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We are delighted to share another edition of Herald with you. It has been more than a year since the world has seen a tremendous shift in living, thinking about, and doing things. The church has been equally affected. The nature of fellowship and the forms of our worship services have radically changed. Yet we are grateful for opportunities which allow us to continue doing what we do. Herald, for one, has faced little constraint. This is partly because our contributors very willingly and promptly sent in their articles, reports, pictures and thoughts with us. We are grateful for the families and individuals who have participated to make this possible.

As we usually do, we asked our article contributors to keep in mind the theme of the church 'Break up your unploughed ground.' We hope that each reader will find something useful in the pages that follow. Through this season, as we each find time to reflect on our lives and our faith, may we also find fallow land. And when we do, may we receive the grace to work on it. And when we do, may our labour bear much fruit for His Kingdom.





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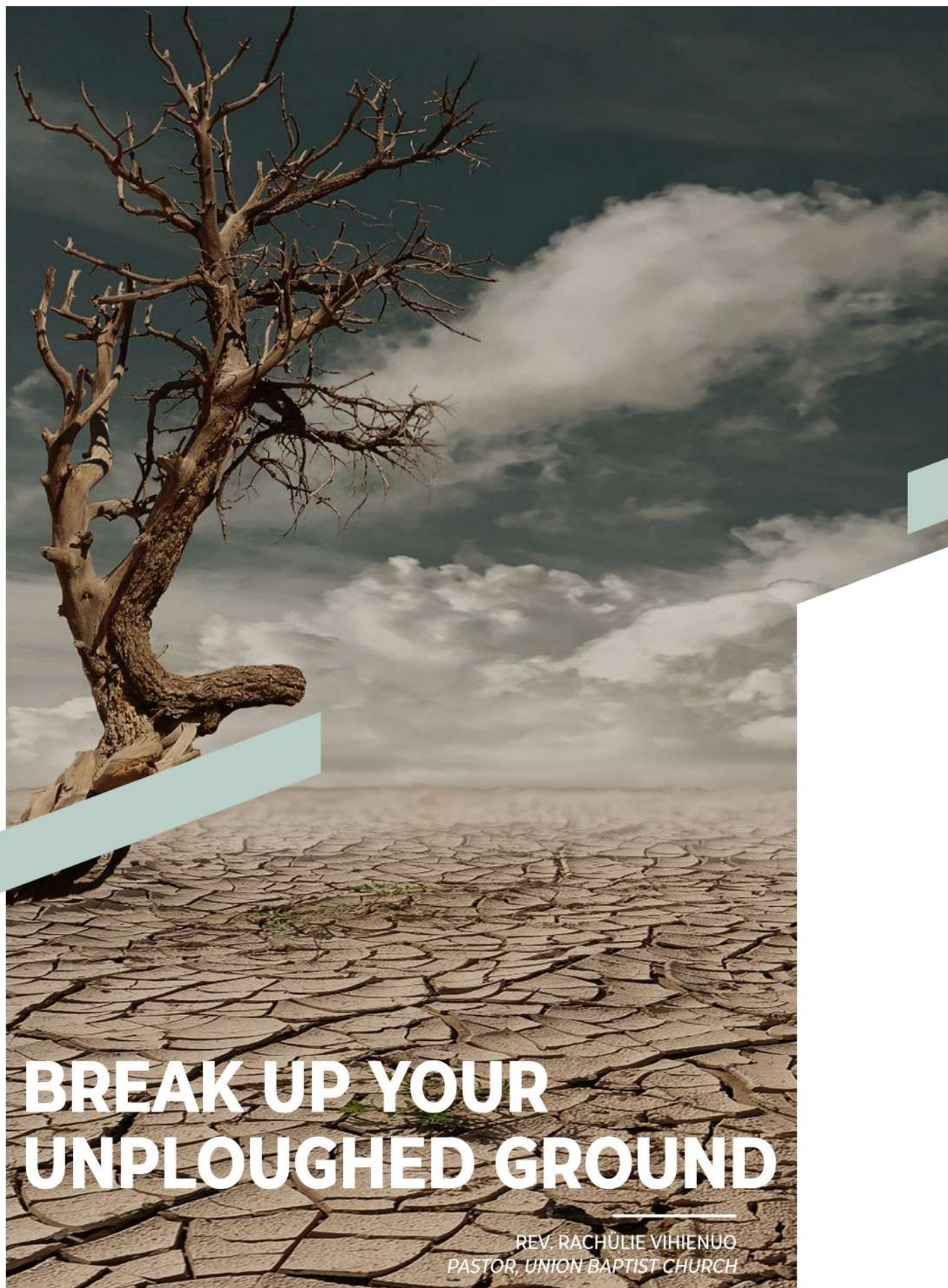
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# BREAK UP YOUR UNPLOUGHED GROUND

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In January 2021, I shared with our congregation about two things 2020 taught me. First, we cannot make plans for ourselves and be so sure because all our plans in 2020 got derailed because of COVID. There is no guarantee that 2021 will be different. It could even get worse.

Second and more importantly, everything seems to be determined by the pandemic and not God. Our situation is causing confusion, uncertainty, and panic. But for God it isn't. God is with us and He is steadfast, established and secure. In fact, in His sovereignty, God is unfolding His purposes through human frailty and confusion.

## GOD IS STEADFAST, AT WORK AND ON TIME

Here we are, six months into 2021 and the situation has gotten worse both in India and Nagaland, but God is still the same: steadfast, at work, and on time. If that is the case, then it is important that we ask what God wants to do in our lives even at such a time?

We often ask: "What does God want to do in my life?" expecting God to move while we wait with expectant hearts. I believe God's answer is, "Sure, I have plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future". But could God be saying something more? Is He rather expecting us to do something first so that He can unfold His plans for us? I believe so.

## YOU FIRST

A scripture verse our church received early this year was Hosea 10:12, and this verse is the reason I believe God wants us to do something first so that He can carry out His plans in our lives. The verse is: *"Sow for yourselves righteousness, reap the fruit of unfailing love, and break up your unploughed ground, for it is time to seek the Lord, until he comes and shower righteousness on you."* And so "break up your unploughed ground" is our theme for 2021.

There are some things in life that God does without our help like in creation or His work of redemption. But there are some things He expects us to do first and cooperate with Him so that He can do what He wants to do in our lives. Hosea 10:12 implies the same.

## WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR US?

Farmers plough fallow ground to break up blocky soil and weeds and plants are turned into the soil to increase decomposition and add nutrients to the soil. Unless the farmer does this no crop is planted. Similarly, there are areas in our lives that need to be plowed and weeds removed so that God can do His work.

Israel was in the same situation in Hosea's day. As God's covenant people they had tasted the goodness of God in the past. Their forefathers passed on their faith to them yet in Hosea's day wickedness and idolatry was rampant. Yet in God's eyes Israel was ready for cultivation, but it needed to break up its unploughed ground so that God could do His work.

So what could be stopping God's work in our lives? What needs ploughing? Let me point out five (5) things that could stop God's work in our lives by looking at five characters in the Bible who had similar hindrances that was preventing God to work in their lives.

## 1. BREAK UP THE GROUND OF ANGER

Anger is a hindrance to God's work. Particularly anger towards God. Such anger questions God about unanswered prayers and feels abandoned.

The generation that came after Joshua's neither knew God nor what he had done for Israel. So God raised Judges to lead Israel, and Gideon was one of them.



During Gideon's time the Israelites suffered under the Midianites. They were forced to hide in mountain caves. They could not rear any livestock nor grow any crop because the Midianites came and looted everything. At such a time Gideon was threshing wheat in a winepress to hide the grain from the Midianites. There the angel of the Lord came to him and said, *"The Lord is with you, mighty warrior"* (Jdg.6:12).

Gideon responded: *"If the Lord is with us, why has all this happened to us? Where are all His wonders that our fathers told us about when they said, 'Did not the Lord bring us up out of Egypt?' But now the Lord has abandoned us and put us into the hand of Midian."* (Jdg. 6:13). You can almost feel Gideon's anger. What if Gideon had allowed his anger to lead him to disobey when the angel told him: *"Go in the strength you have and save Israel from the Midians. I am sending you"*? (v.14).

But Gideon broke the ground of anger and obeyed. And because of that he was able to defeat the Midianites (Jdg.7).

## 2. BREAK UP THE GROUND OF PRIDE

God hates pride as it hinders His work. Prov.16:5 says, *"The Lord detests all the proud of heart..."*

One of Israel's many neighbours was the nation of Aram. Naaman was the commander of the army of Aram. The scripture describes Naaman as *"a great man in the sight of his master and highly regarded, because through him the Lord had given victory to Aram. He was a valiant soldier, but he had leprosy."* (2 Kings 5:1)

As Chief of Army Staff, Naaman was highly respected. But he had leprosy and couldn't find a cure. Naaman had an Israelite slave girl who knew about Elisha the prophet in Samaria. So she told her master's wife that the prophet Elisha could cure him. When the wife told Naaman about this he got permission to go to Samaria.

When Naaman arrived at Elisha's house he probably expected Elisha to welcome him and greet him. After all he was a well-known Army Chief. He also probably expected the prophet to do something dramatic and cure him on the spot. But none of that happened. Ironically, Naaman wasn't even invited in. Instead Elisha sent him a message: *"Go, wash yourself seven times in the Jordan, and your flesh will be restored and you will be cleansed"* (v.10). Being a man of power and authority, of course, his pride and ego were hurt. So much so that he said, *"Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers in Damascus, better than any of the waters of Israel? Couldn't I wash in them and be cleansed?"* So he turned and went off angrily. (v.12)

What if Naaman's story had ended there - allowing his pride to become an obstacle to his healing. But Naaman listened to his servant's request to obey the prophet. So swallowing his pride, he went and dipped himself in Jordan seven times. Thus, Naaman broke the ground of pride and was healed!

## 3. BREAK UP THE GROUND OF FEAR & DOUBT

Fear is a natural human response. It can be crippling and make our lives unproductive and miserable. It weakens our faith.

When the angel came to Mary & Joseph with the message of God's plan for the Messiah to be born through them, the two teenagers were filled with fear and doubt. When the angel appeared to Mary, she *"was greatly troubled..."* (Lk.1:29). And when she was told that she would be pregnant through the Holy Spirit and bear a son named Jesus, she answered, *"How will this be since I am a virgin!"* (v.34)

Joseph too responded in a similar fashion. He and Mary were pledged to be married, but before they came together Mary was already with child through the Holy Spirit. When Joseph came to know this, he was afraid and deeply troubled so he planned to divorce Mary (Mt.1:19).

Both Mary and Joseph were gripped with fear and doubt.

But how did they respond? After the angel explained to Mary how it would all come about, Mary answered, *"I am the Lord's servant. May it be to me as you have said"* (Lk.1:38)

After Joseph had decided to divorce Mary, the angel appeared to him in his dream and told him to not be afraid to take Mary as his wife. Joseph woke up and *"did what the angel of the Lord commanded him and took Mary home as his wife"* (Mt. 1:24)

Because these two teenagers yielded to the plan of God, in spite of their fears and doubts, God used them to usher in the Saviour of the world.

## 4. BREAK UP THE GROUND OF RELIGIOSITY

Religiosity looks like this: *"Having a form of godliness but denying its power"* (2 Tim.3:5)

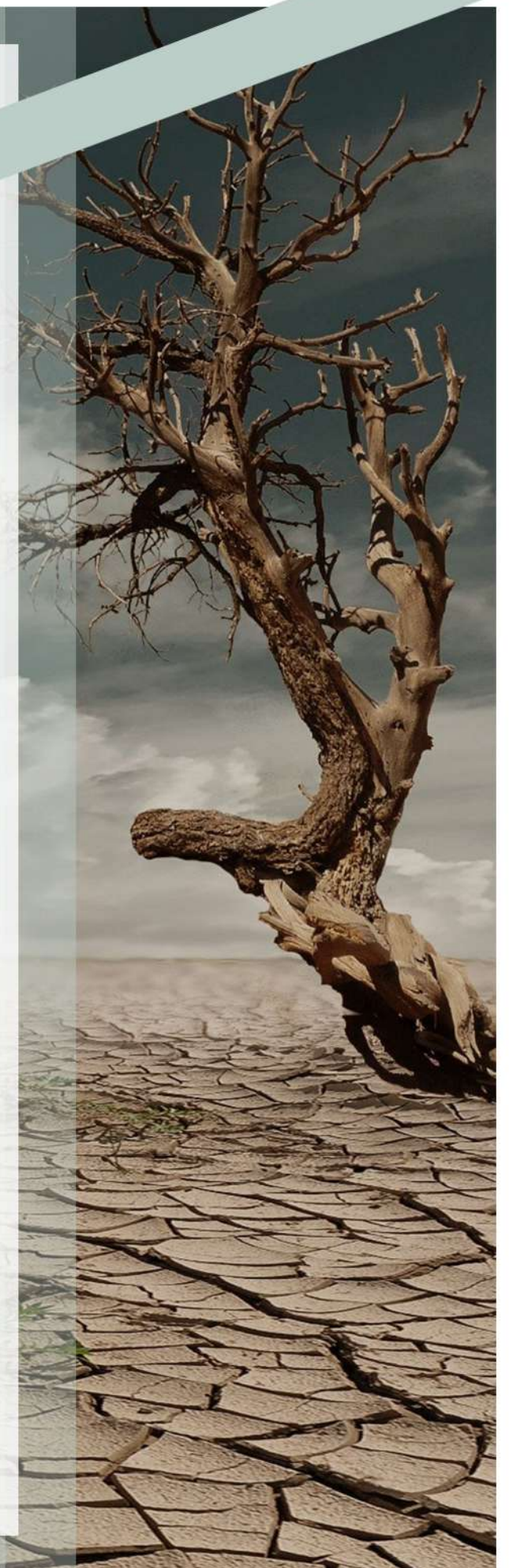
The Pharisees of Jesus' day fit the bill. That's why Jesus called them hypocrites, doomed, brood of vipers, white washed tombs, etc. They occupied respectable positions in society but their religiosity became a huge hindrance to the work of God in their lives. Instead of leading people to freedom, they were enslaving people in legalism.

Nicodemus was one of them. He appears three times in the gospel of John.

Leaving aside his status, he came to Jesus one night looking for answers (Jn.3:1,2). When he didn't understand Jesus telling him that no one can see the Kingdom of God unless he is born again, Jesus helped him understand.

On another occasion, when the Pharisees were trying to find fault with Jesus, Nicodemus brought up the law in Jesus' defense (Jn.7:50).

Finally, after Jesus died, Nicodemus accompanied Joseph of Arimathea in performing the final burial rites for Jesus (Jn.19:39). This was an extraordinary action by a Pharisee. Nicodemus broke the barrier of religiosity to become a bold and committed follower of Jesus.





## 5. BREAK UP THE GROUND OF EVADING JESUS

The gospel of John ends with the moving incident where Peter is reinstated by the risen Christ by the Sea of Galilee. Peter had blatantly denied Jesus the night Jesus was arrested (Jn.18:12ff). That incident ended with the cock crowing and Peter, remembering Jesus' words, wept bitterly. This probably was the darkest moment in Peter's life. Next, we see Peter on Easter morning where he goes to the empty tomb (Jn.20:3-9). His denial of Jesus a few days earlier must have been haunting him all along. Now that Jesus had risen Peter must have been all the more aware of his mistake – something he knew he couldn't run away from. Yet he pretended as though everything was normal.



So one evening, after Jesus' resurrection, in a very business-as-usual kind of disposition Peter says, *"I am going out to fish"* (Jn.21:3). Though Peter and his friends were seasoned fishermen, their fishing adventure that night was a total failure. I wonder why this team of fishing pros could not catch anything? Was it because of Peter? Was Peter's announcement to go fishing an evasion to hide what was going on in his heart? Did Jesus orchestrate their misadventure that night so that He could get Peter's attention to help him stop evading his reality? I believe so, because early the next morning they made a huge catch following Jesus' instruction to throw their net on the other side, and Jesus used this miraculous catch to get Peter's attention and resolve his issue of evading his Saviour. The third time Jesus asked Peter: *"Do you love me?"* Peter answered, *"Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you."* (Jn.21:17). This was the moment that lifted Peter out of that dark experience which caused him to evade Jesus. And what followed was the unfolding of what Jesus had already promised Peter in Mt.16:18, *"I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it"*.

Just as God wanted to do His work in Gideon, Namaan, Mary and Joseph, Nicodemus, and Peter's lives, He wants to do His work in us too today. But also, as much as these people needed to break their ground first for God to do His work, we also need to break ours first. What ground needs to be ploughed in your life? What if we are just one plough away from setting off God's plan and purpose in our lives which we have been longing for? So let's get to work, for the harvest is sure. ■



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# Emotional Absence

## A Challenge to Family Life

Khrieno L. Sakhrie

### What is emotional absence?

Emotional absence is the absence of connection with other people on an emotional level.

People who are emotionally absent may show it as:

- difficulty being loving or affectionate with a family member
- reduced ability to express emotion
- difficulty empathizing with another person's feelings
- not easily sharing emotions or feelings

Every person, as he or she grows, takes on many roles in this journey called life. And specific to me, among others, I am a parent, a teacher, a wife and a family – roles which I believe are pretty much on the top of the list. It is in looking through these roles that I discuss our topic.

[As a parent]

### AAP:

Author William Martin once said, "You do not have to make your children into wonderful people. You just have to remind them that they are wonderful people. If you do this consistently from the day they are born, they will believe it easily."

Parents play an important role in the upbringing of an individual and it is important for both the parents to make sure they give their best to the child.

Emotional absence parenting - which obviously carries negative connotations - is a style of parenting where parents don't respond to their child's needs or desires beyond the basics of food, clothing, and shelter.

A child, since birth, needs good nutrition, love, care and a healthy atmosphere. And of course, both the parents. This is where the problem starts when the parents put their responsibilities to each other and try to get rid of them.

For example, Mother tries to put the financial responsibility to the father and Father tries to put emotional care responsibility to the mother. They forget that the child needs both of them. Especially, emotional care; love and affection of both the parents are important and necessary.

If the child is deprived of this from any one of the parents, it leaves a very negative impact on him. If a father is emotionally distant/absent, the son might start feeling unwanted. The lack of involvement from the father leaves the child disappointed and with unmet desires. This eventually leaves in the underdevelopment of a child's emotions.

[As a teacher]

### AAT:

Students' indiscipline is a problem that has become common in most schools. However, discipline of schools of students is not an aspect of the school systems alone. Parents have a role to play in shaping behaviour of children through the process of nurturing. However, many parents remain emotionally absent from their children as they engage in other activities.

I have seen many children with emotionally or even physically absent parents who miss out on many of their children's school activities. In more cases than I would like, parents have shown an almost complete lack of interest in their child's school work like failing to sign

their school calendar or progress tests (showing that they are not paying attention to their progress or lack of) or consistently missing Parent-Teacher meetings or giving no reason for their child's absence from school, to name a few. It is heartbreaking to see the embarrassment of some students when they have to stand in for their parents or make excuses for them.

Children should experience a warm, intimate and continuous relationship with their parents, in whom both find satisfaction and enjoyment, and that, not to do so, for many children manifest significant mental health challenges later in life. The implication is that emotional presence of parents at childhood stage provides the basis for secure development that could manifest in a well-disciplined adolescent. To the contrary, emotional absence of a parent at childhood stage and at adolescence could breed an undisciplined child. Parental presence therefore is significant in helping the child to grow trusting in the self and in others; being confident and viewing the world positively.

[As a wife]

### AAW:

Study after study confirms that the quality of the relationship between parents, that is, the way they show their love for each other, impacts children's development and their self-concept. One of these studies published in the Journal of Family Issues confirms previous findings that parents who have an affectionate, positive relationship with their spouse engage in more positive parenting activities—such as singing, reading and playing with their children. This is referred to as the "spill over" effect. When your relationship with your spouse is "high or low," the quality of this relationship "spills over" to how your child is parented. If you feel loved and supported, for example, you might have more patience to kneel down with your child and work on his Lego building with him. If your thoughts are taken up by the ongoing distress you have with your spouse, your irritability may spill over to your child. Instead of playing Legos with him, you yell at him for making a mess in the living room with all of his Lego bricks. Parents should pay close attention to these findings.

[As a family]

### AAF:

So there's nothing like family. The people we're related to by blood and marriage are expected to be our closest allies, our greatest sources of love and support. Family is where our first and strongest emotional memories are made. But with this emotional absence, family contact becomes a burden, because no one is comfortable spending that much time with a stranger. If you want your

family members to know and accept each other lovingly, you have to begin with your own emotional honesty and openness

An Emotionally absent family does not like to talk about feelings, as the subject makes them uncomfortable. They prefer to talk about events and facts. If they are forced to discuss their emotions, they will switch to another topic of conversation as soon as possible. This can leave you feeling uncared for or lonely.

It may be noted that Emotional intelligence (EQ): the capacity to be aware of, control, and express one's emotions, and to handle interpersonal relationships judiciously and empathetically, is incredibly powerful in keeping the family healthy because it puts you in control of your relationships with parents and children, siblings and extended family.

## CONCLUSION:

How do you establish and maintain a healthy family? It is impossible to do that with our own knowledge and understanding. We need our manual, the Bible.

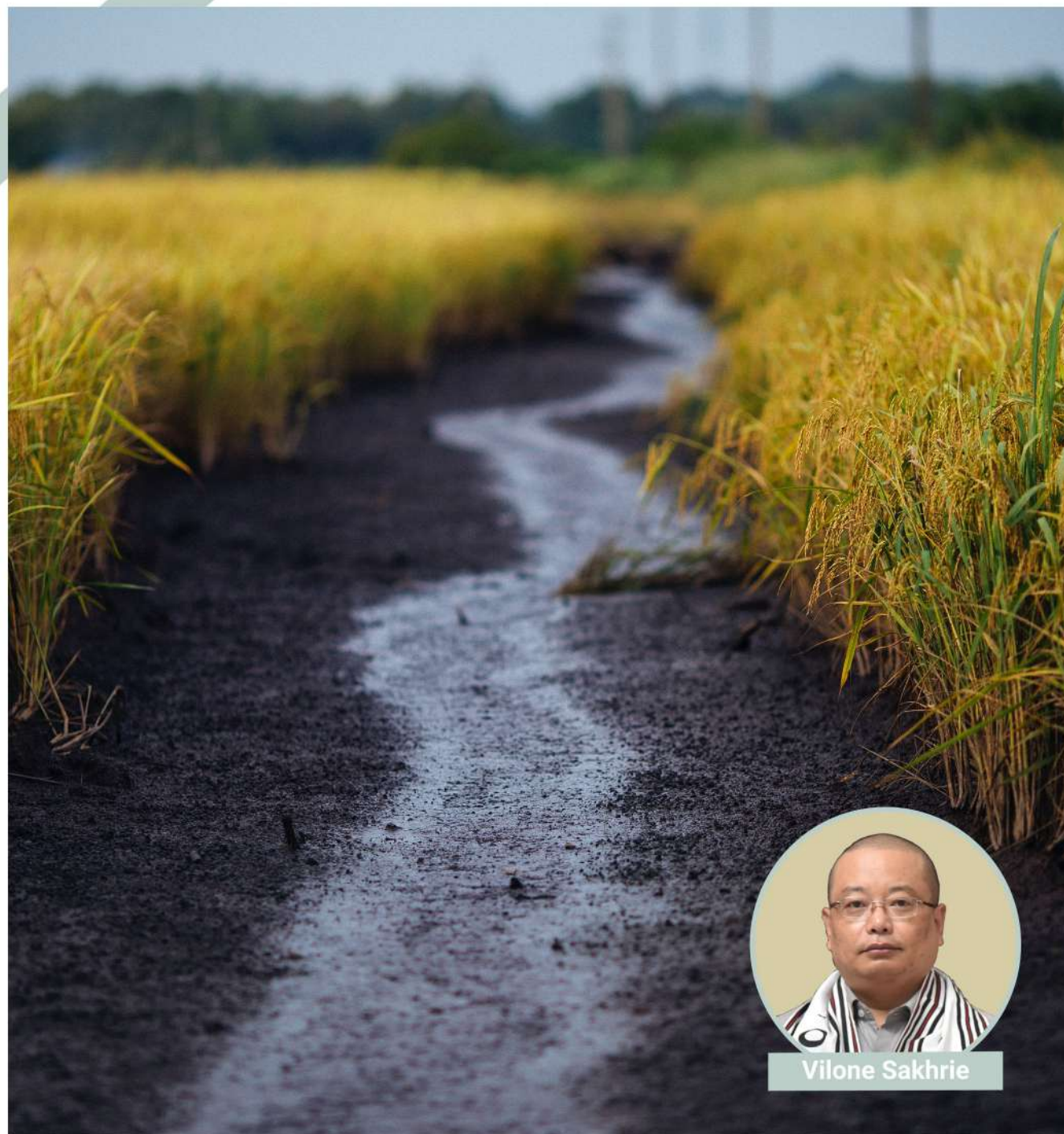
Psalms 144:12 says, "May our sons in their youth be like plants full grown, our daughters like corner pillars cut for the structure of a palace."

Like the psalmist wishes, may our sons be as plants, flourishing and promising much fruit; so they might be of healthful constitutions, well educated in all useful knowledge, natural and religious, and grow both in wisdom and stature, and appear to be of promising parts for usefulness in the church and state; and especially that they might be the plants of the Lord, pleasant ones to him, and profitable to others.

And daughters as "corner pillars", which support the house, finely grained and beautifully carved like the pillars which hold up the palace, be adorned with grace and good works, particularly with modesty, meekness, and humility. ■







Vilone Sakhrie

# Break up the Fallow Ground

I have been asked to share a few things based on my profession as a government servant and, while pondering on the theme, I have been persistently led to share on another issue that has been affecting humankind all over the world. But before that, let us revisit Jeremiah 4:3 and summarize it to make my sharing easier to understand.

The fallow land in the passage must be metaphorically comparing the receptivity of the human heart to God's guidance and for us to sow seed as Jesus taught in one of his parables later. God is asking us to break our hearts and allow Him to work in us and through us. Yet, even as professed Christians, many of us have failed to do that, or are yet to get there. Thus, many of us can be referred to as the fallow land while even more have allowed the seeds to be thrown amongst the thorns – our worldly wants, desires and other wrongful and arbitrary thoughts and actions – thereby not yielding the fruits God desires of us.

Coming to the present day and the pandemic that has gripped the world, we admit that, yes, God has allowed this to happen. However, I firmly believe He has not allowed this to punish humankind for all its sins. I firmly believe that Jesus has already paid the price on our behalf and that account has been settled even for today, this very moment. Nonetheless, we continue to hear certain prayer warriors on social media who condemn the government for its corruption and wrong policies, condemn the people for falling and for not praying hard enough, and condemn the churches for not opening their doors. We hear of Nagaland being kept safe till now only because of the incessant prayers of these warriors. What they seem to have forgotten is that the virus is everywhere affecting even the most devoted and godly men in all parts of the world. They seem to have forgotten that Jesus has also paid the price for those who have been infected or breathed their last because of the virus. God has given commands throughout the Bible. But we tend to misinterpret His Words. Romans 13:1-2 decisively says, "Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God. Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves". Therefore, the doors of the churches in Nagaland are closed at this time because the authorities of the land have ordered it so.

I certainly do not mean or desire to deride or belittle anyone's beliefs and revelations, but what's black is black and what's white is white. There is no grey area for God or for His people. But because we are human, because we are still fallow, and because we are still yet to be broken up, we allow our minds to be filled with what may have not come from God. As a consequence, we sow bad seeds and make others feast on rotting fruits.

At this difficult time, we must not only pray for safety; we must also pray for discernment and to help us cultivate and reorient our hearts, minds and ears towards God more than ever before. As Christians, we must make the best use of the worst of times and turn our fallow lands to fertile grounds so that we may bear good fruits to share with one another. Our God is already at work bringing people closer globally as one against a common enemy, steering better equipped nations to help other nations physically, financially and materially.

Back home too, we have seen and heard of health workers and frontliners literally risking and sacrificing their lives so that we are safe. And even closer, in our own homes, we have more time for the family, more time to do things together, worship together, keeping prayer chains together, discovering and putting our latent talents to good use – the list goes on. We are grateful and proclaim our thankfulness to Him.

Lastly, continue to fervently pray for divine guidance and knowledge for our government(s) so that they may be able to put in place effective policies and action plans to tackle the prevailing situation; divine guidance and knowledge for scientists and virologists over the world so that they may find the right vaccines and medicines to cure those affected and to prevent its spread. If God has allowed the pandemic, He surely will provide a way to end it too. He is the Driver and is Always at the Helm of every situation. ■



## MINISTERING TO SECULAR MINDS IN A CHRISTIAN TOWN

Momo Chiigi

The first thing that usually comes to a Christian mind when we hear the word secular is, it is not Christian, or it is something that is outside the church. The idea stands true to the definition, but as a Christian we don't really have an option to ignore the secular world at its own mercy.

How do we minister to the mind whose ideology is to be free from any religious or spiritual connections, rules and principles?

In a Christian state like ours, we need to ask what is feeding the secular minds that they would rather opt for it. Is the church losing its influence on the people or is the church not addressing enough to the secular minds?

People are becoming increasingly secular in their thinking, and many view church or other religious activities unnecessary. Even for many young Nagas who are born and brought up in a Christian setting, the church and the activities of the church bores them. They would rather be out there hanging out with friends, go out fishing or hiking than to be in the church. Few who come to church are occupied with their gadget or standing outside the church sun bathing and having spicy gossips. There is hardly any fear of the Lord or reverence for Him, we have become casual Christians and though this sounds better than being secular it is still an issue that needs to be addressed because the question is, "why are we doing what we are doing?"

In my short time of ministering to young people I had the privilege to know a handful of them who are totally ignorant of the Gospel, and even the most popular Bible stories like that of David, Caleb, Joshua and Moses. They knew more about, music, movies and dramas, fashion, car, gadgets and celebrities than their Sunday school Bible stories. The reason was, they grew up not at homes but from the hostel where there were no church or Christian activities. As they grew older, I can understand why they have no interest in God or church activities even though they acknowledge the existence of God.

The other issue is that the things of the world sound more fun and looks much glittery than the Bible studies or the prayer meetings. One need not be so determined or drag their feet to go to a party, get drunk and sleep around, and the best way to live this lifestyle is to ignore or deny the Holy God that forbids a sinful lifestyle.

I don't pretend to have all the solution for reaching out and ministering to the secular minds but I share this with the limited experiences I had in my time in ministry.

1.

Pray: we can be tempted to depend in our own experience and knowledge to minister to people but nothing spiritual is fruitful without praying.

2.

Build relationships: I don't believe there is anything easier to speak the truth to anyone than to our closest friends. Relationship takes time, energy and commitment but the better we get to know someone the easier it is to communicate.

3.

Don't throw the gospel bomb on the first meet. We must be good at discerning the spirit or it might actually do bad than any good for people who had nothing to do with God or the Church.

4.

Get to know the root of their behavior: people believe in something because they are fed with those teachings. People also react to certain things because of their experience with things that happened around them. Nobody becomes an addict, an atheist or a stone hearted alcoholic overnight. There is always a story behind people becoming what they became. Hear them out, get to know the root of their behavior and help them. I like how Jesus ministered with the Samaritan woman at the well, He did not beat around the bush, He went straight to the issue and addressed it. He did the same with the rich ruler who was unwilling to sell all he had to follow Him.

5.

Be relatable: Apostle Paul in one of his missionary journeys he found that the people of Athens have erected a pillar to an Unknown god. Paul used that pillar to relate to the men of Athens to introduce Jesus. When we are able to find a common ground, people tend to be more open and give their attention.

6.

We must understand that we cannot change lives, but God can. Therefore, we don't go around forcing people accept the Gospel and be transformed. We are just the messengers; God will do the work and also it takes the person's decision to accept and his determination to change.

7.

Be patient, sometimes people are so ready to change but there are people who might take weeks, months and even years to change. Be patient and wait on the Lord.

8.

Finally, do all these in love. Do not be indifferent to people because their beliefs and opinions are different than yours. So many times, it is our expression love for them that will change them rather than the profound, deep and intellectual thoughts that we share.

I am sure there are more than these things that I have shared. I hope and pray that as we go out in the any sphere of influence that God has placed us we will be able to make a ripple of impact to bring about change in the minds of the people we work with. God bless you! ■



## R. KHRIELIE KEVICHÜSA - A Picture of UBC

Long ago when a delegation of Christians from Thailand came to Kohima, I brought two of the leaders, a pastor and a doctor, to the Union Baptist Church. Their reaction was, "Oh, your church is right in the market area! Wonderful!" Then on another occasion I said that we in Nagaland were economically very poor and backward. They said, "But you have the Gospel."

I think I understand what they mean.

A church in the market place, in the midst of the daily hustle and bustle of life, not distant and isolated, but near and approachable by everyone; holding on to the Gospel of Jesus Christ and proclaiming Him – in the market place.

May UBC continue to be so!

## MRS. ADUOÜ ZIEPHRÜ

The pace at which the world is moving cannot be over emphasized. There is a fierce pursuit of wealth, knowledge, fame and so on. We see nations in competition with each other and individuals trying to outshine each other in all facets of life – all in the garb of the word 'Development'. However, I would like to burrow the positive spirit behind this idea of development and bring it into the context of the church. This spirit of fierce pursuit to growth and development, if channelized and put into focus in our spiritual growth, both at the individual and church level, I envision that :-

- Each individual will arise in unrelenting faith and unflinching walk with the Lord preparing way for godly generations to come who would live, abide and apply the Word of God as their mainstay in life.
- The church body will flourish like never before in carrying out the Kingdom's business of sharing the gospel and saving souls in unprecedented measure.
- A great number of missionaries and evangelists will be commissioned from our church to the most unreached and to the most broken parts of the world.
- Our church's Compassion Ministry will expand to become the brightest beacon of hope to many lives proving to be an effective conduit in the harvest of souls for the Kingdom.

## ANERI AILEEN YHOSHÜ

1. I want UBC to have more teachers to teach us more about Jesus so that we will learn more about His love for us.
2. I want UBC to have a bigger space so that more people can come and praise Jesus, and little children can do outdoor Bible activities.

## KECHASER MEPFHÜO

I envision UBC to be:

1. Have brightly coloured classes
2. Renovating the church
3. Spread more missionaries around the world
4. Improve traffic in front of our church

## My vision for UBC



## ANNIE PUNYÜ

We all have different views and opinions in the direction our church must go or lead its members. My vision is that our church must lean towards being more healing-centric, especially in this new age and era where we are witnessing a breakdown of many values and morals in the society and family. A breakdown which is leading to more broken families and marriages, corruption of morals and confusion amongst the youth. To counter this trend, our church needs to focus on bringing healing to this rising brokenness and bring restoration. I feel that our church needs to be a place where:

1. Members are taught (and follow) the Bible doctrines – Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
2. Members are equipped through bible study, trainings and seminars for missions, community outreach and community service. Families are encouraged and trained for missions.
3. Help and counseling is prioritized for various groups in need of help like people in failing relationships, alcoholics, addicts, depressed people etc. Maybe even start a helpline with care callers to deal with hurting/vulnerable people.
4. Help is given and doors opened to people looking to find a place socially, emotionally and spiritually.
5. Members are called to bring Jesus to the office (workplace).
6. Members are good neighbours – being considerate to others, polite, keeping surroundings clean (not just own house), etc.
8. The church partners to provide service to the community and other charitable works. Example, organize medical services for vulnerable groups as a regular feature/activity of the church (and not just as one-off events).
9. Focus is given in nurturing healthy families and thus efforts placed in restoring broken families and marriages.
10. Members are helped and guided to find their purpose through the word and relationship with God.
11. Church elders exhort and guide younger members often with emphasis on our culture relating with Christian doctrines.

## RIAVONO PHIZO

1. Big church will be more bigger, so nobody will stand outside.
2. Shekinah Hall will be very big so girls who come late will not seat on the boys side.
3. Children will sing in the big church every Sunday.

## KEVISETO ISRAIL

We all have several opinions about how our church should be and sometimes these discussions happen even among the "outstanding" members on Sundays (of which I was also a part occasionally). All of us have great ideas, some are practical and some are not. It's easy in the manner of a casual talk but to publish an article mentioning these ideas and visions makes one nervous. What others think about us should not influence us much but it does matter to the extent of exhibiting Christ-like nature. Every member of the Church is responsible for the health of the Church and what is more important is how we are in the real world rather than how we are in the church. Our society is rife with intolerance, dishonesty, greed, hatred and the list can go on. I would envision our church to adopt a verse in Paul's letter to the Philippians in Philippians 2:4 – Each of you should look not only to your own interest, but also into the interest of others.





# Family Focus

## What is your most memorable family moment this year?

The most memorable family moment this year would be in the month of February, 2021 when we saw the faithfulness and the goodness of God's amazing grace pouring into our lives.

2020 had been a year of struggle- battling problems, disappointments and loss of hope but through it all, God taught us to trust Him completely. He is always in control of everything, for even though man disappoints, He does not. In those trying times, the Bible was our anchor and we would like to quote some verses that encouraged us tremendously -

### Galatians 6:9

"And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart."

### Phillipians 4:19

"And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of His glory in Christ Jesus."

## What activities do you enjoy as a family?

Spending time together has always been our primary concern to develop good bonding but as working parents, there are times when we struggle in it. We have realized however, that bonding can be over even the most ordinary and mundane of activities. We enjoy eating together, watching television, working in the garden, doing light household chores and listening to music. On some days, we play worship songs and sing along as we move about the house doing our daily activities. It is fun and there indeed is much blessing in praising God in those little moments. One important part of the day that has also cemented our relationship with one another is the family prayer time in the evenings.

## What does being part of our Church family mean to you and your children?

Being part of our Church family means a lot to us. It has played an integral role in moulding and shaping our faith. The varied activities, the liveliness, the faith-filled sermons have all encouraged us to grow closer to God. It has also been a blessing to watch our children grow in the knowledge of the fear of the Lord by being a part of the Sunday School. The many Bible stories and verses they learn, the interesting activities they are made to engage in and the Children's choir have enabled them to build up their faith.

## What do you think are some areas where UBC can do better?

Our UBC Church is blessed with gifted Pastors and leaders whom God is using as His precious instruments. We find our Church doing a tremendous job.

It is our prayer that more and more members will continue to be hearers and doers of His word; thereby, living a legacy of faith in the Lord.

## Having a health professional at home, how challenging is it to balance work and family during this Covid-19 crisis?

There are many challenges we are facing being a health professional/frontline worker at this point of time in Covid-19 crisis. Staying away from family for hours, days and weeks has been the hardest part. And also, being unable to assist them in their online classes and studies especially when their exams are going on has been very distressing.

But through all these, together as parents, we are trying our humble best to shoulder our respective responsibilities. And by His grace, we have been able to hold on and come thus far. We believe that it is because many believers are praying for the frontline workers. Our heartfelt gratitude to our UBC family for always praying and encouraging frontline workers and their families. May God richly bless you all!

As the number of Covid-19 cases is rising daily, some frontline workers have also been infected in the line of duty and many are feeling burnt out. We believe that you will continue to uphold us in your prayers just as you have been doing so till now and win this battle together in God's name.



## From the children



**Kelevitso Chücha**  
Self-employed

## What are your interests and hobbies?

**Lhusevino:**

Sketching/drawing

**Vizano:**

Arts, gardening and playing hide and seek.

## What do you like the most about your sister?

**Lhusevino:**

My younger sister is very helpful.

**Vizano:**

She takes care of me and plays with me.

## What is the best thing you learned from your parents?

**Lhusevino:**

To love, care and respect each other.

**Vizano:**

To be good to others.

## Do you miss Sunday School?

**Lhusevino:**

Yes, sometimes it's difficult to understand nicely when the network is not good. I also miss my teachers, friends and the choir.

**Vizano:**

Yes, I miss Sunday school because we get to listen to Bible stories and sing together with friends.



**Akhrole Chücha**  
Staff Nurse (ICU, NHAK)



**Lhusevino Chücha**  
Class-6  
Living Tree School



**Vizano Chücha**  
Class-2  
Living Tree School



# UBC MISSION REPORT

## KEZEI (FEB) ZHA 2 MU 3 - LOVE BURMA MISSION BOARD (LBM) TSÜPHRÜKO RAZHÜ

Kezei zha 2 mu 3 nhie vo Noksen rüna nunu Love Burma Mission Board rüchütei piebalie. UBC nu LBM board tsüphrü vokelioko liro, Pastor Niu, Pastor Visato mu Pastor Megozeno Savino. City Church nunu vokelioko liro, Pastor Zajamo Odyuo, Robin Temsu mu Mego Yalie. CBLT sou chü di vokelioko liro, Rev. Achu Chang mu Imlong Chang. Rüchütei hau nu mha ca kemeyie kerüchü kelieko liro; LBM Evangelist, Training Program, Board Re-structuring mu Financial position.



## KEZEI - BETHEL BAPTIST FELLOWSHIP, NEW MARKET:

Kezei zha 28 nhie Bethel Baptist Fellowship Sunday School ministry sedelie. Pastor Jasen bu kepethako keseshü di UBC Sunday school ministry bu tsie ketso mhatho hau nu kekhuohi vorzhie.

Sizokemo thekhrü metsei Niepuuzha seu nu (3rd Sunday) UBC nunu diekepu keseshü di kehoulie vorzhie.



## KERA - UBC MISSION MONTH:

Kera-u khrü UBC Mission Month piebalie. "By All Means" ikecü cayieu se di kehoulie. Diekepuko liro:

- i. Kera zha 7- Rev. Kelhuseto Nagi, Pastor, Calvary Baptist Church
- ii. Kera zha 14 - Mrs. Ravikho Kera
- iii. Kera zha 21- Rev. Puthavil Neikha, ABCC Mission Director
- iv. Kera zha 28 - Rev. Dr. Rachülie Vihienuo

Hateiu nu mission lie nu dze kezakeshüko liro; Nobin Bora, Rev. Simon Kemprai, Yaosang, Siedzeviü mu Adono Krose (video). Mission la mhakengukecü piebalie.



## KEZEI ZHA 8 NUNU VO KERA ZHA 31 - COMPASSION MINISTRY INCOME GENERATION PROGRAM:

Kezei zha 8 nunu sede di UBC nunu pfhe be mu terhükecü kedoju tei piebalie. Mhathochie hau nu Women Resource Department nu Deputy Director chükeba, Mr. Vilone Sakhrie bu se morokesuo; kepetha mu mhanyamharako, keseshü di mhathoko chü khrielie. Uko mia 5 vor Kepethapfü Ms. Kekhrue (Master Tailor, TLI Project) khro nu kedoju liellie.





# UBC MISSION REPORT

## KERA ZHA 12 NUNU ZHA 14 - DIMASA AREA MISSION, MAILU DISAO:

Kera zha 12 nunu 14 doki UBC Thepfuko Krotho mu Mission Board nunu mia thenie Mailu Disao, Assam nu vo Leadership Training program mu kecha ki seüde mhatho chülie. Hanu vokelieko liro; Among Imsong, Keriho Kiso, Akho Savino, Toso Pusa, Akho Kraho, Keduophilie Rüpreo mu Visato Yhoshü.



## KETSHÜ (APRIL) ZHA 11 - TOULAZOU BAPTIST CHURCH

Hanhie UBC Mission board tsüphrüko, thenuko krotho, thepfuko krotho mu khriesariüko krotho, mia 14 ke di Toulazou Baptist Kehou nu zhapu chülie. Enoli.Ravikhoü Kera bu kethezie die pushülie, UBC sou chü di kekelieko bu zhapu Tsali chüshü mu Pastor Visato Yhoshü bu Niepuu die se kezashülie. Kehou tsikelie sie krütako ze di Thenyie-u (Oct) khü razhü puo chüketuo kerüchülie.



## KETSHÜ ZHA 25- NAGAMESE BAPTIST CHURCH, KEVIJAU

Ketshü zha 25 nhie u kehou khriesariüko mia 9 Pastor Visato ze di ke NBC Kevijau nu zhapu chülie. Pastor Visato bu Niepuu die se kezashü, mu Khriesariüko bu kehoukese, zhapu tsali, kethodie kephrü mu kecha krüta chüshü.



### 1. FEBRUARY & MARCH: HOME VISITATION

Our first agenda for this year was to visit the homes of our members. And we are grateful for the opportunity, we had a blessed and a fruitful time.

### 2. MARCH 29: CORE LEADERS RETREAT

The core leaders of PowerComm. had a one-day retreat at Shalom Bible Seminary, Zubza with Mr. Lezo Putsure as the resource person. He shared on team dynamics and team building with the leaders.

### 3. APRIL: POWERCOMM YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Even though we still need to officially launch our Youth ministry, we started our Youth Fellowship and we are grateful for this time that we were able to spend some time with the outgoing students.



CORE LEADERS WITH MR. PUTSURE, PASTOR RACHÜLIE AND WIFE





DOSHÜ-CADI 2021

# THENUKO KROTHO REPORT

- 1. KEZEI ZHA 11** nhie Thenuko krotho kehou sede lalie.
- 2. KERA ZHA 11** nhie KBCC Pastor dikonko la pederüchü puo UBC nunu pebakelieu nu Thenuko krotho mhacha mereiko chü kekhuohilie.
- 3. KERA ZHA 13** mu 20 nhie ABTK social work pebakelie nu krotho sou nu mia kropuo vo kepekrolie.
- 4. KERA ZHA 18** nhie thenuko kehou teiu nu Kethezie khakeshü kehou balie. Ganya, nyiepu, hiemvü mu raka se kethezie khakeshü chülie.
- 5. KERA ZHA 29** nhie TRACK nu kehou social work chükecü nu kepekrolie.
- 6. KETSHÜ ZHA 11** nhie Thenuko krothou sou nu Bounuo mu Bano Krose unie Mission Board-ko ze Toulazouma Baptist Church nu vo zhapu chülie.
- 7. KETSHÜ ZHA 15** nhie Thepfuko Krotho keseko vor Thenuko Krotho ze kehoulie mu thepfuko la nounyü se kezashülie.
- 8. KETSHÜ ZHA 29** nhie KABTK kesekeshü medzi di Galatiako leshü nunu Ketholeshü kemetsakecü balie. Hanhie mia 12 kemetsacü nu kepekrolie mu kevitho chükelieko liro:  
1st- Kevizakieü  
2nd- Neibou Wabang  
3rd- Melino Terhüja  
Hanhie Chieliko 111 pemokephrü nu zhapu kechü tei rei balie mu Atsono Iralu mu Asieno Sakhrie unie pemokephrü nu zhapu chüshülie.
- 9.** Uzuonuo teisozhau Cacü zha 4 nhie nyiepu (bouquet), nhasi mu ganya basket se vo uzuonuo mia 15 vasilie mu uko ze kecha chülie.
- 10.** U kehou nu rüüko mia pengou u kiya chütuouü kebako ki vo uko ze kecha chülie.
- 11.** Mercy la u kehou nu thenuko suokeba kropuo vasilie.
- 12.** Thepeu la Cacü-u khrü nu sede di Thenuko kehou puotei huo la kehou la mo bate.

Pastor Neino Phizo  
UBC Thenuko Krotho

# THEPFUKO KROTHO REPORT

U kelakelie Niepuu Jisu Khrista za nu kenei se peteko kelushüya we. Haki nu u UBCTK-e 2021, Doshü nunu vo Cadi-u khrü ketso mhatho chükelie kropuo se kezashüzhie:

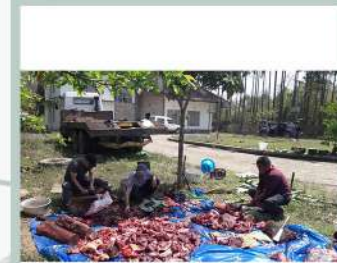
- 1. KEZEI (FEB) ZHA 16:** UBCTK kehouchie 2021 medzi di hanhie thepfuko kehou keriethe-u kehoulie.
- 2. KEZEI ZHA 21:** UBC general meeting nu 2020 Ministry report mu audit report khashülie.
- 3. KERA (MAR) ZHA 9:** Peraciezie Baptist Church Thepfuko Krothoe teicie 25 va kerükra kehou-u nu vo kepekrolie.
- 4. KERA ZHA 12:** Hanhie Thepfuko Krotho mu Mission Board-ko vo Mailudisao (Assam) nu kecha ki puo UBCTK mezakeshü-u (sponsored) seüde mhatho chülie.
- 5. KERA ZHA 28:** Palm Sunday nhie UBCTK-koe tsali nunu khise kerüsuo nu zhapu chülie.
- 6. KETSHÜ (APR) ZHA 1:** Hanhie Mitelephe Baptist Church ze di project puo chüketuo la thevonuo dia khashülie.
- 7. KETSHÜ ZHA 5 MU 21:** U tsüphrümia suomezhie kebamia mu kishükiya chükelieko vaphilie.
- 8. KETSHÜ ZHA 13:** KBCCTK combine service theriethe-u Midland Baptist Church nu vo mia ze kepekrolie.
- 9. KETSHÜ ZHA 18:** ABCCTK tsali kehou Chümoukedima Village Baptist Church nu vo mia ze kepekrolie mu tsali nunu zhapu chülie.
- 10. KETSHÜ ZHA 24:** Hanhie apuo Viyalie mu apfü Krusieü Tsürho, unie-e mithu kenie UBC Golden Jubilee la kha keshü-u nu thepfuko krothokoe bie pie zeshülie.

Mhatho chükelieko pete la Kepenuopfü thezie bawe.

Akho Kraho  
Secretary  
UBC Thepfuko Krotho



Tuolazouma BC nu zhapu chükelie



Apuo Viyalie jubilee la mithu kha keshü-u UBCTK-koe bie pie ze shülie



UBCTK keseko



ABCCTK Tsali Kehou nu UBCTK-ko tsali nunu zhapu chülie



UBCTK keseko Mitelephe BC nu zhapu chükelie



UBC mission Board members mu UBCTK keseko vo Mailu (Assam) nu kecha ki kekhrü nu



Mailu Dimasa (Assam)



Mailu (Assam) nu u missionary-ko ze kehou keba



Mailu Disao kecha ki



# NHICUKO

## REPORT



Kepethako meeting va die balie. Ciethie nu sede di meeting metsei mia kro puo bu book review chüşhü ba.

Easter nhie Easter egg packet chüpie nhicuko tsüşhü.



Feb 24 nhie nhicuko mia kro puo bu khise kerüsuo kehouu nu zhapu chüşhü.



April 25 nhie nhicuko bu tsali nunu zhapu chülie.



Bethel Baptist Fellowship, New Market nu UBC kepethako class ketherü di zelië.



Nhicumia mia se bu u zuonuo zha nhie 'Azuo a Kekhrîe' cayie se zhapu chülie.



Nhicuko Sunday nhie lesson ketsekeshüko nunu craft chü keba.





# SHALOM MISSION SCHOOL DOYAPUR



Report by Sito Meru



KEDOROKO AND NEIME  
CASAVI WITH THEIR SON  
KEVISEVO

**GREETINGS** to all in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ! It is my privilege to once again update the Church on our activities in the past year and also share some of our hopes and plans for the future.

With Mr. Tekaba Ao taking voluntary retirement after 22 years of service as Headmaster and Mr. Kedoroko Casavi taking his stead, 2020 saw the end of a chapter in the journey of our School and the beginning of a new one. Under the leadership of our new Headmaster, classes began on January 22 with an enrolment of 450 students. After few weeks of classes, we went in for Sports Week which was held from February 24 to 27. Recognising the importance of sports, the school invested in the purchase of new equipment for the event which proved to be a huge encouragement for our students. Along with that, our teachers and senior students went the extra mile to beautify our playground to make it a wholesome experience for everyone involved. The Sports Week was a grand success for which we give thanks to our Almighty God.

The Parent – Teacher meeting was held on March 7, where our Headmaster and teachers got to interact with parents and discuss various concerns for the betterment of the School. On March 14, we conducted our Faculty Development Programme, with Prof. Buno Liegise as the main Speaker, and two of her colleagues from Nagaland University taking one session each as well. We are grateful to God for providing us highly qualified resource persons, not only last year but even in the past years, who sacrifice their valuable time and resources to help equip our teachers further.

Shortly after the Faculty Development Programme, on March 17, our School along with the rest of the country had to close down on account of the pandemic. Like many other Schools in our State, especially those in rural areas, we were placed in a predicament that we were not prepared for in the slightest. How do we conduct online classes when the vast majority of our students or their parents do not own smart phones? And how do we pay our staff salaries when fees have stopped coming in? These two questions weighted down on us instantly, and as always we turned to our Church for assistance in our time of need.

At a time when many teachers all over the State were receiving only half their monthly salary or in some cases nothing at all, our Church made sure the School was able to pay the salaries of its staff in full every month. We remain ever grateful to our church for the assistance during these challenging times. The School was further blessed with donations from individual members and families, which enabled us to provide hard copy notes to all our students for the duration of the lock down. This was a huge boost for the School and the students, and solved our problem with online classes to a large extent. We are unable to mention the names of all those who helped us, but it is our prayer that God Almighty would bless you all abundantly and use you for His Glory even in the days to come.



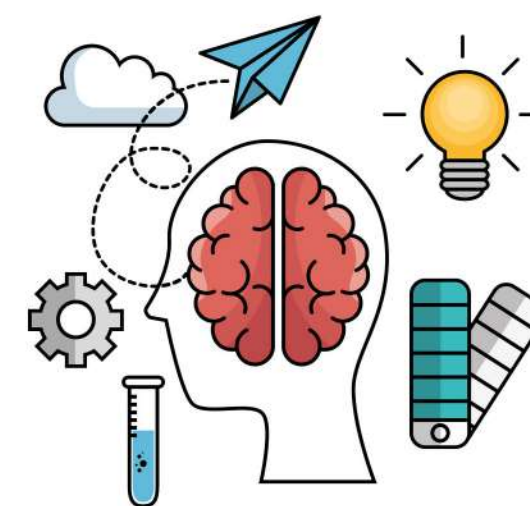
By October we were able to resume physical classes for 9 and 10, while the rest had to continue their studies from home. Final exams for classes 8 and below were conducted in November, while selection exams for classes 9 and 10 were held during the first week of December. A total of 45 students were able to appear their HSLC exams this year in the month of April 2021. Looking back, we are humbled by God's grace upon the School, and are reminded once again that we indeed serve a Mighty God who supplies all our needs according to His riches in Glory in Jesus Christ.

Coming to our hopes and plans for the future, allow me to highlight a few. Over the years, the need to upgrade our School to include the Higher Secondary section, and the many requests from parents of this area for the same has been a recurring topic of discussion in our Managing Board meetings. As such, under the direction of the Managing Board, the School Administration is committed to work towards fulfilling the criteria laid down by the NBSE for upgradation by 2025. Along with this, we hope to continue to encourage our students in the field of Sports by providing better facilities, equipment and coaching in the days to come. Not only can sports be a means of keeping young people engaged and away from harmful lifestyles, we believe it can also be a good avenue for ministry and building character as well. Last but not the least, as our School steps into its 30th year we continue to hope and pray for new classrooms for the lower section.

In conclusion, I would like to thank you all, our members, for your support and prayers which have been a constant source of strength and blessing to us. I also thank our leaders and elders for their encouragement, graciousness and patience despite our many failings. As we move forward, we are always reminded of the contributions of those who came before us, many of whom are not with us today. Their dedication and sacrifice continue to challenge us to be better. May God Almighty continue to bless our Church and use us as instruments for His Glory.



ANNUAL SPORTS MEET 2020





# YOUTH REPORT



## DOSHÜ (JANUARY)

**Doshü zha 03:** Lighthouse Photography Contest va kenieu Nulevino Iralu bu kevithopfü chülie. Cayieu (theme) liro Black and White.

**Doshü zha 15-16:** Global Leadership Youth Summit "SPHERE" online nunu kehoulie.

**Doshü zha 30:** EDIFY cell group-ko kehoulie mu mia 6 kepekrolie.

## KEZEI (FEBRUARY)

**Kezei zha 07:** Lighthouse Photography contest va seu nu Avitha Pusa bu kevitho-u chülie. Cayie-u liro Christmas.

**Kezei zha 13:**

i. Youth Alive pebalie mu khriesarüüko mia 30 keze social work nu kepekrolie.

ii. ABKK Counseling seminar nu u khriesarüüko rei mia ze di kehoulie.

**Kezei zha 14:** Hieko teicie mharhü medzi di kikru merekecüu sedelie.

**Kezei zha 20:** EDIFY cell group (D'Block, Daklane, Nagabazar, New Market) tsu Nsonji lake, Sendenyu nunu chielievü di kepekrolie. Mia 18 kepekrolie.

**Kezei zha 27-28:** KBKK Houzha va 9-u, Minister's Hill Baptist Church nu vo kehoulie. Kemetsakecü nu UBKK rei Stomping mu Quartet nu kevizhakhra ngulie.

## KERA (MARCH)

**Kera zha 07:**

i. Club Ignite khadou sedelie.

ii. Khriesarüü kehou sedelalie mu hanhie mia 59 kepekrolie.

**Kera zha 09:** kikru merekecü va kenieu chülie.

**Kera zha 11:** Salt and Light cell group (Tanquist, Kenouzou, Keziekie, Bayavü) kehoulie mu mia 11 kepekrolie.

**Kera zha 12-13:** The Track nu Club Ignite razhü pebalie.

**Kera zha 13:** Khriesarüüko huomia u kehou sou chü di Kohima Smart City bu kesekeshü social work nu kepekrolie.

**Kera zha 14:** Sunday School Trailblazers khadou nunu mia 24 rühe khriesarüü krotho nu parlie.

**Kera zha 19:**

i. Kikru merekecü va seu pebalie.

ii. EDIFY cell group-ko kehoulie mu mia 7 kepekrolie.

**Kera zha 20:** Khriesarüüko krotho Yongchak project pemvü di mia 12 tsu The Track nu mhachülie.

**Kera zha 28:**

i. Abino Mor mu Aaron Ezung unie bu Club Ignite-ko pethaketuo la petholie.

ii. Kikru merekecü va diau pebalie.

## KETSHÜ (APRIL)

**Ketshü zha 11:** Kikru merekecü va pengou-u pebalie.

**Ketshü zha 16:** BLAN (BOC, Lerie, AG, New Ministers' Hill) cell group-ko kehoulie. Mia 17 kepekrolie.

**Ketshü zha 17:** Bayavü, Billy Graham, High school, Meriema Cell group-ko kehoulie. Mia 10 kepekrolie.

**Ketshü zha 19:** Teicie hanu HARDTALK kerieu kehoulie mu kepethau Wabang Moa bu puotei seshü. Puo pukeshü cayieu liro- "The Information Highway is here: Can we use it to learn fast, grow exponentially, and implement it in our life- studies, work, career and businesses?"

**Ketshü zha 24:** Yongchak project-u la mia 18 tsulie.

**Ketshü zha 25:** Pastor Visato Yhoshü ze di khriesarüüko mia 10 Kevijau Baptist Church, Dimapur nu ke zhapu chülie.

## CACÜ (MAY)

**Cacü zha 09:** Online nunu Lighthouse service kehou sedelie.

## KBKK HOUZHA VA 9-U NU KHRIESARÜÜKO ZE KEPEKROLIE



## CLUB IGNITE-KO THE TRACK NU RAZHÜ CHÜ KEBÄ



## KHRIESARÜÜKO YONGCHAK PROJECT LA THE TRACK NU MHACHÜ



## HOME GROUP FELLOWSHIPS



## KHRIESARÜÜKO HARDTALK SPEAKER WABANG MOA ZE DI MIRHI RHIKETHA



## KEVIJAU BAPTIST CHURCH, DIMAPUR NU KEHOU KEBÄ.



# WHAT DOES MISSION MEAN TO ME?

## KELESETONU PUSA

Mission, to me, is spreading the gospel of God. It can be the direct preaching of the word or spreading it through our daily acts.

As a student, mission is to live my life according to the word of God so that I can try my best to reflect the love of Jesus. It is a daily struggle, but it is also a commitment to God to allow ourselves to be used by Him as a catalyst to reach people who are unaware of the sacrifices and the selfless love of Jesus. Mission is the fulfillment of God's purpose in our lives.

## DR. RUOVINUO THEÜNUO

As a Christian, I believe my mission is to live a life that draws people to God and bring them to the knowledge of the unconditional love, abundant grace, mercy and the mighty saving power of our Lord Jesus Christ. And yes, this certainly means going to far flung or nearby areas to share the Good News where people have not heard of it (Mathew 28:19). But I think it also means living in obedience to His Word and reflecting the likeness of Christ in all that we are and all that we do- in our daily activities, our work, speech, character, in the way we treat people and deal with situations, etc. May we all be instruments that God will use to bring those around us closer to Him.

## KAKO YHOSHÜ

Growing up I have always seen "Mission" as the stereotypical going-over-to-Africa-living-in-a-mud-hut, attending "Mission"-related-events or even just speaking to someone you know about your faith. I suppose that was something ingrained in my mind since we'd hear so much about our very own members from church go reach out, evangelize and perform these amazing works of God.

I like to think now that God is at work in the world all the time – in all ways. Mission is about us joining in with what He is already doing versus us doing something or organizing to do something and praying that He will come along and bless it.



## JUSTIN METHA

For as long as Christianity has existed, the idea of spreading the "Good News" and imparting the doctrines of Christian Faith to more and more people has always been a staple. This is by no means a bad endeavour as it brings more people into the fold and creates a populace that follows a train of thought in its diversity. The change in the thought process however, as the ages went on, bring about a concerning matter to say the least. Most non-believers have this idea of Christianity being a religion of forcefulness and strictness

because of the way missions have been carried out. In my personal experience, I hear stories of people being forced into the faith and they begin to develop negativity towards the faith as a whole.

To me, Missions in our faith means going out and reaching people who have never been reached out to before and forming relationships with them to bring them closer to us and to God. For me, a mission in the Christian realm should be forging relationships with God and using that to forge strong relationships with the people around us showing them through actions the goodness that we receive through our relationship with God. Missions, to me, are about building relationships and creating communities that resonate with each other and most of all using those to build a stronger faith and relationship with God. The ultimate goal for us as Christians is to build a strong relationship with God and the people around us and use that as a force of goodness for the world.

## MENGUZENO NAKHRO

In my opinion, the essence of Christian mission lies in fixing myself first; to be responsible of myself and the life I lead. I am acutely aware of the impact I might leave on people I encounter and to ensure a meaningful one, to let others see Jesus in me - I must first strive to be an exemplar of a good Christian woman. We have a proclivity to associate missions with big evangelical movements, outreach programs and leave them upon church leaders to embark on and often forget about the significance of our roles as individuals. I believe it is our collective mission to read our bibles and put to walk what we have read- an arduous but rewarding mission. To put in estimation, to lead a good Christian life is an exceptional testimony.

## KEZHIENUO KULNU

According to me, mission is the very core reason of our whole existences. It is hard to put spiritual enterprises like mission into a picture because a picture is worth a thousand words and it tells a different story to everyone who looks at it. You can picture a Sunday school teacher who is teaching the small kids about the bible and it will come under the mission tag but even so when you see someone sharing a bible verse to a stranger on a bus ride and it will also come under mission because we are trying to bring people to the Christian faith regardless of situations.



## LIGHTHOUSE PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST WINNERS

January Theme  
"Black & White"  
Nulevino Iralu



February Theme  
"Christmas"  
Avitha Pusa



From Feb-Mar, we conducted a crash course on Cutting and Tailoring training under Income Generation Program (IGP). Our trainer was Ms. Kekhrie from Deptt of Women Resource Development, arranged by Mr. Vilone Sakhrie. We had three beneficiaries and two members from Compassion Committee as trainees (five trainees altogether). Some of the products we learnt were kitchen towel, aprons, tote-bag and three layered face-mask. After the training, we received an order for making aprons (this was our first project) from the Thepfuko Krotho, UBC for Mothers day gift. We had a wonderful time of learning and fellowshiping together. Truly grateful to all who made it possible and supported us through prayers, rendering your service and encouraging words. All Glory to GOD Alone.  
THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS!

**Seyievinuo**  
Project Coordinator, UBC Compassion





**THE** process with the construction works has always been very slow. It's already been a little over six years since the commencement of the project, and our campsite is still far from completion. But we thank God for the programmes we've been able to run with what we have. Here are some of the activities during these pandemic years:

- **March 2020:** Kevisa Sakhrie appointed as Junior Project Assistant.
- **March 2020, 16-19:** Baptist College Camp. All the other camps and retreats were cancelled for the year.
- The women of UBC took up all the beautification works. A 6x150 feet retaining wall in front of the dining hall and the footpath leading to the boys' dorm were constructed from their donations. A lot of plantations were done too.
- **February 2021:** Received power connection.
- Road construction is underway.

Some of the camping and other activities conducted in 2021 are:

1. **January 16:** UBC Staff Retreat.
  2. **February 06:** Vineyard School Teachers' Orientation (Experiential Learning).
  3. **February 26-27:** Chakhesang Baptist Church Ministers' Hill, Kohima Senior Youth Camp.
  4. **March 12-13:** Club Ignite, UBC Retreat.
  5. **April 02-04:** Campus Christian Fellowship (CCF), Science College Teens' Camp.
  6. **April 12:** ABTF Krüta Nousi Kehou.
  7. **April 24:** Rongmei Baptist Youth Retreat.
  8. **April 30:** SBS Youth Ministry Class Camp.
- Three camps have been cancelled in the month of May 2021. And all the construction works have been on halt since the beginning of April due to fund constraint.





# CHICKEN WITH BAMBOO SHOOT

BANO KROSE



## Ingredients

1. Chicken - 500 gms
2. Mustard oil - 1 tbsp
3. Onion- 1 medium size
4. Tomato- 1 medium size
5. Garlic- 6 cloves
6. Ginger- 1 medium size
7. Chilli powder- 2 tsp
8. Bamboo shoot- 1/2 cup, sliced
9. Cilantro



## Direction

1. Heat a pot with oil on medium flame. Fry the onion and add chopped tomatoes.
2. Add the chicken pieces, Chilli powder and salt.
3. Add bamboo shoot and cover the lid on medium flame and let it cook until the chicken and bamboo shoot gets tender.
4. Add ginger and garlic and stir it.
5. When the chicken is well cooked, garnish with cilantro.



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Mr. Zakieneizo Kera now runs the press independently and he is deeply burdened for the poor, needy and unemployed youth in the society. At present, there are 8 local and 3 non-local staffs. The press also provides free home delivery within Kohima Town.





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