

THADOU BAPTIST ASSOCIATION - INDIA
Kiphudoh leh Khantou Machal Thusim



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Manipur gamsunga Christian sakho hi Mission Agency ni'in ahin pohlut ahi. Sahlam (North) gamkai sunga Christianity hinpolutna chu Arthington Aborigines Mission (AAM) ahin, hinlah 1896 kumin AAM chun Manipur mission field hi American Baptist Mission (ABM) khutna apedoh tai. Manipur sahlam gamkaija dinga missionary masapen chu William Pettigrew ahi. Alangkhatna lhanglam Manipur (Churachanpur) gamkai sunga Christianity hinpolutna chu Thado Kuki Pioneer Mission phutdoh pa Watkin R. Roberts ahi. ABM missionary natoh na'a konin Kuki Baptist Association (KBA) chu South Changoubung mun'a 1950 kumin ana kiphu doh'in, KBA chu September 30, 1971 kumin Thadou Baptist Association (TBA) tin ahung kikhelin, athah'a suhdet ahung hitan ahi.¹

Thadou Baptist Association hi Thadou Houbung jouse kiloikhom nading, khat le khat khankho nunkho leh nei le lama kitho khoma kipumkhat tah'a khantou nading, Jesu Christa solna lentah banga Pathen thu jakha loulaiho henga Missionary le Evangelist soldoh ding, chuleh kiloikhomna dang dang to jong kiguijopna nei dinga kiphudoh ahi. Hinlah jalhang hinkho kivaihomna, sumle pai, jat le nam, chuleh kiloikhomnaho (denominations) kahlah'a kihet them to louna jeh'in TBA kiphudoh lona hi tuni chan geijin bulhing setnin molson aum joupon ahi.

Thadoute hi Manipur gamsunga dinga Meiteite ban tah'a tampen ahi vangun Thadou Baptist Association hi Manipur sunga dinga akhangtou loupén khatnin aume. Tuni chan geihin Houbung le houbung mi hi gel bang le kinépna bangin apungpon; Association dangto te dingin workers: Office Staffs, Pastor, Missionary le Evangelist jong alhomin, asum san'u jong atampoi. Houbung le Organisation dang to jong kiguigopna aneipon, achangin jong abulhing joupon, chuleh nampi a dinga thilphachom neo neo atohdoh ho jengjong hetphah peh'in aumpon ahi.

Hijeh'a chu hiche lekhabu hi TBA hi ibola iti hung kiphudoh ham? TBA khantou machal hi ipi'in atuhtang ham? Ipi dinga Thadou houbung jouse hi TBA a hunglut louham? TBA hin anam mite dinga ipi aboldoh'em? tiho kholdoh nadinga kisun ahi.

Hiche lekhabu hi Manipur gamsung Thadoute lah'a houbung hung kiphudoh dan le TBA thusim kisun ho lah'a amasapen ahipoi. English paova ho sim louvin jong Kuki Baptist Convention in aso "KBC Thusim" leh "KBC Thuchin Bu (KBC Diary)" ajong TBA thusim

¹ KBA General Assembly Resolution C.C. 7, No. 1 (Sept. 28-Oct.1, 1971).

akisunin, ahinla hiche lekhabu tenihin TBA thusim hi KBC deibang tah'in ahilchen lhonin, adihtah chu atahlang joulhon pon ahi. Rev. Vumthang Sitlhou lekhabu'a "Thadou-Kuki Christiante Thusim Chomcha (1908-2008)" jong TBA hungkiphu doh thusim neokhat ajaovin, hinlah Manipur gamsunga houbung ho jouse thusim ajih ahi jeh'in kicheh tah'in TBA hung kiphudoh leh machal dan atahlang joupon ahi. TBA thusim hatchetbe nadinga hiche lekhabu thumho jonghi sima phatah ahi.

CHAPTER – 1

THADOU THUBUL

Khang thusima Thadou hi ni ana umin akiseijin ahi. Thadou masa chu Jesu pen masang kum jabih gup lai ja patna ana kimiphah ahitan, Thadou nina chu Thadoute lah'a phungkhai phabep: Haokip, Kigen, Sitlhou, Singsit, Singson le adang dang hungkon dohna pa ahin, ama phat laihi AD 1000 velah bou ahi. Hiche lekhabu'a kisun Thadou hi Thadou masa thusim ahi. Tu le tu hin Thadoute hi India sah-solam gamkai sung, Myanmar le Bangladesh gamsunga akithe thangun, hiche gamho hi a'inmun dettah'u danin aumdoh tan ahi. Hiche gam thum ho lah'a hin Indian sung Manipur thinglhang gamsung atam penui.

1.1 KUKI

Manipur gamsunga hin alhangpin nam thum acheng khomun ahi. Akhatna chu phaichama cheng Meiteite ahin, adang ni chu Manipur thinglhang gam touphe'a Nagate le Kukite ahiuve.

Manipur gamsunga cheng Meitei le Naga hilou jouse chu Kuki tia ana kikou ahi. Kuki nampi sunga jao namho chu: Aimol, Anal, Baite, Chothe, Chongthu (Songthu), Chiru, Gangte, Hmar, Khongsai, Kom, Koireng, Koren, Lamkang, Lushei, Mayon, Mate, Monsang, Paite, Purum, Ralte, Simte, Sukte, Thadou, Thangkhal, Vaiphei, Zou, ahiuve.² Lekha jih masa sapkangte lekhasunho chun Kuki hi ni in ana homkhenun: Old Kuki le New Kuki anatiuvin ahi. Shakespear lekha jih dungjuja Old Kuki ho chu: Aimol, Chothe, Chiru, Kom, Purum, Koireng, Anal, Lamkang, Maon, Monsang, Gangte, Vaiphei etc. ahiuvin; New Kuki chu Thadou te ahiuve.³ Hinlah Nehkholun'in vang New Kuki hochu Simte, Paite, Zou, Hmar and the Thadou ahiuve tin asune.⁴

Kuki kiti min hi Kuki hilou English, Burmese, Chinese chule Bengaliho sah ahi. Nehlun'in "chapang chun amin akisah theilou jeh'a anu le apaten asah peh'u banga, inampiu min Kuki jonghi eiho sanga luijo Kuki hilouhon eina sahpeh'u ahi" ati.⁵ Manipur sunga miching lekha them phabepmin Kuki kiti hi English thucheng "Kuki or Kooky" (ganhing banga kivon/hing, akhangtoulou nam mite) kiti thuchenga kona kiladoh hidin aseiijuve. Manipur gamsung lhanglama Britishte ahunglut'u chun Manipur thinglha gamsunga cheng Naga hilouho jouse

² Nehkholun Kipgen, *The Kukiland* (Imphal: Kuki National Front, 1997), 3.

³ Lt. Colonel J. Shakespear, *The Lushai-Kuki Clans* (London: MacMillan and Co., Limited, 1912), 149.

⁴ Kipgen, *The Kukiland...*, 15.

⁵ Nehlun Kuki, *Story of the Emblem* (Imphal : Kuki National Front, 1997), 2.

chu noise tah'in Kuki tin ana kouvun, hichu 'akichao lele, mi phaltu, mi khangtoulou, ganhing sanga jong chingjolou' ana tinao ahi.⁶ Gangmumei'in "Kuki kiti hi Bengali thuchenga kona kiladoh 'thinglhang mi' tina hidin aseijin, chuleh hiche thucheng hi 1777 AD kuma Chittagong muna British te kibulu'a chu ana kimang masapen ahi" ati."⁷ Kukite hi Myanmar gama Chin tin akikouvui. Hinlah vangset umtah'in nam tampi in ama ama nam mincheh'a kikou ding adeijoh jeh'un Kuki kiti hi adalhagam taovin, tunvang Kuki akiti teng Thadou pao thoho bou kiseina danin aumtan ahi.

1.2 THADOU

Manipur gamsunga cheng Thadoute hi sahlam sanga Angami Nagaho toh kigamgi, solam sanga Burma to kigamgi, lhanglam sanga Chin Hills le Mizoram to kigamgi'a cheng nam thupi tah, pao, chon le khan chule kivaipohna atumbek'a nei mite ahiuve. Amaho hi min chomcheh'a kou ahiuto lhonin Zou ten Lushongte, Meitei ten Khongjai, Angami ten Kochami chuleh Tangkhul ten Khongsai tin akouvun ahi.⁸ Phungkhai 31 (Guite, Doungel, Sitlhou, Singsit/Singson, Kipgen, Haokip, Chongloi, Hangsing, Lamhao/Touthang, Lotjem, Haolai, Tuboi, Sa'um, Khuolhou, Lupho, Lupheng, Misao, Mate, Baite, Lhungdim, Ngailut, Kiloung, Insun, Jongbe, Lunkim, Lenthang, Thangngew, Changsan, Lhangum, Khoungthang chule Lhanghal/Hanghal)⁹ hohi Government'in India sunga dinga Tribe khat (Thadou tribe) ahi ti'a 1956 kuma chu hetpehna anei ahitai.¹⁰

Manipur'a dinga minkhumna masapen 1891 kuma ana kibol chu suhmang anahi tah jeh'in Thadoute chu ijat mongmong anahiuvem tichu dihtah'a hetdohjou ahitapoi. Hitajongleh kimkhatnin 41,000 val ana hidiuvin aseijui. Directorate of Census Operation Manipur'in apesh dungjuija Thadou population chu: 1931 kuma 47,046; 1951 kuma 44,976; 1961 kuma 47,994; 1971 kuma 59,955; 1981 kuma 56,467; 1991 kuma 1,21,994; 2011 kuma 1,82,594;¹¹ chuleh 2011 kuma 2,15,913¹² ahi.

⁶ L. Ngulkholum Khongsai, *The Kukis: Anthropological Studies of the Kukis* (Imphal: Author, 1994), 1-2.

⁷ Gangmumei Kabui, "Genesis of the Ethnoses of Manipur" 34, quoted from *Zeliang, A History of the Manipur Baptist Convention...*, 12.

⁸ Kaikhotinthang Kipgen, *The Thadou War (1917-19)* (Imphal: Th. Thangkhochon B.A, 1976), 5.

⁹ Jalun Haokip, "Tribe min thua boina suhlhap nading; Problem-Focus hilouvin Solution-Focus joh hi'ute (Thadou Tribe min thua Recons thulhangsap hilchetna), Eimi Times, April 4, 2016, 5-6.

¹⁰ President Notification under Article No. 342 of the Indian Constitution list Order Notification No. SRO. 2477-A. Ministry of Law & Home Affairs, Govt. of India dated 29th October, 1956 at New Delhi in respect of the State of Manipur. www.tribal.nic.in/.../file/4%20-%20Order%2029%20oct%201956.pdf.

¹¹ Ngamkhohao Haokip, *A Brief History of the Thadou* (Ngahmun: Thadou Cultural Festival, 2016), 16.

¹² <http://manipurtalks.com/index.php?threads/scheduled-tribes-population-of-manipur-as-per-2011-census.7240/>. Accessed on 14-1-2016

Thadou kiti hi mikhat min hilou jalhang/nam min ahi. Thadou thucheng hi jat ni a hilchet thei ahi. Akhatna'a Tha (kill) le Dou (endure, tolerate and defence): kivenbit na ding'a amelma ahiloule adou ho thatna mite tina ahin; anina chu Tha (energy) le Dou (strong): mihat/mithahat chule gunchu/tomngaina neitah'a natonga mite tina ahi.¹³ T.S. Gangte'in "Thadou kiti thucheng hi Kawl (Burma) ten athahatnu, ahansaonao, atomnagainao leh aminthan nao jeh'a aminvonao thucheng ahi" ati.¹⁴ William Shaw'in "Thado kiti hi Burma ten mihangsan leh mibolthei ho akounao (title) ahi" tin aseije.¹⁵ Ngamkhohao'in, "Thadou ahiloule Thado kiti hi Pegu lengam sunga kum tamtah vai anahom Thadou lengte kikouna title ahin, chule Pegu lenggam sunga hin Thadou leng 25 in vai anahome" tin asune.¹⁶ James'in "Thadou thucheng hi Tagoung/Takong lengvaipoh aniveina (second Tagoung dynasty) lai ja ana kimang masapen ahi; masanga chun Thadou thucheng hi lengho kiminvona'a ana kimangin, ahin khonungin hiche min hi nampi min leh changval minin jong ahung kimange" tin asunin ahi.¹⁷ Chuleh milui kimkhatnin Thadou thucheng hi 'thatdoh'un' ti'a kona kiladoh ahi tin jong aseijun ahi. Amaho suhto dungjuija Thadoute Khul'a kon ahung kitol laijuchun alamjotnu suboi alah'uva milhasam, michatmo phabep aumin, alamjot'u jangkeija amachalna diuva hitobang miho chu dalhah ding ahilouleh thadoh ding ahi: "thatdoh'un" ti'a aseinaova kona kiladoh ahi atiuve.

1.3 THADOUTE HUNG KONDOHNA

Thadou nam mite hung kondohna hi hetdan chom chom aumin, noi ja hin phabep ahung kitah lange.

1.3.1 Khul

Khang thusima kisei dungjuija Thadoute hi leiko/noigam 'Khul' kiti muna kon hung kondoh ahiuve akiti.¹⁸ Khul hi Thadoute goh hilou nam dang Kuki, Chin, Mizo ho jousen jong ahung kondohnao ahi tin aseijun; ahin amin vang Mizo, Hmar, Falam le adang danghon 'Chhinlung' ahiloule 'Sinlung' atiuve. Ahin Khul kiti hi hoilai mun chet gahi ding ham ti hi kinelna ahinalaije. Lamchom choma hetna neiho kholdoh dungjuija Khul mun hidinga ginmo ho chu:

¹³ Haokip, *A Brief History of the Thadou...*, 19.

¹⁴ T.S. Gangte, *Structure of Thadou Society* (Imphal: Dr. D. Singson, 2003), 41.

¹⁵ Shaw, *Notes on the Thadou Kuki...*, 11.

¹⁶ Haokip, *A Brief History of the Thadou...*, 20.

¹⁷ James, *Nampi Min Kholchilna Seminar* (Moreh, Manipur: Paper Presentation during *Thadou Workshop*, September 15, 2012), 3.

¹⁸ William Shaw, *Notes on the Thadou Kukis* (Guwahati: Spectrum Publication, 1929 [1997]), 24-25.

William Shaw'in hiche leikohom Khul ti'a kisei hi Manipur gamsunga um Gun vadung (Imphal river) hung kipatdoh na mun kiseina hidingin aseijin ahi.¹⁹

Thusim sun tamtah'in Thadoute Burma gam ahunglut masanguva ahung kondohnao Khul kiti mun hi China gam hidingin atahsanun ahi. Kimkhatnin China gam Lhang-lhumlam ahiloule China lailung 'Sining' mun hidingin aseijun; alangkhatna kimkhatnin Chiinlung kiti thucheng hi 221-207 BC lai ja Chin dynasty'a kon kiladoh hidin aseijun ahi.²⁰ Hmar thusim jih Hranglien Songate het dungjuja Sinlung hi tu le tu'a Thailand ahilouleh China Lhang-lhumlama um Silung khu hidingin aseijin ahi.²¹

Thadoute lah'a kholgilna nei phabepmin Khul hi Great Wall of China kulbang ahom lai khat hidin aseijun ahi. Mizo gal lai ja Demkhoseh Gangte Chinate khopi Shanghai muna aum laichun China lamkai ho chun "nangho Thadoute hi China Palpi sahding lunglel jeh'a ana jamdoh nahiue" tin anasei peh'un ahi.²² K. Zawla le Sakhong'in Kuki nampi hi China gama Shih Huang Ti kiti leng giloupa vaipoh khohset laitah 225 BC vela Great Wall of China'a kona hungpotdoh ahiue tin ase i lhonin ahi.²³ Scholars phabep'in jong Thadoute hi 246-219 BC sunga Chinese lengpa Shi-Huang Ti vaipoh lai jin leiko'a ana chengun ahi atiuve. Amahon "Thadoute hungkon dohna khang masaho chu China lengpan Great Wall of China sadinga ada acham louvuvu amat dinguva kona Khul kiti muna ana kiselu ahi" tin aseijun ahi.²⁴

Dr. Khupthang Chongloi het dungjuja "Khul kitihi leiko hilou, Kulbang, Burma gama um Kholjang khopi; gal lai ja sahlam sanga um Shan mite le lhanglam sanga um Pinya miten ahin bulu nadinguva kona kivenbit nadinga kisa khopi ki'um kimvelna kulbang kiseina joh ahi. Hiche kulbang hi tuni geijin Kalay Hispital solama aum nalaijin ahi."²⁵

¹⁹ Shaw, *Notes on the Thadou Kuki...*, 26.

²⁰ H, Thangtungnung, "Origin and Migration of the Zo People" *Man In India* Vol 1-2 (1994), 226. For bibliography 225-240)

²¹ Rochunga Pudaite, *The Education of the Hmar People* (Churachandpur: Author, 1963), 21.

²² T.S. Gangte, *Structure of Thadou Society...*, 4.

²³ K. Zawla, *Mizo Pi Pute leh an Thlahte Cha Chin – History of Mizo forefathers and their descendants* (Aizawl: Hmar Arsi Press, 1976), 2; cf. Lian H. Sakhong, *In search of Chin Identity: A Study in Religion, Politics and Ethnic Identity in Burma* (Leitsgade, Denmark: Nordic Institute of Asian Studies, 2003), 8.

²⁴ Thangtungnung, "Origin and Migration...", 226.

²⁵ Khupthang Chogloi, *Thadou Thusim Chomcha* (Moreh, Manipur: Paper Presentation during *Thadou* Workshop, September 13, 2012), 5.

Kuki Research Forum hon February 2012'a akhol doh dungjujin, Khul kiti hi Manipur gamsung Chandel District Kholmunlen koma um Senlung leiko kiseina ahi tin aseijun ahi.²⁶

1.3.2 Manmasi/Manasseh

Lunggel dang khat kitchu kimkhatnin Thadouho hi Israel lah'a amangthah phung khat chilhah hidin aseijun ahi. Milui Lenthang Khuplam'in alekhabu *Manmasi Chate Thulhun Kidang Masa* 'a khun Kuki tribes jouse hi Israel phung som amangthah ho lah'a khat hidin asunin ahi. Aman aseina'a, "722 BC kuma Assyria lengpa Shalmanasser'in Sahlang Israel lenggam alah'a chun Mannaseh mite phabep solam jonin ahung kitolun ahi. Hiti'a ahung kitol lai ju chun Afghanistan gamsung Kutch muna sotpi ahung cheng paovin, Kutch'a konin Himalaya pal galkaijin China gamsung Khul muna ahung chengun ahi", ati.

Letkhosei'in, "hiche chungchanga hin 1999 kumin lekhasun le journalist minthang, phat sotah 'New York Times' correspondent anahi Hillel Halkin'in Dr. Khuplam chu Kuki te hi Israel phung 11 lah'a khat nahiuve ti photchetna'in lekhajol khat anapen ahi. 2001 kumin Sweden mi Lars Goran Svensson le akithopinu Sister Angel chun Khuplam akimupi kit lhonin, amani chu Manipur gamsunga Israel mi amangthah ho holding thumvei hung lhona ahitai. 2006-2007 kumin insung 200 val Israel'a puijin aumtan ahi," tin asunin ahi.²⁷

1.3.3 Myanmar Gama Thadou Lengte

Alangkhatna D. Singso'in alekhabu *Structure of the Thadou Society*'a "Thadou nam hi Thadou leng 17 (Thado Dynasty) a kona hung kondoh ahi tin aseije. Leng Thado Jampidingpa Thangja'a kon Thado Maharaja chan chu leng 17 anahi. Thadou Maharaja'a kon Pu Songthu/Chongthu vaipoh (AD 1093) chan chun Thadou leng tamtah ana umin ahi. Thado Jampidingpa Thangja lengvaipoh phat chu 504 BC ahi. 17 channa le achaina Thadou dynasty lengpa chu Thado Maharaja ahin, alengvai poh phat chu AD 176 ahi,"²⁸ tin asunin ahi.

²⁶ Haokip, *A Brief History...*, 37.

²⁷ Letkhosei Haokip, *Historical Chronology of Kuki People from B.C. 700-1919 AD*. (Published on December 16, 201). <http://kukiforum.com/2010/12/historical-chronology-of-kuki-people-from-B.C.-700-1919-ad/> access on 14-1-2016.

²⁸ T.S. Gangte, *Structure of Thadou Society...*, 10.

James'in "Thadou kiti thucheng hi BC 600 masanga patna ana kimang pan ahitai" tai."²⁹ Chuleh *The Glass Palace Chronicles of Burma*, kiti lekhabu'a jong Burma gama Thadou leng 17 'in 504 BC lai ja lengvai anahom thu'u akimun ahi.³⁰

1.4 THADOUTE HUNG KHOLJIN

Thadoute hungkon dohna hiding tahsan tampi um jongleh Khul hi tahsan umpen chu ahi. Khul'a kona ahung potdoh jouvun Chongthu le ahin kilhonpi ho chu khosahna ding mun holing ahung kholjin peh'un ahi.

1.4.1 Burma (Myanmar) gam ahunglhun'u

Hiti'a ahung kholjin lai jun nikhat Chungthu'in alhonpiho henga "keila kateh tan hiti'a hi kholjin lele thei kahi tapoi" atin, lungmonga khosah den nadingin munkhat alhengtai. Hiche mun chu *Man-dalai* (tua Mandalay) khu ahin, Chungkhopi ana kitin; hilai muna leng in asah'u chu *Manmasi Kulpi*, (Manmasi Palace) akitin ahi.³¹

The *Gazetter of Burma*'a chun kum jabih 6 BC masanga Tagoung (Takoung) lenggam kiphudoh thu akisunin ahi. Khonunga hiche Tagoung lenggam ana kisumang chu tu jengin jong Mandaley khopi'a pat miles 130 gamlha a aum nalaijin ahi.³² Thusimho'a konin Tagoung lenggam'a Thado lengvaipoh (Thado dynasty) nivei akimun ahi. Lengvaipoh masa chu Abi Raja in 600 BC a anaphudoh ahin, hiche dynasty'a chun Thado leng 17 in lengvai anapoi.³³ V. Kipgen lekhabu *The Ancient History of Thadou* kiti'a kona kimudoh Tagoung lenggama Thadou leng 17 hochu: 1) Thado Jampidingpa (Thado Jambudi Paradaja), 2) Thado Taung, 3) Thado Yangva, 4) Thadou Thangya, 5) Thado Hlangyangja, 6) Thado Sho, 7) Thado Gouva, 8) Thado Nagya, 9) Thado Namya, 10) Thado Bahola, 11) Thado Paungsho, 12) Thado Yaushao, 13) Thadou Hsiulauk, 14) Thado Taigchang, 15) Thado Hsintein, 16) Thado Mangja chuleh 17) Thado Maharaja ahiuve.³⁴ Tagoung lenggam anina chu Dhaja Raja'in ana phudoh ahin, leng 17 mama'in lengvai anapon, alah'uva leng som chu Thado ahiuve. Alah'uva akimin phah thei leng ko hochu: 1) Dotapao (805 AD), 2) Dotajang (819),

²⁹ James, *Nampi Min Kholchilna Seminar* (Moreh, Manipur: Paper Presentation during *Thadou* Workshop, September 15, 2012), 6.

³⁰ Vumthang Sitalhou, "The *Thadous* and Christianity in India: Historical Perspective" *The 8th Pentennial Conference, Thadou Baptist Association, India, Souvenir*, (21-24 February, 2013), 17.

³¹ Tarun Goswami, *Kuki Life and Lore*, quoted from Haokip, *A Brief History...*, 31.

³² *Gazetter of Burma*, Compiled by Authority, Vol. I, First published in 1880 under the Title "British Burma Gazetter" at Government Press, Ranggon, Reprint 1983 by Cultural Publishing House, Delhi, P. 142. Quoted from Haokip, *A Brief History...*, 32.

³³ James, *Nampi Min Kholchilna Seminar...*, 3.

³⁴ Sitalhou, "The *Thadous*...", 17.

3) Yampao (831), 4) Yammang (881), 5) Letkhan (931), 6) Khanlong (962), 7) Letkhai (1000), 8) Shrikhan (1034), chule 9) Shrizit (1062) ahiuvin, amaho chenghi pa janglhah khat ahiuve.³⁵

Thadou khang masaho chu Tin Twin (Tagoung) mite le Hanlingya mite toh Kawl gama anacheng khomun, hinlah khang nunungho chu lhum lam Chin Hills lama akichon taovin ahi. Khupthang'in alekhabu *Thado Hungkondohna*'a 1230-1400 AD sunga Chin Hills gama Thadou kho kiphutdoh 21 aminphah'in ahi. Akhosatpa le akhomiho chu: 1) Pu Lunkim – Leijang 2) Pu Chongloi – Jangnoi 3) Pu Kipgen – Tuhmun 4) Pu Hangsing – Vongjang 5) Pu Sitlhou – Jampi 6) Pu Singson – Khojang (Tiddim) 7) Pu Guite – Lamjang 8) Pu Lenthang – Molbem 9) Pu Mate – Toulmu 10) Pu Baite – Tuithang 11) Pu Haokip – Chahsat (Kansao) 12) Pu Sontah – Sijang 13) Pu Dounjel – Touljang 14) Pu Changsan – Lhungjang/Tungzang 15) Pu Lhungdim (Tungdim) – Sinam 16) Pu Touthang – Gamngai 17) Pu Haokip Kailhah (Haokip descendent) Pu Mangvung – Phaitu 18) Pu Manlun (Chongloi) – Selcham 19) Pu Lhangum – Moulpi 20) Pu Sehtha – Khutlujang and 21) Pu Chongthu/Songthu – Chimnoui/Chimnuai ahi. Kho phabep chu tunikho geijin aumjing nalaijin, phabep vang ahung kholjin naova akho min ahin kipoh peh'un Manipur gamsunga kothah asatnun aminlui chu aputsah'un ahi.³⁶

1.4.2 Myanmar'a kom Mizoram ahunglutnu

Chin Hills leh Chindwin luidung velah ho'a kum sotah ahung khosah nungun, Thadou phabep chu 1700 le 1730 AD lah'a Lushei Hills (Mizoram) ahunglut taovin ahi.³⁷ C. Nunthara'invang Thadoute chu 1540 AD a Mizoram hunglut ahitaove ati.³⁸ Myanmar gama kona Lushei Hills'a hung kinolutnu hidiuva tahsan ahi. Burma'a kona loi thuma hungkitol Kuki nam mite lah'a dinga Thadoute hi amasaloi ahiuve. Loi khatna chu Old Kuki ti'a kihe: Hmar, Kom, Anal, Lamkang, Majon, Monshang, Chiru le adang dang ahiuvin; Thadoute hi loi nina lah'a pang ahiuve.³⁹ Hitichun Lushei gamsunga jong kum tamtah ahung khosa'un ahi.

³⁵ Khupthang Chogloi, *Thadou Thusim Chomcha* (Moreh, Manipur: Paper Presentation during *Thadou* Workshop, September 13, 2012), 2-3.

³⁶ Haokip, "Tribe min thua boina suhlhap nading...", 5.

³⁷ Lal Biak Thanga, *The Mizos: A Study in Racial Personality* (Guwahati: United Publication, 1978), 3-4.

³⁸ C. Nunthara, *Mizoram: Society and Polity* (New Delhi: Indus Publishing Company, 1996), 41).

³⁹ Haokip, *A Brief History...*, 34.

1.4.3 Mizoram'a kona Manipur ahunglutnu

Scholar tampin Manipur gama Thadoute hi Manipur lhanglama kona hunglut ahiuve atiuvin ahi. Lushei Hills'a achenlajjun Lusheite le Thadoute kah'a achungnung ding kichu/kitetna'a Lushei Haosa Lallula lamkaina noija Lusheite jona ana changun, hijehchun Thadoute le Jansente chu sahlam Lushei Hills'a kona Assam gam Cachar district le Manipur sunga nolutnin aum taovin ahi. Hiche hi 1840 le 1850 kahlah hidinga tahsan ahi.⁴⁰ Shakespear'in Thadoute Chachar le Manipur lhanglam thinglhang gamsunga nolutna aumphat'u hi 1848 hidin aseijin;⁴¹ hinlah Grierson'in vang Lushai haosa Lallula in Thadoute Lushei gamsunga kona anodoh hi 1810 ahi ati.⁴²

1.5 THADOU PAO

Thadou pao khol dinga kinganse Dr. Grierson chun Thadou pao hi Tibeto-Burman paoho lah'a khat ahi anati.⁴³ Thadou pao hi hoitah'a semtup ahilou vangin paoluitah leh haosatah ahi. Khupthang'in Chin Hills Commissioner teni BS Carey le HN Tuck lekhasut alah son na'a, "Haka gamsunga paoho, Falam gamsunga paoho, Tiddim gamsunga paoho, Chin gamsunga paoho jouse hi Chin hunglung nunga kisemdoh ngen ahi. Pao dangho jouse hi ahung kipatna kholdoh ahisoh keije. Ahin Thadou pao hi hetphahlou phat laiija patna ana kimangpan ahitai. Thadou paohi Chin mite jousen kihoumat na amangun ahi," ati⁴⁴

Philip Thanglienmang'in "Thadou pao hi 1400 AD laiija Burma gamsung Chin-Kuki pao ho jouse lah'a kihedoh masapen chu ahi. Hiche'in avetsah chu Thadou pao hi hiche masang peh'a patna chu ana um ahitai. Thadou paohi Chin-Kuki pao jouse lah'a ana um masapen ahi. Chin-Kuki pao dang jouse hi Thadou paova kona kisemdoh ahi," ati.⁴⁵

1.6 CHRISTIANITY HUNGLHUN MASANGA THADOUTE HOU/SAKHO

Thadoute hou hi hiche mong ahi ti ding aumthei beh pon ahi. Ajehchu pu le pa ten Pathen khat bou ana hou louvu ahi. Pu le pa ten anahouvu pathen/lhagao ho chu:

⁴⁰ A.W. Davis, *Gazetter of the North-Lushai Hills*, (Delhi: Adiya Offset Press, 1815 [1987]), 3.

⁴¹ Lt. Colonel J. Shakespear, *The Lushai-Kuki Clans* (London: MacMillan and Co., Limited, 1912), 6

⁴² G.A. Grierson, *Linguistic Survey of India Vol-III part - III*, Delhi 1904, p. 49

⁴³ T.C. Hudson, *Thadou Grammer* (Shillong: Eastern Bengal and Assam Secretariat, 1905), v.

⁴⁴ Bertram S. Carey and Truck, *The Chin Hills Vol I.* (1896), quoted from Jalun Haokip, "Tribe min thua boina suhlhap nading; Problem-Focus hilouvin Solution-Focus joh hi'ute (*Thadou* Tribe min thua Recons thulhangsap hilchetna), *Eimi Times*, (April 4, 2016), 5.

⁴⁵ Philip Thanglienmang, "An Outline of the Evolution of Dialects and Languages Among the Kuki-Chin-Mizo or Zo Group of People" (PhD Thesis) quoted from Haokip, "Tribe min thua boina suhlhap nading, 5

1.6.1 Pathen/Chung Pathen

Thadouten ijakai chung a thanei 'Pathen' tia kikou khat aume ti ana tahsanun ahi. Pathen hi thucheng ni kigom Pa (Father) le then (Holy) ahin, hichu Pa Theng tina ahi. Chung hin amin hilouva achenna/umna mun joh aseina joh ahi.⁴⁶ Pathen hin ijakai semtheina thaneina aneitoh lhona leiset le asunga um muthei le mumo jouse jonghi asem ahin chule chung a um van dan nga⁴⁷ jong asema achung nungpena kona vai ahop ahi ti atahsanu ahi. Pu le paten Pathen tia ana hetnu le anakou paohin Christiane Pathen to kibahna aneijeh'in, Christian ahunghi nungun jong Pathen kiti thucheng hi Pathen dihtahpa kounan akimang paipai tai.

1.6.2 Nungzai

Thadouten Pathen hi pasal'in aheuvn, chuleh ji khat aneijin amin Nungzai ahi atiuve. Nungzai kiti min hi themthu kisapna mun tamtah'a Pathen toh akimang khomin, 'Pathen nalhaiyin, Nungzai nalhaiyin' kiti hi themthu tamtah kipatna ahi. Hetding khohtah khat chu 'Nungzai' kiti 'Thennu' ti'a jong kihenu hi themthu'a Pathen toh akimin phah khom tilouvin achanga akimin phah khapon, atumbek mongmong ahi ti'a jong photchet thei ahipoi.⁴⁸

1.6.3 Noimangpa

Noimangpa tihi noileisetna vaihomp a tina ahi. Hiche min jonghi 'chung a Pathen nalhaiyin, noiya Noimangpa nalhaiyin' tin themthu tamtah'a Pathen toh akimin phah khomin ahi.⁴⁹ Alhangpi'a leiset toh kisaija pathen kilhaina; sekhom, doikhom, selkhom le adang dang ding a leiset kilainaho chungchanga Pathen le Noimangpa lunglhaina ding themthu kisapnaho'a Noimangpa akiminphah jin ahi. Noimangpa hi noileiset chung a vaihom thaneina akipeh vanga Pathen phalna'a bou na atohthei ahi akiti.⁵⁰

1.6.4 Indoi

Indoi kiti hi Thadouten a'insona haosatna ding a ahovu doibom kiseina ahi. Indoi hungkipat danhi jat tampi kisei um jongleh tahsan umpen chu hiche ahi. Kawl gam Chin Hills, Molphei

⁴⁶ Hemkhochon Chongloi, "A Historical-Phenomenological Study of Primal Kuki Religious Symbolism with special Reference to Indoi in the Framework of Mircea Eliade's Interpretation of Religious Symbolism" (D.Th Thesis, Senate of Serampore, 2004), 131.

⁴⁷ Van dan ngaho chu: Vansam (achungnung pen abana imacha umtalou, Pathen amatah chenna mun), Thangvan (valpa ahshiho umnamun), Lengvan (planetho umna le thikhoh khul), Vanthamjol (lhagao gilou/boh ho chenna mun), Vanlajjol (chungleng vacha ho len lele na mun, leisetna kona mitna mupah na) Goswami, Tarun. *Kuki Life and Lore* (Halfong: North Cachar Hills District Council, 1985), 466.

⁴⁸ Chongloi, "A Historical-Phenomenological Study...", 133.

⁴⁹ Goswami, *Kuki Life and Lore...*, 183.

⁵⁰ Chongloi, "A Historical-Phenomenological Study...", 134.

kiti khosunga hin Hangsing phunga kon Kimchal kiti khat ana umin, amapa chun Zaphal kiti chanu hoitah khat aneijin, amanu hoina chu mun jouse'a akithangin, thilhaho jengin jong adeichaovin ahi. Nikhat Zaphal chu sisep muna aloukon na'a konin ahung kile tapon, iti ahol vangun amujou tapouvin anu le pa alungdong lseh jengtai. Anule pa lungdong tah'a aum chu achanu anakipui Molphei thilhaten amu phatnun alungseuvin, Kimchal manga akimusah'un thil um dan chu aseipeh taove. Achungchona thilhaten Kimchal henga, "jingkahle na intom khu gave lechun sething bah'a bom sunga thil chomchom kikoikhom namuding ahin, hichu na inchal'a khaijin lang houvin" ati. Jingkah'in Kimchal'in sethinga kikhai bom chu amun, hichu indoi ti'a kihe chu ahitan, akiseipeh ma banga ahouva ahileh ahung haodoh tan, chanu chapa jong tampi aneiben ahi. Hichu ainvenghon amuphatnun hitobang chun abolcheh'un chomlouvin Thadoute hou ahung sohdoh tan ahi.⁵¹

1.6.5 Misuse thei lhagaoho

Thadouten thaneitah Pathen, Pathen phatah, mikhoto, milungset, asemsa chung a ase bollou dingin khat aume atahsanun; chuleh mihem chung a vangsetna tincheng: natna, toset, ngolna, donthi, pul, muchi chivo chung a setna hinlhut ji'a lhagao phalou jong ume ti atahsanui. Hijeh chun amahon ase bollou Pathen phatha sangchun nitina akichatnu achunguva ase hinlhut thei lhagao phalouho johchu alunglhai theina diuvin ahou jouvin ahi. Hiche lhagao phalouho chu: Pheisam/Maltong,⁵² Gamhoise/Inmunse,⁵³ Thilha/Lhadam, Joumi, Lhangel le adang dang ahi. etc. Hiche lhagao ho chenna mun ho chu: thing lentah le luitah, kokhuh lentah, songko, songpi, kolse, munchim, leiko, shi, gamlah, gamsa gamngah'a pang, inlui, innoi le adang dang ahi.⁵⁴

⁵¹ Gangte, *The Kukis of Manipur...*, 208-220.

⁵² Maltong/Pheisam kitihin keng neilou, keng langkhat amal bula kitanlha tina ahi. Pheisam hi mihem anahin, nikhat thingchung a kona akhehlah na'a akenghi thingbah'in a'at tanpeh tan ahileh hiche akisukhahna maha chu anasen, hijeh chun munchom khatna achangin aumsah'un, chumuna chun neh le don jong ajong denin ahi. Hiti'a khotona beihela achanga akikoi apoh nat dan chu pathen'in (actually call devil) amun, alungsetnin, thilbol theina kidangtah, mi haosah theina leh vaichat sah theina thahet apen ahi. Hijehchun kimkhatnin haosatna dingin ahouvun ahi. H. Chongloi, "An Analysis of Kuki Understanding of God: An Attempt towards Recapturing Kuki primal Vision" (M. Th. Thesis, Senate of Serampore College, 1995), 47.

⁵³ Gamhoise kiti hi lhagao ho lengpa ahin, gamhoise le inmunse hi mihem chung a alamlouva thina (unnatural death) hinlhut lhagao ahitin atahsanun ahi. Gangte, *The Kukis of Manipur...*, 161-162.

⁵⁴ Khongsai, *The Kukis...*, 28-29.

CHAPTER – 2

MANIPUR GAMSUNG THADOUTE LAH'A CHRISTIANITY HUNGLUT

Manipur gamsunga Christian hi missionary agencies ni in ahin pohlut ahi. Sahlam sanga Christian hinpolut chu Arthington Aborigines Mission (AAM) ahin, chomlouvin hiche mission chu American Baptist Mission'in (ABM) akhel pai tan ahi. Lhlanglam sanga Christian hinpolutna chu Independent missionary agency Thado Kuki Pioneer Mission (TKPM) ahi.

2.1 ARTHINGTON ABORIGINES MISSION

Arthington Aborigines Mission (AAM) hi England gam Leed khopi'a cheng English millionaire Robert Arthington'in aphudoh private mission society ahi. Pathen thu kisei loulaina mun Assam le akimvel, ahilou leh India gamsung munkhat penpena missionary na tohdng khohsahna jal'in Assam Baptist Mission phalna noija 1890 kum chun Robert'in William Pettigrew jaonan missionary 13 ahin solin ahi.⁵⁵

William Pettigrew hi Scotland gam Edinburgh muna January 5, 1869 kuma peng, Livingstone College, London muna lekha hinsimdoh ahi. Atilchun Pettigrew hi Church of England (Anglican) anahi. Kum 21 ahin'in India gama missionary'a kalsong dinga chouna ana sangin, December 16, 1890 kumin England gam dalhan India ahin jonin, akum mama'in ahung lhungin ahi. Anglican houbunga kon ahijeh'in Pettigrew hi naosen baptisma anachang ahin, ahin India ahunglhun nungin tahsan nunga baptisma chanding ahin tahsanin, hijehchun Dhaka muna um Baptist Missionary Society noija natong Rev. R. Wright Hay khutna tahsan baptisma ana changin ahi.⁵⁶

Pettigrew'in Calcutta le Dhaka muna kum li na atoh nungin, 'Meitei ten 1891 kuma British Officer sagi atha'u' chuleh anunga 'Anglo-Manipuri gal' thusim chun Manipur gama hunga kipana thupha hunglhangsap ding alungvul sah'in ahi.⁵⁷ Pettigrew le agolpa J. Craighead chun Manipur hunglut ding avelvelin ago lhonin, ahin Manipur Political Agent Maxwell chun anaphal pon ahi. Golcha teni chu phalna amumu lhonle Manipur hunglutpai dingin February

⁵⁵ Elungkiebe Zeliang, *A History of The Manipur Baptist Convention* (Imphal: Manipur Baptist Convention, 2005), 20.

⁵⁶ *The Assam Mission of the ABMU: Report, 1895*, 5.

⁵⁷ Jonah M.Solo and K.Mahangthei, *Forty Years in Manipur: Mission Reports of Rev. William Pettigrew* (Imphal: Christian Literature Centre), viii.

1892 kumchun Cachar ahunglut lhontan ahi.⁵⁸ Hinlah chomlouvin Craighead chu Assam gamsunga din transfer ahipaitan, Pettigrew changseh bou Cachar muna dalhah ahitai.⁵⁹ Cachar ahunglhun lhunin Pettigrew'in Janmajoy Singh kitipa'a konin Meitei pao le Bengali pao ajil pai jengin ahi.⁶⁰

2.1.1 Pettigrew Manipur Ahunglhun le Imphal'a Anatoh (1894-1895)

Avelvela Pettigrew'in Manipur hunglut nadinga phalna athuma phal ahilou nungin phat kilem chang ahung lhungin ahi. Maxwell khol ache'a, akhela Manipur Political Agent dinga Porteous nganse ahi kahlah cha'in, Pettigrew'in Manipur hunglut nadingin Porteous henga phalna athum kitnin ahileh Porteous'in jong achungaho dong sese louvin December 1893 kumin phalna apetai. Phalna amuto lhonin Pettigrew jong February 6, 1894 'in Imphal ahunglut tan ahi.⁶¹

Porteous'in Pettigrew henga Lower Primary schools 2, Moirangkhom le Thangmeiband ahon theina dingin jong phalna apen, Pettigrew'in jong school ni ahongin, Thangmeiban'a LP School chu "Pettigrew Lower Primary School tin aminvon ahi." Achung chonin jong Upper Primary School 2 jong Terakeithel le Singjamei muna ahongin ahi.⁶² Pettigrew'in Manipuri Primer (lekhabul), Manipuri Grammar, Manipuri lekhabu phabep, English – Bengali – Manipuri Dictionary, chuleh school chapangho choiding lekhabu dang phabep jong asunin,⁶³ chomlouvin chapang 80 aphapaijin, atamjo chu Government officer chate ahiuve.⁶⁴

Phaicham Meiteite lah'a missionary dinga hung kalsong ahijehchun, Pettigrew'in jong chomlouvin LP School teni leh Meiteiho koma kipana thupha alhangsam pai jengtan ahi. Hinlah Meiteiten Government hou (Christian) achamlou uva housah ding dana amu jeh'un adoupai jengun ahi.⁶⁵ Akholjin na'a kon 1895 kuma ahung lhunin Maxwell'in Meiteiho boina

⁵⁸ Paolam Kipgen, "The Thadou Kuki Christian Mission Work in Manipur." (M.Div Thesis, Chil Chil Theological Seminary, Kanglatongbi: Manipur, 2008), 28.

⁵⁹ Jonah M. Solo, "Captain the Rev. William Pettigrew," *Souvenir: Phungyo Baptist Church, Ukhrul 1901-2001 Centenary Celebration 26th Sept - 29th Sept. 2002*, edited by David L. Shimray (Ukhrul: Phungyo Baptist Church, 2002) 63.

⁶⁰ K.M. Singh, *History of the Christian Mission in Manipur and Neighbouring State* (New Delhi: Mittal Publication, 1991), 56.

⁶¹ Zeliang, *A History of the Manipur Baptist Convention...*, 21.

⁶² Thongkholal Haokip, "Kuki Churches Unification Movements" *Journal of North East India Studies* Vol. 2/1 (July - December 2012), 34.

⁶³ R.R. Lolly, *The Baptist Church in Manipur* (Imphal: Mrs. R. Khathingla Lolly, 1985), 20-21.

⁶⁴ Kim Vaiphei, ed, *The Manipur Baptist Convention: The First One Hundred Years of Christianity in Manipur, 1896-1996* (Imphal: The MBC Literature Committee, 1997), 2.

⁶⁵ Lal Dena, *Christian Missions and Colonialism: A Study of the Missionary Movement in North East India with Special Reference to Manipur and Lushai Hills. 1894-1947* (Shillong: Vendrame Institute, 1988), 33; cf. Thongkhosei Haokip, *Overcoming Church Division in Manipur: Kukis' Perspective*.

chu amupai jengin, Pettigrew'in a missionary natosh chu angah'a Imphal adalah dingin thupuh aneijin,⁶⁶ chuleh a missionary natosh chu Hindu hilou thinghangmi doi le ai houho lah'a agatosh din jong akomuijin ahi.⁶⁷ Achung chon'a Government of India'in jong akisolna banga Imphal adalah louva achunga boina asole mo apohlou diuvin jong gihna ahin neijin ahi.⁶⁸ Hitichun lha 6 sehseh Manipur phaichama na atosh nungin Imphal dalhan thinghang lam ajontan ahi.⁶⁹

2.1.2 Arthington Mission'a Kona American Baptist Mission'a Akichon

Hichelai phat tah chun Arthington Mission chun munkhatna mission station permanent'a honding anoplou jeh chun Pettigrew a'support chu ahin ngatan ahi. Ajehchu AMM hin munkhatna kum 3 kal umden lou dinga dan aneiju ahin, Pettigrew hi munkhatna kum 5 uma ahitai.⁷⁰ Ahin alang khatna F.S. Downs seidanin Pettigrew hi Arthington mission'a kona achama haija thildang jeh'a American Baptists ajop ahi ati.⁷¹

Arthington Mission'a kona ahai nungin, Pettigrew'in Manipur mission field hi akisuh jom louva ahileh Manipur sunga missionary natosh akikha ding thu American Baptist Mission henga ahilchet to lhonin ABM noiya tong dingin jong ngehna aneijin ahi. ABM'in jong agelkhoh to lhonin athu chu Baptist Missionary Conference, Sibsagar muna apodoh'un ahi. American Baptist Missionary Union noiya Assam Missionaryho Conference December 14 - 22, 1895, Resolution No. 7, 1&2, dungjuia Pettigrew application chu sanpeh ahin,⁷² December 22, 1895'in Ordain akiboltan ahi.⁷³ Hitichun Pettigrew chu Sibsagar Baptist Church (Assam) muna member khat dinga san ahito lhonin ordain akibolin, Manipur thinghang gamsunga dinga missionary masapen din soldoh ahitai.⁷⁴

2.2 AMERICAN BAPTIST MISSION

(zspdelhi.wordpress.com/2008/03/10/overcoming-church-division-in-manipur-Kukis-perspective), Published on February 27, 2008 and accessed on 12-13-2016.

⁶⁶ Zeliang, *A History of the Manipur Baptist Convention...*, 22. (Maxwell'in Pettigrew natosh le missionary natosh hi adou ahipoi. Ahim hima jong amanihi loiphatah hilhon ahi. Ahin Manipur sunga hi Meitei lengpa thalhenga vaihom ahijeh'a Meitei Hindu ho lunghan sahding nomlouva ahi).

⁶⁷ Poji K. "Advent of Christianity in Manipur...", 68.

⁶⁸ Singh, *History of the Christian Mission in Manipur...*, 61.

⁶⁹ Frederick S. Downs, *The Mighty Works of God: A brief History of the Council of Baptist Churches in North East India: The Mission Period 1836-1950* (Guwahati: Christian Literature Centre, 1971[2014]), 65.

⁷⁰ Dena, *Christian Missions and Colonialism...*, 31-32.

⁷¹ Frederick S. Downs, *History of Christianity in India Vol V, Part 5* (Bangalore: CHAI, 1992), 85.

⁷² *The Assam Mission of the ABMU: Report, 1895*, 5, cf. Elungkiebe Zeliang, *History of Christianity in Manipur: Source Material* (Guwahati: Christian Literature Centre, 2005), 3-4.

⁷³ *The Assam Mission of the ABMU: Report 1895*, 11.

⁷⁴ Milton S. Sangma, *History of American Baptist Mission in North-East India*, Vol. 1, (Mittal Publications, 1987), 274.

September 1894'a Imphal adalhad nungin, Pettigrew'in thinghang gama a'mission field thah ding aholpan tan ahi. Thusima kisei dungjujin Pettigrew'in Ukhurul ajot masangin mundang ni alheng masan ahi akiti. Akhatna, Lhanglam gamkai thusim kisei dungjuja, Pettigrew chu Manipur lhanglam thinghang gam Senvon kiti Thadou kho khatna agachen, haosapu Kamkholun koma missionary natoh na ding phalna athumin ahileh Kamkholun'in phalna apepon hijeh'a chu Ukhurul ajot ahi akiti. Anina, Sahlam gamkai thusim kisei dungjuja, Pettigrew chu Mao Gate kom, Mao Songsong kho'a achen, Government paole Soni Kopani koma gam choh dingin athumin, hinlah Mao kho haosaho 16 ho akihoukhomu, Songsong kho'a mission field honding chu aphal pouvin, hijeh'a chu Ukhurul gam ajot ahi akiti.⁷⁵

2.2.1 Ukhurul Mission Field Kiphudoh leh Natoh

Nivei alosam nungin Pettigrew lhumlam Ukhurul jonin achen, January 1895 in agalhungin, February 1 na natoh apanin; March - October sung chu Mission in ding, chenna ding in, school in ding sahna le Ukhurul pao jilnan aphot amangin ahi. January 1897 kumin school in le school'a dinga angaikhoh ho suhto ahitan, hinlah nulepaten achateu school kaidin asol nom pouvin ahi. Hichelai phat tah chun Maxwell Ukhurul ahung kholjinin, Tangkhul haosaho henga "nachateu school kija nasol louleu nakijep uva songkula nakikoi diu ahi" tin gihna aneijin ahi. Hichun student 20 in amin akhumun, February 19, 1897 'a pat Ukhurul school chu hoitah'a kaipat ahung hitan ahi.⁷⁶

2.2.1.1 Ukhurul Baptist Church Kiphudoh

Kum nga gunchu tah'a na atoh nung 1901 September 29 nikhon student pasal 12 *Ngayira* twikul mun'a Pettigrew khutna Manipur gamsunga amasapena ding Baptistma ahangun ahi. Akumkit (1902) February'in missionarypa le twilut chengchun Ukhurul Houbung (Phungyo Baptist Church) aphudoh'un Manipur'a dinga Houbung kiphudoh masapen ahung hitai.⁷⁷ 1907 kumin member 70 apha tan ahi. Houbung mi apunval jehchun ahunglut member atamjo chun Christian hinkho dihtah'in amang tapouvin, hijehchun 1908 kumin Pettigrew'in Christian khatnin tu'a pat aju ding tin dan phabep ahinsem doh tan ahi. Houbung mi atamjon hiche dan chu asang nompouvin, akhon nan Pettigrew leh kitah tah'a hinkho mang mi sagi⁷⁸

⁷⁵ Downs, *The Mighty Works of God...*, 65-66.

⁷⁶ Zeliang, *A History of the Manipur Baptist Convention...*, 25-26.

⁷⁷ *The Assam Mission of the AMBU: Report, 1899*, 52.

⁷⁸ Kitah tah'a Christa nungju mi 7 hochu: Ukhurul'a kon Hollei, Leishisan, MK Shimry, T. Luikham, Kampha'a kon Kuishon le Machonthei, chuleh Pheyinga kon Meiteite lah'a dinga Christian masapen A. Paromsingh ahiuve. Downs, *The Mighty Works of God...*, 68,

chun hiche houbung chu adalhaovin houin thah akisah taovin ahi. January 1910 ‘in member 14 aphaovin, 1911 kumin member 28 apha taovin ahi.⁷⁹

Kum 1908‘a konin Ukhrul school chun Manipur ningkoi tinchenga kon mi ajop pantan, Tangkhul ho tilouvin jong Thadou, Kom, Hmar, Zou, Anal chuleh adang dang jong ahung kaipan taove. Hitichun 1912 kumin Manipur gam Thadou-Kukite lah’a Christian masapen mi ko hochun Pettigrew khutna Ukhrul’a twi ana lutnun ahi.⁸⁰

2.2.1.2 Keisamthong Baptist Church Kiphudoh

Mission centre thinglhanga aum vangchun Pettigrew’in phaicham Meiteite lah’a natoh chu anungsun dehpon ahi. Achungchona Manipur phaichama jong school tampi akiphutdoh tan, hijehchun Government’in Pettigrew chu Manipur gamsung pumpi’a Honorary Inspector of Schools din appoint abolun, amajong kumkhat sungah hiche school ho chu thumveivei agavil jin ahi.⁸¹ Hiti’a phaicham school ho agavilji chu Pettigrew’in kipana thupha lhangsapnan amangjin, hijehchun Keisamthong Houbung chu 1916 kumbul lama thenso ahin, Gorkha, Meiteis, Nagas chule Kukis kigomin mi 18 aphaovin ahi.⁸²

2.2.1.3 Tujangvaichong Baptist Church Kiphudoh

Thusimsun tamtah’in Keisamthong B/C chu Manipur’a dinga Houbung kiphutdoh ani chana danin sun jongleu Phungyo B/C (1902) bantah’a kiphudoh houbung chu Tujangvaichong B/C ahin, Manipur sahlam Thadoute lah’a dinga amasapen ahi.⁸³ Tujangvaichong Houbung hi akiphutdoh tai ti’a U.M. Fox⁸⁴ ‘in 1914 kum December 12 nikho’a Karong muna aphondoh ahitai. 1914 kuma Karong muna kona Fox’in aphondoh chu Pettigrew’in 1916 kuma amun tah’a suhdetna aganei jeh’a Manipur Baptist Houbung lah’a dinga athum channa, 1916 kuma kiphutdoh tia kisim ahi.

⁷⁹ Zeliang, *A History of the Manipur Baptist Convention...*, 29.

⁸⁰ Downs, *The Mighty Works of God...*, 68. Mi ko hochu: Teba Kilong, Longkhobel Kilong, Seilut Singson, Jamkithang Sitlhou, Tongngul Gange, Helkhup Chongloi, Pakho Sitlhou, Thangneilal chuleh Dengkho ahiuve. *K.B.C Thusim*, (Imphal: KBC Press, 1987), 3; cf. George T. Haokip, *Beginning of Christianity in Manipur: A Historical Approach* (<http://kukiforum.com/2009/02/beginning-of-christianity-in-manipur-a-historical-approach/>), published on 15, 2009, accessed on 15/1/2016), 1.

⁸¹ Mahangthei, *Forty Years in Manipur...*, 15.

⁸² Lolly, *The Baptist Church in Manipur...*, 39.

⁸³ Thadou Houbung masapen chu Lhanglam Manipur gamkaija um Senvon (Kamkholun Singson haosatna kho) ahin, 1910 kuma kiphutdoh ahitai.

⁸⁴ Rev. U.M. Fox hi Pettigrew suty ache sunga (September, 1912 – February, 1915) Pettigrew khela Manipur gamsunga na atoh ahi. Aman kum 4 sung bou na atoh sunghin lhumlam Manipur (adeh’a Thadoute’a) dingin na nasatah atong doh’in ahi. Zeliang, *A History of the Manipur Baptist Convention...*, 31.

Tujangvaichong Houbunghi 1910 kuma Nagaland nakon Manipur hunglut Ngulhao Thomsong natoh'a kona kiphudoh ahi. Ama'a kon Tujangvaichong haosapu jaona'a khosungmi mi 85 leh avellah khoho'a kon kon mi 70 in penthahna aneiju ahi.⁸⁵ Twilutna masapen chu U.M. Fox 'in 12 December, 1914 kuma Imphal'a kon Kohima jona achepetna Tujangvaichong agaphah man lou jeh'a Karong vadunga abol ahi. Hiche nikho'a chu mi 12 (Demkhohen Kipgen, Paokhojang Kipgem, Chongjangam Kipgen, Thangkholeng Kipgen, Sonkholet, Sodem, Nguljaphal, Tingjanem, Lhuphal, Kimlhai, Vahjalhai leh haosapu Songjapao Kipgen⁸⁶) 'in twi alutnuva; hiche nikho mama'a chu U.M. Fox 'in Tujangvaichong Houbung akiphudoh tai ti'a aphondoh'a; chuleh Lhingkhosei leh Let-am (Letngam/Letlam) chu pastor le deacon dinga mipi dei dungjuija thensona jong anei paipai ahi.

Ajing nikhon jong Vaichong khomi mama, ani masani'a Karong hunglung manlou, ahi'a Fox khutna twi lutnom mi som (Demkholun Kipgen, Jamkhosei Kipgen, Khupjasei, Chongjalun, Seikhothang Kipgen, Chongvah, Phalneng, Lhingkhosei, Hoithem chule Hatchin⁸⁷) hochun Maram muna twi alut kitnun ahi. Tujangvaichong Houbung chu U.M. Fox khutna Karong le Maram muna twilut mi 22 ho, chuleh August 30, 1914'a U.M. Fox khut mama'a Ukhrul muna twi analut nupa thum (Lhingkhosei Kipgen le aloinu Chonghoi, Let-am Kipgen le aloinu Chinthem, chuleh Vumjaseh leh Phakim⁸⁸) member hina'a ana kiphut doh'a ahi.⁸⁹

2.2.1.4 Thadou Houbung Kibelap

Tujangvaichong bana Thadoute lah'a dinga Houbung kiphudoh anina chu Imphal lhumlam mile 50 gamlha'a um Langkhong Houbung ahi. Hiche muna hi 1914-1915 vella'a chu primary school neokhat ana kiphudoh'a ahitai.⁹⁰ Langkhong Houbung hi 1916 kuma

⁸⁵ Downs, *The Mighty Works of God...*, 141.

⁸⁶ Paokhohao Haokip, ed. "Pu UM Fox" *Kuki Baptist Centenary, 2014, Souvenir*, (Imphal: Souvenir Committee Centenary Celebration, 2014).

⁸⁷ Paokhohao Haokip, ed. "Pu UM Fox...",

⁸⁸ Kim Vaiphei, *Manipur gamma Christian Hou Hunglut chuleh Kikite lah'a Pathen Hou Kipat Thusim* (Kangpokpi: Author, 1999), 24.

⁸⁹ S. Singson and Hawngam Haokip, "KBC Thusim", *Kuki Baptist Convention Golden Jubilee Souvenir, 2008* (Imphal: Souvenir Committee, 2008), 9; cf *KBC Thusim...*, 8; Vaiphei, *Manipur gamma Christian...*, 24; Haokip, *Overcoming Church division...* 3.

⁹⁰ Milton S Sangma, *History of American Baptist Mission in North-East India Volume- Two* (New Delhi: Mittal Publication, 1992), 238.

kiphutdoh ahin, Evangelist Longkhobel'in ana vesuijin ahi. 1917 kumin member 32 aphan, Imphal Houbung noijsa bahkai khatnin ana umin ahi.⁹¹

1916 kuma kiphutdoh Houbung dang khat kit chu Imphal'a kon lhang-lhuma mile 30 gamlha'a um Shenbangyang Houbung ahi. Hiche kho hi abonuva Christian'a lutnu ahin, 1917 kum chun baptize member 21 ahiuve. Hiche Houbung jonghi Imphal Houbung noijsa bahkai khatnin ana umin, Theba Kilong'in ana vesuijin ahi.⁹²

Tujangvaichong bahkai Houbungchu chu Tongkoi le Chaljang (1919), Karakhun, Songphel Khulen, Gelnel, Kachai Kuki (1920), leh Lhongchin (1922) ahiuve.⁹³

2.2.2 Kangpokpi Mission Headquarter Kiphudoh

Lhumlam Thadoute lah leh Imphal'a mission natoh akhantou tolhonin Manipur ningkoi Ukhurul muna kona tohvai hop ahung hahsatan ahi. Hijehchun, Mission Society'in Government henga mission headquarter ding munkhat – ahitheile Imphal, ahilou jongleh akimvellah – imalam jouse'a kijahmat tona bailam nading mun khat aphaiph diuvin athum taovin ahi.⁹⁴

Chuphat laitah chun Manipur le akimvel lahse chu kiphinna sangtah Thadou Gal⁹⁵ (1917-1919) chun ahin lhunkhum tan ahi. Hijehchun gal laijsa akisukha ho khohsahna jallin Mission

⁹¹ Zeliang, *History of Christianity in Manipur...*, 56.

⁹² Zeliang, *History of Christianity in Manipur...*, 56-57, cf. Zeliang, *A History of the Manipur Baptist Convention...*, 34.

⁹³ Haokip, *Overcoming Church division in Manipur...*, 3.

⁹⁴ Lolly, *The Baptist Church in Manipur...*, 51.

⁹⁵ Thadou Gal (Anglo-Thadou War/Kuki Rebellion tia jong kihe) hi March, 1917 'a kipana 20th May, 1919 'a kichai ahi. March 1917 kuma British solkal'in Manipur lengpa thu ahinpeh'a France gama labour corps dinga Thadoute lah'a kon mi lah asom jeh'u ahi. Longja haosapu lamkainan British Govt. dounan kiphina anei teovin ahi. Hiche hi India gamsunga dinga Sepoy Mutiny (1857) bantah'a Britishte douna'a kiphinna saopen, nasapen, sepai kitam manchah napen ahitai. Thadou sepoy 2000 bepmin thihngang 1500 bep le pumpi 100 tobang to meilao lhasam tah'a British Sepoy gal manchah choi mi 2000, chomkhat jouva Burma sepoy jaona'a sepoy 5000'in abelap kit, agoma 7000 toh kumni hultet kidouna ana neiju ahi.

India sunga British sepoy athi le akisukha jat chu: British officer 2 thi, 5 kisukha; India officer 2 thi, 2 ma kisukha; British sepoy 30 thi, 100 kisukha; India sepoy 34 thi, and 47 kisukha. Thadou gal sunga gal thi British sopoy chu mi 477 ahi. Burma gam sunga British officer 1 leh sepoy 38 athin, British Officer 4 toh sepoy 99 akisukhan ahi. Thadou gal'a chun Britishten lakhs 18 asumangun ahi. Hiche Thadou gal'a kipatna hi Assam Rifles hon 303 Rifles achoi patnu ahi akiti.

Alangkhatna Thadoute lah'a Longya haosapu Ngulkhup chu gala athin, haosa dangho chu mat ahiuve. India le Burma gamsunga Haosa 20 val ki man le kisurrender ho chu India (Andaman twikool) le Burma songkul'a koi ahiuve. Thadou kho 86 akihal lhan, kho 112 aki surrender'un, kho 15 dalhah ahi.

Khotinthang Kipgen, *Thadou Gal* (Imphal: Thangkhochon, 1970), 45-49; cf. Sitlhou, *Thadou Kuki Christianite Thusim...*, 23. Donn Morgan Kipgen, *The Great Kuki Rebellion of 1917-1919: Its Real Significances* (http://epao.net/epSubPageExtractor.asp?src=manipur.History_of_Manipur.The_great_Kuki_rebellion_of_1917-19, (Accessed on 2-22016); KNF, *Kukiland...*, 82; Singh, *History of the Christian Mission in Manipur...*, 156-160.

Conference'in January 1918 chun Galen Greenfield Crozier MD le aloinu chu Tura mana konin boina munho'a lou le lai ja ana asaho kithopi ding ahinsolun ahi.⁹⁶ Crozier'in June 1919 chan Kangpokpi Mission dingin special medical officer panmun atuh'in ahi.⁹⁷ Downs'in "Crozier'in Anglo-Thadou gal sunga Government medical officer dinmun atuh jeh'a, anatoh pha hetpeh na'a Imphal-Kohima lampi kom Kangpokpi mun'a Mission centre thah chohthei nading phalna Government'in apeh ahi" ati.⁹⁸ Hitichun, October 1919 'in Political Agent pan Imphal'a kona 45 km gamlha'a um Kangpokpi muna 204.5 acres chu Mission headquarter din pehdohna anei tan ahi.⁹⁹

Akum sung mama (1919) November lhasungin Crozier akichonlut paijin, (Pettigrew khol achen) natoh chu akipan paitan ahi. Seilut Singson lamkainan gammang chu asungimun, achenna diu in, school, hostel, dispensary, Sunday school in le adang dang chu alampan ngalun ahi. Manipur gama dinga amasapen 'leper asylum' (miphah ho umna) le dispensary chu Crozier'in November 7, 1919 'in anapanin ahi.¹⁰⁰ Orphanage (nao chagaho umna) leh Kangpokpi Mission School jong December 9, 1919 kuma ana kipanin, Ukhrul school Head Master anahi A. Porom Singh chu Kangpokpi Mission School Head Master masapen ahi.¹⁰¹ January 21, 1921'in Pettigrew jong Kangpokpi Mission Centre alut tai.¹⁰²

Tuni geihin Kangpokpi Mission Centre'a Christian Hospital, Nursing Training Centre, Manipur Theological College (Senate noija Bachelor of Divinity (BD) chan) chuleh Kangpokpi Mission High School (MBC Institutions) aumjing nalaijin ahi.

Kangpokpi'a Mission Headquarters kihon hin Thadoute lah'a Christian apunsah'in, chubana jong C.B. Firth le F.S. Downs'in "Thadou gal alel jeh'un Thadoute hutkhatna mitamtah Christian houva alutnun (mass movement/conversion) ahi" tin anasun lhonin ahi.¹⁰³ Census dungjuijin Manipur'a 1911 kuma Christian mihing 132 ana umin, 1921 kuma 4050, 1922 kuma Houbung 24'a kon mihing 3000, 1931 kuma 10,401 chule 1951 kuma 68,394 ana umin

⁹⁶ Thongkholal Haokip, "Kuki Churches Unification Movements" *Journal of North East India Studies* Vol. 2/1 (July - December 2012), 34.

⁹⁷ Paokhohao Haokip, ed, "Pu Pu Dr. G.G. Crozier" *Kuki Baptist Centenary, 2014, Souvenir*, (Imphal: Souvenir Committee Centenary Celebration, 2014).

⁹⁸ Downs, *The Mighty Works of God...*, 136.

⁹⁹ Zeliang, *A History of the Manipur Baptist Convention...*,35.

¹⁰⁰ Vaiphei, ed, *The Manipur Baptist Convention...*, 4.

¹⁰¹ Lolly, *The Baptist Church in Manipur...*, 53.

¹⁰² Zeliang, *A History of the Manipur Baptist Convention...*,36.

¹⁰³ C.B. Firth, *An Introduction to Indian Church History* (Delhi: ISPCK, 1961 [2013]), 266 and Downs, *History of Christianity in India...*, 143.

ahi. Thadoute lah'a 1940-41'in baptized member 660 tobang ana umin, 1945'in 3,000 aval tai.¹⁰⁴

Missionary teni chun phat chomkhat lungkhat tah'in na atongkhom lhonan, ahin changval leh theology lampanga kihet khelna jeh'in akikhen lhontan, Manipur Baptist mission jengjong hopni'in akihop khenlon ahi. Pettigrew'in education ministry chule North East le Sadar (Imphal'a kon sahlam Nagaland gamgi) alhangpi'a Naga holah avesuijin (ajehchu Pettigrew chu Tangkhul pao thema ahi); alangkhatna Crozier'in loule ai (medical works) leh North West gamkai, alhangpi'a Thadoute lah ana vesuijin ahi (ajehchu Crozier chu Thadou pao thema ahi).¹⁰⁵ 1932 kuma Crozier atoh muna konin aki resign tan, atohban chu John Anderson'in Kangpokpi centre'a pansan ajomin ahi.¹⁰⁶

2.3 THADO KUKI PIONEER MISSION

Tuchana kisun chu Manipur Sahlam (Northern) gamkaija Baptist Mission natoh ahin, tun Lhang-lhumlam Manipur (Churachandpur) gamkai Thadoute lah'a Christian hunglut dan neokhat anaveu hite. Churachandpur gamkaija Christian houhi missionary milham Wales gam, Caernarvon kho'a kon Watkin Robert Roberts kitipa hinpohlut ahi. Amahi Aizawl muna missionary Dr. P. Fraser Caernarvon loule ai lampanga kithopi dinga hung ahi. Lhumlam gama noptah'a akhosahna a'in alou, a'bussines le nopsahna jouse ahin dalhah'a, India mi lhagao khatbeh huhhing dinga October 14, 1908 kuma India ahin jotna, akumsung mama December 9 nikho'a Aizawl hunglung ahi.¹⁰⁷

2.3.1 Manipur Lhang-lhumlam Gamkaija Christianity Hunglut

Aizawl aum sungin Roberts hin apao lepa'a konin Lushai pao ajal'in, agam miho to loile pai hiding hatah'in alung gutnin ahi. Roberts'in kipana thupha kiseiphong loulaina mun tamtah amun, lhagao mangthai asang ajaho chu kintah'a huhdoh'a aumdiu alungvul tan; hijeh chun Mizo paova kiledoh Gospel John¹⁰⁸ chu copy 104 achon, Aizawl'a school kaiho khutna konin Mizo thinglhang gam le akimvela haosa ho jouse athot tan ahi.¹⁰⁹

¹⁰⁴ S. Prim Vaiphei, *Church Growth Among the Hill Tribes of Manipur North East India* (Imphal: Goodwill Press, 1986), 56.

¹⁰⁵ Downs, *The Mighty Works of God...*, 134.

¹⁰⁶ Haokip, "Kuki Churches Unification Movements...", 35.

¹⁰⁷ Jonathan Pudaite, *The Legacy of Watkin R. Roberts: A Pioneer Missionary who Advocated & Empowered Indigenous Christian Leader* (Shillong: Partnership Publishing House, 2009), 1, 14.

¹⁰⁸ Hiche Gospel John hi Arthington Mission noiya Mizoram muna natong teni Savidge le J.H. Lorrain'in aledoh lhon ahi.

¹⁰⁹ Kipgen, "The Thadou Kuki Christian Mission...", 32.

Watkin Roberts natoh chun chomlouvin ga ahinso paitan, Senvon haosapu Kamkholun Singson¹¹⁰ na kon ngehna, “Pu, nangma tah hungin lang hiche lekhabu’a kisei Pathen thu hi neihung hil’un” tia kisun chu amutan ahi. Hiche hi Roberts’in “Macedonia gama dinga kouna” bangin ana kisan’in, thinglhang lam hahsatah jotna, lunggiltah’a kona hung kithot ngehna chu gasuh bulhit din Lungpau Vaiphei le Thangkhai Vaiphei¹¹¹ chuleh pot poding phabep to kigotna aneipai taovin ahi.¹¹² January 31, 1910 nikhon Roberts le aloiho chu Aizawl dalhan Senvon mun jonin akalsong panun, February 9, 1910 nilhah lam matah’in Senvon aga lhungun ahi.¹¹³ Senvon alhun lhunun Roberts’in ahenguva kipana thupha alhangsam paijin, chuleh akimvel’a khoho jong agavilin kipana thupa aga langsam len ahi. Chumuna chun mi nga – Thangur, Thangneiram, Kaithang, Pauva, H. Chawnga leh haosapu Kamkholun’in Christa akisanun ahi.¹¹⁴ Hiche nikho’a kon chu Senvon kho muna kikhopna anei jingun, akimvel khohon jong kipana thupha chu lunglut tah’in ahung ngai jiuvin ahi. Senvon Houbung chu 1910 kumin ana kiphutdoh’in, hichu Churachanpur gamkaija dinga Houbung masapen ahigoh hilouvin, Thadou Houbung masapen jong ahung hitan ahi. Senvon bana houbung kiphutdohho chu: Leisen, Khopibung, Malte, Bualtong chule Chawngkhozo ahi.¹¹⁵ Senvon’a kona akile lamun Roberts kilhonpi teni Thangkai le Lungpau’in jong Hmar kho khatna Christa ahuhhing pu din akisan lhontan ahi.

2.3.2 Senvon Mission Centre Kiphudoh

Haosapu Kamkholun’in Senvon kho’a school hon ahina dinga ngehna aneito lhonin, Aizawl alhun lhunun Roberts’in Welsh Mission muna lekhasimho lah’a Manipur gama missionary ding chouna aneipaijin ahi. Student mi thum’in (Savawma, Vanzika and Thangchhingpuia - Taitea ti’a kihe) kipehdohna ahin neijun; hiche mi thumho chu Roberts chouna’a kona Mizo thinglhang gam dalha’a mundanga evangelist-teacher dinga kalsongdoh masapen ahitaove. Koima organization’a kona kithopina aneilou jeh’un Roberts’in jong lhakhat Rs. 5/- athot ji dingun alhamonin, asoldoh tan ahi.¹¹⁶ Mithumho chu Aizawl’a konin akipatdoh’un May 7, 1910’in Senvon agalhung taove. May 7 nikho hi Missionaryho Lhlanglam Manipur agalhun

¹¹⁰ Kamkholun Singson hi amasa’a Baptist missionary William Pettigrew ana lutsah lou pa mama chu ahi.

¹¹¹ Lungpau le Thangkhai hi Manipur’a kon Aizawl muna P. Fraser kithopina’a lekhasim ahi lhonin; Manipur le Mizoram kakah lampi hethem ahilhon jeh’a Roberts’in akilhon pi dinga alhen ahi.

¹¹² Pudaite, *The Legacy of Watkin R. Roberts...*, 47-52.

¹¹³ Thongkhosei’in vang Roberts le aloiho chu February 5 nikhon agalhunguve tin asune. Haokip, *Overcoming Church division...* 5. (Alangkhatna Pudaite sei dungjujin Roberts teho chu date 5’a lhung ding kigo ahiuvin, ahin aphatcha lhungjou louvu ahi.).

¹¹⁴ Pudaite, *The Legacy of Watkin R. Roberts...*, 54-57.

¹¹⁵ Haokip, *Overcoming Church division...* 5.

¹¹⁶ Pudaite, *The Legacy of Watkin R. Roberts...*, 58.

nikhou ahijeh chun, North East India General Mission Leaders Conference 1960 chun May 7 nikho hi kumseh'a "Missionary Day" ti'a man din phondohna ananei tan ahi.¹¹⁷

Agammi mithum lhendoh ahito lhonin Senvon chu Mission centre masapen ahung hitai. Amahon jong haosapun apehnao muna chun school in ding alam pajun, in bangho le kotbul ho'a chun Jesu kikhetbeh lim atah'un, kipana thupha alhangsam pajun ahi.¹¹⁸ Niseh'a louvai kon ngen ahijeh'un school kai dinga mi in umseh ding chu missionary thum ho dingchun ahahsa lseh jengin, ahin gunchu tahle thase louva anatoh jal'un kipana thupha chun na atongin, nungjui phabep akisepdoh ngal'in ahi.

Missionary masaho kithopi ahidiu leh evangelist natoh amachalbe ding ngaikho asah jal'in Roberts'in Welsh Mission School Aizawl muna lekhasim Lungpau, Nekpum and Luahhanga chu Senvon muna alekhasimu sujom din transfer abolin;¹¹⁹ chule March 1, 1911'in Thangkhai jong evangelist teacher dingin appoint abolin ahi. Senvon muna chun ojaho ahin studentho ahivun lekhasim goh hilouvin akho kimvel lah ho'a kipana thupha alhangsam leuvin, chom louvin khodangho'a jong tahsana akibelapmin houin tamtah sahdoh'in aumtan ahi.¹²⁰

2.3.3 Thadou-Kuki Pioneer Mission (TKPM) Kiphudoh

Ipi kibol hen, ikilo leh Mission kiphudoh thah lihleh hi boilou hela kalsong jom thei dingham tihi Roberts'in angaito khohpen ahung hitan ahi. Chujongleh agam mi missionaryho leh houbung kiphudoh thahho akhantoube theina diuva avesui ding kiloikhomna khat phudohlou angaikhoh dan jong amudoh tan ahi. Hijehchun 1912 kumlhun lamin England achen, aloi agolho to akihou khomin, interdenominational mission **Thado-Kuki Pioneer Mission** kiti

¹¹⁷ D. Jangkholam, "Kukite le Manipur Gamsunga Pathen Thu Machaldan," *The 6th ECA Mission Conference, 2010: Southern Manipur Gospel Centenary Celebration (1910-2010) Souvenir*, edited by Jamkhogin Lhungdim (Churachandpur: Evangelical Churches Association, 2010), 5.

¹¹⁸ Thangkholal Singson, *Houbung Kalsuon – Journey of the Church* (Imphal: Author, 2015), 7.

¹¹⁹ Th. Lamboi Vaiphei, *The Advent of Christian Mission and Its Impact on the Hill-Tribes in Manipur* (Imphal: Frontier Mission Society, 1997), 98.

¹²⁰ Pudaite, *The Legacy of Watkin R. Roberts...*, 60.

chu ahin phutdoh tan ahi.¹²¹ Wales mi D. Lloyd Jonse chu secretary masapen, chule Arnold Davies Esq. le C.W. Dobson chu North Wales le London'a treasurer dinga lhendoh ahi.¹²²

2.3.4 Thado-Kuki Pioneer Mission Natoh Dan le Khantou

'Agam neiten agamsung mama'a na atoh hi aphapen le alohlingpen ahi' ti hi Roberts'in tahsan khat ahi. Atahbeh'in jong Lhang-lhumlam Manipur hin sapkang missionary permanent'a natong aneipon, Houbungcho chu agam mi mama'in kipana thupha alhangsapna'a kona kiphutdoh, achama kivaipo anahiuve. Chule Roberts'in Polama kona kisol lamkai khatnin agamsung louva kikhelna nasatah apohlut ding chu atahsanlou jehchun TKPM semtoh'a aumna dingleh machal nadin R. Dala chu Field Superintendent masapen hidingin 1913 kuma appoint abolin, Dala jong Senvon'a apansan ahi. Hitichun chomlouvinn mission chu kho 20 val sunga kehletbe ahin, Houbung mi akibelap jingin, houin jong apung jingin ahi.

TKPM natoh dan achomkhat chu, mission school kiphudoh bana 'school of evangelism' kiphudoh chu ahi.¹²³ Roberts le Dala'in lhakhatna cheng gup lodin agam neite mi 20 missionary din appoint abol lhonin ahi. Amahochu Teacher-Evangelist tin aki min vouvin, school aphudohna mun jouseuva mihil to kipana thupha lhangsap akop peh'un ahi.¹²⁴

1913 kumin TKPM chun houbung mi 200 val aneitan ahi. Hiti'a Christian mijat apuna, 1914 kuma mi 2000 ahungval phatchun, December 26, 1914 chun Southwest Manipur'a dinga amasapen din "Pheipui Biel Presbytery" tin Senvon muna Conference ana mangun ahi. Hiche Conference chu Dala Chairman hina leh Teisena Secretary hina'a ana kimang ahi.¹²⁵ Conference'a chun Roberts mapuina'in Resolution 25 pass ana kibolin ahi.¹²⁶

¹²¹ Thado-Kuki Pioneer Mission kisahlonu chu - lhumlam mi hiche gam mite chung changa lekha ana sun masahon hiche miho chu Thadou-Kuki tribes ti'a anasut jeh uva hiti'a chu kiminvu ahi. Amonga jong Thadoute hi Kukite lah'a atampen hija, chule Thadou pao hi namdang ho, Nagaho jengin jong atho'u ahi. Mission hi Thado-Kuki akiti vanga Kuki tribes jouse ahop ahi. Jangkholam Haokip, "Implications of having an Independent Missionary: A Review of the 1910 Kuki Mission" *International Bulletin of Missionary Research* Vol. 38/2 (April 2014), 91.

¹²² Pudaite, *The Legacy of Watkin R. Roberts...*, 65.

¹²³ Lal Dena, "A Century of Christianity in Southern Manipur: Towards its Indigenisation," *Journal of North East India Studies*, (2004), 10-11. (9-15)

¹²⁴ Missionaryho leh atohna mun houchu: Savawma (Senvon), Lungpao (Maite), Thuomlun (Phaijol), Lunthang (Chongkhajou), Damsuoka (Sartuinek), Thangjakhup (Teikhang), Khawjathang (Hmunte), Tawna (Khopibung), Taite (Leisen), Dengruma (Munte), Luoia (Parbung), Thangkai (Boultang), Vunga (Khopibung), Manghen (Saichang), Kunga (Parbung), Thangchhingpui (Khopibung), Paosum (Songkot), Taisena (Senvon), Khuma (Tuisen) chuleh H.Chwanga (Leisen) ahi. Singson, *Houbung Kalsuon...*, 8-9.

¹²⁵ Jangkholam, "*Kukite le Manipur Gamsunga...*", 5.

¹²⁶ Resolution 25 ho lah'a athupi deh hochu: Natong khat chun gambih nei louva kumkhat sunga lhapung tour abolding; natong khat chun Dairy amanchah'a nitin akimanchahna hoitah'a mission headquarter muna

March, 1921 kumin anivei chana kumsim khompi (Conference) chu at Maite kho muna ana mangun ahi. Hiche Conference'a chun hopsom Rs. 1072/- alutnin, chuleh R. Dala Field Superintendent report dungjuija ahung kikhomho chu: Hmar - 1374, Vaiphei - 248, Thadou - 135, Pawi - 20, Gangte - 248, Paite - 121, Lushei - 116, Ralte - 10 ahiuve.¹²⁷

2.3.5 Thado-Kuki Pioneer Mission Min Kikhel

Kum 1917'a patsan TKPM hin Manipur polama jong nasatah'in khantouna anei jin ahi. Lhlanglam Manipur'a kon Assam, Tripura, Burma leh Chittagong Hill Track (Bangladesh) gama houbung akhantou to lhonin, Roberts'in jong mission min chu mun le mi hopjepma kheldin lunggel aneitah ahi. Kumsim khompi teng seidingin 1923 kumchun propose aboltan ahi. Hiche thu chu kumsim khompi Tinsong mun'a um Phaipui Bial Presbytery'a chun aseikhomun ahileh akikhom mipiho chun pha asaovin, Thado-Kuki Pioneer Mission chu North East India General Mission (NEIGM) tin akhel taovin ahi. NEIGM chu avel'in September 23-26, 1985 Evangelical Church General Conference Emmaus, Pennsylvani'a chun 'Evangelical Congregational Church of India' (ECCI) tin akhel kit taove. Mission natoh amachal to lhonin Mission headquarter jong chu kum 1920'in Senvon muna kon Tinsong muna chon ahin, kum 1922'in Tinsong'a kon Lakhipur'a akichonin, 1930 kumin Lakhipur'a konin Mission Compound'a akichon kitnin, 1984 kuma kon Churachandpur'a aumden tan ahi.¹²⁸

2.4 THADOUTE LAH'A BAPTIST MISSIONARY HO

F.S. Downs'in, "Manipur gam'a Christianity nasatah'a amachal hi foreign missionary ho natoh jeh ahi tithei ahipoi. Manipur le North East gamkai jouse'a Christianity machal hi agam mi'in agamsunguva na atoh jeh'u ahi"¹²⁹ tia ase i banga Thadoute lah'a Christian sakho machal, houbung kiphudoh leh tunikho'a 100% Christian ihuhi Sap kang missionaryho'a kon hilouva sap kang te'a kona Christa ana kisan Thadou chapa/chanu, Thadoute leh namdangho lah'a kipana thupha lhangsamho'a kon ahi. Noi ja hin Thadou Missionary Thadou-Kukite lahle Naga lah'a nasatah'a kipana thupha lhangsam'a houbung tampi phutdoh ho thusim phabep tahlang ahi.

2.4.1 Ngulhao Thomsong

report apah ding; chuleh natong khat chun anatoh namun'a pao aman'u chu ahethetei ding tiho ahi. Resolution ho jouse hetna din Thangkholal Singson lekhabu *Houbung Kalsuon* phengmai 10-11 simin.

¹²⁷ [Semion Hmar](#), *Christianity in Manipur...*, 3.

¹²⁸ Pudaite, *The Legacy of Watkin R. Roberts...*, 83, cf. Jangkholam, "Kukite le Manipur Gamsunga...", 5.

¹²⁹ Downs, *History of Christianity in India...*, 111.

Pu So-ot le Pi Lhingjanem chapa Ngulhao Thomsong hi Tening (Henima), Naga Hills (Nagaland) muna ana pengin ahi. Kum 7 bep ahi'in anu le apan ana thi san tan, 1900 kumin Mission School, Kohima muna lekha ana sim'in ahi. 1906 kumin Rivenburg'in Christian High School in Jorhat, Assam, muna lekha anasim sah'in, hiche Jorhat muna aum sunga chu Jesu Christa ana kisana, kipana thupha thudol jong tampi anahet ahi. January, 20, 1908'in Rivenburg khutna twi alutnin, Thadoute lah'a dinga pengthah masapen le twilut masapen ahitan ahi.¹³⁰ Hichun evangelist'a ahung pangin, Nagaland gamsunga kipana thupha ahil lhanglen, 1912 kumin Nguljahen Singson toh kithon Thadou Baptist Church masapen - Sirhima Baptist Church ana phutdoh lhonin ahi.¹³¹

U.M. Fox'in Ngulhao thudol le anatoh ajah phatnin, Ukhrul'a ama toh natong khom dingin akoutan ahi. Ngulhao jong Ukhrul muna oja'a apangin, U.M. Fox toh 1911 – 1913 sungin na atong khomin ahi.¹³² Manipur gama Thadou Houbung masapen 1914 kuma ana kiphutdoh Tujangvaichong B/C chu 1910 kuma Manipur hunglut Ngulhao natohna'a kona hung ga doh ahi. Ajeh chu Ngulhao hin Tujangvaichong haosapu jaona'a khosungmi mi 85 leh avellah khoho'a kon kon mi 70 apenthah sah ahi. Thadoute lah goh hilouvin Ngulhao hin Anal'ho lah'a jong na atong'in, alah'uva kum thum anatoh sung chun mi 334 apenthah sah'in ahi.¹³³

Ngulhao hi Thadou Literature phutdohpa ahi. Kum 1922'in Thadou labu ding la achom khomin, Pettigrew Editor hinan ana kitatdoh'in ahi. 1926 kumin Thadou Literature natoh apanin, anatoh doh thupi teni chu Thukidong le kidonbut leh Thadou lekhabul ahin 1927 leh 1929 ana kitatdoh'in ahi.¹³⁴ Bible Thadou paova ledoh dinga Crozier akouto lhonin, Ngulhao jong 1926 kumchun Kangpokpi achen, Mrs. Crozier (Latin, Greek le Hebrew pao themtah) kithopinan New Testament chu Thadou paova analedoh'in, 1942 kum chun thenso anahi. Old Testament jong alepat ahitan, hinlah Mose lekhabu phabep bou aledoh manin ahi.¹³⁵

Ngulhao Thomsong hi pao hettheina thilpeh chang ahi. Thadou pao tilouvin Ngulhao'in English, Hindi, Bengali, Assamese, Chinese, Tripuri, Mizo, Angami, Burmese, Manipuri,

¹³⁰ Downs, *The Mighty Works of God...*, 122.

¹³¹ Paokhohao Haokip, ed, "Pu Ngulhao Thomsong" *Kuki Baptist Centenary, 2014, Souvenir*, (Imphal: Souvenir Committee Centenary Celebration, 2014).

¹³² Vumthang Sitlhou, *Thadou Kuki Christianite Thusim Chomcha* (Motbung: Thadou Christian Centenary Committee, 2008), 66.

¹³³ Downs, *The Mighty Works of God...*, 141.

¹³⁴ Paocha Lhouvum, ed, "A Brief History of Pu Ngulhao Thomsong," *Thadou Christian Centenary, 2008 Souvenir*, (Motbung: Editorial Board Souvenir, Thadou Christian Centenary, 2008), 8; cf. Sitlhou, *Thadou Kuki Christianite Thusim...*, 66-67.

¹³⁵ S. Singson, "Pu Late Ngulhao Thomsong Thusim," *55th Anniversary of the New Testament Bible in Thadou-Kuki 1942-1997, Souvenir*, edited by SN. Gangte (Motbung: Thadou Baptist Association, 1997), 9-10 cf. Vaiphei, ed, *The Manipur Baptist Convention...*, 14.

Sema, Khasi, Kacha Naga (Zemi), and Gurkhali (Nepali) hoitah'in atho theijin ahi.¹³⁶ 1945 kumin Assam gam North Cachar Hills Songpijang kho mun'a konin Pa heng anajon tai.

2.4.2 Helkhup Chongloi

Manipur gama Christian himasaho lah'a khat Pu Helkhup Chongloi hi Makui Thadou (Chaljang) haosapu Pu Vumjasong chapa ahi. Ukhrul'a 1915-1920 sungin lekha anasimin, Pettigrew khutna twi analutnin ahi. 1922 kuma konin Tamenglon gamkaija evangelist na ahintong panin, a'headquarter din Tujangvaichong ana mangin ahi. Lekhasim sang ahilou vangin kitah tah leh gunchu tah'a na atoh jalchun mijouse ngailutna leh jabolna achangin ahi. Houbung khat le ni tailou Sah-lhumlam gamkaija houbung atamjohi Helkhup phudoh ahi. Helkhup hi Thadoute lah'a dinga Superintendent Pastor masapen ahi.

Thadoute lah goh hilouvin Helkhup hin Rongmei leh Liangmei Nagaho lah'a dinga jong evangelist masapen khat ahin, alah'uva jong Houbung tamtah ana phutdoh'in ahi. September 9, 1923'in Sempang muna Houbung phudoh ahina din ana lamkaijin, hiche houbung chu Zeliangrongho lah'a dinga amasapen ahung hitai. Helkhup hi tohphat jala record neikhat ahin, ama khel ding ama bang koima umlou ahi. Hijehchun tuni geihin Northwest gamkaija Naga adeh'a Kabui hon asumil thei pouvin ahi. 1931 kumin Chaljang'a konin Pa heng jonin anache masatai.¹³⁷

2.4.3 Pakho Sitlhou

Pakho (Mangkhohao) Sitlhou hi Taloulong haosa Pu Kaipu le Pi Lamphal Sitlhou chapa tahpen ahi. Ukhrul Mission School'a lekha anasimin, Pettigrew khutna December 12, 1913'in twi analutnin, 1922 kumin alekhasim ajoutan ahi. Pakho Pathen henga lunggil tah'in ataovin, "Pakai, Hikoma kaum'e, neisol'in" tin kipeh dohna ana neijin ahi. Akipehdohna bangin 1923 kumin Crozier'in Sahlam Manipur Zalengrong Nagaho lah'a evangelist dingin appoint anabolin, amajong March 31, 1924'in Kaiho Rongmei kho agalhung tai. Pakho jong Kaihao khomiten aphudoh'u Sempang kho'a pansan na atongin, Helkhup'in anagon Sempang houbung chu ama lamkaina'a phudoh ahunghi. Sempang muna chun Upper Primary School jong aphutdoh'in, Sempang kho chu lhagao le tahsa agoma dinga munpi ahung hidoh tai.

¹³⁶ Singson, "Pu Late Ngulhao Thomsong Thusim...", 12.

¹³⁷ Sitlhou, *Thadou Kuki Christianite Thusim Chomcha...*, 68-69, cf. Alun Haolai, *KBC Thuchin Bu: KBC Diary* (Imphal: Semlung Haokip and Lhingcha Haokip, 1993 [2015]), 500-501. Downs, *The Mighty Works of God...*, 147-148; Vaiphei, ed, *The Manipur Baptist Convention...*, 18.

Pakho chu Rongmeihon angailut jal'un achanu'u Namgakleu (Thangjalhai) chu aji dingin apeuvin ahi. Pakhon jong Rongmei pao ajil'in, chomlouvin athem paitan, hiche'a kon chun Thadou pao le adang danga kon la achomkhomin Rongmei labu *Raguang Lu* (Pathenla) kiti chu ana boldoh'in, hiche labu chu tuni geihin amangcha jing nalaijuve. Aman Thadou paova konin gospel John jong Rongmei paova ana ledoh'in ahi. Pathen'in Pakho chu Rongmeite lah'a dingin nasatah'in ana mangchan, alah'uva houbung tamtah ana phutdoh'in ahi. Tamenglong Houbung jeng jong Pakho lamkaina'a ana kiphutdoh ahi. Tamenglong gamsung Rongmeiho lah'a kum 15 na anatoh nungin July 21 1939'in Sempang dalhan Lamlap kho'a pansan Tamenglong gamsung mama Liangmei Naga le Thadouho lah'a na atong kitnin, houbung tamtah aphutdoh'in ahi. Zalengrongho lah'a kum 25 na atohjou nungin 1947 kumin akhomun Taloulong ahung kilentai. Kum sottah gunchu tah'a Pathen na atong nungin April 29, 1962 nikhon Pa henga choldo din anache masatai.¹³⁸

2.4.4 Tongkam Singsit

Pu Tongkam Singsit hi Thadoute lah'a dinga foreign missionary masapen ahi. 1909 kumin Tamenglong, Khopibung vangkho'a ana pengin, 1920 kumin Kangpokpi Mission Centre muna Pettigrew khutna twi analutnin ahi. 1921 kuma konin Tongkoi kho'a lekha anasim panin, Kangpokpi Misson school'a aban ajopmin, Class VI chan asimin ahi. Burma gama cheng Haokip hon Christian Oja ding ahin thumu tolhonin 1932 kumin Tongkam chu Joujang gamkaija missionary dingin sol anahin ahi. Chumun'a kum thum aum sungin mi 60'in Christa akisanun, baptisma ana changun ahi. Burma gamsunga Houbung aphutdoh bana Burma'a dinga Association masapen "Upper Burma Kuki Baptist Association" jonghi aman ana phudoh ahi.

Burma'a kona 1934 kuma ahung kiledoh nungin Tongkam chu Ukhrul gamkaija um Thawai khosunga oja'in apang kitnin ahi. Chumuna jong kipana thupha ahil lhanglen, mi tamtah'in ama'a kon Christa akisanun, hijeh chun Thawai haosapun akhosunga konin ana nodoh'in ahi. Hichun Motbung ahin jonin, Motbung Houbung Pastor masapenin ahung pangtan ahi. May 5, 1958'a ahinkho abei nikho geijin kipana thupha ahillhang le jom jingin ahi. Tongkam'in Burma gam ahin dalhah nung 1935 kumin Pu Letjavum Sitlhou'in aloinu Pi Zampineng toh

¹³⁸ Sitlhou, *Thadou Kuki Christianite Thusim Chomcha...*, 69-71, cf. Alun Haolai, *KBC Thuchin Bu...*, 502; Downs, *The Mighty Works of God...*, 143; Vaiphei, ed, *The Manipur Baptist Convention...*, 17-18.

atohban agatong lhonin, ahinkholhon kichai ni geijin gunchu tah'in Pathen na agatong lhonin ahi.¹³⁹

2.4.5 Thangpu Kipgen

Pu Thangpu Kipgen hi Pu Thangkhokai le Pi Khupngai chapam alhumpen ahin, 1907 kumin lhumlam Haipei vangkho'a ana penge. Thangpu hin 1927 kum February lha Pathen ni masapen nikhon Christa ana kisanin, akumsung mama June lha'in bapisma anachangin ahi. 1927 kuma patnin Kangpokpi Mission School'a ana kaijin, class VI chan anasimin, aban Imphal New High School'a class VII le VIII anasim, chuin Jorhat Christian High School'a class IX sim dingin akalsongin, ahin insung hahsat jeh'in joujou talouvin ahungdohtan ahi. Ahungdoh nungin Laijang (Tamenglong) sub-division office'ah apprentice clerk na ana tongin, chujouvin Tamenglong L.P School'a second master'in ahung pangin, chomkhat jouvin school inspecting pandit'in ahung pangin, India Independent ahung hi nungin Tengenupal circle office'a head clerk ahunghin, chu'a konin Imphal'ah Hills Education Department'a clerk ahunghi kitnin, chomkhat jouvin Directorate of Education'ah head Assistant ahung kaidoh'in ahi.

Pu Thangpu hi lhagao mangthai ponatah ahito lhonin Houbung kiloikhomna'a jong nasatah'in pan ana lajingin ahi. 1969 kumin KBA Executive Secretary'in phat chomkhat anapangin, September 30, 1971 kuma Kuki Baptist Association Thadou Baptist Association ti'a ahung kikhel chun TBA President masapenin ahung pangin ahi. Thangpu hi huhhingna thupha lhangsapna lama jong pontho tah'in pan analan, thusei minthang Jordan Khan, Bakh Singh, Sahu chuleh Pastor Promote ho to jong ana kivopmin kipana thupha ana lhangsam le ahi. Achungchona Thadou Bible kibolna'a jong lunglut tah'in pan anala'in, type tat them ahito lhonin athepna chu Bible tana'in ana mangchan ahi. Gunchu tah'a kum tamtah Pathen na ahin toh'a, mi tamtah'in ama'a konin huhingna aneining March 31, 2007 jinglam nidan 5 don'in thokit nikho'a loupi'a hungthoudoh din Pa heng'a anache masa tan ahi.¹⁴⁰

2.4.6 S.L. Palal

Palal ti'a kihe Pu S. L. Jamkholal hi Pu Tongjaseh chapa lhumpen ahi. 1912 kumin Maovom kho'a apengin, 1927 kumin Laijang (Tamenglong) muna lekha ana sim panin, Kangpokpi

¹³⁹ Sitlhou, *Thadou Kuki Christianite Thusim Chomcha...*, 73-75, cf. Alun Haolai, *KBC Thuchin Bu...*, 500; Downs, *The Mighty Works of God...*, 143-144.

¹⁴⁰ Sitlhou, *Thadou Kuki Christianite Thusim...*, 89-91.

Mission School'a asim jomin, chuleh Shillong geijin lekhasim din ana kalsongin ahi. Secular lampang goh hilouvin Palal hin Jorhat Theological College muna Evangelical Teachers' Training jong anabolin, 1940 'in a course ana jouvin ahi.

Alekhasim lai 1930 kumin Christa ana kisanin, a'insunguva dinga Christian masapen ahi. 1934 kumin Twilang vadunga Pastor Helkhup khutna twi analutnin, chu'a kon chun thinglhangmi non-Christiante lah'a missionary teacher na tongdin kigel lhahna aneitan ahi. Amajong Zalengrong Naga ho lah'a natong ding akipedoh'in, Sempang kho'a konin na atong panin ahi. Akhangdon laiija patna la lam panga lunglut ahito lhonin Sempang aum lai hin la phabep ana semdoh'in tampi jong pao dang danga konin ana chomkhom, hiche ho lah'a kon chun phabep pi Zalengrong paova anale doh'in anahilin ahi. Aman ana chopkhom la mongmong chu 600 ahin, 'Lathah bu' jonghi ama semdoh ahi.

Lasem le lachop abol goh hilouvin, Ngulhao'in Bible ale lai jin jong kithopi thei chanin ana kithopin, khonungin Thadou Holy Bible ledoh lah'a alamkaijin ahung pangin ahi. Ahinkho kichai lam 1968'a konin Kangpokpi Independent Baptist Church'a Deacon'in ahung pangin, September 14, 1994 nikho'a ahinkho abei geijin atong jom jing jengin ahi.¹⁴¹

2.4.7 Seikholet Singson

Pu Seikholet Singson hi Pu Henjalal le Pi Nemjakim chapa ani chana ahin, July 1924 kumin Naga Hills (Nagaland) Thingdol/Pedi kho'a ana pengin ahi. Kohima M.E. School'a lekha ana simin, Class VIII ahi lai jin (1943) Japan gal ahung sodoh'in, hijehchun alekha sim ana jom thei tapon ahi. Jesu Christa akisan nung April 4, 1935 'in Pastor Ngulpa khutna konin Tesangki vadunga baptisma ana changin ahi. 1944 kumin Pi Songkholing Changsan toh akichengin, 1945 kumin Tesangki Government Lower Primary School'a mihilin ana pangin ahi.

1946 kumin Pu Seikholet Manipur ahunglutnin, Kangpokpi Mission School'a oja'in ahung pangin ahi. 1948 kumin Bongmol kho'a ahung chengin, chumuna chun houbung aphutdoh'in pastor'in ahung pangin ahi. 1948 kum mama'a North West Baptist Association sunga Naga le Kuki kikah'a kikkena ahung umdoh chun lamkai masahon Kuki Association phudoh ahina dingin organized boldin ana nganseuvin, atahbeh'in ama tohga'a konin Kuki Baptytist Association chu 1950 kuma ana kiphutdoh'in ahi. 1955-1960 sungin Manipur Baptist

¹⁴¹ Sheikho hao Kipgen, *Tribal Literature in Manipur: Growth And Development Of 'Thadou-Kuki'* (Imphal: Thadou-Kuki Literature Society, 2011), 39-40; cf. Sitlhou, *Thadou Kuki Christianite Thusim...*, 82-89.

Convention (MBC) Executive Secretary masapen natosh anatongin ahi. Ama makaina'a MBC Centre'a dinga Houbung masapen khu ana kiphutdoh'a Dr. D.J. Duffy, Eastern Theological College (ECT) Principal pan April 13, 1958 nikho'a ana thenso ahi. September 25, 1957 nikhon Rev. M.J. Chance khutna Ordain ana changing, Manipur'a dinga Ordained Minister masapen ahung hitai. Rev. Seikholet hin lung le tha pana kum sottah Pathen na ahin toh sungahin Manipur Houbung, adeh'a Thadou-Kuki te dingin thil nasatah tah abol doh'in ahi. Pu Seikholet hi Pathen jal'in tuni geijin adamjing nalaijin ahi.¹⁴²

¹⁴² Paokhohao Haokip, ed, "Pu Rev. Seikholet Singson" *Kuki Baptist Centenary, 2014, Souvenir*, (Imphal: Souvenir Committee Centenary Celebration, 2014).

CHAPTER – 3

THADOU BAPTIST ASSOCIATION KIPHUDOH

Thadoute lah'a Christianity ahunglutna pat Thadou Baptist Association hung pendoh geihi kum 60 tobang alutne. Atila chu Manipur pumpi hi Association khatna ana kivaipo ahi. Hinlah phat chomkhat jouva nam le paova hung kikkena, nam jouse le pao jousen ama ama Association cheh ahin neidoh ahi. Hiche simmun sunga hi Manipur sung adeh'a Kuki Baptist te lah'a Association ahung kiphudoh dan, Kuki Baptist Association hung kiphudoh le khonung September 30, 1971 kuma KBA chu TBA ti'a ahung kikhel thu kisun ahi.

3.1 MANIPUR GAMSUNGA ASSOCIATION HUNG KIPHUDOH

Manipur gamsunga dinga Baptist Houbung masapen Phungyo (Ukhrul) Baptist Church chu February, 1902 kuma ana kiphudoh ahi. Ani channa Tujangvaichong chu 12 December 1914 kum'in ana kiphudoh'in, athum channa Keisamthong B/C ana 1916 kumbul lamin ana kiphudoh kitnin; ali le nga chana Langkhong and Shenbangyang chu 1916 kumlhun lamain ana kiphudoh'in ahi. Hiti'a Houbung ahung kiphudoh bebe jehchun kiloikhomna ahung ngaikhoh tan ahi.

3.1.1 Manipur Christian Association Kiphudoh

November 1916 kumin Manipur Houbung nga'a kon thalheng mi somlethum Ukhrul muna ana kikhomun, Manipur'a dinga Association masapen chu ana phudoh'un ahi.¹⁴³ Association kikhopna masapen chu 1917 kumin Ukhrul mun mama'a ana umin ahi.¹⁴⁴ Zeliang'in hiche'a ana phudoh'u Association chu Manipur Christian Association (MCA) ahi tin asunin ahi.¹⁴⁵ Manipur Baptist Houbung jouse chu Association khatna kipunkhoma Manipur Christian Association anakisah ahiuve.¹⁴⁶ Khoppi anivei channa chu Tujangvaichong Houbung'in 1921 kumin ana vailhunun ahi.¹⁴⁷

Christianity ahung khantou cheh cheh tolhonin 1921 kumchun Association chu re-organised ana kibolin, Pettigrew lamkainan MCA chu Gamkai (Association) thuma hopkhen ahung hitai.

¹⁴³ W. Pettigrew, "Manipur" *ABFMS: ABMC Report*, 1917, 21-24.

¹⁴⁴ Vaiphei, ed, *The Manipur Baptist Convention...*, 33, cf. Haokip, "KBC Thusim"..., 8.

¹⁴⁵ Zeliang, *A History of the Manipur Baptist Convention...*, 51.

¹⁴⁶ Haokip, *Overcoming Church division in Manipur...*, 6.

¹⁴⁷ Zeliang, *A History of the Manipur Baptist Convention...*, 51.

3.1.1.1 North East Baptist Association

Association khatna chu North East Baptist Association (NEBAM) tin akiminvon ahi. Hichehi Ukhrol gamkai ahin, atamjo chu Tangkhul Houbung ahin Thadou Houbung phabep jong ajaovin ahi. Hiche Association (NEBAM) vesui dinga ngansena ana kipe chu Luichumhao leh T. Luikham ahilhona.¹⁴⁸

3.1.1.2 Sadar Baptist Association

Association nina chu Sadar Baptist Association tin akiminvon ahi. Hiche Association sunga jao tribeho chu Kom, Thadou leh Thangal Naga ahiuve. Porom Singh leh Longkhobel chu hiche Association vesui dinga nganse anahi lhonin, hinlah kum phabep nungin Theba Kilong chu Longkhobel kheldin lhengdoh anahi.¹⁴⁹

3.1.1.3 North-West Baptist Association

Association thumna chu Tamenglong gamkai sung ahin, North-West Baptist Association tin akiminvon. Hiche Association'in ahop tribeho chu Rongmei, Liangmei, Kom, Thadou, Zemei, Paumei chule Chiru ahiuve. Helkhup Chongloi chu hiche Association vesui dinga Superintendent Pastor'a nganse anahin, Pakho Sitlhou chu Teacher-cum-Evangelist dinga nganse anahi.¹⁵⁰

3.1.1.4 South Sadar Baptist Association

Achunga thumho tilouva Association dang khat chu South Sadar Baptist Association ahi. Hiche Association hi Tegnoupal gamkai sunga um Houbungho phudoh ahin, Thadou, Anal, Mayon, Monsang and Chothe apangun ahi.¹⁵¹

3.1.2 Manipur Baptist Convention

Manipur sunga houbung amachal chehcheh tolhonin 1928 kum chun Manipur Christian Association jong avela suhtup ahin, amin jong Manipur Baptist Convention (MBC) tia khel ahung hitai. MBC sunga um Associationho chu: North East Baptist Association, Sadar Baptist Association chule North West Baptist Association ahiuve.¹⁵² Convention hi V. Phanitpang, missionary Pettigrew leh Crozier, agammi lamkai Ruichumhao, Helkhup,

¹⁴⁸ Luikham, *A Short History of the Manipur Baptist Convention...*, 30-31.

¹⁴⁹ Vaiphei, ed, *The Manipur Baptist Convention...*, 33.

¹⁵⁰ Vaiphei, ed, *The Manipur Baptist Convention...*, 33.

¹⁵¹ Haokip, "*KBC Thusim*"..., 8.

¹⁵² Zeliang, *A History of the Manipur Baptist Convention...*,52.

Ngulhao, Longkhobel, Porom Singh, Namrijinang Maipak, T. Lunkim chuleh Pakho hapan najala hung kiphudoh ahi. Convention khoppi masapen chu 1928 kumin Kangpokpi'a ana umin, tribe som'a kon mi 1100 ana kikhomun ahi.¹⁵³

Tule tuhin MBC noiya Associations 29, Houbung 1300 val, baptized member 2,00,000 val aumin; Council of Baptist Churches in Northeast India (CBCNEI), Asia Pacific Baptist Federation (APBF), Baptist World Alliance (BWA) and World Council of Churches (WCC) member ahi.

3.2 MANIPUR GAMSUNG KUKITE LAH'A ASSOCIATION KIPHUODOH

Manipur Baptist Convention chu tribal Associationho kipumkhatna dinga kiphudoh ana hijongleh lungtup guilhung jou louvin, 1950 kumchun tribe khentum umlouva kiloikhomna Association chu anakeh tan ahi. Hiche hi 1947 kuma North-Western Baptist Association sunga um Kuki le Nagaho lah'a boina ahungsodoh'a kon ahi. Hiche boina chu suhlhap ahina din Association Standing Committee le Missionaryhon kumthumset aboipi'un, hinlah lolhingdeh louvin kikhena ana sohdoh tan ahi.¹⁵⁴

Kikhena hi 1950 kuma ahung pilhin vanga kikhena dinga ajung hi phatsottah masanga ana kikho pan ahitai. Thilsoh lui khonunga Kukiho changtum dinga Association hung kiphudoh lona jehho chu:

- *Thadou Gal* (1917-1919): Thadou Gal laichun Nagate tamtah'in Kukite dounan government ana kithopi'un ahi.¹⁵⁵ Hiche phatlaija ana kitu muchi chu monmang louva ol'a hung kehdoh'a khonunga Kuki le Naga Houbung sung jenga jong kikhena ahinlhut ahi.
- *Kampai cult*: Zeliangronghon 1929-1931 sunga *Kampai cult*¹⁵⁶ (Kampai houbung/kiloikhom) thu'a Britishte leh Christiane anadou laijuchun Kukiten Nagate dounan government ana kithopi kitnun ahi.¹⁵⁷ Hiche hin nam ni kahlah'a kihetthem louna asuh letbe'in ahi.

¹⁵³ Downs, *The Mighty Works of God...*, 134.

¹⁵⁴ Thongkholal Haokip, "Kuki Churches Unification Movements" *Journal of North East India Studies* Vol. 2/1 (July - December 2012), 37.

¹⁵⁵ Downs, *History of Christianity in India...*, 110.

¹⁵⁶ Hiche Ilon kho'a kon Rongmei mi Jadonang lamkaina'a houlebeh chuleh chondan khandan lui (old way of life) to kikala hou le chondan thah (Christianity) hungkipoh lut douna'a kiphina anahi. Jadonang hin Kukite dounan "Armageddon gal tobang khonungle hunglung ding, chuteng Kukite jouse kisuhmang ding ahi" tin gaothu ana seijin ahi.

¹⁵⁷ Downs, *The Mighty Works of God...*, 150-151.

- Missionary teni (Pettigrew le Crozier) kah'a kihet themto louna chun Houbungho lungsunga kikhen nomna lungthim ahin lhut ahi. Ajehchu Missionary khatcheh'in nam khat cheh apanpilhon ahi.¹⁵⁸
- Tribalism: Downs'in, "Second World War (Japan gal) laija Manipur Houbungho lah'a thilkhoh tah khat hungsohdoh chu ama ama tribe cheh kikhosahna ahi" tin asune.¹⁵⁹ Changtum kingailutna, kithangthip tona, mahni tribe cheh khohsahna Kuki le Naga Houbungho lungsunga ahung pendoh'a, Christa'a kipum khatna sanga tribe ngailutna ana chungnun joh tahjeh'a Houbung chu anakeh kha ahi.
- Self sufficiency: Christian sakho hunglut tilchun Kuki le Naga Christianho jouse lungkhat le thakhatnin ana kithokhomun ahi. Ahin apengthah ahung tamcheh cheh'a koima to kithokhom louva ama ama tribe cheh achanga dingthei dinga ahung umdoh phatna Houbung chu hung keh'a ahitai.

Kihet themto louna neocha cha chu ahung pilhing cheh cheh tan, chule Naga (Zaliengrong) hojong koima toh kithokhom louva achanga dingthei dinga akigelu toh lhonin 1946 North-West Baptist Association Annual Assembly Tamenglong'a chun evangelist-teacher dinga alah'uva kikoi Lunneh chung a khipin nading ahin holpan taovin ahi. Hitichun 1947 Annual Assembly Sangrumpang'a chun class eight simlai Zikamang le aloi phabep leh upa kimkhat chu ahin tilseuvin, Assembly chu ahin chohnohphah taovin ahi. Chuche phatlaija ABM Missionary le chuche Assembly speaker'a pang Anderson, paole'a pang Seikholet Singson, chuleh Pakho'in bolthei chan abol vangun asutop jou tapouve.¹⁶⁰ Seikholet seiding juija akiphin nao ajehho chu ahileh:

Akhatna'a, Lunneh'in "Rev. Anderson hi Kukiho'a dinga missionary'a hung kisol ahin, aban ahung kit teng Nagaho'a hiding ahi" ati, atiuvin; anina'a Lunneh'in "Nagaho hi Kukiho noitwija kikhokhah nahibouvui" tin aseije atiu ahi. Ahin adihtah chu ahileh achanguva lhingthei dinga akigel phatnuva amaho changtum, amaho vaihomna noija umding Association tum neiding alunggotnu ahi.¹⁶¹ Dihtah monga jong Sanrumpang khoppi geijachu North-West Baptist Association chu Kukihon imalam jouse'a ana lamkaiju ahi.¹⁶²

¹⁵⁸ Zeliang, *A History of the Manipur Baptist Convention...*, 37; cf. Haokip, "Kuki Churches Unification Movements...", 35.

¹⁵⁹ Downs, *History of Christianity in India...*, 134.

¹⁶⁰ Haokip, "KBC Thusim"..., 11.

¹⁶¹ Interview with Rev. Seikholet Singson, Bongmol, on April 20, 2016.

¹⁶² Haokip, "KBC Thusim"..., 10.

Ahin F.S. Downs'in vang association tum neina dinga muchu anatu masa chu Kukiho ahin, 1943 kuma Association aphudoh'u ahitai ati. Aman asutna'a,

Manipur'a tribal Association gongdoh masapen chu North-West Baptist Association sunga um Kukiho ahi. Kum 1943 chun Saikul muna Kuki Houbungho'a kon thalheng akikhomun 'Kuki Christian Organization' (KCO) kiti chu ana phudoh'un ahi. Ahin 1947 kum geichun aguh'in ana umin, hiche (1947) kuma chu Association tum hiding ngehna ahin neiju ahi, ati.¹⁶³

3.2.1 Kuki Baptist Association kiphudoh

North-Western Baptist Association sunga um nam ni kah'a kihet themto louna chu suhtup thei ding dinmuna aumtahlou jehchun, kum ni jou, 1949 kumchun Kukihon Tujangvaichong muna amin beijin khoppi ana mangun, hiche muna chun Association tum nei dingin ahung kilol lha taove. Association kiphudoh nading chun Satkhosei Thangeo, Seilen Hangsing, Otkhosei Haokip, Tongkhopao Ngoilu, Mangkhohen, Palal Lhouvum chule Lenjahao Malneo'in sum phabebep ahin tokhmun, Seikholet Singson chu lhalo Rs. 40/- toh Evangelist-cum-Organiser dingin asoldoh taovin ahi. Akingansena bangchun Seikholet'in jong Kuki houbungho achonsoh'in, Association tum kiphudoh nadingin organized abol letai.

Hitichun, 1950 kumbul lamin South Changoubung vangkho'a kikhopna aneijun, Kukite changtuma ding Association, 'Kuki Christian Association' (KCA) chu ana phudoh taovin ahi.¹⁶⁴ Thusim sun adangho jousen 1955 kuma MBC re-organized akibola chu KCA chu Kuki Baptist Association (KBA) ti'a hung kikhela, Manipur Baptist Association No. 5 hung kiti ahi tin asun sohkeijun ahi.¹⁶⁵ Hinlah Seikholet'in vang "Hiche Changoubung kikhopna'a chun John Anderson tenupa ahung lhonin, 'Kukihon Association naphudoh dingu ahileh ABM'in jong evangelistic natohna lampanga lhaseh'a kithopina peuvinge ati lhonjeh'a, Baptist Houbung kiloikhom ma akihile, Kuki Christian Association dinga kilolha sa chu Kuki Baptist Association joh hidinga anikho mama a kiphat sahna kinei ahi" ati.¹⁶⁶

Association lamkai masapenho chu: Chairman, S.L. Palal (chomkhat jouvin S.L. Lunneh'in akhelpai tai); Field Secretary, Tongkhohao Hangsing; Field Evangelist, Seikholet Singson; Treasurer Tongkthoang; Pastors, Pakho Sitlhou leh Tongkhopao Ngailut ahiuve. Hitichun

¹⁶³ Downs, *The Mighty Works of God...*, 134.

¹⁶⁴ Interview with Rev. Seikholet Singson, Bongmol, on April 20, 2016.

¹⁶⁵ Downs, *The Mighty Works of God...*, 135.cf. Sitlhou, *Thadou Kuki Christiante Thusim Chomcha...*, 35, Haokip, *Overcoming Church division in Manipur...*, 6.

¹⁶⁶ Interview with Rev. Seikholet Singson, Bongmol, on April 20, 2016.

Kangpokpi'a cheng Songneh Lhouvum inn chu office din bahara'in ana laovin, KBA chu ahung kitolpan tai.¹⁶⁷

KBA chu gam le Office beija hitheilou ahijeh chu Seikholet Singson (Field Evangelist) le S.L. Lunneh (Chairman) 'in V. Sundaram (Deputy Commissioner of Manipur) henga gam agathum lhonin ahileh Sundaram'in jong Motbung muna Government gam acres 17½ chu Mission Compound din ana pen ahi. Hichun office chu Kangpokpi muna konin Motbung muna ahung kichontai.¹⁶⁸

Seikholet Singson MBC Executive Secretary dinga appoint ahung kibola, CBCNEI Executive Member ahunghi chun KBA chu MBC le CBCNEI 'in recognised abolna din pan ahin latan ahi. 1955 kum mama'in MBC le CBCNEI 'in KBA chu Manipur Baptist Association (MBA) No. 5 dingin recognised ana bolin, American Baptist Foreign Mission Society (ABFMS) 'injong CBCNEI through'in KBA chu Rs. 12,000/- in ana kithopi'in ahi. Hiche sum chu mangchan Association'in Office ding pucca building khat, adang danga manchah ding semi pucca building khat, Bible School ding RCC building khat ana lamdoh'in ahi.¹⁶⁹

MBC le CBCNEI 'in recognized abolto lhonin North-West Baptist sunga kon Kukiho bou hilou, Sadar gamkai le Tegnoupal gamkai sunga Kuki Houbunghon jong KBA chu aban banin ahin jop taovin ahi. MBC'a kon recognition akimu jouvin Mangkho Thomsong chu Director masapen dinga lhendoh ahin, Paokhosem chu clerk, chuleh pastorho chu: Pakho Sitlhou, Tongkhopao Ngailut, Lungkhohen Misao, Songjalun, Henkhosei Lhangum, Songkhopao Mangte and Tongkhohen Lhoujem ahivu.¹⁷⁰

3.2.2 North East Kuki Baptist Association (NEKBAM) Kiphudoh

North East Kuki Baptist Association (NEKBAM) chu North East Baptist Association (NEBAM) sunga um Kuki houbungho phudoh ahi. NEBAM sunga hi Tangkhul Naga le Thadou Kuki kigom khom ahivuvin, hinlah Tangkhulho chu atamjoh jeh'un kikhopna jouse chu Tangkhul pao jeng ahin mangcha pan taovin ahile Thadou pao thohe ding chun het ahahsa tan ahi. Hijehchun 1955 kumchun Limjalet Touthang (evangelist), Tongkhojang Lunkim, Thongkhopao Singsit le Henkam Singsit lamkainan Association tum neina dingin NEBAM henga ngehna aneijun ahi. Hinlah NEBAM lamkaiho johchun Kukihon alung ahin

¹⁶⁷ Haolai, *KBC Thuchin Bu...*, 29.

¹⁶⁸ Interview with Rev. Seikholet Singson..., cf. Haokip, "KBC Thusim"..., 12; Vaiphei, ed, "Thadou Baptist Association" *The Manipur Baptist Convention...*, 140.

¹⁶⁹ Vaiphei, ed, "Kuki Baptist Convention" *The Manipur Baptist Convention...*, 81-82.

¹⁷⁰ Haolai, *KBC Thuchin Bu...*, 30.

gelphatnuva Association dang aphudoh louna dingun ngehna ale neijun, khoppi vang atuma anei thei diuvin phalna apeuvin ahi.¹⁷¹

Ukhrul gamkai sunga chu Kuki Houbung 50-60 kakah le member 8000 chunglam um ahijeh chun Kuki Baptist Houbung lamkaihon Association tum phudoh nadin pan ahinlaovin, 1955 kumin North-East Kuki Baptist Association Manipur (NEKBAM) chu ahin phutdoh taovin ahi.¹⁷² NEKBAM chu 1957 kumin MBC in MBA No. 6 dingin recognised abolin, CBCNEI ‘injong hetpehna aneito lhonchun ABFMS ‘a konin Rs. 12,000/- CBCNEI khutna konin kithopina anapeuvin ahi. Hiche sum chu mangchan Association chun Phaicham (Yaingangpokpi) muna gam ana cho vin, NEKBAM centre din ana mangun ahi.¹⁷³

NEKBAM lamkai masapenho chu: Field Director, Tongkhojang Lunkim; Secretary, Limjalet Touthang (Lamhao); Evangelist, Hemkam Singsit, Tongkhopao Singsit chule Lhunting Touthang. NEKBAM ahung khantou tolhonin chomkhat jouvin Yanghem Lunkim, Yamkhotong, Tongkhopao chule Thanghang Haolai chu Evangelist dinga lhendoh ana hiuve.¹⁷⁴

3.3 KUKI BAPTIST CONVENTION KIPHUDOH

The Kuki Baptist Convention (KBC) hi Tujangvaichong muna March 16, 1958 kuma KBA le NEKBAM kigoma phudoh anahi. Eastern Theological College, Jorhat, Principal D.F. Duffy chun CBCNEI kikhopna’a Baptize member 1000 valcheh nei Association nga semdoh thei koitobang nam aumleh pao dungjuija Convention asemthei dingin ana podoh’in ahi. Hiche hi Missionaryhon asum’utoh Manipur adalah nunguleh achama amaho kenga adin theina dinguva kigong ahi. Hiche thuhi MBC Executive Secretary le CBCNEI Executive Committee Member anahi’a Seikholet Singson’in Kuki Houbung lamkaiho henga ana polut nin, KBA le NEKBAM lamkai hon hiche tobang chanvou hi alhaso louna diuvin ana hetsah’in ahi.¹⁷⁵

¹⁷¹ Vaiphei, ed, “Kuki Baptist Convention” *The Manipur Baptist Convention...*, 82; cf. Haokip, “KBC Thusim”..., 12.

¹⁷² Haokip, “KBC Thusim”..., 12.

¹⁷³ Vaiphei, ed, “Kuki Baptist Convention” *The Manipur Baptist Convention...*, 82; cf. Haolai, *KBC Thuchin Bu...*, 31.

¹⁷⁴ Haolai, *KBC Thuchin Bu...*, 31.

¹⁷⁵ Thongkhosei Haokip, “It All Began at Tujangvaichong: A Brief Historical Significance in the formation and Development of the Kuki Baptist Church in Manipur,” *Kuki Baptist Centenary, 2014, Souvenir*, edited by Paokhohao Haokip (Imphal: Souvenir Committee Centenary Celebration, 2014), 37.

Hitichun alangto'a lamkai hon ama ama Association cheh kikhopna ana gongun, KBA lamkaiho chu Kangchup IB muna ana kikhomun, alangkhatna NEKBAM lamkaiho chu Zalenbung Houbung muna ana kikhomun ahi. Association teni phasah dungjujin KBA le NEKBAM 'injong Tujangvaichong Baptist Church muna March 15-16, 1958 sunga toukhomna ana neijun, kum 1958, March 16 nikhon 'Kuki Baptist Convention' (KBC) chu ana phutdoh'un ahi.¹⁷⁶

Hitolhon chun Association teni nei le gou jouse chu KBC nei le gou ahung hitan, KBA centre, Motbung chu KBC administrative office din ana mangun, Phaicham muna um NEKBAM centre chu Ngulhao mina kivo, kumni sung Thadou paova Bible simna Bible School 'Ngulhao Memorial Bible School' (NMBS) din ana mangun ahi.¹⁷⁷ Ahin Henkholen'in vang "Association teni chu amani phasah tah'a ama ama cheh nei le gou, centre building chule gamle go chung a athaneina lhon chu lhaso lou leh achantum hina lhon (individualities) sumang louva ana kigom khomlhon ahi" ati.¹⁷⁸ KBC triennial Conference masapen chu Keithelmanbi muna March 5-8, 1959 sungin ana kimangin ahi.

KBC lamkai masapenho chu: Sutkai Chongloi, President; Tongkhojang Lunkim, Executive Secretary; Mangkho Thomsong, Treasurer; Paokhosem Kholhou, Clerk; Tongkhojam Baite, Chowkidar ahiuve.¹⁷⁹

3.4 KUKI BAPTIST ASSOCIATION KISUHHING KIT

Kuki Baptist Convention chu KBA le NEKBAM kigoma phudoh anahi vangchun hiche kipumkhatna chu anasot joupon, 1967 kumchun KBC chu ana kisumangin, Kuki Baptist Association chu athah'a chohing ahikit tan ahi. KBA avella kijopkit lona jehho chu:

3.4.1 Mission Centre Phaicham Thu'a Boina

Association ni'in KBC aphudoh'a chu KBA Mission Compound Motbung chu KBC Office'a neiding, chuleh NEKBAM Mission Compound Phaicham chu Bible School'a man dinga ana kiphatsah'u ahi. Hinlah KBC 'in Ngulhao Memorial Bible School chu Phaicham muna kona Motbung muna chondoh ding ahin gotnuva, ahin chondoh phatnun NEKBAM'a ana umsa

¹⁷⁶ KBC Thusim..., 14-15.

¹⁷⁷ Alun Haolai, *KBC Thuchin Bu...*, 34.

¹⁷⁸ Henkholen Sailo, "Mermorandum submitted to the Executive Secretary of Manipur Baptist Council of Churches by the Kuki Baptist Association (MBA No. 5) for Renewal of Recognition." (Motbung: 27th November, 1967), 1.

¹⁷⁹ Alun Haolai, *KBC Thuchin Bu...*, 33.

Phaicham le akimvela Houbungho chu alunghangun, hijeh chun 1965 kumchun KBC'a kona haina lekha asepmun, NEKBAM chu athah'in achohing kit taovin ahi.¹⁸⁰ KBA'a kon apotdoh'u goh hilouvin agamu leh KBC centre Motbung muna ana pehlutsao anei agou jouseu jong akinung lahkit taove.¹⁸¹

3.4.2 Pao Thu'a Boina

Seikholet'in "Pao thu'a boina masapen hi 1965 kuma Phaicham Bible School'a oja ni kinel na'a kona hung kipana, khonunga houbung kipunkhom jong ahin suhkeh ahi" ati.¹⁸² Tahbeh'in kum 1967 'a kon chun KBC sunga Thadou le Kuki kah'a kihet themto louna chu nasatah'in ahung kipane.¹⁸³ KBC hung kiphudoh'a patchun Tongkhojang Lunkim hin Thadou pao hi Kuki pao ti dingin ahin masot jing jengin; hitichun KBC sunga lamkai phabep jong athunun tolhon chun Thadou hi kintah'a Kuki'a kheldoh dingin nasatah'in pan ana laovin ahi. Hiche hin mitamtah asulung phamon, houbung khantouna asutangan, lhagao mangthai pohnatna le evangelist natoh nalampang alhasuh'in, Thadou hi Kuki'a kheldoh ding chu alungtup pipenu anasoh doh tan ahi.¹⁸⁴

Bible hin vannoti Christiane jouse akipumkhat sah ahi. Hinlah Thadou paova Bible kiledoh hin tahsa le lhagao lam agoma kikkena ason ahi. Ngulhao'in ana le 1942 kuma ana kithenso New Testament chu Thadou Kuki ana kiti ahi. Hinlah Tongkhojang'in Thadou paova ale Holy Bible chu "Kuki Reference Edition/Holy Bible in Kuki" tin aminvon ahi. Hiche hin pao chung change kihetkhelna nasatah'in asousang sah'in, court case chan gei ana anakibole. Khup Za Go 'in, "New Testament ana ki ledoh masa chu Thadou Kuki ti'a ana kiminvo ahin, chubanga chu Holy Bible jonghi Thadou Kuki tia minvo ahiding ana ngeh'un; hitolhon chun Kuki Bible ti'a ki print Bible hopdoh ahilouna dinga court'in akham dingin ngehna ana kibolin ahi. Hiche hi North East'a dinga thilsoh khalou ahi" tin ana sunin ahi.¹⁸⁵ Hijehchun "Kuki Reference Edition" Holy Bible hi Manipur'a thenso ana hithei tapon, hijehchun Nagaland Molvom muna June 20, 1971 'in thenso anahitai. Hitia pao chung changa boina chu akhose chehcheh'a, suhlhap thei ahilou phatna MBA No. 5 chun KBA ajop kit ahitai.

¹⁸⁰ Hawngam Haokip, "Kuki Baptist Centenary Celebration under the Leadership of Kuki Baptist Convention" *Kuki Baptist Centenary, 2014, Souvenir*, edited by Paokhohao Haokip (Imphal: Souvenir Committee Centenary Celebration, 2014), 9.

¹⁸¹ KBC Thusim..., 16; cf. Alun Haolai, *KBC Thuchin Bu...*, 91.

¹⁸² Interview with Rev. Seikholet Singson on 20/12/2001 by Thoghkosei Haokip, quoted from Haokip, *Overcoming Church division in Manipur...*, 10.

¹⁸³ To know more about Thadou and Kuki, go to chapter one point 1.1.3.2.1 and 1.2.

¹⁸⁴ Sailo, "Mermorandum submitted to the Executive Secretary...", 4.

¹⁸⁵ Khup Za Go, *A Critical Historical Study of Bible Translations Among the Zo People in North East India* (Churachandr: Chin Baptist Literature Board, 1996), 94.

3.4.3 Motbung Centre Thu'a Boina

KBC kiphudoh'a chu Motbung Mission Centre chu Head Office'a man dinga Association ni chu ana kinopto lhona ahi. Ahin phatchomkhat jouvin lamkai phabepmin Head Office jong Motbung'a kon Imphal'a chonding lungtup ahin neitaove.¹⁸⁶ Achung chona Kuki Christian Council (KCC)¹⁸⁷ ahung kiphudoh chun KBC nei le gou (KBA nei le gou) atamjo chu KCC office Imphal muna tollut ahin, chuleh KBC Accountant jong KCC office muna akikoi tai.¹⁸⁸ Hiche jong hon KBC sunga kihet khelna nasatah aso sah'in, akhona KBA kisuh hing kit lo ahi.

3.4.4 KBC 'a kon NEKBAM Pot

Association teni chu amani chama kigellha'a pan lakhom nadinga KBC anaphudoh lhon ahi. Ijenti'a akigomkhom Association teni khatjoh sangin alung ahin hei kitna ahileh a'member hina akilahdoh theina dinga thaneina bulhing setna anei ahin, hitobang chu ahung sodoh'a ahileh Convention chu kisumang kit tina hija ahi.¹⁸⁹ Phaicham gam thu'a kiboina jehchun NEKBAM'in KBC'a kon a'member hina chu 1965 kumin ana kinung lahdoh kit tan,¹⁹⁰ NEKBAM chu athah'in ana choh hing kittan, MBC'in jong avelin MBA No. 6 hikittan dingin January 5, 1967 kumin recognised abol kit tan ahi.¹⁹¹

3.4.5 Danpi Kisumang/Keh

KBC danpi'a KBC suhmang thei nading article jong apange. Hichu akigomkhom memberho hop thuma hopni'in aphatsah'a ahileh hithei ahi. Ahin danpi'a kipelou lamtah'in NEKBAM chu KBC'a kon apotnin, MBC henga hetpehna ana thumtai. Hiti'a NEKBAM KBC'a kona

¹⁸⁶ Interview with Rev. Letkam Sithou, Pastor Thadou Baptist Association, Motbung on April 17, 2016.

¹⁸⁷ KCC (Kuki Christian Council) chu Christian Literature lampang, adeh'a Labu le Bible kiledohna lampanga pan lakhom nadinga ana kiphudoh ahi. Hiche kiloikhomna'a hin Kuki Houbungo'a kon Denomination jouse: Presbyterian Mission, Halflong, Cachar District, Assam; Baptist Mission, Nagaland, Manipur le Burma; North East India General Mission noiya um KCA (ECA); chule Methodist Mission, Burma ana pangun ahi. Hinlah pao chung change boina jeh chun 'Council' chu August 13, 1966, 12:00 pm 'in President Khupzagou Singson'in akisubei tai tin phondohna ana neitan ahi. (Declaration of the Dissolution of KCC on 13/8/1966, Notification order, circulated by President Khupzagou Singson). Council chu Bible ledohna dingle Labu kibang neina dinga Kuki Houbung jousen "Kuki Christian Council" ti'a ana phudoh'u ahivang chun; April 8, 1979 kumchun Chalva Houbung muna 'Council' chu "Kuki Christian Church" tin ana khelun, Denomination chom khatnin tuni geihin aumdoh tan ahi. Thongkholal Haokip, "Kuki Churches Unification Movements" *Journal of North East India Studies* Vol. 2/1 (July - December 2012), 39.

¹⁸⁸ File No. 1/1/KBA-67 (4).

¹⁸⁹ Sailo, "Mermorandum submitted to the Executive Secretary...", 4.

¹⁹⁰ Haolai'in NEKBAM chun Motbunga kon anei agou 1962 kuma akinung lahdoh kit ahitai tin asunin, (Haolai, *KBC Diary...*, 91); hichu ahileh KBC'a kon NEKBAM kinung chon chu 1961 ahilouleh 1962 kumbul lang hiding ahi. 1965 kumhi official'a apotnao, MBC henga re-recognition athum kumu hiding ahi.

¹⁹¹ Haokip, "Kuki Baptist Centenary...", 10.

apot hin danpi asuhmang/asuhkeh ahitai. KBC'a kon NEKBAM apot tah jeh chun danpi chu amang/akeh tan, Association khat sehseh chun convention chu abolthei ahilou jeh chun, NEKBAM apotna chu KBC chu beija, akidalhaho chu KBA mama'a umkit ahitai.

Chuleh MBC le CBCNEI'in 1971 kumchun Association Number'a kihop chu ahin sumang lhonin, Associationho chu ama ama tribe mincheh pu'a akiminvo thei dingun phalna ahin pelhontan ahileh MBA No. 6 chun T. Wakotphai Baptist Church muna 1971 chun kikhopna aneijun, NEKBAM, MBA No. 6 ti'a kihe chu Chongthu Baptist Association (Ch.BA) tin aminvo taovin ahi.¹⁹²

3.4.6 KBA Kisuhhing kit

KBA suhhing kit ding thu'a kikhopna masapen chu August 2, 1967 kuma ana umi ahi. Hiche nikho'a ki passed resolutionho chu.¹⁹³

Resolution No. 1. KBC chu Christa lenggam chalna dinga dei umtah'a ana kisemdoh ahi. Ana chekhel khapoi, ana kisumo khapoi, NEKBAM to ikigop uva KBC iti maimaiju bou ahi. Kivaipohna ineihou lah'a semphat na jopkit dia dei umpen chu KBA hi ahi.

Resolution No. 2. KBC chu NEKBAM toh kigom'a KBC kisah'a amani kigopna'a kivaipohna dia Constitution kistem ahi. Ahin akinungle kit uva Date 5/1/1967 ni'a MBCC hon Association No. 6 ti'a NEKBAM chu ahinsah kit tahjeh'u chun Constitution akehtan, Constitution ke kiti chu KBC aumtapoi tina ahi. NEKBAM akile tahjeh chun KBA jong achoma umkit ahitai.

Resolution No. 3. April 3, 1964 nikhon KBC lamkai ho MBC office'a acheuvin 250/- agapeuve. Hiche'in avetsah chu KBC chu MBA No. 5 bou hija ahi. KBC chu Convention akiti vanga Associationho to kibanga sim ahin, KBA bouchu KBC kiti maimai bou ahi. Chuleh CBCNEI 'in KBC leh NEKBAM chu chanvou kibangin ahop peh kitnin ahi. Hiche'in avetsah chu: KBC le NEKBAM chu kibang ahi. Polanga Convention ti'a akihet vanga asunga chu Association No. 5 bou hija ahita.

¹⁹² Haokip, "Kuki Baptist Centenary...", 10. Chongthu Baptist Association chu tun Chongthu Baptist Churches Association (CBCA) tin akiminvo tan ahi.

¹⁹³ File No. 1/1/KBA-67, "Continuation of Kuki Baptist Association (Association No. 5), 2/8/67.

Resolution No. 4. KBC le KCC hi lhagao lam kiloikhomna hitalouvin political organisation danin aumdoth tai. Changval lhagao huhhing ding sangin member amoh pun ding adeisah'un, amaho loupina ding jeng angaito taove. Hijeh chun Kipana thupha lhangsap ahitheina dingin Evangelistic Association neilou akhoh tan, hijeh'a chu KBA hi suhging kit dinga pha ahi.

KBA chun avel'in August 22-24, 1967 sungin kikhopna anei kitnun ahi. Kuki Baptist Association, MBA No. 5 aki jopkit tai ti'a phondohna chu noiya hin akitah lange.

(Declaration for the continuation of KBA):

KBA No. 5 jopkit ding kitihhi Christa'a Sopi tamtah'in ana jopvah theihih jongleh Pathen mitmu'a thildih khat ahijeh hintin, Chista lenggam chalna ding dei Houbung phabep, lunggel them Houbung upa chuleh lekha them phabep'in KBA No. 5 jopkit dinghi thudih ahi tin ahin hetaovin, hijeh chun tuni Date 23/8/1967 (vahchanni) nin Pu Henkholem Meeting Chairman'in adei Houbungho thalhengin Pakai Jesu minin KBA No. 5 hi akijop kit'a ahitai tin kaphondoh tai.¹⁹⁴

Gam chungchang thu'a,

KBA No. 5 gam thu'a Motbung mun'a um Centre hi Field Director Pu Mangkho Thomsong B.Th mina ana um ahi. KBA thilkeo ahijeh'in gamchu mikhat mina umlou thei ahilou jeh chun Pu Mangkho Thomsong min'in Patta chu ana umin ahi. Hijeh chun agam chu KBA No. 5 gam ahi. Akijop kit'a pat KBA in alokit ding ahi. KBA No. 5 property ho jouse chu KBA kijop kitna pat ama (KBA) lechan kit ahitai.¹⁹⁵

KBA le NEKBAM chun August 19, 1970 nikhon KBC suhmangna ding leh nei le gou ho chung chang thu'a kikhopna anei kitnun ahi. Hiche nikho'a nei le gou chungchang thu'a kilolna phabepho chu:¹⁹⁶

Resolution No. 4. Achatloh theilou nei le gouho – Gam, Centre Building le adang dang, chuleh achatloh thei nei le gouho – furniture, meivah, machine, papers, documents, Pathen thu hileh leilam thu hile MBA No. 5 leh MBA No. 6 lekhabuho publish kibol leh kibollou - athaneina noi lhona umding jouse chu gamle go ahin building ahin abona MBA No. 5 le MBA No. 6 'in alokit ahitai.

¹⁹⁴ Haolai, *KBC Thuchin Bu...*, 90.

¹⁹⁵ Haolai, *KBC Thuchin Bu...*, 91.

¹⁹⁶ Haolai, *KBC Thuchin Bu...*, 91.

Chuleh Pu T. Lunkim le akiloipi hon jong akhutnuva um KBA le NEKBAM lekhaho jouse ama ama Association cheh'a ahin pehlut dinguva ngehna kinei ahi.¹⁹⁷

Resolution No. 5. Achunga kisei KBA le NEKBAM nei le gouho chungu alam louva hung kikuma ahiloule hinchu'a aumle dan dihlouva chon (unwarranted and illegal) 'a kisim ding ahi.

Hiti'a chu Kuki Baptist Association athah'a kijop/kisuhing kitna, Manipur Baptist Convention'in jong December 15, 1970 nikho'a chu MBC, MBA No. 5 ahina chu apom kit ahitai.¹⁹⁸

Athah'a kijopkit KBA lamkai masapenho chu: President: Hemkholen Sitlhou; Vice President: Ashong Singsit; General Secretary: Thangkhochon Thomsong; Organiser: Jamkhomang Kipgen leh Thangkhopao Sitlhou; Evangelist: Helien Kipgen le Kimpao Singsit; Central Bible Institute: Head Master: Mangkho G.Th, Jangkholun C.Th, Asst. Teacher leh Helien Kipgen Diploma, Asst. Tacher; Clerk: Paokhosem leh Chowkider: Jamkhohao.

Hiche akilhengdoh thahho hin September 1, 1967 nikho'a patna atohpat kitnu ahitai. Chuleh Taloulong kho'a um Pu Luhen chu Aimol Project Evangelist din 1968 kumin appoint ana kibolben ahi.¹⁹⁹

KBA Executive Central Committee dinga August 23, 1967 nikho'a appoint kibolho chu: Henkholen, Asong Singsit, Sokhup, Pastor Keithelmanbi; Thangkhopao, Pastor Motbung; Lunhen, Pastor Taloulong; Letkhoseh, Imphal; Thangkhochon, Imphal; Paokhosem, Motbung; Mangkho Thomsong, Seimang, Head Master; Tongkthothang, Asst. Teacher; Vumkam, Ranger; Helien Kipgen, Youth Promoter; Jammang, Pastor Haipei; chuleh Sehlim, Pastor Zalenphai ahive.²⁰⁰

3.5 KUKI BAPTIST ASSOCIATION MIN KIKHEL

¹⁹⁷ Tongkhojang Lunkim le Mr. S. Thanggeo lamkaina noiya mi le houbung phabepmin KBC chu atuhdet jing nalaijuva achepe jom nalaiju ahi. Chuleh Kuki Christian Council ahung kiphudoh'a T. Lunkim President'a ahung kilhena chu KBA le NEKBAM nei le gou KBC office'a um jouse chu KCC office Imphal muna ana kitol lha'a, KBA le NEKBAM kijop kit nunga jong KCC office muna umden jing nail ahi.

¹⁹⁸ MBC Assembly Resolution No. 6, December 15, 1970.

¹⁹⁹ TBA Diary, 1967-1981 (1981), 1-2.

²⁰⁰ TBA Diary..., 5-7.

Kuki Baptist Association chu Kuki nampi noiya um tribe tampi kigom khoma ana kisema ahi. Manipur sunga Christianity ahung machal chehcheh phat chun tribe jouse ama ama tribe dungjuija Association semthei dingin ahung pilhing gam taovin ahi. Chujongleh KBA sunga chun tribe chungchang thu'a kilungkhat louna jong ana umin; hijehchun phabep'in KBA ana dalhaovin organisation thah aphutdoh'un ahi.²⁰¹ Hitichu akhonna KBA, MBA No. 5 chu Thadouho bou ahung hitai.

Chujongleh hiche phat laitah chun MBC leh CBCNEI 'in jong number dungjuija Association kihop chu ahin sumang lhonin, a tribe min dungjujuva Association akiminvo thei diuvin phalna ahin pelhontan ahi.²⁰² Chumaleh KBA sunga chu Thadouho bou uma ahitah jehchun a tribe'u minpu'a Association semding lung ahin vul taovin ahi. Hijehchun, September 28 – October 1, 1971 sunga Haipi Houbung muna General Assembly'a chun ana seikhomun; September 30, 1971 nikho chun KBA houbungho'a kon thalhenga kikhom member cheng chun lungkhat tah'in Kuki Baptist Association (KBA) chu Thadou Baptist Association (TBA) tin akhel taovin ahi.²⁰³ Rev. Helien Kipgen chu TBA Field secretary masapen dinga lhendoh anahi.²⁰⁴ Kuki Baptist Association, Thadou Baptist Association tia akikhel hi Manipur Baptist Convention of Churches vide Resolution No. 16, Sl. No. 1 of 53rd MBCC Assembly, dated: Imphal, the 3rd December, 1971 chun approve ana boltai.²⁰⁵

²⁰¹ Vaiphei, ed, "Thadou Baptist Association" *The Manipur Baptist Convention...*, 140.

²⁰² Up to this time MBC recognised KBA only as MBA No. 5.

²⁰³ KBA General Assembly Resolution C.C. 7, No. 1 (Sept. 28-Oct.1, 1971); cf. TBA Diary..., 8.

²⁰⁴ Vumthang Sitlhou, "Thadou te lah'a Gospel hunglut le TBAI Thusim Chomcha," *25th Year Anniversary of Thadou Baptist Association – India Souvenir 1971-1996*, edited by TK Siema and Lunkholal Kipgen, (Motbung: TBA Souvenir Committee, 1996), 32.

²⁰⁵ Application written to The General Secretary of CBCNEI, Guwahati, Assam, by Henkholen Sitlhou, Vice President of TBA, No. 10/153RE/70-71 (Dated: Motbung, February 6, 1972), 1.

CHAPTER 4

THADOU BAPTIST ASSOCIATION KHANTOU MACHAL

Thadou Baptist Association hi foreign le agency danga kon kithopina jaolouva amun houbungho panlahna le kithokhomna'a kon achama kivaipo Association ahi. Houbungho jouse chu atam alhom, alet aneo dungjuja kumseh leh tolom kiseumpeh'a, hichu amun Houbunghon Centre office muna ahin thahlut jiu ahi. Hiti'a chu ahinthahlut tengu le hiche sumho chu mangcha'a Association'in kivaipohna atol, bulding le quarterho asah, asunga natongho lhalo apeh, Evangelist le Missionary goina aneija, midang panpi (relief) na'a amanchah'a, hiti'a chu houbung/Association akehletna asuhhatji ahi.

4.1 TBA OBJECTIVES, VISIONS, MISSIONS AND CORE VALUES²⁰⁶

4.1.1 Vision Statement

Thadou Christian jouse Pathen thuleh vahchoina lamma pilhing ding, khopi jouse a Thadou Christian Fellowship Church um ding, jalhang hinkho a thudih leh chamna umding, Pathen thilsem ho ngailut leh jabolla umding, TBA centre hi International Conference, Retreat Centre chuleh Ministry Resource Centre hiding.

4.1.2 Mission Statement

Kikhelna hinpodohthei lamkai phatah semdoh ding, seminar, workshop chule training ho gonding, kiloikhomna jatchom chom hotoh kiguijopna nale pankhomna neiding, NTS khantousah ding, Golden Jubilee masanga Missionary le Evangelist somnga chunglam soldoh ding, Eco-Environment ventup ding, akuldan mipi hetsahding, Association Ministerial resource ho suhpung ding, zalhang hinkho semphatna dingle chamna umnadinga tohgon neiding chule houbung jouse chouna le tilkhouna neija pan lahsah ding.

4.1.3 Core Value

Gunchu le kineosah puma Pathen kin bol

4.1.4 Theme

²⁰⁶ Vumthang Sithou, ed, "Thadou Baptist Association – India, Vision & Mission Statement" *TBA Thuphon*, Vol 1/14 (January-March, 2014), cover page.

Cheuvin Galhangsam leuvin (Mark. 16:15).

4.2 TBA DEPARTMENTHO KIPHUDOH

TBA khantou theina dingin Association'in department chom chom ahongin, department khat cheh chun ama ama departmental Chairman/President, Secretary, Committee/Board member anei cheh'e. Chule Department jouse chun Executive Secretary vetsuina noiya TBA tup le doi molsona dingleh Pathen lenggam natoh machalbe nadinga lamchom choma na atoh uva, chule Finance Secretary'in department jouse sum le pai atuh ahi.

4.2.1 Mission and Evangelism Department

Atil abul chun Mission and Evangelism Department hi General Department noiya ana umin ahi. Association'in Superintendent Pastor phabep akoina bana lhagao mangthai huhdoh dingin Evangelist le Missionary phabep jong ana goijin ahi. Hinlah 1988 kumchun Department thah, Mission and Evangelism Department ana hongdoh'in, Thangkholet Kipgen chu Mission Secretary masapen dinga lhendoh anahi. Thangkholet makaina noiya misson natoh chu 1989 kuma patchun nasatah'a tohpat ahung hitan ahi.²⁰⁷

Hitichun Mission Department'in houbungho'a crusade le revival campho bol ahinbol peh'un, India gamsung: Manipur, Tripura, Assam, chule Andhra-Pradesh, chuleh foreign gam: Nepal le Myanmar'a jong Missionary le Evangelist ahin soldoh pantan ahi. 56th General Assembly Mission Report dungjujin tule tu hin TBA Mission & Evangelism Department'in Evangelist le Missionary agomin 38 agoijin ahi.²⁰⁸

4.2.2 Women Department

Thadou Baptist Association Women Society (TBAWS) ti'a kihe Women Department hi KBA khanglaija hung kibilphu pana ahitai. KBA Women Society meeting masapen chu February 23-26, 1968 sunga Motbung Baptist Church muna ana umin, Women Secretary masapen din Rev. Thangjalhun lhendoh anahi. Hinlah Thangjalhun chun phat chomcha (1/3/68 - 10/12/68) sungbou ana tonge."²⁰⁹ Kim Vaiphei'in, "TBAWS hi 1970 kuma ana kiphudoh ahin, Women Fellowship masapen chu Lhingkhonei Simte lamkaina noiya

²⁰⁷ Vaiphei, ed, "Thadou Baptist Association" *The Manipur Baptist Convention...*, 141.

²⁰⁸ S.M. Hao, *Annual Report of Mission Department TBA-I, during the 56th Annual General Assembly 2015-2016 at Keithelmanbi Baptist Church* (9-12 February, 2016), 3-4.

²⁰⁹ TBA Diary..., 4.

Bolsang Baptist Church muna 1971 kumchun ana ume” tin asunin ahi.²¹⁰ Alangkhatna Nengnou’in “TBAWS hi Pathen lenggam khantouna dingleh tahsa le lhagaova kipum khatna dinga December 16, 1971 nikho’a anakiphudoh ahin, hinlah Women Assembly masapen chu 1969 kum, KBA inahi laijuva chun ana kibol ahitai” tin asunin ahi.²¹¹ Hiche’in avetsah chu TBAWS hi 1968 kuma ana kibulphu pana, Assembly masapen chu 1969 kuma anaum, 1970 kuma hung kisudetna, chuleh 1971 kuma KBA chu TBA’a ahung kikhel tolhona TBAWS ti’a hung kiminvo’a, December 16 hi Foundation Day nikho’a amanu ahi.

Akiphudoh nikho’a patnin Women Society hin houbung khantou nadingleh Mission natoh machalna dingleh lhagao mangthai huhdohna dingin An-ngol taona, Bible Camps, Leadership training, Seminar, Conference le Crusade ahin bolpeh’in ahi. Atil cun Bible College student jong ana sponsore jin ahi. Women Society hin chapang hinkho akhohsah’in, 1997 kuma Child Evangelism Department (CED) kiphudoh masanga pat chun Child Evangelist agoijin, chapangho lah’a Bible Camp anabol jingin, chuleh kumsim kumseh’in jong nao chagaho kithopina anei jingin ahi. Chuleh lhagao mangthai huhdohna dingin Manipur, Nepal le Myanmar gama Missionary le Evangelist tanglouvin sponsore abol jingin, tu le tu hin jong Myamnar gama Missionary ni a sponsore’in ahi.

TBAWS hi Association dinga jong akhut jetlam tobang ahin, Office’a dingin jong nei le gou tampi alamdoh’in, chuleh Women Quarter le Girl’s Hostel kisah hin Mission Compound ajem hoijin ahi. Conference nukhah pen chu January 28 - February 1, 2016 sunga L.S. Play Ground, Motbung muna ana mangun ahi.²¹²

4.2.3 Youth Department

Baptist Youth Fellowship (BYF) ti’a kiminvo Youth Department hi Department tum’a ahung kivaipoh masangu chun “Christian Endeavour” (C.E.) tin ana kihen ahi. Khangdongho hi khonung Association le nampi lamkai le khompi ding ahiuve ti anamu masat’utoh lhonin May 22, 1971 nikhon Dongkho, Mangkho, Vumkam chule Vumkhohen lamkaina noiya Centre Office, Motbung muna khangdong mi 25 ‘in kikhopna ana neijun

²¹⁰ Vaiphei, ed, “Thadou Baptist Association” *The Manipur Baptist Convention...*, 141.

²¹¹ Nengnou Simte, “A Brief History of TBA Women Society,” *The 4th Thadou Baptist Association – India, Women Society Conference - 2008 Souvenir*, edited by Paocha Lhouvum (Motbung: TBA Women Society, 2008), 1.

²¹² Simte, “A Brief History of TBA Women Society...”, 1-2; cf. Vaiphei, ed, “Thadou Baptist Association” *The Manipur Baptist Convention...*, 141. Nengnou Simte, *Annual Report of Women Society, TBA, during the 56th Annual General Assembly 2015-2016 at Keithelmanbi Baptist Church* (9-12 February, 2016), 2-3.

ahi. Kikhopna chu KBA Field Secretary Helien Kipgen le Lamsiem Chairman le Recording Secretary hina noiya ana kibolin, hiche nikho mama chun Kuki Baptist Youth Fellowship (KBYF) chu ana kiphudoh'in ahi. KBA chu TBA ti'a September 30, 1971 kuma ahung kikhel to lhon chun KBYF jong chu TBAYF tin ahung kikhel'in,²¹³ khonungin TBAYF chu TBAYF tin ahung kikheltai. Youth Department lamkai masapenho chu: Lamsiem, President; Lalsat Sitlhou, Vice President; Sehchon, Secretary chuleh Hemdou, Treasurer ahiuve.²¹⁴

TBAYF'in kumseh'a achepi natoh phabep hochu: Seminar, Music (tonic solfa and staff notation) training, Song practices, Leadership Training, Youth Prayer Fellowship (YPF) ahi. Chuleh kum ni kum thum danin jong khangdongho lhagao le tahsa kisuh hal nadingin Youth Camp, Conferences chule Gospel Olympics aboljin ahi. TBAYF hin athah beh'in mission natohna lama pohnatna ahin neiin, 2016 Assembly'a pat chun Missionary ahin sponsore panin, tule tuhin Myanmar gama Missionary khat agoijin ahi.²¹⁵ Khangdonghohi Association dinga lal lukhuh ahiuvin, adeh'in lasah lampanga Association adomsang lneh'un ahi. Manipur Baptist Convention Conference la kitetna jouse'a TBAYF hi ahung chungnung peh'in, akhatna ahilou jongleh anina leh athumna beh ahung hijingin ahi. Neile gou lampanga jong TBA hatah'in akithopin, Keyboard, Computer, Sound system, Youth Office le Youth Quarter hohin Office le compound ajemhoi lneh'in ahi.

4.2.4 Education Department

Houbung mite Pathen thu hetna lama khantousah'a Christian Education Department hi 1965 kuma ana kiphudoh ahin, Department Secretary masapen chu Helien Kipgen anahi.²¹⁶ Hiche Department hin chapang neocha'apat tehse geijin Sunday School'a ajil ding lekhabu tampi asemboh'in, ahomboh'in ahi. Pathen thu hetna goh hilouvin leilam hetna jong akhohsah jeh'in Christian Education Board of CBCNEI leh Board of Secondary Education Manipur (BSEM) affiliation noiya Baptist English High School hi 1984 kuma Association campus sunga ana phudoh'in ahi. Ngulhao Theological Seminary (NTS) jonghi Education Department vetsuina noiya uma anahin, tunvang autonomous ahitai.

²¹³ Paotinal Lhouvum, "A Brief History of Thadou Baptist Association Youth Fellowship" *The VI Youth Triennial Conference – 2005 Souvenir*, Edited by Kaingul Sitlhou (Motbung: TBAYF, 2005), 12.

²¹⁴ Vaiphei, ed, "Thadou Baptist Association" *The Manipur Baptist Convention...*, 141.

²¹⁵ Lhouvum, "A Brief History of Thadou Baptist Association...", 13-14, cf. Kaigoulun, *Annual Report of Youth Society, TBA, during the 56th Annual General Assembly 2015-2016 at Keithelmanbi Baptist Church* (9-12 February, 2016), 1-4.

²¹⁶ Interview with Rev. Vumthang Sitlhou and Rev. Lunlal Kipgen at TBA Centre on May 21, 2016.

Christian Education Board'in anatoch hi Karbi-Anglong, Assam, leh Myanmar geijin akeh lenin ahi. Pathen thu lama khantoube nadingin Education Board'in Sunday School Training, Pastors Training chule Seminar dang dang jong kumseh'in agong jingin ahi.²¹⁷ Sunday School goh hilouvin Houbung mihon Pathen thu ahetbena dingun Education Department hin kumsehle Bible Quiz abol jingin, kipaman hoitahtah jong ahomdoh jin ahi.

4.2.5 Child Evangelism Department

Child Evangelism Department (CED) kiphudoh masang chun chapangho tahsa le lhagaohi Nuten ana mopoh'un, Child Evangelist ana goijun, chapang camp Houbung tina ana bol jiuvin ahi. Chapangho dinga Department tum neilou akhoh to dungjuijin 21st TBA General Assembly December 15, 1997 chun Department thah – Child Evangelism Department hi ana hongdoh'in ahi. CED Executive member masapenho chu: SK. Thanglenmang (President), SL. Tonglen, Ngahnu chule Hatnu ahiuvin,²¹⁸ CED Annual Report masapenho chu CED Secretary masapenho Hoineichong'in TBA General Assembly 1998 kuma anapenho ahi.²¹⁹

CED natoh thupiho chu: Houbung tina chapangho dinga Bible Camp bol; la, music, lam, choreography, Bible thu, Bible actions leh adang dang hil ahi. Kumseh leh CED Day of Competition aboljin, Houbung tina CED ho ahung khom jiuvin lamchom choma kitetna anejiuvin ahi. Chuleh CED Executiveho leh houbung tin'a CED lamkaihon kumseh leh nivei thumvei an-ngol taokhomna jong anei jiuvin ahi.

4.3 TBA AREA KIHOPKHEN

Atil'a chu Association pumpi hin Superintendent Pastor ti'a Pastor phabep ana koija amaho chun Houbung jouse achot uva, kintheng ana toh jiu ahi. Hinlah phat ahung che dungjuijin TBA doi le tup, Vision le Mission molso'a aumna dingleh kivaipoh achetoh theina dingin Association'in Houbung hi Gambih (Area)'a ahin homkhen tan ahi. Chuleh TBA hi Houbung tamtah kiloikhomna, ahi'a Houbung tamjo hi Houbung neo ahijeh'a Association'in Houbung jouse'a Ordain Pastor akoipeh joulou jehchun gambih jouse'a hin kintheng tongding Ordain Pastor khatcheh akoi peh'in ahi. Houbung jousen ama ama houbung cheh Head Deacon anei cheh uva, amaho chun Houbung Pathen thu

²¹⁷ Vaiphei, ed, "Thadou Baptist Association" *The Manipur Baptist Convention...*, 141.

²¹⁸ The 21st Thadou Baptist Association - India, Annual General Assembly 1997 Resolution No. 25/VI.

²¹⁹ The 22nd Thadou Baptist Association - India, Annual General Assembly 1998, CED Report (3/V).

le la lama alamkaijuva, Pastorpa umlou teng kintheng phabep (naosen lhandoh, inlut, thivui) jong aboljiu ahi.

Tule tu hin TBA hi Gambih sagi'a akihom khenin ahi. Hicheho chu: Twilang Gambih, Keithelmanbi Gambih, Twipajang Gambih, K. Geljang Gambih, Motbung Gambih, Churachanpur Gambih and Jiribam Gambih ahi. Chuleh Association hin Centre Church (C/C) gup jong aneijin ahi. Hicheho chu: Kangpokpi C/C, Moreh C/C, Churachandpur C/C, Leimakhong C/C/, Monglenphai C/C, and Imphal C/C ahi. Hinlah vangset umtah'in Churachandpur C/C le Leimakhong C/C hi aumtapoi.

CHAPTER – 5

THADOU BAPTIST ASSOCIATION NATOH DOHHO (TBA's Contribution)

Thadou Baptist Association hi Thadoute lah'a dinga Association neopen khat ahi. Association dangho toh te dingin Member jong lhomcha aneijin, sumle pai lampanga jong lhasamtah ahi. Hinlah nampi dinga thilphachom tohdohna lampang leh Missionary natohna lama vang Association dangho sangin anoinungpon ahi. Amavang nampi dinga antoh thupi tahtahho chu koima hetdoh'in aumpon ahi. Hijeh'a chu hiche simmun hi TBA'in Thadou nampi dinga thilphachom atohdohho tahlahna dinga kisun ahi.

5.1 NAMKHANKHO LE SUMLEPAI LAMA ANATOH (Socio-economic contribution)

TBA hi amatah jong sumlepai neilelam'a ninglhing leltah ahijeng vangin ngailutna jal'in genthei kithopinan akhut alhang jingin, nampi huhbitna dingin pan ala jingin ahi. Nampi khantouna dinga anatoh phabep noiya ahung kitah langin ahi.

5.1.1 Thadou Tribe Anahuhbit

Thadoute dinga TBA natohdoh lenpen chu Thadou tribe huhbit ahi. Phatseh'in Thadou le Kuki thu'a kihetkhelna ana um jingin ahi. Tribe tampi'in kikhaina'a anei nampi min Kuki chu tribe khat maimai dana kimkhatnin ahin heidoh uva, Government henga recognition adeluva chun kihetkhelna apunsah'in ahi. Nam tampin kigopkhomna anei Kuki chu tribe maimai soding ahung kiti tolhon chun Kuki tribe pomhon hunamin Thadou pao le Thadou chon le khan jouse chu Kuki pao le Kuki chon le khan'in ahin heidoh go taovin ahi. Chujongle Kuki mina kiloikhomna chomchom, (religious, political, social le student organization), tampi ahung kiphutdoh'in, Kuki chu ahung machal l'eh'in; hinlah Thadou minpu'a kiloikhomna khatbou ana umin, hichu Thadou Baptist Association ahi. Achungchona Thadoute ana lungmol jeh'un Thadou Gal (1917-1919) jengjong chu Kuki anapom lekha them masahon Kuki Rebellion tin aheidoh'un, Thadou nam jengjong suhmangin ana um deh'in ahi.

Hitobang tijat umtah dinmuna Thadou aumlaitah chun tahsalam thu'a kiloikhomna ahilouvengin TBA hin Thadou min, Thadou chon le khan, Thadou identity nasatah'in ana vengin ana huhbitnin ahi.

5.1.2 Kithopina Natoh (Relief Programme)

TBA hi anam miten hahsat gentheina mohvet thim Association ahipoi. Phat tinin genthei hahsahho kithopinan akhut alhang jingin ahi. Amiten gal le tol, hi le gao jeh'a gimna atolaijuva TBA 'in kithopina na atoh phabeh noiya akitaht langin ahi.

5.1.2.1 Kuki-Naga Gal Laija Anatoh

Thadouten ana kimaitopiu gal le tol tampi lah'a Kuki-Naga gal (1992-1995) chun manna lenpen ana lhutnin ahi. Hiche gal chu Thadou-Kuki ten ana satnu gal jouse lah'a dinga asotpen le mun lojao pen ahi. Northeast India gamsung state thum (Manipur, Nagaland, Assam) ana hopmin; 1992 kuma ana kipanin, 1993-1994 sunga akhohse dehsetnin, 1995 geijin achejom peh'in, 1996-1997 langa ijakai angaina bang ahung hibepmin ahi. Hiche gal'a chun Mi sang valin ahinna ana chan'in, asanga sim in ana kihal lhan, mi sangsom sangja lhuna, gena, touna ding neilouvin ana umin, gammontah le gamhoitahtah dalhah'in ana umin ahi.²²⁰ Chuleh hiche gal chun TBA jeng jong nasatah'in ana sukhan, TBA Houbung/kho 20 val ana kihalhan ahi.²²¹

Hitobanga amiten hahsatna ato laitah'u chun TBA 'injong abolthei sunning a'in le lou hindalha'a hung galjam hahsa gentheiho kithopina na anatongin ahi. Lhunna gena, neh le don, sil le chen ho'a akithopi nabana India sung le foreign gama kithopina anaholin, gampama kona sum le pai kithopina hungcho chu mangchan, sihnei langneina umlouvin TBA centre muna konin kithopina ana hom jalin ahi.

5.1.2.2 Toset (Natural Calamities) Tohho Kithopina

TBA 'in kumseh le a budgetna relief fund aneijin, hiche relief fund leh contingency mangchan aphot dungjuijin accident/natural calamity jeh'a toset tohho akithopi jingin ahi. Relief programmes tampi lah'a neilam pena gah minphah theiho chu: Chandel district sunga um Joumol kho mun'in akai jeh'a mi 20 mollemna chung leh Myanmar gama twisanglet jeh'a toset tohho kithopina'a Compassion Manipur to kitho'a September 11, 2015 nikho lakh li val senga neh le chah, sil le chen, nei le gou, lou le ai ja Chakpikarong, Pallel le Khengjol sub-division ho'a ahopdoh;²²² chuleh January 4, 2016 nikho'a Manipur ling kiho jeh'a toset tohho kithopinan Centre office muna konin neh le chah le adang dang ahopdoh chu ahi.²²³

²²⁰ Thangkholal Haokip, "The Kuki-Naga Conflict in the Light of Recent Publications" *South Asia Research* Vol. 33/1(2013), 78.

²²¹ Vumthang Sithou, "Thadou te lah'a Gospel...", 32.

²²² Vumthang Sithou, ed, "Thu Chomchom" *TBA Thuphon*, Vol V/17 (September, 2016), 15. cf Vumthang Sithou, *Annual Report of General Department TBA-I, during the 56th Annual General Assembly 2015-2016 at Keithelmanbi Baptist Church* (9-12 February, 2016), 2.

²²³ Vumthang Sithou, ed, "Thu Chomchom" *TBA Thuphon*, Vol VI/01 (January - March, 2016), 5

5.1.2.3 Chagaho Kithopina

Chagaho kithopina natoh hi ahung kiphudoh uva patna TBAWS'in ahin chepi jingu natoh khat ahi. A budget uva relief fund aneina banuvah houbung tin'a nute jousen kumseh leh nei le gou, sum le pai atohkhom jiuvin; hichu kumlhun teng relief fund to agomkhomun, Women Executive memberhon orphanage home khat pen pena chagaho kithopina aga pe jiuvin ahi.²²⁴ Atil'a chu TBAWS'in Kuki Women Organisation'in aphudoh, Churachandpur'a um "Sangamuan Inn" bou ana kithopi jiu ahin, hinlah tunvang anatoh'u akeh len'un, Manipur le Myanmar gamsunga Thadoute lah'a um orphanage home dang dangho jong kithopina anei taovin ahi.²²⁵ Nei le gou, neh le don'a akithopina banuva chagate alhamonno, atilkhounao, ataopehnao, chuleh nu le cha kiguijopna afeh'u hin TBAWS hi 'nu' neilou chaga tamtah dingin 'nu' aso'in ahi.

5.2 HETNA LE LEKHA LAMA ANATOH (Contribution towards Education and Literature)

TBA hin lekhasim nalam, tahsa le lhagao/Pathen thu hetna lama amite din na lentah atongin ahi. Ngulhao'in 1927 kuma anasut "Thadou Lekhabul/Ngulhao Lekhabul" jeng jong TBA contribution tithei ahi. Hiche Lekhabul'a kona hi Thadouten lekha sut je le simje ahin het pan'u ahi.

5.2.1 Education Lam'a Anatoh (TBA Institutions)

Noija kitahlang institution teni hi atil'a chu Education Department noina ana umlhon ahin, tunvang ani'a autonomous ahitai.

5.2.1.1 Baptist English High School

Tule tu'a TBA compound sunga um Baptist English High School (BEHS) hi atila chu Baby School ana kiti ahi. Hiche school hi 1967 kuma Thangkhochon Thomsong'in TBA compound pam lama ana phudoh ahin, private property anahi. Head Master (Superintendent) masapen chu Kurian Thomas ahin, amapa hi Hindustan Bible Institute, Madras (Chennai) 'a kona hunga ahi.²²⁶ 1970 kumin Baby School chu kehletnin ana umin, Bolsang kho'a Branch school

²²⁴ Nengnou Simte, "A Brief History of TBA Women Society...", 1.

²²⁵ Nengnou Simte, *Annual Report of Women Department TBA-I, during the 56th Annual General Assembly 2015-2016 at Keithelmanbi Baptist Church (9-12 February, 2016)*, 3.

²²⁶ Baby School, Salem Compound, Motbung; Appointment Orders No. 1/4/BS-68, Date 1-2-1969.

anahongin, Bolsang Baby School'a oja dinga appoint ana kibolho chu P.J. Mathai, Th. Neishi leh Lieni Kurian ahiuve.²²⁷ Kum 1980 geichun Baby School ana kitin ahi.

Pakai kum 1981 chun anaphutdoh'a Thangkhochon'in Baby School, Motbung chu TBA henga manlhom chan anapedoh tan ahi. Hiche'a kon chun Baby School chu TBA property ahung hi panin, School jeng jong chu TBA compound sunga chonlut ahung hitai. Hiche phat lai ja Head Master chu Sehlun Haolai ahin, School chu Class VIII gei ana umin ahi.

School chu 1984 kumin athah beh'a suhdet ahung hin, amin jengjong Baby School'a konin Baptist English High School (BEHS) tin ahung kikhel tai. BEHS dinga Head Mistress masapen chu NI. Phalkho ahi. 1989 kuma patchun Board of Secondary Education, Manipur'in recognised hina noi ja Class X gei simna thei ahung hitan ahi. Kum 2000 geichun BEHS hi Motbung kimvel lah'a dinga Class X gei simna thei private school umsun chu anahi.

Baptist English High School chu kehlet ahunghin, 1990 kumin Thenjang vangkho'a Baptist School hondoh anahi. Baptist English School Thenjang hi aumjing nalaijin, hinlah TBA vetsuina noi ja um talouvin, Thenjang Houbung vetsuina noi joh'a aumtai. TBA 'in Baptist School Branch khat jong Songpijang kho'a 1991 kumchun anahong doh'in,²²⁸ chuleh 1992 kumchun jong Harup kho'a jong Branch School ana hongin ahi.²²⁹ Hinlah vangset umtah'in Kuki-Naga gal jeh'in Songpijang le Harup Baptist School chu suhmangin aum paitan ahi. Mi asang aja'a sim BEHS le Baptist School Branch ho'a konhin ahung seilenun, tu le tu hin nampi ajem hoijun, Government natong, hou lhacha, chule nam natongin apangun ahi.

5.2.1.2 Ngulhao Theological Seminary

Pu. Ngulhao Thomsong mina kiminvo Ngulhao Theological Seminary (NTS) hi Ngulhao Memorial Bible School (NMBS) ti'a 1958 kuma Phaicham muna ana kiphudoh'a,²³⁰ 1961 kuma chu KBA Centre Motbung muna ana kichon lutna ahi.²³¹ Thadou paova Pathen thu jilna Bible School hi MBC le CNCNEI'in recognised anabol ahi. Theology lampanga hetna akhantouva, student hon jong mi dungchan aphah theina diuvin Ngulhao Memorial Bible

²²⁷ Baby School, Bolsang Branch; Appointment Orders No. 1/4/BS-68, Date 25-3-1970.

²²⁸ Interview with Rev. Lunkholal Kipgen, Finance Secretary TBA, on May 23, 2016.

²²⁹ The 33rd TBA General Assembly 11-13 December, 1992, Resolution No. 21.

²³⁰ D. Lhouvum, "NTS Background" *Ngulhao Theological Seminary Bulletin* Vol 5 (July, 2003), 1.

²³¹ Interview with Kaithang Singsit, Principal NTS, on May 23, 2016. NEKBAM'in NMBS Phaicham'a kona Motbunga akichon jeh'a KBC adalha chu 1965 kum ahi akiti. Hichu ahileh NMBS Phaichama kona Motbung ahung kichon hi 1963/1964 jong gahi maithei ahi.

School chu ahung kisu pilhingin, 1998 kumchun Ngulhao Theological Seminary (NTS) tin ahung kikhel tan ahi.²³²

NTS Vision ahileh “To impart the word of God to willing Christian men and women, and make them apply to transform the Church and society spiritually” ahin; Motto: “Evangelization of South Asia” ahin; chule Theme: “Entrust to reliable people (2 Tim. 2:2)” ahi.²³³

Akiphudoh til chun NTS’in kum ni sung lutnin Certificate of Theology (C.Th) anapen ahi. Seminary ti’a ahung kidopsang to lhonin 1998 kuma konchun Graduate of Theology (G.Th) jong ahin pe pantan ahi. 2013 kuma pat chun C.Th chu ahung kusumangin, Bachelor of Ministry (B.Min) joh ahung kikoijin, course jong kum ni’a konin kum thumin suhsao ahunghitai. 2015 kuma pat English paova simding Bachelor of Theology (B.Th) jong ahung kikoipan tan ahi. Gamdanga Bible sim dinga chejoulohuo, a’insungmi dalha theilou ho, secular degree neilouho dinga NTS hi Pathen thu hetna le lhagamlam khantouna dinga kichuhna phatah chu ahi.

5.2.2 Christian Literature Lampanga TBA Natoh

Ngulhao Thomsong chu Thadou secular le Christian literature pa (pioneer) ahi. “Thadou Lekhabul” ana sut goh hilouvin Ngulhao chun lekhabu dang le la tampi jong anasunin, ana ledoh’in ahi. Ana ledoh lekhabu ho chu “Pathen La” (1922), “Thukidong le Kidondonbut” (1924), “Pathen Thu” (1925), “John Sut Kipana Thupha” (1925), “Lung Phatvet” (1930), “Rome Mite Henga Paul Lekhathot” (1933) chuleh “Thulhun Thah” (1942) ahi.²³⁴ Ngulhao toh bangkhai jouse chu TBA in ahin lajom paijin, noiya hin Christiante lekhabu lampanga TBA’in nampi dinga anatoh ho ahung kitah langin ahi.

5.2.2.1 Thadou Bible (Text)

Thadou Kuki New Testament masapen chu Ngulhao Thomsong’in Dr. and Mrs. Crozier kithopina’a analedoh’a, British and Foreign Bible Society phalna noiya 1942 kuma ana ki release ahi. Hiche masang jong chun Ngulhao’in analedoh Gospel Luke, Gospel John chuleh Solchahte Thilbol chu lekhabu’a ana kisemin 1926 kumchun ana ki homdoh’in ahi.²³⁵

²³² Ngulhao Theological Seminary, Prospectus (2000), 1.

²³³ Ngulhao Theological Seminary, Prospectus (2015), 5.

²³⁴ Seikhohao Kipgen, *Thadou-Kuki Literature Khantou Machal - A Brief History of Thadou-Kuki Literature* (Imphal: Thadou Kuki Literature Society (TKLS), 2011), 3.

²³⁵ Zeliang, *History of Christianity...*, 123.

Ngulhao'in Bible min hi "New Testament in Thadou" bou ti'a print ding anati ahin, hinlah Thadou hi Kuki sunga dinga tribe khat bou ahia, Thadou pao hi Kukiho jousen jong ana tho theija chuleh Kuki sunga dinga jong Bible kiledoh masapen, Kuki sunga tribe dang jousen jong achoiding ahijeh'a Mrs. Crozier'in "Thadou Kuki" joh tiding ahi atito lhona Thadou Kuki joh ana kiti ahi.²³⁶ November 1, 1944 kuma ahung kiphudoh'a pat Bible Society of India (BSI)'in Thadou Kuki NT tadoh leh hopdoh hi ana mopopan tan ahi. Thadou Kuki New Testament hi Mid-Mission'in revised anabolin kum 1950-51 chun avelin ana ki print kitnin ahi.²³⁷ BSI tilouvin jong TBA'in Trinitarian Bible Society (TBS) toh kiguijopna ana neijin, hijehchun Bible Society Auxiliary Branch of Trinitarian Bible Society chu Motbung'a ana kihongin ahi. BSI kithopinan Thadou NT chu Thangkhochoon Thomsong'in 1973 kumchun review anabolthah kitnin, hichu August 4, 1974 nikhon ana ki released'in ahi.²³⁸

TBA President masapen Tonkthothang Kipgen'in President dinmun ahintuh masanga pat alungtup lenpen chu Thadou Holy Bible neidoh dinghi anahi. Hichu molso ahitheina dingleh Ngulhao'in anale bangkhai Thadou Holy Bible chu suhjom ahi theina din "Thadou Bible project – Thadou Christian Literature Society" chu 1969 kumin ana kiphudoh'in ahi. Hiti chun Bible them, Thadou pao, chondan, khandan them, chuleh Pathen natohna lama kipe mi phabep²³⁹ min Holy Bible anale panun, 1976 kumin ana ledoh chai taovin ahi.²⁴⁰

Hinlah vangset umtah'in Thadou le Kuki kah'a kihet khelna chu BSI'in ana hethempon, hijeh chun Thadou Holy Bible print ding chu ana nom tapon ahi. Hijehchun TBA le BSI kiguijopna chu anatan tan ahi. Achung chona TBA le TBS kiguijopna jong ana mahthah tan ahi. Kum sottah nung 2002 kumin TBA le BSI kah'a kihet themlouna chu ahung kisei toh'in, Thadou Kuki Holy Bible tadoh ding thu chu ahung kisujom kit bepmin ahi. Hitichun ana kiledoh Bible chu November 25 to December 5, 2007 sunga Shillong BSI Office muna vetchil ahin,

²³⁶ N.J. Nelson, "Dr. le Pi. G.G. Crozier Hinkho Thusim Lahchom – Brief History of Dr. and Mrs. G.G. Crozier" *55th Anniversary of the New Testament Bible in Thadou Kuki 1942-1997 Souvenir*, edited by S.N. Gangte (Motbung: TBA, 1997), 4.

²³⁷ Kangpokpi Field Report for 1950-51. *CBCA*, 1950-51, 51, quoted from Zeliang, *History of Christianity...*, 159.

²³⁸ Helien Kipgen Personal Diary, 1974.

²³⁹ They are: Mangkho Thomsong (chief translator), S.L. Palal, Helien Kipgen, SL Palhou, Vumkam Kipgen, Letkhoseh Kipgen, Songkhohao Kipgen, thangpu Kipgen, Dr. Dongkho Singson, Seikholam, Vumthang Sitlhou, Satjasei, SL Dujang and Thangkholet Kipgen.

²⁴⁰ Letter to Rev. Zaihmingthanga, Associate Director (Translation) BSI, Shillong on February 9, 2008 (No. 115/TBA:BSI(T)04-08), by Rev. Thangkholet Kipgen, Executive Secretary TBA, 1-2.

hichu avela revised bolkit dinga thupeh ahito lhonin Revision Committee²⁴¹ lhendoh ahin, amaho chun akiledohsa Thadou Kuki Holy Bible chu avelin revised abol kitnun ahi.²⁴²

BSI'in published abol Thadou Kuki Holy Bible masapen chu December 13, 2008 Thadou Christian Centenary Celebration laitah'a thenso ahi. Copy 2000 ki print ahin, anikho mama'a atamjoh johbei ahitai.

Vangset umtah'in Bible kiledoh chu spelling dihlo leh thucheng kiledihlou tamtah ana um khatan ahi. Bible ki print sa khat chu kum nga masanga revise kibol theilou ahijeh chu, suhdih gangchela athah'a print bolkit ding chu BSI dan toh akitoh tapon, hijehchun Thadou Kuki Holy Bible chu avelin print ana kibol kit tapon ahi. Hitichun kum nga nung February 28, 2014 nikho'a pansan Theological student phabepmin²⁴³ revision natoh chu ahin pan kit'un ahi. Hiche revise kibol Thadou Holy Bible chu September 11, 2016 nikhon Motbung Baptist Church muna ana kithenso kittan ahi.

Chukahlah chun Trinitarian Bible Society, London, toh kiguijopna jong athah'in ahung kisuhing kittan ahi. TBS thupeh dungjuijin Thadou New Testament chu athah'in revise ahung kibol kitnin, hiche revise kibol Thadou NT (Kuki jao talou) chu TBS'in copy 10,000 print abolun, November 24, 2014 nikhon Motbung Baptist Church muna ana kithenson ahi. TBS'in manbeija ata NT Bible chu TBA'in jong manbeijin ana homdoh'in ahi.

5.2.2.2 Thadou Audio Bible

Tehse, khomulou, lekha simtheilou le simmanlouho khohsahna jalin TBA'in Audio Bible neiding ahin khohsah tan ahi. BSI phasahna dungjuijin Audio Bible Recording chu Shillong muna September 19 - October 5, 2015 sungin ana kibolin;²⁴⁴ proof listening chu Keithelmanbi Houin muna October 17-30, 2016 sungin ana kibolin, December 21-22, 2015 le January 18-24, 2016 sunga Imphal muna adihlouho suhdihna (re-recording) ana kibolin ahi.²⁴⁵ Thadou Audio Bible chu jat thuma (SD Card, CD and Solar Device MP3) akibolin,

²⁴¹ Committee hochu: Seikholam Sitlhou, Vumthang Sitlhou, Thangkholet Kipgen, Sholun Haokip, Thanga Singson, SL Paocha, Nengneihing Simte, SL Haokhomang etc. ahiuve. Letter to Rev. Zaihmingthanga..., 3.

²⁴² Thadou Kuki Holy Bible kile hi Original language'a kon hilouva King James Version kile ahi.

²⁴³ Amaho chu: Rev. Vumthang Sitlhou, Paominlen Kipgen, Kaithang Singsit, Paogoulen Lhouvum ahiuve.

²⁴⁴ Recording bolho chu: Khupthang, Thangkai, Paogin, Robert, Tintin, Sesei, Henminthang, Kaigoulun, Seijang, SM Haopu, Paominlen Lhouvum, Paogoulen, Nehminlen, Lunneo, Kaithang, Nengnou, Boinu, Lhilhing, Tintin ahiuve.

²⁴⁵ S.M. Haopu, *Annual Report of Mission Department, TBA-I, during the 56th Annual General Assembly 2015-2016 at Keithelmanbi Baptist Church* (9-12 February, 2016), 1.

agomin copy 7500 akisemin, December 3, 2016 nikhon Keithelmanbi Baptist Church muna ana kithenso tan ahi. Tunikho hin mi sangtamta Bible simtheilou le simmanlou hon nakol'a ngaitho'in Pathen thu angaito thei taovin ahi.

5.2.2.3 Christian Labu (Christian Hymn-book)

Thadou paova Labu hi 1917 kuma ana kipan ahitai. Pettigrew'in 1917 kuma "Kipana thupha hi thinglhang gasunga athu le la'a phonjal ahitheina dingin Thadou paova labu akisemin, tuhin tadoh dingin press'a aume" tin report ana pen ahi.²⁴⁶ Avel'in Pettigrew'in 1922 kuma chun "Pao chom chom thum – Tangkhul, Manipuri chule Thadou paova ana kitatdoh labuho chu akisulen'in, revise akibol'in, tuhin tadoh dingin press'a akipetai" tin report ana pekitnin ahi.²⁴⁷ Vumthang'in alekhasut na'a, "Ngulhao'in Thadou Christian dangho toh kitho'in la ana ledoh'in, labu'a ana gongin, ala ho noiya chun asemho min achonsah cheh'in ahi. Chule hiche labu chu William Pettigrew'in Mission School Libraries, Ukhrul le Kangpokpi, Manipur, muna 1922 kumin published anabole" tin ana sune.²⁴⁸ Amavang hiche labu chu la themkhat bou kichop khomna ahi nalaije.

Kum 1925-1926 sung chun Thadou Christian lamkai phabepmin labu lenjep nei ding lung ahinvul taovin ahi. Hijeh chun lamkai phabep – Ngulhao, Seikholet, Longkhobel, Helkhup, Pakho chule Theba'n Ngulhao le Pettigrew'in anaboldoh labu'a belap dingin labu dangdanga konin ahin chomkhom pan taovin ahi. Hiti'a ahin chopkhomu laho chu labu khatna ahung kigong doh'in, Christian Labu tin anaminvo'un ahi. 1946 kumin Lunneh, Palal le Thangkai'in Christian labu'a chun la phabep ana belap kitnun ahi.²⁴⁹ Hitichun Labu chu ahung kikeh lenin, ahung kiseumho tou peh'in, Christian Labu with Tonic Solfa (revised and enlarge edition) nunungpen'a chu December 23, 2015 nikhon ana kithenson ahi. Hiche labu'a chun La 557 alhing tan ahi.²⁵⁰ Hiche labu hi alhangpi'a Houin kaipetle Pathen vahchoina akimangin ahi.

²⁴⁶ *ABFMS: ABMC Report II*, 1917, 21-24.

²⁴⁷ *ABFMS 1922: One-Hundred-Eight Annual Report*, 92-5.

²⁴⁸ Vumthang Sithou, "Thadou te lah'a Gospel...", 32.

²⁴⁹ Kipgen, *Thadou-Kuki Literature...*, 7.

²⁵⁰ Vumthang Sithou, *Annual Report of General Department TBA-I, during the 56th Annual General Assembly 2015-2016 at Keithelmanbi Baptist Church* (9-12 February, 2016), 2.

5.2.2.4 Lathah Bu

S.L. Palal²⁵¹ ‘in la (hymn) tamtah Thadou paova ana ledoh goh hilouvin, asun ajanin ahinkho chu lasem na leh pao dang danga kon la ledoh nan ana mangin ahi. A’inneipi Hatkholhing chu Churachanpur district, pao jouse kikimna muna khon ahi jeh chun, apao hetho chu mangchan pao dang dang, adeh’a Lushei le Hmar paova kon la ledohna lam panga Palal chu nasatah’in ana kithopin ahi. Hiti’a ana chopkhom laho chu labu’a ana gong doh’in, tu’a ichoiju “Lathah Bu” hi ahung hitai. Atilchun hiche labu hi ana gongdohpa min pun “Palal Labu” ana kitin ahi. 1949 kuma ana kitatdoh masapen jengjong chu Palal’in ama sum le pai ana pohdoh’a ana tadoh ahi. La le tunging ngailu ahito lhonchun Palal chu Mandolin le Guiter (selangdah) themtah jong anahi. Chule hiche phat lai ja chu branded musical instrument ana kimujou loulai ahin, atunging ho chu amatah’in ana kistem ahi.²⁵² Lathah Bu jengjonghi ahung kistemhoi, kibelap toutouvin akitatdoh nunung pena chun La 350 aumtan ahi. Lathah Bu hi alhangpin Houin kaina sangin lenkhomna (Christmas, Good Friday, Esther Sunday, thi-opna le adang danga) aha kimanchah joh’in ahi.

5.3 MISSIONARY LAMPANGA TBA NATOH

TBA Mission & Evangelism Department kiphudoh thudol chu simmun masa’a inasei taovin ahi. Tu le tu hin TBA hin Manipur, Assam, Nepal le Myanmar gama Missionary na atongin ahi. Missionary field dang jouse nungsun’in hiche simmun hin TBA’in Thadoute lah’a mission na atoh thu atahlah nomin ahi.

5.3.1 Manipur Gamsung Thadoute Lah’a Missionary Natoh

Manipur gamsunga Thadoute lah’a Christianity hung kifulphu hi atamjo hutkhatna Christian sakho’a kiheilut (mass conversion/people movement)’a kon ahi. Hutkhatna Christian sakho’a kiheilutna jeh chu: Thadouten Thadou Gal chu British Government’in achunguva vai ahopdiu douna’a anasatnu ahin, hinlah agal lel’u chun Thadoute ahut changa Christian sakho’a alutsah lo’un ahi. Chule anina’a Thadou kho jousehi haosa vaipohna anahi peh’in, ijemti’a haosapu chu Christian’a alutna ahileh akho mite jouse Christian hiding aphonlhah’a, chuteng akho mite jouse chu Christian tahsan thudol abul abal helouva Christian moh kiso ji’u anahi. Achung chona jong Insung chu mipa vaihomna ahin, mipa chu Christian houva alutna ahileh insungmi jouse jong Christian houva lutjeng; chuleh tunikho geija jong mikhat chu anu le apa

²⁵¹ See 2.4.5

²⁵² Kipgen, *Tribal Literature in Manipur...*, 39.

Christian ahi mana Christian hejeng dana umdohtan, apengthah'a Christian dihtah sangin amin maimaija Christian (nominal Christian) atamjo tan ahi.

TBA'in tahsan dangho henga mission natoh akhohsah jing laihi anam mite (pengthah loulai, amin maimaija Christian hi, chule anungkihho) henga missionary natoh dinghi asumil pon, amite lah'a kipana thupha lhangsam ding Evangelist phatseh'in akoi jingin ahi. 2016 report dungjujin TBA'in tu le tu hin Manipur gamsung Thadoute lah sehseh'a evangelist natong mi li leh Thadoute leh adang dang lah'a natong missionary/evangelist li ma (agoma get) anei jin ahi.²⁵³ Hiche evangelistho hin Houbungho'a crusade, evangelistic camp, Bible camp, Revival camp, Youth camp, Nupi camps, Upa camp, Chapang camp aboluva, chule changval henga jong kipana thupha aseiphongu, insung camp (home crusade) abol jiuva; pengthah loulaihon pentahna, pengthahsa chekhel hon kisuhdihna anei jiu ahi.

5.3.2 Myanmar Gamsung Thadoute Lah'a Missionary Natoh

Myanmar gamsunga jong Thadou tamtah aumin ahi. Hinlah vangset umtah'in Myanmar gamsunga Thadou tampin Burmaho lah'a a'Thadou hinao akimansah taovin – Thadou pao, chon le khan amahsah goh'u hilouvin, tahsan danga abeh nalaijun ahi. Hiejehchun TBA'in ami tahse le lhagaova mangthahho holdoh nadingin 2000 kum chun Mission field thah "Diaspora Mission Field, Myanmar" chu ana hongdoh'in ahi. Report nunungpen 2016 dungjujin Missionary 11'in district 10 sunga na atongun ahi.

Diaspora Mission Myanmar muna missionary hohin kipana thupha alhangsap nabanuva Thadou mangthaiho chu Thadou pao, Thadou chon le khan jong ahil tha'u ahi. Chule missionaryho chun Thadou Labu le Bible asimtheina diuvin English lekhajem jong ahil jiuvin ahi. Hiche natoh hi molso'a aum theina dingin TBA'in Ngulhao Lekhabul, Thadou Labu le Bible chule lekhabu dang dang jong phatseh'in thot ahijingin ahi.

5.3.3 India Khopiho'aum Thadoute Lah'a Missionary Natoh

Thadoute hi lhomcha ahivangun India khopi jouse'a akithe thangun ahi. Kimkhat achengden lou aumun, atamjo vang Government le private natong, chuleh student ahivu. Hiti'a a'in le a'houbunga kona gamlha tah'a um amite khohsahna jalhin TBA'in mission natoh India Khopiho'a ahin kehlenin, anam miten anam minuva Pathen ahoukhomna dingun khopi phabepma Thadou Christian Fellowship (TCF) ahin phutdoh'un ahi. Tu dinmun hin Houbung

²⁵³ S.M. Haopu, *Annual Report of Mission Department TBA-I, during the 56th Annual General Assembly 2015-2016 at Keithelmanbi Baptist Church* (9-12 February, 2016), 3-4.

ni – Thadou Christian Fellowship, Bengaluru (December, 13, 2015) leh Thadou Christian Fellowship, Delhi and NCR (May 11, 2015) bou phudoh ahi nalaijin ahi.

Chunga kitahlangho hi Thadou nam mite le Thadou Houbungho dinga TBA'in tuni chana atohdohho chu ahi. Hiche atohdoh hohi tahsa le lhagao agomin anam miten aphatchompi'un, hinlah hichehi TBA natoh ahi tin hetpehna anei pouvin ahi. Ajeh pipen chu Thadou nam mite hi tahsa le lhagaova kihomkhente ahiuvin, denomination/Association khat thilboldoh chu hoilheh jongleh adang dinga pachat sanga thangthipna hijo ji'a ahi. Chuleh Association dangto te dinga TBA hi neocha le lhomcha ahijeh jong ahi. TBA hi ahung khangtouva, ami jengjong ahung pun teng anatohdoh ho hi acham louva pachat hung hiding ahitai.

CHAPTER – 6

THADOU BAPTIST ASSOCIATION KHOLCHILNA (TBA Khantouhi Ipi'n Atuhtangham?)

Manipur gamsunga dinga Thadoute hi Meiteite ban tah'a atampen ahiuvin, chuleh TBA'in adoi pipen chu Thadou Houbungho jouse pumkhat ahidiu leh thakhatna akiloikhom diu ahi. Ahinlah KBA ti'a akiphudoh kal kum 67, chule TBA ti'a akiminvo kal kum 46 ache nungin jongkum TBA hi Association lah'a dinga apunglou pen, akhangtou loupén tithei dinmunin aunm nalaijin ahi. Tunichan geihin Houbung member jong gelbangan apungpon, Houbung jengjong pun sangin kemsuh lang mano danin aumin ahi. Thadou nam mite ja'a somnile nga (25%) jengin jong TBA'a apompon ahi. Hiejhhin TBA hin worker, missionary/evangelist lhomcha aneiho jengjong hi Association danga toh te dingin lo lhomcha cha, kihinso nakham bepbou apejouvin ahi. Chuleh anam mite phatchomna dinga atohdoh (contribution) ho jengjong koiman hetpeh'in aneipon, pachat jong achang pon ahi.

TBA khantou hi ipi'in atuhtang ham? TBA khantou thei nadinga ipi bol'a pha ham? Hiche thudol'a hin lamkai le milham tampi toh kihoulimna akineijin, 'hicheho hi TBA khantou machal tuhtang ahi' ti'a aseihou phabep noiija hin ahung kitah langin ahi.

6.1 KUKI BAPTIST CONVENTION KIPHUDOH

Manipur'a Christianity ahung pun chehcheh phat chun tahsanho jong Association chomchoma ahung kihom khenkhen taovin ahi. Hitichun Kuki Baptist ho jengjong agampoh dungjujin Association ni'in ahung kihom khenun Sah-lhumlam'a ho chu Kuki Baptist Association akitiuvin, Sah-solam'a ho chu North East Kuki Baptist Association Manipur tin akiminvo un ahi. Phat chomkhat jou March 16, 1958 nikhon Association teni chu akigom khom honin, Kuki Baptist Convention tin akiminvo lhonin ahi. Hinlah kigopkhomna chu gamthu leh paothu jeh'a chesot jou louvin January 3, 1967 nikhon akigomkhom teni (KBA le NEKBAM) chun KBC akisumang tai tin ana phongdoh lhonin, KBA le NEKBAM asuhing kitlhon tan ahi.²⁵⁴ Hinlah KBC chu mangdeh louvin Imphal muna Office akichonin tuni geihin aumjing nalaije.

²⁵⁴ Haolai, *KBC Thuchin Bu...*, 92.

KBC ana kiphudoh'a achejom paipai hi KBA/TBA dingin manna lentah ahi. Ajehchu gam patta jaona document jouse, achatloh thei nei le gou tamtah, chuleh Houbung le Houbung member tamtah KBC khutna achan ahitai. Hiche jeh'a hi tuni chan geija TBA hi kidodoh jou talou, khangtou theilouva kiting den, chuleh midang jengin jong ahethem theilou ahitai.

6.2 TAHSALAM KIVAIPOH (Political Issues)

Baptist Houbungin achepehi khat chu Houbung le Government/Politic atumtum hiding tihi ahi. Hinlah houthu'a kiloikhomna TBA hi tahsalam kivaihomna politic'a kon akikangse joupon, hichehin nasatah'in Association hi asung-apo, muthei-mumo agomin asukhan, akhantou ding atuhtang lseh'in ahi. Tahsalam dola TBA khantou tuhtanga hi jat ni: Tribal identification (tribe thu'a boina) leh Clannism (phungthu'a boina) ti'a hopkhen ahi.

6.2.1 Tribal Identification

TBA hatah'a sumolphou le a'member jengjong ahiding dol banga akhantou ding tuhtanga hi hina kichehlou – koi kahim, ipi tribe kahim, kapao hi ipi pao ham (identity and language) – jeh ahi. Schedule Tribe notification order in 1956,²⁵⁵ dungjuija chu Manipur'a Thadou pao tho jouse²⁵⁶ chu Thadou tribe noiya uma ahi. Chule Manipur sunga non-Naga jouse: Aimol, Anal, Baite, Chothe, Chongthu (Songthu), Chiru, Gangte, Hmar, Khongsai, Kom, Koireng, Koren, Lamkang, Lushei, Mayon, Mate, Monsang, Paite, Purum, Ralte, Simte, Sukte, Thadou, Thangkhal, Vaiphei, Zou, etc chu Kuki ahiloule Kuki tribes kiti'a ahi. Hinlah tunin mitamtah'in Thadou masa chu asumil'un, Thadou nunung, phungkhai phabep – Kipgen, Haokip, Sitlhou, Singsit... hungkon dohna, aphot jong 1000 AD velbep pa chu atahlangun, akhohsah joh taovin ahi. Hiti'a Thadou nunung joh atahlang phatnun phungkhai danghon Thadou Tribe sunga mun le chan anei tapouvin; hijehchun kimkhatnin tribe tampi'in kikhaina anei 'Kuki' chu Thadou pao thoho'a nam/tribe minin aheidoh'un, nampi min Kuki chu tribe khatbou asodoh taovin ahi. Amahon Thadou pao jengjong Kuki pao tin aheidoh'un, Thadou paova kiledoh Holy Bible jengjong chu Kuki "Kuki Reference Edition" tin aminvo'un ahi. Hiti'a abol'u hin phatna sangin setna alhutnin, Kuki nampi sunga um tribe dangho dingin

²⁵⁵ Government of India, Ministry of Law Notification Order No. SRO-24777-A, Dated 29th October, 1956

²⁵⁶ Thadou pao thoho chu: Guite, Doungel, Sitlhou, Singsit, Kipgen, Haokip, Lotjem, Haolai, Tuboi, Sah'um, Khuolhou, Lupho, Lupheng, Misao, Mate, Baite, Lhungdim, Ngailut, Kilong, Insung, Jongbe, Lunkim, Lenthang, Thangeo, Changsan, Lhang'un, Khuongthang, and Hanghal. Reconciliation Forum "Reconciliation Forum Special" *Eimi Times*, 30 March, 2016, 5.

mun le chan aumkit tapon, akhonan tribe dang jouse jong Kuki'a konin apotnun, ama ama tribe min cheh'a kikou ding alhengjo'un, chuleh nampi min dingin adang akiholun, kimkhat Zomi akitiuvin, kimkhatnin Naga abel taovin ahi. Chuleh nampi min Kuki chu tribe khatna hetpeh ahina dingin Government henga kiphina aneijun, akhon nan India Government'in jong phatkhat lai 1956 kuma ana suhmangsa 'Any Kuki Tribes' chu "Government of India constitutional Schedule Caste and Schedule Tribes Orders (Amendment) Act, 2002 No.10 of 2003, (f) in part X entry 33" dungjuijin athah'in achoh hing kit tan ahi.²⁵⁷ 1951 kuma Part C State ho'a dinga Government of India'in Schedule Tribe dinga list abol tribeho chu: 1) Any Kuki Tribes, 2) Any Naga Tribes chule 3) Any Mizo Tribes ahi. Hiche phat laiija "Any Kuki Tribes" in ahop tribeho chu: Aimol, Anal, Chiru, Chothe, Gangte, Hmar, Koireng, Kairao, Kom, Lamkang, Maring, Monsang, Mate, Mayon, Paite, Purum, Ralte, Simte, Suhte, Thadou, Vaiphei, Zou ahiuve. Hinlah 1956 kuma Manipur sunga tribe list ahung kisemthah phat chun ama ama pao, chondan, khandan nei nam 22 ho chu Schedule Tribe tin recognised akibol tan ahi. Hinlah 2003 kuma "Any Kuki Tribes" athah'a ahung kisuh hing kitna chu 1951 kuma "Any Kuki Tribes" 'a jao tribe ho khatcha jao talouvin Thadou tribe sunga recognise kibol phungho²⁵⁸ johchu "Any Kuki Tribes" akiti tan ahi.²⁵⁹

Hiche kihet khelna hin Thadou Thadou pao tho nam mite lah'a kichom khenna leh kibung khenna ason ahi. Chule imajouse ahung kikhel lamdang hin Thadou asukha l'eh'in, Thadou tribe sunga anaum phung jouse chu aphung dungjujuva Doungel-kuki, Misao-Kuki, Lunkim-Kuki, Haokip-Kuki, etc., akiti thei taovin; Thadou pao jengjong anompan – Doungel pao, Lunkim pao, Haokip pao, Singson pao, etc., ti'a aseithe ahitai. Hiche hin phatna lam sangin setna aso'n, kihetkhelna, kikhenna, kiboina, chule kigalna chan aso sah'in ahi.²⁶⁰ Hijeh hin mitamtah'in Thadou pomding hahsa asan, TBA khantou nasatah'in atuh tangin ahi.

Thadou le TBA khantou theilouna jonghi, tule tu'a TBA'a umho jonghin Thadou hi amaho'a hidehset dana angaito uva, akineisah tum dehset jeh'uhin, TBA polama um Thadouhin Thadou hi tribe'a poma, Association bel dinghi hahsa asaovin ahi. Chujongleh TBA sunga

²⁵⁷ The Gazette of India- Ministry of Law and Justice (Legislative Department) New Delhi; the 8th Jan. 2003/Pausa, 8,1924. (Saka). The Schedule Cast and Schedule Tribes Orders (Amendment) Act,2002.No.10 of 2003,p. 6.

²⁵⁸ Guite, Doungel, Sitlhou, Singisit, Kipgen, Haokip, Lotjem, Haolai, Tuboi, Sah'um, Khuolhou, Lufho, Lufheng, Misao, Mate, Baite, Lhungdim, Ngailut, Kilong, Insung, Jongbe, Lunkim, Lenthang, Thangeo, Changsan, Lhang'un, Khuongthang, Hanghal.

²⁵⁹ "Reconciliation Forum Special...", 2-3.

²⁶⁰ Seikhohao Kipgen, "Political and Economic History of the Kukis of Manipur" (Ph.D Thesis, Manipur University, 2005), 317

um Thadouhon Christa sanga Thadou akhohsah johji jeh'un khatveivei leh Association jengjong aboilo ji'in, TBA ministry jengjong ache kon jin ahi.

Achainan, Thadou min pu'a houthu'a kiloikhomna umsun chu TBA ahin, hinlah Baptist kiloikhomna ahijeh'in Baptist hilouho dingin jong Thadou min aput mana bel jeng ding jong ahithei poi. Chujongleh TBA hi Thadou tribe sunga phungbah themcha kiloikhomna dana aumjehhin, mitamtah'in TBA'a lutding hahsa asan, chuleh TBA jehhin jong Thadou hi amuneovun ahi.

6.2.2 Phung gunchu (clannism)

Thadoute hi phunggui sutte ahiuve. Thadou tribe sunga kiminphah phungho khu phungpi bou ahiuvin ahi. Phung thu hi Thadoute ahungkondoh nao muna kona ahung kholjin'uva, chule lhunnao munho'a a'insung bahkai dungjuija munchom choma ahung khosah'uva kona hung kipan ahi. Hitichun phat ahungche che dungjuijin phungbulho chu nam (tribe) min ahung kishoh'in, phungkhai ho chu phungpi ahunghi'in, phungpi sunga chun phungkhai tamtah aum khomin ahi.

Hinlah phung'a kihopkhen hin kichang chun'a ason, jalhang hinkho asunan, kiloikhomna asunoh phah'in ahi. Hiche hin namsunga kikkena ason, houbung le Association jengjong ahom khenin ahi. Christa toh kiguijopna sanga phung toh kiguijopna hi asanjoh, adetjoh jeh'a hi Association tamtah'a kihopkhen jeng jonghi phung gunchu jeh ahi kitile seival hilou ding ahi. Mihon totna tobanga, "TBA hi Sitlhou-Lhouvum ho'a; Chongthu Baptist Churches Association (CBCA) hi Thouthang, Doungel leh Dimngel ho'a; KCC hi Lunkim, Lenthang, Lhangum, Chongloi le Hangshing ho'a; chule KBC hi Haokip ho'a ahi" ti'a aseijiu hi dihtah jong hija ahi." Atahbeh'a jong Association ho'a khu akiminphah phungho khu tampen cheh'uva chuleh vai jong ahopmu ahi. Hijehchun tule tu'a idinmunu hi ivetna ahileh TBA, KBC, KCC, ECA, Ch.BA/CBCA etc., mina thi ngam ding atamin, hinlah Christa mina thingam aum nadem tihi lungdon umtah ahi.

Association kiphudoh na'a pan nasatah alah'a kiloikhomna tampi asodoh goh hilouvin, phung gunchu hin Association sunga natong/lamkai kilhenna leh tohmun kisetoh na'a jong na nasatah'in atong ji'in ahi. Phung gunchu hin langnei-sihneina ason, phung dang sanga phung khat khohsahna apendoh sah'in; mikhat chu ahetha, athepna, aboltheina jeh sanga aphung jeh joh'a deisah chan'na asojin ahi. TBA hi Christa'a sanga phunga kiha jungkho joh danin aumin, hiche hin tamtah vei Association akipal sah tan ahi. Phungthu hi mipite lungsunga

thuhtah'a akijungkho jehhin 'nang le kei' 'nangho-keiho' ti asodoh sah'in, houbung le Association sunga kimit thipna, kihetkhelna chule kibungkhena aumsah'in ahi.

Phung hi ngolpi ding ahipoi. Phunggui sut hi kikhenna ahibouve. Thadoute hi tikhat, voukhat, insungkhat, pao khat, chondan-khandan khat neite ahibouvun, nang le kei ti'a kikhen thei ahipouve. Adeh deh'a Christianen abol louhel dingu, chuleh Association sunga gol lut louhel ding ahi. Hitobanga phung gunchu'a phunga kivet hi eima le eima lhankhuh kilai tobang ahin, tahsalam le adeh'a lhagao lama pilhin louna avetsah ahi. "Christa'a chu Judami, Greekmi... abonuva pumkhat hiuva ahitai (Gal. 3:28)" ati banga Christa'a chu phung jouse pumkhat hiuva ahitai ti suhmil loudin ahi. Phung sanga Christa joh'a akibulphu'a, chule mikhat chu aphung sanga Christa'a adinmun joh avet tenguleh TBA kivaipohna hi hung chetoh ding, hung khangtouva tu'a sanga machal joding ahitai.

6.3 SUM LE PAI (Economical Issues)

TBA ahina ding banga akhantou louhi sum le pai jeh ahipene ti'a sei atam lleh'in ahi. Tahbeh'a jong TBA hi hiche lampanga ninglhing kha nailou ahi. Chule sum le pai dinmuna kikhelna aum masangse'a Association jong ninglhing louding, kikhel louding, khangtou louding ahi. Sum le pai lama TBA ninglhin theilouna jeh phabep noiija ahung kipei.

6.3.1 Atoson ding alhahsam jeh (Lack of Sponsorship and Partnership)

Mi tampin hichehi Association khantou louna ajeh pipenin aseijun ahi. Hiche hi mi tampi'in TBA doi le tupho lah'a khat "Christian organization dangho toh kiloikhoma pankhom ding (to have fellowship and partnership with other Christian organizations) kiti khu ahet khel jeh'u ahin ahi. Hichehi Association kimkhat banga agency danga kona sponsore muding tina dana agel jeh'u ahi. Christian organization dangho toh kiloikhoma pankhom ding atihin pan lahkhom ding, na tohkhom ding atina ahijoi. Tahbeh'a jong TBA hin Christian organization tamtah toh pan alakhom ahi. Baptist Houbungho jouseto Manipur'a Manipur Baptist Convention (MBC) noiija apang khomin, North-East India'a dingin Council of Baptist Churches North East India (CBCNEI) noiija na atong khomin, Asia gamsunga dingin Asian Pacific Baptist Federation (APBF) noiija atongkhomin, vannoi leiset Baptist te jouse toh Baptist World Alliance (BWA) noiija pan alakhomin ahi. Kuki Christian organization jouseto jong tule tu'a Kukite lah'a dinga Church Union Movement

lenpen Kuki Christian Leaders Fellowship (KCLF) noiija na atong khomin ahi. Seva Bharat - Mission India, Bible Society of India, Trinitarian Bible Society, London, Compassion Ministry Manipur, Kabaw Valley Thadou Baptist Association, Myanmar le adang dang toh pan nasatah'in alakhoin ahi. Hiche panlah khomna natos hi kumseh'a kehlet ahi jingin ahi.

Association phabep mission/society/agency danga kon kithopina muho toh banglouva TBA hi amun houbungho (local churches) pan lakhom na noiija ama kenga ding ahi. Lamkai pilhing tamtah'in hiche hi "ahaosatnao" ahi ti aheuve. Hinlah vangset umtah'in mi tampi'in ahethem thei pouvin ahi. Hiche ahaosatnao hi hithem taveleu "amaho kenga adinu hi ichana nunnom kisa uva kithang'at dingu hitam". Mundanga kon kithopina muho khu thangset ding ahipoi. Amaho khu Organisation dangin mission field'a amanuva, pengthahlou laiho henga kipana thupha seiphong ahina dinga mitlhi tampi sanga taona to tho'a sum le pai atodoh hou lamdih lou tah'a ne'a ahibouvun ahi. TBA'in hiche dinmun chu American Baptist Mission Society'in eidalah'uva chu ikhelu ahitai. Midang mission field kihitalouva midang joh mission field'a amanu ahitai. "Lah sangin peh ochat aumjoi", "min ei sponsore sanga eijoh'in mi sponsore hi hamphatna joh ahi" tih lamchom chom Seminar, Media, thuphon, lekhatot ho'a mipiho hetthem sah dinghi lamkaiho dinga chouna lentah ahi.

6.3.2 Peh lampanga lhahsam jeh (Lack of Giving)

Hoitah'a ikhol chila ahileh TBA sum le pai lama lhahsamna hi foreign organization dang toh kiguijop loujeh leh atoson ding Non Governmental Organization neilou jeh ahipoi. Mipite lungsunga kona pehdoh ding kiti lungthim akondoh loujeh ahi. Houbung mi tamtah'in hopsom/som'a khat peh, tolong to, chule Missionary box sunga sum koiding hahsa asahlheh'un, apelou jong tampi aumin ahi. Christian kahi ti'a som'a khat pelou hi Thadoute lah'a bou aume kitile seival hilou ding ahi. Christian ihingal le som'a khat peh ding hi asa'a lha ahi. Som'a khat pelou Christian aum theipoi. Kimkhatnin sum alhom laisen pehding ada pouvin, ahung tam teng apeji tapouve. Khatloijin som'a khat peh sangin tin nuijat umtah'in maicham'a themkhat akoijo jiuvin ahi. Loikhat chun "Christian hiding kiti chu pehdoh ding hilou, mu joh ding" danin agelun apepouvin ahi. Phabep chun aphe'u jongleh Pathen pe dana gellouva mihem pe danin agelun, thangthipnan adimun, apehdohsao chu anung ajuipeh'un, lunglhahna akimu bepmun ahi. Peh lam panga lhahsam hin Houbung khantou asutang lheh'in ahi.

Chuleh Houbung kimkhat chun Association henga apéh diu hilouva, Association'in amaho joh apéh diu dana gelloi aumun, Association'in agon kumsim fund themcha cha jong pehdoh ding hahsa asalheh jengun ahi. Apekhallow hel houbung jong aumda pon ahi. Hiti'a houbunghon apéh ding dol'u apéh louvu hin Association kivaihomna nasatah'in asukhan, sum le pai lhahsam jeh'in ahina ding bangin khantouna aum theipon ahi. Nei le gou lambe'a, worker/missionary/evangelist goibe malah khatvei veileh sum le pai hunglut alhahsam behset jiteng aum khamkham TBA workerho le missionary hon sum sanding aneilou jeh'uva lha tampi pi sum sanglouva aum komu jong tama ahi. Peh lam panga lhahsam hin Association khantou asutang l'eh'in ahi.

Hijeh'a chu houbung mitehi Pathen haosatna, peh hamphatna hetsah ngai ahi. Christian hiding tihi san (receive) ding hilouva, Amatah vannoi huhhingna dinga kipedohpa Jesu Christa nungjui ihiuto lhona, peh ding joh hi imopohnao ahi. Chuleh Houbunga hopsom/maicham/missionary tolom ho ipeh tenguleh Pathen kipe ahin, sum le pai mangcha le sangho khu Pathen lhacha ho ahiuve tijong hatchet sah ngai ahi. Amun Houbung le Association khantou dinghi polam miho'a kingai hilouva asunga umho khutna um ahi. Iha peh lai chana i'Houbung le i'Association khangtoug ding ahi.

CONCLUSION

Nampi khatna ana um, gam tampi chung vai anahom Thadou nampi chu tuhin India le Myanmar gama namneo (tribe) khat bouvin aumdoh tan ahi. Amite jengin jong aseilepmun, apampai taovin; achan dinga lom tampi jong peh louvin aumin, achanvou tampi jong akilahpeh tan ahi. Tu jengin jong mitampi'in amin jengjong hi kheldoh dingin agelun ahi. Thadou hi hung mangthah thei dinmun geijin aumjin, khantou sangin khansuh lam amanon ahi. Hijeng jongleh changval ahin kiloikhomna ahin Thadou nam, pao, chondan, khandan, huhbitna dinga ahinkho phalngam leuva pang jong aumda pon ahi. Hicheho lah'a khat chu TBA ahi.

Tu'a Thadou Baptist Association kiti hi Kuki Baptist Association ti'a 1950 kuma ana kiphudoh ahi. Tribe jousen a'tribe dungjui cheh'uva Association anei theina dinguva CBCNEI le MBC in 1971 kuma phalna ahin peh tolhon chun tribe dang dangin jong ama ama

tribe dungjui cheh'in Association akisemun, akiminvo taovin ahi. Hijeh chun Thadouten jong Thadoute lhagao hinkho puihoina ding, tahsa le lhagaova Thadoute kipumkhat nading, chuleh Thadoute jousen pumkhatna Pathen lenggam kehletna na atohkhom theina diuvin KBA chu TBA tin 1971 kumin ahung kikhel tan ahi. Hiche nikho'a pat chun TBA'in adoi le atupho, avision le missionho molso ahina ding atoh thei chanin na atong pan tan ahi.

Vangset umtah'in 2011 cencus dungjuija Thadoute hi 2,15,913²⁶¹ alhin vangun atamjon TBA pom dinghi hahsa asalheh'un, TBA hi ahiding bangin akhangtou poi. Hichehi Thadoute denomination lama akibahlou jeh jong ahi. Manipur Lhang-lhumlama Christian sakho hinpolutna chu Welsh Presbyterian Missionaryho ahiuve. Thado-Kuki Pioneer Mission chu independent interdenominational mission ahijeng vangin, mipiho chun Presbyterian leh Evangelical chu a'denomination dingun alhengun ahi. Chuleh mitamtah Association dangdang – Christian Church, Fundamental, Pentecostal, Revival, Salvation Army, Roman Catholic, Judaism, etc., a thuhtah'a kibulphu jong atamin; hicheho chun Thadou ahimanuva TBA ahinbeldiu chu thil hitheilou ahi. Chujongleh Thadou pao tho Baptistho jengjong MBC noija aumkhom vangun Association thum'a (Thadou Baptist Association, Chongthu Baptist Churches Association, and Kuki Baptist Convention (atila KBA, NEKBAM chule KBC ti'a ana kihe) akikhenun ahi. Hichehi alhangpi'a tribe kichehlou jeh leh phung gunchu jeh ahi. Hiche Association thumho hin pao khat, chondan khat, houkhat, chena lhongpi khat aneivangun, ahinao chu achomchek Thadou, Kuki chule Chongthu tin akipom cheh'un ahi. Hiche jeh'a jonghi masanga Thadou le Chongthu jaona'a tribe 31²⁶² valin kikhaina ananeiju Kuki jongchu 2003 kuma chu Thadou to kibanga tribe khatna thenso'a umdoh lo'a ahi.²⁶³ Achung chona TBA sum le pai lama mi hip/thangset dinmuna um khalou ahi.

Mitna muthei leuva nasatah'a kikhelna/khantouna aumlou vangin TBA hi ol ol'in tahsa le lhagao agomin akhangtou jingin ahi. Pastorho, Missionaryho leh Evangelistho natohna'a konin Houbung mi apung jingin ahi. Tahsante jengjong khang masalai sangin tukhangahin akiphal jo'un, alunglenun, japi ahop jouve. Mission field ho'a leh Thadoute lah'a Church plantation jong ache jom jingin, Houbung jong akibelap jingin ahi. Head Office le

²⁶¹ <http://manipurtalks.com/index.php?threads/scheduled-tribes-population-of-manipur-as-per-2011-cencus.7240/>. Accessed on 14/1/2016.

²⁶² 1. Guite 2. Doungel 3. Sitlhou 4. Singsit/Singson 5. Kipgen 6. Haokip 7. Chongloi 8. Hangsing 9. Lamhao/Touthang 10. Lotjem 11. Haolai 12. Tuboi 13. Sa'um 14. Khuolhou 15. Lupho 16. Lumpheng 17. Misao 18. Mate 19. Baite 20. Lhungdim 21. Ngailut 22. Kiloung 23. Insun 24. Jongbe 25. Lunkim 26. Lenthang 27. Thangngew 28. Changsan 29. Lhangum 30. Khoungthang and 31. Lhanghal/Hanghal.

²⁶³ The Gazette of India- Ministry of Law and Justice (Legislative Department) New Delhi; the 8th Jan. 2003/Pausa, 8,1924. (Saka). The Schedule Cast and Schedule Tribes Orders (Amendment) Act,2002. No.10 of 2003, p. 6.

Institutionho akisemhoijin, inho akisaphan, amun Houbungho jengjong nei le lam, in le louva akikhel l'eh'in ahi. Association hin thum sangin peh lam akhohsah jotai. Workerho jengjong masanga sangin tuhin qualified atamtan; thep le chih na lama jong akum akumin Pathen thu jilna sang nei, Pathen lhacha natong dinga kipedoh miho lahbe ahijingin ahi. Missionary field kehlet ahijingin, Jesu Christa ngansena TBA Thupi "Go and Preach" dungjuijin ani anin missionary solbe ahijingin ahi.

Atamjo'a TBA hi hetphah le pachat ahijilou vangin anam mite dinga na lentah atong doh'in ahi. Kipana thupha lamchom chom: Bible (text & Audio), Labu (Christin Labu & Lathah Bu) hopjal na leh kamchenga lhangsapna na atohna bana jong, TBA hin sil le chen, neh le don lampanga Manipur, Assam, Myanmar le Nepal gama na atong jingin ahi. TBA hin Thadoute tahsa le lhagaova mangthai ho pohnatna na anei jingin; tule tuhin Thadou nam mite tahsa le lhagao agoma mangthiho holdohna na Myanmar gamsung le India khopi ho'a atongin ahi. Tahsa le lhagao themjilna lama jong amang thei louding na tampi atongdoh'in ahi. Themjilna mun ni (Baptist English Schools & Ngulhao Theological Seminary) hin mi tamtah hinkho asemdoh'in, tuni geihin namsung le Houbung sunga mi tamtah'in aga aneovin ahi. Literature lama anatoh ga (Bible and song book) hi asang aja'in lhagao thu'a haldohna niseh'in anei jingin ahi.

Tu dinmun'a angaikhochu: TBA hin Christa sanga Thadou atuhdet joh hi alha kanga Thadou sanga Christa joh atuh det ngai ahitai. Phatkhat lai ja chun Thadou chohing anahi naove, hinlah tuhi Thadou mina kiloikhomna nei social, student le political organization tamtah pengdoh'a ahitan, Thadou tuhi amaho khutna angap phat ahitai. Chuleh Association hi phunga kifulphu hilouva Christa joh'a kifulphu ding, phung hi alailunga neilouva Christa joh alai lunga aneiding, phung dang dangjong apuilut ngai ahi. Thadou le phung akolchah jing laise'a lhagao lama ga asodoh louding, phungdang le Thadou pomlouho dinga melma sohdoh diu ahi. TBA hi nam le phung kiloikhomna hilouva Pathen lenggam kehletna na tongkhom dinga Thadou nam mite kiloikhomnao ahijoi ti het ngai ahi. Atoh abol jouseu hi amaho loupna ding hilouva, Jesu Christa lam ve puma Pathen loupina dinga atoh tengleh TBA hi pahcha banga pahdoh ding ahitai.

APPENDIX

Presidents and Executive Secretary of TBA since its re-organisation in 1971

Presidents:

1. Tongkhothang Kipgen
(1971-1972)
2. Vumlun Haokip
(May – December, 1972)
3. Khuppao Missao (1973-1975)
4. Henkholen Sitlhou (1976)
5. K.H. Paokhosem (1977-1979)
6. Lamkholen Kipgen
(1980-1982)
7. S.K. Lhunkam (1983-1985)
8. S.L. Seimang (1986-1987)
9. Vumkam Kipgen (1988-1989)
10. Lhunkam Sah'um (1990-1996)
11. Seitinthang Kipgen
(1997-2001)
12. T.K. Siema Singson (1/12/2001-
2005)
13. S.L. Lamthang (2006-2009)
14. L. Tongpao (2009-2010)
15. D. Angel (2010-2011)
16. S.L. Paojagin (2012 till date)

Executive Secretaries:

1. Rev. Helien Kipgen
(1/1/1971 - 11/2/1982)
2. Rev. Satjasei (11/2/1982-2/4/1082)
3. Rev. Thangkholet Kipgen
(12/4/1982 - 15/1/1985)
4. Rev. Vumthang Sitlhou 16/1/1985-
10/5/1986)
5. Rev. Satjasei (10/5/1986-5/5/1988)
6. Rev. Vumthang Sitlhou
(6/5/1988 - 10/7/1996)
7. Rev. Thangkholet Kipgen
(11/7/1996 - 1/11/1998)
8. Rev. Vumthang Sitlhou
(2/11/1998 - 2000)
9. Rev. Thangkholet
(1/11/2011 - 2009)
10. Rev. Paotinlal Lhouvum
(2009 - 2010)
11. Rev. Khaikhothang Singson (2011-
October, 2012)
12. Rev. Lunkholal Kipgen (October,
2012 - February, 2013)
13. Rev. Vumthang Sitlhou
(February, 2013 till date)

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