo, Bogun* and *But Monpa*.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

- ABCC Annual Assembly
- Inauguration and dedication of ABCC Mission Center
- Accounting training for CEO & Finance Secretaries
- Mission Consultation for all mission agencies working in Arunachal Pradesh.
- Leadership training in 4 Associations
- Official touring to 16 associations.

REPORT FROM THE ASSAM BAPTIST CONVENTION

Excerpts from the report presented by R. K. Raychandhuri, General Secretary, ABC

The ABC has five Association namely SDBA, SBA, MABA, NDBA, KABS covering a distance of more than 600km on the South Bank of river Brahmaputra. There is a change of leadership in NDBA and likely change in SDBA. Both the leaders are theologically trained. With their induction we expect to see rapid strides taking place. For last year census as reported in our Annual meeting by the associations are as follow:

Association	:	05
Churches	:	333
Baptized Member	:	28705
Baptism during the year 2009 - 2010	:	721
Baptism (other faith)	:	277

ABC ANNUAL MEETING:

ABC Annual meeting 2009 was held in Ambpher Baptist Church under KABS. Speakers were Rev. (Dr.) J. M. Pau, General Secretary, CBCNEI and Mrs. Theresa Ao Marak. The theme was "Let us fix our eyes on Jesus" (Heb 12:2).

PASTORIAL LEADERSHIP TRAINING:

In 2009, ABC conducted pastoral leadership training where 145 pastors from all the 5 associations came and attended. The subjects include team building evangelization and its importance, financial biblical principles, motivation and prayer initiations were taken up. We thank Dr. Dusanu Venu, Mr. Benard Mark, Mr. Nathaniel Basumotary and Mr. Prince Paul for helping the Convention. ABC thanks BIM for supporting leadership Development.

MISSION CONFERENCE:

About 85 participants attended the mission conference organized by ABC. Mr. Edward Aw, Mr. Michael Jackson, Lt. Col. Arun Kumar and Rev. F. Ramdinmawia, Regional Director Baptist Church of Mizoram were the resource persons. The participants were enthralled with their presentation, and rightly took up the challenge to "Join hands for a BIG catch".

MISSION AND EVANGELISM:

ABC is focused on establishing House Churches and within 3 years of hard work, prayers and support from various churches, there are now 134 House Churches with 643 baptized members consisting of 236 families primarily from other faiths.

WOMEN EMPOWERMENT:

Since 2008 ABC has granted loans (Assisted by Mrs. Juliet Thomas) to 17 underprivileged women for taking up schemes like Piggery, Fishery, Cutting & Tailoring, Beauty Parlour and ginger plantation. The best thing about this scheme is 95% returned the loan. BWA sponsored project under this scheme is in process and the first year grant will be released this year. Besides, one self help group project with 11 women are provided loan to produce snacks for sale among the Churches and also to sell in the local market.

NURSING EDUCATION:

With the assistance of Dr. Chuwood Ping, President APBF and Rev. Bonny Resu, Secretary APBF, ABC is contemplating on training 3 young people from economically backward areas for 3 years for the academic year 2011, with financial assistance from donors in Hong Kong. We are indeed very thankful to them.

SUPPORT FOR ORISSA ATROCITIES, HAITI EARTHQUAKE, AND FIRE IN ARUNACHAL:

ABC supported relief works in Orissa, Haiti and the Fire Victims in Basar, Arunachal. The fund for Orissa and Haiti were channelized through APBF and for the fire victims through CBCNEI.

REPORT FROM THE GARO BAPTIST CONVENTION

Excerpts from the report presented by Rev. Rettiar G. Momm, General Secretary, GBC

We are grateful to God for His grace and blessings during 2009 for enabling us to manage the office and organizing various programs of the Convention without any hindrance. The major challenges of GBC are the leadership development to meet the present context, sudden soaring up of all essential commodities, and relocation of Harding Theological College and mushrooming of the new denominations.

STATISTICS

a. Number of Associations and Centers	12
b. Number of mother Churches	163
c. Number of Local Churches	2,407
d. Baptized members	2,40,439
e. Non-Communicant members	1,07,216
f. Number of Christian Families	68,482
g. Evangelists and Missionaries	133
h. Theological College	1
i) Schools	17

As of now, there are about 45 churches which have qualified Pastors and church leaders. Leadership development is one of the vital needs of GBC.

Mission Department

The Mission Department is committed to encourage all churches under GBC to join hands in the mission work. Every year more evangelists are being sent to non Christian Garo areas as well as to others people groups. GBC is partnering with some mission agencies in countries like Sudan, Bangladesh and Thailand with SIM, Cambodia through NECTAR, Nepal with Nepal Baptist Churches Council and Bhutan with Boro Baptist Association. Some evangelists are being sponsored in different parts of the countries through Friends Missionary Prayer band.

Presently, there are 94 Evangelists for non Christian Garos, 28 cross Cultural Evangelists in Garo Hills, 5 Evangelists outside Garo Hills, 2 Evangelists in Bhutan and 3 Evangelists in Nepal.

Institutions under GBC

a. Harding Theological College is affiliated to the Senate of Serampore. It offers Bachelor of Divinity from this year. The College is conducting a short Term Missionary Training course for local evangelists during the month of May every year.

b. GBC maintains Health Clinic center at Rongkugre Mission Center, Challang, West Khasi Hills, Meghalaya to meet the basic need of the school students and evangelists.

Report of two times Evangelistic work in SishuKalyanSadan & Destitute Children Home, Guwahati, Assam.

Excerpts from the report presented by Rev. Kulendra Marak (chaplain),

It is my privilege to give a report of the two evangelistic programs organized in two important places from Satribari Christian Mission Hospital on 20th and 27th March 2010 respectively. The program comprises of 12 Chief Administrator, Principal of school of nursing, Nursing Superintendent, Medical Officer, Staff Nurses and P.T.S Nurses. We visited SishuKalyan Sadan Jalukbari Guwahati on 30th March, 2010. It was an exciting program especially for the boys and girls, young people and all the workers of these two institutions. The authorities welcomed us and appreciated the program.

After the short introduction, the Nurses led in a time of singing followed by the word of God from the Chief Administrator, Mr. N. Lokho Mao. It was explained to the congregation that Jesus is the only way of peace, joy and happiness for mankind. Jesus is the one who provides both physical and spiritual needs especially salvation for those who believe in him and obey the commandments of God. Hence, the participants of these two evangelistic programs had been blessed.

After the message there was a Pre-Medical Check up for all the students and staff. This was the first pre-medical Check up done by our Satribari Mission Hospital.

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REPORT FROM THE KARBI ANGLONG BAPTIST CONVENTION

Excerpts from the report presented by Rev. Athang Sebu, Regional Secretary, KABC

Karbi Anglong and North Cachar Hill are the two hill districts of Assam where a number of ethnic conflicts, kidnappings, killings, Bandh calls, extortions, lost of properties caused mainly by the insurgent group. Most of the insurgent groups have given up violent means recently to assert their aspirations and now started negotiating with the State and Central governments for political solution. We thank God for the prevailing peaceful situation in the districts, but have to catch-up a lot for all round development. I would like to share the events and activities of our convention held during the year 2009.

Convention officers

a) Honorary

President	: Mr. Hillary Terang
Vice President	: Dr. Oriwel Kntmsa
Recording Secretary	: Mr. Kbonsing Terang
	: Mr. Monison Teron

b) Cabinet

General Secretary	: Rev. Athang Sebu
Treasurer	: Mr. Rowelson Teron
Mission Secretary	: Mr. Anderson Tokbi
Women Secretary	: Mrs. Rojoni Kropi
Youth Secretary	: Rev. Athang i/c
Principal CEHS	: Mr. Moses Hanse

Statistic

Association	: 12
Churches	: 293

DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITIES

Youth Department	: Office bearers
President	: Mr. Hilson Singnar,
Vice President	: Mr. Rupbising Bey
Recording Secy.	: Ms. Asangla Timungpi
Vice Recording Secy.	: Mr. Edwinson Rongpi

Upcoming Programs

1. Lay members seminar.
2. Ordained Minister Retreat.

3. In His footstep mission consultation.
4. Faith & Culture seminar for college students.
5. Christian home week.

REPORT FROM THE MANIPUR BAPTIST CONVENTION

Excerpts from the report presented by Rev. Vumthang Sitlhou, General Secretary, MBC.

In spite of many challenges and problems during the past ten years the Lord is at work mightily and continues to use our convention for the work of His great commission enabling us to preach and witness the Good News to all people till today.

MBC Statistic:

Number of Association	:	29
Number of Churches	:	1335
Members	:	1,84,964

Note: 11 Churches increased, 5,100 Baptized member increased.

The following are the activities of the Convention for the year 2009-10:

Executive Councils and Assembly: The 164th MBC Executive Council and 28th Assembly was held at Mao Baptist Church Song, MBCA from 5th to 8th February 2009. 88 Councilors and delegates from 22 Associations and 6 Institutions attended the meeting.

The Emergency Executive Council (the 165th Council) was held at MBC Centre Church, Imphal on 15th April 2009. 64 delegates from 22 Associations and 4 Institutions attended in the Council.

The 166th MBC Executive Council meeting was held at MBC Centre Church on June 30, 2009. 85 councilors from 21 Associations and 4 Institutions participated in the Council.

The 167th MBC Executive Council was held on 1st December 2009 at MBC Centre Church. 83 Councilors from 25 Associations and 5 Institutions attended in the meeting.

CBCNEI Annual meeting: The MBC had the opportunity to host the 59th CBCNEI Annual meeting at Talui Baptist Church, TBCA during 17th to 19th April 2009. The meeting was held at a beautiful New Church building which is also one of the biggest church buildings of MBC.

MBC Secretaries' Conference: The 2009 MBC Secretaries' Conference was hosted by Maram Naga Baptist Association at T. Khullen Baptist Church from 11th -13th September 2009. 110 delegates from -27 Associations and 4 Institutions participated in the Conference. The speakers were Rev. Longam Chara, Finance Secretary, MBC, Rev. Dr. Jolly Rimai, Mission Secretary, MBC and Mrs. Roselyn Serto Karung, Women Secretary, MBC.

MBC Peace Building Training and Conference: During 2009 we conducted Peace building Trainings at three different places. "A Peace Conference" was conducted at United College, Chandel which was initiated by Chandel District Peace Forum from 16th to 18th September 2009. The Conference was attended by more than 150 delegates from different communities in Chandel district.

"**A Training on Conflict transformation**" was jointly conducted by MBC and Shalom Peace building Institute from 9th to 12th December 2009 at MBC Conference Hall sponsored by CBCNEI. 23 participants from MBC Associations and Churches attended the training. Dr. Daniel Buttry, Peace Consultant, BIM-ABC- USA and Dr. M .Kipgen, former Principal of ETC facilitated the training as resource persons.

Affiliation of Aimol Baptist Association: The Aimol Baptist Association was granted permanent affiliation during the 164th MBC Executive Council and 28th Annual Assembly at Mao Baptist Church Song Song Vide No. EC/164/2009/01(b). The inaugural function of the affiliation was held on 24th April 2009 at Aimol Khullen Baptist Church. The function was attended by all the Aimol Baptist Churches, Neighbouring Associations leaders, elders from Komrem community and special invitees. Shri Rishang Keishing, Hon'ble M.P. Rajya Sabha also attended the function and delivered exhortation speech.

MBC Quinquennial Congress: The MBC Quinquennial Congress was held at Senapati District Headquarter hosted by Poumai Naga Baptist Association from 11th -14th February 2010, with the theme: "**Jesus, the Lord of Peace**". More than 10,000 delegates from 29 Associations attended the Congress. The speakers were Rev. Dr. A.K. Lama, General Secretary, CBCNEI and Rev. Dr. Leo Thome, Associate General Secretary, American Baptist Churches, U.S.A. Mrs. Dr. Yvonne Thorne also participated and gave her greetings. Rev. S. R. Onesima, Rev. Alani Shongsir and Ms. Tingneilhing Kipgen were installed as Finance Secretary, Mission Secretary and Women Secretary respectively during the Congress.

HIV & AIDS Program: In order to promote HN & AIDS Advocacy program, the Convention has partnership with NEICORD, ORCHID, MACS, WVBC and networking with like minded Christian NGOs through which various programmes have been implemented. The vision and resolution of MACS & NACO to reverse the epidemic of HN & AIDS by 2012 was approved by MBC Executive council.

Relief Service: During 2009 with help of CBCNEI and MBC Churches, the Convention could extend some relief assistance to the displaced Zemes in Tousem and the fire victims in Arunachal Pradesh.

Taking and handing over: Taking and handing over ceremony was held at MBC Office on 30th March 2010 for the outgoing secretaries, viz Finance Secretary, Mission Secretary and Women Secretary. The ceremony was administered by Rev. Vumthang Sithou, General Secretary, MBC.

REPORT FROM THE NAGALAND BAPTIST CHURCH COUNCIL

Excerpts from the report presented by Rev. Dr. L. Anjo Keikung, General Secretary, NBCC.

I believe this year promises to be no less challenging than previous years. This past year has been exciting, challenging and demanding. For us 2009 was a year of **Launching Out Deeper in Prayer** with emphasis on evangelism, membership and stewardship. Some of the areas in which we have been engaged are as follows:

STATISTICS

Associations	Churches	Members	Ordained Ministers
20	1398	482460	478

GENERAL ACTIVITIES

Staff Retreat: The NBCC staff, including all its various departments, met for a time of retreat during January 14-15 at the Great Commission's Kids Academy in Dimapur. Rev; Dr. Dozo and Rev; AlemMeren were the resource persons.

Taking over of Charge: The handing and taking over of charge of the General Secretary's office was held in the presence of Rev Kuzierang Thou, the President, NBCC and the Cabinet staff on February 27, 2009. The mantle of Rev. ZhabuTerhuja, my predecessor, who's courage and vision have inspired all of us during his 10 years leadership is on me.

Face-lift of the NBCC Headquarters: Renovation work of all the buildings on the Campus has been completed. We are grateful to Churches and individuals who have contributed generously.

Visit to Associations: To promote and develop constructive relations between the Council and the Associations, NBCC staff led by the General Secretary visited Mission Centers of several Associations.

New Staff: Dr. Hukashe Zhimomi, who had previously served as the Academic Dean, Trinity Theological College, Dimapur joined as the NDO Director on June 1, 2009. Later, Rev WatiLongkumer joined the office of the Nagaland Missions Movement as the Director on August 4, 2009. He had served for over ten years in Cambodia as missionary. Rev Khrutsoyi Luruo took the charge as State Chaplain from April 1, 2009. Taking charge of the ministry for the state legislators and the bureaucrats, he organized the first Ministers' Wives Fellowship on May 6.

NBCC Fellowship Dinner: A total amount of Rs. 3,36,600/- only was raised in the Dinner Fellowship for the Kenneth Complex. We extend our deep appreciation to all the Churches, individuals and well wishers for their support.

BWA Annual Gathering: Rev. Dr. Anjo Keikung, Miss Asha and Mr. Kedungulo represented the NBCC in the BWA Annual Gathering at Ede which was especially memorable as the 400 years of Baptist history was celebrated in the first Church in Amsterdam during the Session.

New Vehicle: Our Honourable Chief Minister, Mr. Neiphiu Rio gifted a new Bolero (SLX White colour) to NBCCC on August 24, 2009 and was dedicated on August 26.

NBCC Team to Thailand: A team of 33 members comprising of 15 Executive Secretaries, 7 Associations' Presidents, 1 Member-at-large, 1 NCF Pastor and 9 Staff visited Thailand.

Four major conferences and meetings took place during the later part of the year 2009, three of which are:

- i) Naga in partnership with the Withee International held at Trinity Theological College (TTC), Dimapur from September 25-29.
- ii) Nagaland Summit on 10/40 Window International held at Dimapur Town Baptist Church from November 17-20.
- iii) India Baptist Women's Union Golden Jubilee held at Dimapur Ao Baptist Church from December 11-13.

Rev. Anjo Keikung, General Secretary, NBCC represented NBCC at the Chiangmai VII Summit of FGN from December 1-3, 2009 and was encouraged to see the positive signs among the participants. Please pray for God's continued leading.

Prayer Chain: We started Chain of Prayer all over Nagaland from July 1 till December 31, 2009. Then as per Executive resolution launched this prayer chain from December 31, 2009 midnight for this whole year.

NBCC has entered into partnership with the Leprosy Mission Trust India and a full time staff has been appointed for Nagaland.

Upcoming Programmes

We have initiated Ordained Ministers' Prayer Conference and Nagaland Day of Fasting and Prayer in the month of March.

NBCC delegates together with a Choir will attend the Baptist World Alliance (BWA) 20th World Congress to be held in Honolulu, Hawaii from July 27 to August 1. The Lord willing, the Choir will tour different countries to witness through songs.

One of the major events in 2010 for us will be the Nagaland Missionary Conference scheduled to be held in Dimapur.

REPORT FROM THE SHILLONG TYRANNUS HALL

Excerpts from the report presented by Rev. K. C. Gaila, Warden, STH.

It gives me great pleasure to submit a brief report of the life and activities of the Shillong Tyrannus Hall for the year 2009-2010.

Shillong Tyrannus Hall since 1987 has completed 23 years of its existence. It has extended ministry to the spiritual needs of over 180 students who are now holding many key positions in different parts of the country.

The total capacity of the hall is solely for 30 boys. We hope to increase the capacity to 50 as there are a lot of applicants every year. We have young people from different tribes from the North East (95% from the CBCNEI churches).

The aim and object of Tyrannus Hall ministry is to impart training in Christian discipleship and to bring about a well-rounded development in each person. Presently, we have various activities led by different teams and committees in every academic session. This year we divided the hostellers into three teams namely: Tyrannus Bulls, Tyrannus Yankees and Tyrannus Mascots. There were competitions held among these three teams. On the annual day the best team "Tyrannus Bulls" was given a special award for their overall outstanding performance by the local board chairman.

The interview was held on June 27th, 2009 and 15 got selected out of the 32 candidates. As we began a new academic session 2009-2010, we had the same assurance, having seen the faithfulness of God in our ministry, trusting Him completely to protect us with His love.

Results of 2009:

Five of our boys appeared in Degree final exams 2009 and by the grace of God all of them passed in second class, they are:

1. Mr. K.Kenenti Kath, BA, (now studying theology)
2. Mr.Rovikhoto Mor, BA, (studying MA, NEHU)
3. Mr.Lalramdinna Vanchhawang, BA, (studying MA, Mizoram)
4. Mr. Njanglung Kahmei, BA, and (preparing for UPSC exams)
5. Mr. Veto Lohe, B.Sc. (M.Sc. in Chandigarh)

The present strength of students is as follows:

Course.	Arts	Science	Commerce
XI	5	1	
XII	3	1	
TDC I	6	2	1
TDC II	6		
TDC III	5		

STH Outreach '09

As usual the final year boys: Mr. Chanchan, Mr. Thiungiulung, Mr. Oliver, Mr. Arlia and Mr. Pfukube went for a trip to South India visiting the Tyrannus Halls in Chennai and Bangalore from September 25th to October 5th, 2009 under the motto "To know Him better" with a desire that through this experience the boys will know and grow deeper in their relationship with the Lord. It was a blessing to both our boys and the halls they had visited. The total budget was Rs.16,500/- out of which Rs.9,000/- was given from the outreach fund and the rest was contributed by themselves.

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REPORT FROM THE EASTERN THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE, JORHAT

Excerpts from the report presented by Rev. Zhabu Terhuja, President, ETC Jorhat.

Faculty:

At present the faculty members are:

1) Rev. Dr. Ezamo Murry 2) Dr. Limatula Longkumer 3) Rev. Dr. M. Narola 4) Rev. Dr. Lima Jamir 5) Rev. Dr. S. Shimray 6) Rev. Dr. Razouselie Lasetso 7) Dr. Sashikaba Kechutzar 8) Rev. Dr. Yangkahao V 9) Dr. Imsü Toshi Jamir 10) Rev. Tarun Singha 11) Mr. Kezhalezo 12) Mr. Phanenmo Kath 13) Dr. Eyingbeni 14) Mr. Temsuyanger 15) Mrs. Vimeno Lasetso 16) Rev. Samuel Lalrisanga

We need and hope that in the new academic session we shall receive two more to be on the Faculty for Theology and History.

Visiting professors:

1) Rev. Dr. Arthur Jeyakumar - History of Christianity 2) Rev. Dr. Paul Tonson from Australia - Old Testament 3) Prof. Rev. Dr. Yim Te-soo from South Korea - Old Testament 4) Prof. Dr. Chan – Theology 5) Mrs. Simon Chan - Music in ETC 6) Prof. Lanunungang from Nagaland University - Research Methodology

Four Faculty members on study leave:

1) Mr. Elungkiebe Zeliang (Germany) - History of Christianity 2) Rev. Zhodi Angami (Australia) - New Testament 3) Rev. Marlene Marak (Australia) - Christian Ministry (Communication) 4) Mr. Moa Imchen (USA) - Old Testament

Students

	Female	Male	Total
Orientation Course	18	41	59
BD I	30	28	58
BD II(3)	23	34	57
BD II(2)	4	11	15
BD III(3)	22	32	54
BD III(2)	10	13	23
MTh I (Christian Theology)	-	4	4
MTh II	2	4	6
MTh I (Christian Ministry)	1	5	6
MTh II	2	4	6
MTh I(History of Christianity)	3	2	5
MTh II	3	1	4
			297

Besides these we also run BCS programme for lay and church leaders. Right now, 18 candidates are registered with us.

The State-wise Representation of Students are as follow:

1. Andaman Islands - 1
2. Arunachal - 3
3. Assam - 14
4. Karbi - 4
5. Manipur - 63
6. Meghalaya - 44
7. Mizoram - 5
8. Myanmar - 11
9. Nagaland - 147

Ninety-four students of both BD & MTh program graduated this year on April 18, 2010.

Contributions:

Besides prayers, few individuals and congregations have been faithfully contributing every year to the College. To mention a few churches and Associations giving Rs 10,000/- and above:

1. ABAM - Rs. 20,000/-
2. Khedi Baptist Church - Rs. 1,20,000/-
3. Dimapur Ao Baptist Church Women - Rs. 1,05,000/-
4. Mokokchung Town Ao Baptist Church - Rs. 1,00,000/-
5. Rengma Baptist Association -
6. Garo Baptist Convention - Rs. 10,000/-
7. Kohima Ao Baptist Church - Rs. 1,00,000/-
8. Tangkhul Baptist Association - Rs. 10,000/-
9. Jorhat Ao Baptist Church - Rs. 10,000/-
10. Angami Baptist Church Council - Rs. 10,000/- against ETC Day of Prayer

Note: Last year, on ETC Day of prayer, the Phom Baptist Association made a special fund drive for ETC. This year, the Konyak Baptist Association is inviting us to visit their churches.

Immediate Needs

- 1) President's Quarters; 2) Renovation of Kitchen & Dining Hall; 3) Hostel for M. Th students, a requirement of the Senate; 4) Pool Vehicle; 5) Faculty Quarters; 6) High-Power Generator; 7) Mini-Bus for School Going Children.

Other Urgent Needs:

- 1)Face-lifting of buildings; 2) Repair and renovation of Quarters; 3) Road; 4) Mess Hall; 5) Proper Drainage; 6) Additional Floor on the Ad-building for Class Rooms, and 7. Wall.

Report from White Memorial Hostel

Excerpts from the report presented by Ms. Bendangla Jamir, Superintendent, W. M. Hostel



White Memorial Hostel(WM), a home away from home, is a hostel for college going girls. It is situated at Satribari Christian Hospital. Currently there are about 45 girls pursuing degree courses residing in the hostel.

NEWS EVENTS:

1. Freshers Social 2009: 23 new girls who were selected were warmly received by 22 seniors to a fun filled occasion. Dr Asangla Ao exhorted and encouraged the freshers with a word from the scripture.
2. With the help of Rev. Dr. A. K. Lama, General Secretary, five girls: three Hindus, one Muslim and one Christian attended a evangelistic camp organized by Evangelical Union. The girls testified after attending the camp.
3. Combined W.M & L.M one day retreat was held at Shilpgram. Renowned speaker, Mr. Kilang Jamir was the main speaker and Mrs. Allen from USA took the practical sessions.
4. Attending Sunday school is also one of the sources of spiritual blessing where Mr. Gibson Marak is their teacher. One of our girls Sushmita, a Hindu girl who stayed in our hostel for 5 years remarked, "I felt this hostel was more like my home. I came from a Hindu background but I have received baptism into the Holy Spirit and today Jesus is my personal savior".
5. Prayer Room in hostel is also another source of blessing for many girls.
6. Every evening, we conduct Vesper Service.

RESULTS:

Indeed, our priority is to help our girls achieve good academic result. We regularly maintain study hour.

1. H.S 1st & 2nd Year: Appeared 3& 4 respectively, all of them passed in 1st and 2nd Div.
2. T. D.C 1st, 2nd & 3rd Year: Appeared 35 out of which 32 passed.

OTHER EVENTS & NEWS:

1. Every year we observe pre-Christmas celebration on the 1st week of December caroling around the city, decorating the compound, conducting Christmas carol cake competition, gift exchange and candle light service.
2. This year from our Sports Fund , we visited ACCOLAND park
3. The best room awards was bagged by Room no-7 (Elizabeth & Ganga Rani)

Note: We have also updated our Website: <http://wmh.cbcnei.com>

CONTRIBUTIONS:

1. A "Wallframe" from outgoing student.
2. Sound system- Mr. & Mrs. Lanu Jamir.
3. Refrigerator- Mr. & Mrs. Yangerlemba Longkumer.

We thank CBCNEI for sponsoring the Retreat & Evangelistic Camp and Mrs. Montana for looking after the hostel during my absence.

**ADMISSION NOTICE
LEWIS MEMORIAL HOSTEL
(for Boys undergoing Undergraduate Courses)**

1. Lewis Memorial Hostel for 2010-11 Session Admission form & Prospectus can be availed of on payment of Rs 50/- from the Hostel Superintendent.
2. Last date to submit application : 21st June 2010
3. First phase of admission : 25th June 2010
4. Second phase of selection & admission : 23rd July 2010
5. Fees structure
 - i) Hostel fees: (one academic year)
 - 1st installment (at the time of admission) : Rs. 10,000/-
 - 2nd installment (January of the following year) : Rs. 7, 000/-
 - Total : Rs. 17, 000/-
 - ii) Mess Fees (Monthly) : Rs. 1,000/-

For further information contact
Hostel Superintendent @ 098640-67401

REPORT FROM THE BABUPARA CHRISTIAN HOSPITAL

Excerpts from the report presented by Dr. John R. N. Sangma, Medical Officer, Babupara Christian Hospital

Babupara Christian Hospital was founded in February, 1949 and started functioning in May, 1949 by the name of American Baptist Mission Dispensary Nisangram. The founders were Dr. E. S. Downs, an American Missionary and Mr. Genaram A. Momin, Compounder. It started with only one small almira for medicine. There was one small cottage with two rooms for the family.

Statistics:

Year	No. of Patients		
	Eye	General	Operations
	892	1,310	32

Concerns:

- 1) One Medical Officer, a MBB's, is required to be permanently posted in BCH with proper accommodation facilities as this is one of the factors for non availability of doctors in the hospital.
- 2) One transformer to be installed to take care of the voltage fluctuation. The electricity, although present, is very erratic and that too with lot of voltage fluctuations. Such fluctuations are very unsafe for the costly hospital equipments. The inverter has been damaged about five times due to the fluctuations. The Nurses have to struggle to give IV fluids and to conduct deliveries due to inadequate electricity. Often the eye operations are hampered due to the drop in the voltage to unimaginable levels and we have to constantly use the generator during the operations, which proves to be costly.

Ongoing projects:

- * New electric wiring apart from the OPD, OT and for the Nurses' Station.
- * Toilet & Bathrooms for the patients and the staff
- * Repair of leaking roofs of the hospital, Shed for the generator .

Pending projects:

- * Renovation of the hospital.
- * Purchase of Eye equipments like Nd VAG LASER.
- * High speed sterilizer.

Funds to be mobilized (Rs. 11 lakhs)

REPORT FROM THE JORHAT CHRISTIAN MEDICAL CENTRE

Excerpts from the report presented by Dr. C. Lawrence, Medical Superintendent, Jorhat Christian Medical Centre

Jorhat Christian Medical Centre(JCMC) is one of the oldest hospitals of the region, situated about 3 km South of Jorhat town. It was established in the year 1924 by the American Baptist Missionary Dr. H. W. Kirby as a small dispensary. At present J.C.M.C. has two units- a general hospital and a Leprosy Clinic for leprosy patients. With a bed capacity 105 the general hospital provides the following facilities:

- 24 hours emergency service -Regular OPD
- Well equipped laboratory -X-Ray & ECG
- General Medicine, General Surgery , Orthopedic Surgery , Gynecology and Obstetrics and Pediatrics
- ICU
- Pharmacy

Apart from these it has a School of Nursing with an admission capacity of 20 students for GNM Course.

The Spiritual Life Department looks after the spiritual needs of the hospital patients and also the staff and their families under the leadership of the hospital Chaplain.

In the year 2006 a five bedded fully equipped ICU was started in partnership with Rotary Club of Jorhat. This year three more beds were added by extending the existing ICU. After the ICU started the number of patients increased and financial position of the hospital also improved.

J.C.M.C. has a vast unused land space. Construction of boundary pillars to protect this land from illegal encroachment is going on.

A consultation with Asian Rural Life Development Foundation to start agricultural project in the unused land is also going on. Consultation to revive the leprosy hospital and rehabilitate the people affected with leprosy in partnership with Leprosy Mission is under active consideration.

Concerns of JCMC:

- There is acute shortage of committed doctors and nurses.
- Improved services in nearby private hospitals is causing stiff competition.
- In the face of free treatment in government hospital, especially in the newly established Medical College which is a few meters away from JCMC, the existence of JCMC is challenging.

REPORT FROM THE SATRIBARI CHRISTIAN HOSPITAL

Excerpts from the report presented by Mr. N. Lokho Mao, Chief Administrator

Satribari Christian Hospital was started in the year 1926, the oldest Hospital in Guwahati. In the past, it was run with assistance from abroad. However, today it is self sustained.

With the mushrooming of so many private hospitals and competitions among themselves, the Satribari Christian Hospital is gradually declining. The following factors are additional causes:

- a) Lack of control & supervision by the higher ups.
- b) Shortage of Specialist Doctors.
- c) Lack of infra-structure.
- d) Financial instability.

Statistics:

Total no. of beds today	: 137
Chief Administrator	: Mr. N. Lokho Mao
Medical Superintendent	: Dr. (Mrs) T. I. Syiemlieh Lyngdoh
Nursing Superintendent	: Mrs. Lilabati Devi
Principal, Nursing School	: Mrs. Mina Kerketta
Chaplain	: Rev. K. Marak

	Requirement	Actually Working	Shortage
Resident Doctors	13	07	06
Ward Sisters	11	07	04
Staff Nurse	32	27	5
Nursing Aid	16	10	06
Tutor	08	04	04

NOTE: *In addition to the number above, the Hospital has 17 consultant Doctors of Medicines Radiologist, Orthopedic, Child Neuro, ENT, Psychiatric, Anaesthesia, Surgeon etc.*

FRESH INVESTMENTS DURING 2009-10

1. Two monitors for CCU = Rs. 2,90,000/- (fully paid)-
2. One Ventilator for CCU= Rs. 4,00,000/-on installments (Rs 1,60,000/- paid)
3. One O.T Light for Operation Theatre = Rs. 2,50,00/- on installments (Rs. 1,30,000/- paid)
4. Renovations for Wards toilets & bathrooms = Rs 6,93,484/- (fully paid)
5. Ceiling fans replacement & ward wall painting =Rs.1,15,575/- (fully paid)

6. Culture Sensitively for Laboratory = Rs. 39,000/- (fully paid)
7. Nursing Hostel toilet & bathrooms = Rs.1,61,584/- (fully paid)
8. Steel beds for Nurses Hostel = Rs. 98,000/- (fully paid)

VARIOUS STEPS TAKEN TO BRING MORE PATIENTS

1. PUBLICITY :

- a) A big board at the entrance of the Hospital displaying facilities available in the Hospital.
- b) Pamphlets (both English & Assamese) showing facilities available distributed through Newspapers.
- c) Advertisements in Magazines.
- d) Advertisements through IIT Guwahati Marathon 2009.
- e) Calendar for 2010 with facilities available in the Hospital.

2. RENOVATIONS:

- a) Toilets & bathrooms renovations with tiles in all the wards.
- b) Repairing & Painting of wards.
- c) Wards were fitted with wan fans for the patients.
- d) X-ray & Ultrasound Department
- e) Maternity ward & labour room (in progress).

3. PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENTS:

- a) Ventilator purchased for CCU /ICU.
- b) Two more Monitors purchased for CCU.
- c) One O. T Light purchased.
- d) Culture sensitivity purchased for lab.

4. PHARMACY& LABORATORY: Pharmacy and laboratory have been made separate units from the Hospital for generating profit. Pharmacy & Laboratory are now open for 24 hours for the benefits of the patients.

5. DISCOUNTS : The Hospital allows a discount of 10 % on the bill to senior citizens & below poverty line (BPL) card holders.

Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

1 JOHN 2:15 (NIV)

REPORT FROM THE KANGPOKPI CHRISTIAN HOSPITAL

Excerpts from the report resented by Dr. K. P. Rongmei, Medical Superintendent

The Kangpokpi Christian Hospital(KCH), which is used to be known as “Mission Hospital Manipur”, was established by Pioneer American Baptist Foreign Missionaries in 1920 following the WW II. The Hospital is 45 km from Imphal, the state capital, and is located 3kms away from Kangpokpi Town amidst green tropical forest with pleasant climate throughout the year. The compound spread 204.5 acres granted by the Maharaja of Manipur and Darbar for the establishment of mission program like hospital. Leprosy works and educational institutions. The mission center is known all over the state of Manipur for its health-leprosy, education, orphanage and educational mission activities for a long time.

PAST ACHIEVEMENT: The hospital reached its glory during the time of Dr. A. Hrahsel, an experienced surgeon, from 1971-1993. People all over Manipur have a special attraction and trust in the KCH for any types of surgery. The Nursing School for ANM(FHW) course was established in 1982.

DOWNFALL: After retirement of Dr. A. Hrahsel, the hospital could not function as expected due to:

1. Ethnic clash among the tribals.
2. No efficient General surgeon and Gynaecologist.
3. Coming up of private hospitals with high modern technology in the state Capital.
4. Upgradation of Government hospitals and Health centers in the surrounding areas with well-experienced specialist doctors.

PRESENT ACHIEVEMENT: Many cases of respiratory, cardiac, communicable, BP strokes, meningitis and malaria from different community has begun to come for treatment after a gap of 15yrs. We are now in a position to conduct major operations like Key-hole surgery. Apart from that Laboratory investigations have also been upgraded. Besides physical treatment many lost souls are saved through spiritual counseling.

More than 340 students graduated from our School of Nursing. Presently 45 students are undergoing training.

CHALLENGING MATTER: For proper functioning and development, the hospital needs:

1. Man-power: Gynaecologist, General surgeon. Anesthesist, Radiologist and Pathologist/Microbiologist.
2. ICU (to manage emergency cases)
3. Financial resources.

REPORT FROM THE TURA CHRISTIAN HOSPITAL

Excerpts from the report presented by Dr. J. N. Marak, Medical Superintendent

Tura Christian Hospital is one of the oldest Christian Mission hospitals in North East India. It is situated in Tura, the district head quarter of West Garo Hills. It is owned and managed by the Council of Baptist Churches in North East India through its Medical Board. The hospital is a non profit making institution which caters services to the people of West Garo Hills. The hospital was established in 1908 by Dr. Galen Greenfield Crozier with 15 beds. The hospital was looked after by the American Missionary Doctors till 1967.

The hospital mainly functions as a General hospital with functional Medical, Surgical, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Pediatrics, Community Health and Dental units. Tura Christian Hospital also happens to have the oldest and perhaps the only orphanage in Garo Hills. The orphanage at Tura Christian Hospital looks after motherless babies and orphans till they are old enough to be looked after by their relatives. The orphanage was started in 1921 by Miss Anne Vema Blakely who was a nurse herself. We are thankful for those who have donated in kind and cash to the orphanage. At present we have 5 orphan babies.

The constructions which completed recently are: O. T building, Post operative care room and Orphanage play house.

Statistical data from 2009 April to 2010 March.

Registration	:	13,072
Inpatients	:	3,824
Laboratory	:	33,851
X-Rays and ultra Sonography	:	2,662

Hospital requirements:

Nursing School Building, B.Sc Nursing Tutors, GNM Staffs, Permanent Doctors & Incinerator.

We are thankful to the Lord Almighty for helping us in all the problems and difficulties. It is because of His love and care that Tura Christian Hospital could reach a milestone of hundred years in 2008. We are also thankful to the people who have a trust in our healing ministry and help our ministry to go on.

REPORT FROM THE CHRISTIAN LITERATURE CENTRE, PAN BAZAR GUWAHATI

Excerpts from the report presented by Rev. K. Mahangthei, Dy. Director CLC
CLC was established in 1969 under direct management of CBCNEI for its Literature Ministry in North East India and a full time Literature Secretary was appointed to oversee the ministry. The Literature Ministry from 1969 to 1980 was under the direct management of CBCNEI and during that time CLC was well developed. CLC was allowed to run its Literature Ministry independently from 1981 and in the same year CLC was registered under Society Act of India. The following were the Literature Secretaries and Directors:

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| 1. Rev. George Gillespie, | Secretary (1969) |
| 2. Rev. Champhang Jajo, | Secretary (1970-1980) |
| 3. Mr. David Pakiamathu, | Director (1981- 1984) |
| 4. Rev. Khup Za Go, | Director (1984-1987) |
| 5. Mr. N. Kahmei, | Director (1987-1991) |
| 6. Rev. Mar Atsangchanger, | Director (1991- 2003) |
| 7. Rev. John Oving, | Director (2003-2007) |
| 8. Rev. K. Mahangthei | Director In charge (2007 till date) |

At present we have four branches and seventeen staff in CLC. They are:

1. CLC Guwahati four staff (including Manager)
2. CLC Dimapur three staff (no Manager)
3. CLC Imphal seven staff (including Dy. Director and Manager)
4. CLC Ukhru three staff (no Manager)

ACTIVITIES: CLC is supplying textbooks and other school materials to hundreds of schools and colleges in North East India. CLC has a good relationship with almost all Indian Publishers. We are supplying library books to many Churches, Associations and schools. We have a programme for mobile sales.

CLC is producing about 1000 Holy Communion Trays and 1000 offering bags in every three years. We are planning to have a joint publication with other prominent publishers in India like ISPCK and GLS. Every year we publish two to three Church Hymnals of various dialects and languages. We are publishing the best quality of Church Hymnal and we hope that Churches, Associations and Conventions of CBCNEI will come forward to support Literature Ministry and publish your Church Hymnals through CLC.

Please pray for CLC bookrooms/staff, the new counter to be open at Senapati by September 2010, CLC New Committee members (yet to appoint) & Managing Director (yet to appoint).

REPORT FROM THE PROVIDENT FUND TRUSTEES FUND BOARD OF TRUSTEES (2009 - 2010)

Respected President,

Members of the Executive Committee and Delegates,

I thank the Lord for enabling me to serve Him through the CBCNEI PF Trust as its Chairman. He has proved throughout the year that He cares and that He provides from His bountiful resources for those who love Him and serve Him.

As you may be aware, besides CBCNEI Hqrs, altogether eight organizations are members of the CBCNEI PF Trust, viz. LM Hostel, WM Hostel, ETC. GBC, Tura Book Room, Guwahati Baptist Church, Shillong Vacation House and Zeme Baptist Church Council. The total membership during the year was 115 and the total fund holding in the members' account was Rs. 2,23,39,356.63p -a modest growth of 8.70% over previous year's holdings.

By the grace of Jehovah Jireh, the year turned out to be comparatively good and we have been able to collect interest to the tune of Rs. 17,13,152.11p during the year, an increase of Rs. 4,13,043.41p in absolute terms, which is 31.77% over the previous year's collections. We have therefore been able to apply for the current year, interest @8.5%.

I am fortunate to have Board members and the Staff who are very supportive and am always grateful to them. I would covet your continued support through your prayers and suggestions.

I, on behalf of the Trust, place before you now, the Balance Sheet and the Profit & Loss statement of the CBCNEI PF Accounts as In 31.03.2010.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sd/-Rolland G. Momin

Chairman, CBCNEI PF Board of Trustees

REPORT FROM THE PROPERTY SECRETARY

Excerpts from the report presented by Mr. Pawan Bhuyan, Property Secre-

(42) take this opportunity to present before you the last year's report till March 2010 on the affairs related to the landed properties of the Council. Let me now give you a brief report on the matters related to the properties of the Council.

1. Request of Shillong Baptist Church: The Shillong Baptist Church is processing for Registration of the lease on the given plot of land and also on the permission for construction of the Church. However, we have received a letter from the church mentioning that the land documents provided by us are not sufficient to support the title of ownership of the land by the CBCNEI. The complexity of the matter was discussed and decided to apply for title of ownership of the Shillong land with the District Council office in consultation with the Local Committee, Shillong Baptist Church and if needed, to take help from legal expert.

2. Jorhat Christian Medical Centre Land Matters:

i) Excess land sale at JCMC: The Jorhat Christian Medical Centre is in the process of selling the excess land at the border of the campus and the Local Care Taker Committee has suggested the detail of land sale after negotiation with the buyers. Accordingly the Council has approved the sale of remaining low lying plot near the main road to the applicants at the following rate of Rs. 2,20,000/- per katha and the sale of encroached plot at the back of the hospital godown to the encroacher at the negotiated rate of Rs. 75, 000/- per katha.

ii) Christian Leprosy Colony land: The Executive Committee sent a three members Commission to JCMC/Christian Leprosy Colony land at Jorhat to explore the possibilities for utilization of the vast land and recommend its findings to the Council for further discussion and approval. The Commission recommended the following:

a. The demarcation of the CLC land to be done with concrete posts and identify the vulnerable spots of encroachment.

b. To prepare transfer document of the plot of land to the local Church with clear measurement of land allotted for the purpose of the Church and its management.

c. To procure and study the Govt. of India policy on Leprosy programme.

d. To request the Leprosy Mission to expedite the Vocational training proposals for the rehabilitation of Leprosy related family members.

e. To work out a proposal for establishing an organization to exclusively work for Leprosy programme.

iii) Letter from Borbheta Baptist Church: The Borbheta Baptist Church has

requested the CBCNEI to allot 3 katha of mission land adjacent to the graveyard. The offer was given to the church for purchase at a nominal rate but the church is not in a position to purchase and therefore requested for free allotment and the ownership remains with the Council like the present graveyard plot. The Council decided to allot 3 kathas of mission land at JCMC campus in Jorhat to Borbheta Baptist Church adjacent to the present graveyard with a condition that the church would allow burial of any person(s) from within the JCMC and Christian believers in need.

3. Eastern Theological College Land Matters:

i) CBCNEI land near Tocklai Tea Garden, Jorhat: Joint inspection was done with representatives from Tocklai Experimental Station, ETC & CBCNEI during 2009 in presence of a government surveyor and observed that one plot is under TRA occupation. The findings were intimated to the experimental station with the report of the surveyor but so far they have not responded to the issue. The other two plots are under encroachment by local villagers. Lawyer's notice was issued to one family to vacate one plot and also given few months extension as they do not have the finance to buy the plot. As the family is poor, they are still unable to meet the financial requirement. It was decided to pursue the matter and correspond with the encroachers so that either the plots could be release or sold to the occupants.

ii) Land Position of ETC Campus, Jorhat: The land status of the Annual Patta plots inside the ETC campus stands as it is due to high financial expenses involved in the alteration to Permanent Periodic Patta. The ETC was entrusted to take up the matter with the D.C., Jorhat and explore possibilities for changing the status of these plots. But the college did not pursue the matter and the issue still remains.

4. Land Transfer Matter (Guwahati land): The transfer of the Guwahati mission land is not done by the beneficiaries & purchasers. We have the Guwahati Baptist Church, Nichols School, Kamrup Baptist Asomia Sabha and Mizo Church plots in Panbazar and at Satribari yet to transfer. Moreover, we have information that there are court litigations on the Guwahati Baptist Church land concerning some of their properties. There is a possibility where the Council may also be dragged into all these issues. In spite of repeated reminders the recipients of the land have not heeded to the impending danger of not transferring the land and now we have seen the problems surfacing. The Council decided to remind the beneficiaries & purchasers of Guwahati mission land to seriously work on immediately for transfer of their respective land. The Council should not be made liable for the land already parted with the recipients.

5. Impur Mission Land: The internal demarcation between the ABAM and the ICH

concerning the mission land at Impur is still pending till a Medical Superintendent is appointed. As recommended, the Executive Committee was not able to appoint the Medical Supdt. till date. It was decided to refer this matter back to ABAM for internal demarcation and necessary follow up in consultation with the Council. In the meantime we received a survey map of the mission land with demarcation from ABAM which further needs to be clarified.

6. Kangpokpi Mission Land: There is no recent update from the Manipur Baptist Convention on the mission land status from lease hold to permanent allotment. We have received information from KCH that the disputed area of the mission land was bought by the government for Rs. 10,00,000/- and the entire sale proceed was utilized by the hospital. According to the policy the KCH/ADMC should have informed of the land deal in detail for the Council to decide and give permission for sale. Moreover, the sale process should have been done with the Council and not KCH. The hospital or the local ADCM is not authorized to sell any land that belongs to the CBCNEI. Even after the land was sold, the 30% Council's share was not deposited. This is a clear violation of the norms made by KCH in dealing with land issues. The seriousness of the problem was discussed and such violation of the rules by KCH which if unattended would set as a precedent for others to follow as well. The Property Association express unhappiness on the part of Kangpokpi Christian Hospital for violating the rules while disposing off the disputed area of mission land and the issue is referred to Executive Committee and the Medical Board to take up the case seriously and take appropriate action.

7. Purchase of Mechuka land for APBC: Since the convention has not informed on the transfer of the plot into the name of the Council in order to account back the fund released through CBCNEI, the members decided to remind the convention to update on the status of the land and settle the issue as early as possible.

8. Dissolution of Property Association (NEIEC 2009 – 41): The members were informed that the Registration of the Organization is now changed to "CBCNEI" from "Property Association of CBCNEI" under the Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860, in the year 2009. The Properties & Assets have automatically transferred under the ownership of CBCNEI. Thus the "Property Association" has now become a defunct body with its "Memorandum of Association & Rules and Regulations".

9. CBCNEI Self – Reliance (Jubilee Complex) Phase II: The Upper Ground floor of the Jubilee Complex Phase II is completed and the Council has almost finalized the deal with two prospective tenants and within June/July 2010, the premises would be occupied.

10. CBCNEI Conference Centre extension building Project BIM grant Rs. 27,60,000: The permission from GMDA is obtained recently and the Council is

processing for construction of the Conference Centre extension building. The provision of the building is for three storey but the available fund is not sufficient. However, the work would start within this year with the available fund, in phase manner. The consulting engineer is working on the blueprint with some minor changes.

11. New CBCNEI office: The new office block in the lower ground floor of Self-Reliance Jubilee Complex Phase II building was completed and the office was shifted to this new block in August 2009. The old office building is being used as CBCNEI Archive & library in one section and Training & Workshop room in the other section.

Conference Centre Complex: The CBCNEI Conference Centre Complex which is the main source of income generation for the Council has undergone drastic changes in terms of renovation & development with the addition of the following:

* All the 2nd floor rooms with attached bath were fitted with Air Conditioners, Linoleum floor mat, better quality linens, sanitary items.

* The 2nd floor lounge is now provided with TV, Sofa, newspapers, linoleum floor mat.

* The 1st floor rooms with attached toilets are upgraded.

* Annex Reception & lobby are upgraded with linoleum floor, TV, Internet facility, PCO & Xerox, cloak room.

* The linens are now laundry washed and very soon we are procuring washing machine to do the laundry for economy and effective cleaning.

* The centre is in the process of replacing the beds, mattresses and linens and few rooms have already been updated with these materials.

* The Conference Centre has engaged additional staff to look after the reception, housekeeping and security for better hospitality and service to our conference guests and church members who stay in our centre.

* The Conference Centre Canteen is now under the direct supervision of the Council and with the hardworking staff working round the clock, we are trying to cater to our guests with the facilities upgraded. The plan to expand the capacity of the canteen is underway and within a short period we shall have more spacious facility.

In conclusion I would like to add that apart from managing the landed properties of the Council, I am also involved in the day-to-day affairs of the headquarter complex with maintenance work, monitoring the Conference Centre complex which requires a considerable portion of my time and energy.

REPORT FROM THE FINANCE SECRETARY

Excerpts from the report presented by Mr. Rolland G. Momin, Finance Secretary

Greetings to you in the Matchless name of our Lord and Saviour. This year also the Lord has proved His faithfulness by:

- a. Supplying all our needs;
- c. Enabling us to allocate the resources-Human, financial, materials and precious time for His ministry;
- d. Enabling us to handle the finances without much anxieties.

I will like to reiterate and highlight what the finance Department of CBCNEI is, and what it stands for;

Purpose Statement of CBCNEI Finance Department:

“CONSCIENTIOUS PRACTICE OF STEWARDSHIP IN MANAGING THE FINANCIAL RESOURCES BESTOWED UPON THE CBCNEI SO AS TO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE SUPPORT TO ITS VARIOUS MINISTRIES”

Core Values:

- * INTEGRITY IN ALL FINANCIAL MATTERS;
- * FAIRNESS IN ALL DEALINGS;
- * VALUE CONSCIOUSNESS AT ALL TIMES;
- * PROMPT IN ATTENDING TO MINISTRY NEEDS;
- * COMMITTED TO DETAILS BUT NOT LOSING SIGHT OF THE BIG PICTURE;

Some of the Measurable Steps for the last 3 years:

- * Complete elimination of all the Debit balances in FCRA Account;
- * Allocating 5% of CBCNEI's income, toward Missions;
- * Achieve a Minimum of 9% growth in Budget income;

LEAP OF FAITH:

As decided in the October Executive Committee, the expected contributions from the members have been reduced to Re. 0.50p per member for the upcoming year. Against His backdrop, we would like to take a quantum leap of FAITH by making a Budget proposal with a projected growth of 136.12% of Payments amounting to Rs. 1,47,65,500/- leaving a wide deficit of Rs.10, 98, 300/-. This shows that much more needs to be done at and by the CBCNEI. It also indicates that an expert hand is required for handling the finances more professionally at the CBCNEI.

My heartfelt thanks to all the members of CBCNEI, the BIM, the General Secretary, other Secretaries and all the Staff of CBCNEI for their understanding and unstinted support during the year.

REPORT FROM THE JUSTICE & PEACE DEPARTMENT

Excerpts from the report presented by Mr. Atungo Shitri, Secretary, Justice and Peace

- * April-June: Preparation and Setting up of the Department.
- * July 17, 2009: First annual committee meeting.
- * July 22-24, 2009: In collaboration with Christian Legal Association, India, organized a Christian lawyers meeting at Dimapur and Kohima.
- * July-August, 2009: Internship Program: Two interns from South Korea came to assist in planning and working out the preliminary objectives of the department. Ms. Lee Narae and Mr. Kim Daesun, both law students of Handong International Law School did a very commendable job for the department.
- * September 3, 2009: Attended Joint Peace Meeting at Haflong, N.C. Hills.
- * September 17 & 18, 2009: Atungo Shitri, Secretary Justice and Peace, CBCNEI and Modam Dini, the General Secretary of Arunachal Pradesh Baptist Convention visited Nyigam Village situated at Basar sub-division, Arunachal Pradesh to survey the damage done by the fire tragedy and does relief work among the victims.
- * November 4-6, 2009: Attended as Council representative, workshop on Church understanding on climate change and global warming at Nagpur.
- * November 21, 2009: The Council of Baptist Churches in Northeast India (CBCNEI) in collaboration with Church Auxiliary for Social Action, Guwahati, Assam (CASA) conducted a relief work at Nyigam Village. 96 effected families were given one bundle CGI sheets (10 Nos of tin sheets) and one packet of CASA relief materials (utensils, blanket, etc).
- * November 24-26, 2009: Participated in the Regional Consultation on Violence and Violation of Human Rights; Patterns and Perspectives for Peace organized by NCCI and PCI held at PCI Assembly, Shillong.
- * January 2-15,2010: Facilitated the visit of 13 students and a professor from Colgate University, Hamilton, New York to places in Assam where their alumni like Rev. Miles Bronson, Rev. Pitt Holland Moore and others once worked as missionaries. They also visited Eastern Theological College, Jorhat, Nagaon Mission School, Nagaon and Tura to see the lasting impression and legacy left behind by their predecessors.
- * January 22, 2010: Facilitated various churches leaders and representatives

to deliberate the issue of violent atrocities being perpetrated against North East Students and employees at Delhi NCR and undertake constructive course of action. Also visited Delhi on 20th April 2010 for preliminary discussion.

* January 28-30, 2010: Visited Manipur to assess and to collect data about the situation of the Baptists who are facing religious persecution from the village *Panchayat Raj* because of renouncing their traditional faith and embracing Christianity. Advocate Alin Kamei will be working in consultation with MBC and RNBC on finding suitable solution of the problem.

* February 26, 2010: Held Justice and Peace Committee meeting

* February 27, 2010: The Justice and Peace Department of the Council in collaboration with International Justice Mission, organized a one day seminar on the Theme; *Modern Day Slavery: Preventing the trafficking of our Women and Children* and came out with these resolutions: involvement of various NGO's in trafficking issues, engaging with the Public Justice System in the fight against trafficking, incorporating good Practice initiative to combat Human trafficking, providing services to help victims transition into their new lives and encouraging long term success.

CBCNEI INVITES APPLICATIONS FOR THE FOLLOWING POSTS:

Job Description	Job Experience	Qualification
Bible Translation Promoter	Bible Translation	BD/M.Div/M.A
Program Co-ordinator	-	BD/M.Div/M.A
Doctor for Kangpokpi Hospital	-	MBBS/ Mission Specialist(Med / Surg / Gynae)

Please send your application with resume and recommendation from your Church / Association / Convention leader to the General Secretary, CBCNEI.

FELICITAION

The 60th Annual General Meeting of CBCNEI at Kusimkhol Baptist Church felicitated the following persons for their remarkable contribution to the ministries of CBCNEI:

1. **Lt. Rev. Dr. Gilbert K. Marak, former Youth Secretary, CBCNEI.**
2. **Lt. Rev. Karbenson D. Sangma, former General Secretary, GBC.**
3. **Lt. Mr. Lindrid D. Shira, former President, GBC/CBCNEI.**
4. **Lt. Mr. Politeson R. Marak, former President, GBC / CBCNEI.**
5. **Mr. Jackson M. Marak, former General Secretary, GBC.**
6. **Rev. Dr. Martin R. Sangma, former General Secretary, GBC.**
7. **Lt. Dr. Pinsonath S. Momin, former Superintendent, Tura Book Room.**
8. **Rev. Lothunath J. Sangma, Dilma Apal Baptist Church.**
9. **Mr. Orpheous D. Shira, Garo Baptist Church, Shillong.**
10. **Mr. Argison G. Momin, former President, GBC.**
11. **Dr. P. Rudra Tariang, former Superintendent Tura Christian Hospital.**
12. **Dr. John Lao, former Medical Superintendent, Jorhat Christian Medical Centre.**
13. **Dr. (Mrs) Delphine Lao Momin, former Medical Superintendent, Satribari Christian Hospital, Guwahati.**
14. **Dr. K. S. Tshikhano, MBBS, MD, Kohima.**
15. **Mrs. Graciefields K. Marak, retired Principal, Christian Girls Higher Secondary School.**
16. **Lt. Mrs Linda N. Sangma, Principal, Christian Girls Higher Secondary School, Tura.**

Satribari Christian Hospital in NEWS....

[As published in "DAINIK ASOM", on July 18, 2010, translated by Mr. A. K. Goldsmith]

"Satribari Christian Hospital will be equipped with modern methods of Health Care facilities".

The Satribari Christian Hospital is struggling for its existence, even after eight decade of it existence due to unavailability and lack of modern equipments, there is a conscious effort to shape the hospital to a centre of modern health care of excellence. The hospital which is managed by the Council of Baptist Churches in North East India, will turn it to a modern hospital of excellence. The 4B-Serve Health Care Company Pvt. Ltd. is coming forward to join hands with the Council. An MOU between the Council of Baptist Churches and the 4B-Health Care Company, is signed. According to the provision of MOU, the representatives of both the parties will be involved in the management. The 4B-Health Care Company will take charge of equipping the hospital with modern machines and take charge of the management of the hospital employees. It is important to note that in 1926, the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society, had established the Satribari Christian Hospital to serve the people of Assam. For so many decades the hospital is leading in the health care sector, but due lack of modern equipments and specialist doctors, the popularity of the hospital is declining. This hospital though centrally located on 60 bighas of prime land, the patient's loads is reducing and the income also is declining. As a result to pay salary of over hundred employees is becoming difficult for the local administrative committee. At this juncture of crisis and after intensive consultations for the last two years, the 4B-Health Care Company registered in Chennai had come forward to join hands. Mr. Amrit Kumar Goldsmith, the spokesperson of Council of Baptist Churches, had categorically mentioned that from 1st July, 2010, the new Management Committee will take charge of the hospital. In the Management Committee the members of both the Council of Baptist Churches in NEI and 4B-Serve Heath Care Company will sit. To revamp the hospital to a modern hospital has the approval of 7000 Baptist Churches and about 10 lakhs Baptist members. The Doctors, Nurses, Paramedicals and employees has extended their co-operation with the new hospital Management Committee. Mr. Goldsmith clarify that there is no question of leasing and selling the land. He said that the hospital will be gradually developed to a modern health centre of excellence. The effort is to serve the poor with modern health care facilities which they can avail at affordables costs. Mr. Goldsmith emphatically said that the Healing Ministry of the Council of Baptist Churches is to serve the poor through the hospital, and not with the motive of earning profit from the hospital.

A letter from Mr. Gopendra Narayan Choudhury, 45 Danis Road, Panbazar, Guwahati - 01

To, the spoke person of NEI Baptist Churches.

Respected Amrit Kumar Goldsmith - a few lines.

Sir, first of all please accept my *Namaskar* and heartfelt respect. The news item published today the 18th June, 2010 in *Dainik Assam*, under the heading “**Satribari Christian Hospital will develop to Excellence with Modern Equipments**” had given us immense happiness and peace of mind. We are born and brought up near Panbazar Baptist Church. Now I am 75 years old. In 1936, I started my primary education in the school which was existing on the land now under Mohandra Mohan Choudhury Hospital. Respected Miss. Elliot Nichols was incharge. Today the famous Nichols English School at Satribari. My late father Prasanna Narayan Choudhury was an employee at DC Office, Kamrup as a Peskar. The then DC was Mr Benting. My father was pleading for the allotment of about 60 bighas of land at Satribari, to establish a good hospital to reduce the death of many poor patients. We heard this history of Satribari Hospital from our father. The Missionaries were helped by my father of Satribari Hospital to reduce from our hospital from our father. The Missionaries were helped by my father in the court matters and as reward our family still get good medical treatment till today.



Respected Mr. Goldsmith, today's news have given me immense joy and happiness. The Missionary like Dr. Nathan who protected our Assamese language, their contributions were never forgotten and we offer our “Pranam”. In 1938, when I was a small boy, Miss. Marvin and Miss. Holms came to our house and took picture of my mother working in the weaving loom, to send to America. Our family has a close holy relation with the Satribari Christian Hospital, and therefore please excuse me for this lengthy letter.

Lastly, I pray for the hospital and for your good health and to our eternal God.

Yours faithfully,

Sri. Gopendra Narayan Choudhury

CBCNEI / TLA Training Programmes/Seminars for the year 2010

August	Date		Training/Seminars	Incharge	Sponsored By	Venue
	From	To				
1	9-Aug	20-Aug	CDW Training on Development Projects	Dr. Jolly Rimal	ARDLF	Guwahati
2	19-Aug	21-Aug	Treasurer/Finance Secretaries Seminar	Mr. R. G. Momin	CBCNEI	CCC Training Center
3	27-Aug	MA	One day Consultation	Dr. Anjo Kothung	CBCNEI	NBCC, Kohima
September	Date		Training/Seminars	Incharge	Sponsored By	Venue
	From	To				
1	9-Sep	11-Sep	VBS Teachers Workshop	Mr. R. G. Momin	CBCNEI	CCC Training Center
2	20-Sep	25-Sep	Exegetical Preaching and Biblical Counselling	Rev. Dr. A.K. Lama	TLA	CCC Training Center
October	Date		Training/Seminar	Incharge	Sponsored By	Venue
	From	To				
1	1-Oct	3-Oct	Family Enrichment Programme for EIC Faculties	Rev. Dr. A. K. Lama	TLA	Sappranga
November	Date		Training/Seminars	Incharge	Sponsored By	Venue
	From	To				
1	4-Nov	5-Nov	Management Seminar for CBCNEI leaders & Institutional Heads	Mr. R. G. Momin	CBCNEI	CCC Training Center
2	15-Nov	20-Nov	Exegetical Preaching and Biblical Counselling	Rev. Dr. A. K. Lama	TLA	CCC Training Center
December	Date		Training/Seminars	Incharge	Sponsored By	Venue
	From	To				
1	6-Dec	11-Dec	Church Music: Vocal and Conducting Training	Mr. Anurag Shiri	BIM/CBCNEI	CCC Training Center
2	6-Dec	11-Dec	CDW Training on Evangelism	Dr. Jolly Rimal	TLA	CCC Training Center

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