

number of six local churches.¹⁹ In January 1960, the first of its meeting was held at Tangpui.²⁰ In pastoral ministry, Rev. Lalla Lalsim served as full time pastor in Tang Bial, working for 26 years with effect from 1963.²¹ The Tang Bial celebrated its Silver Jubilee (1959-1984) during January 13th to 15th, 1984 at Tangpui village.²²

B. Tuituan District

In course of growth of the church a new district was created from Tang District in 1989 called Tuituan District. It consists of seven local churches and three preaching stations or branch churches²³ looked after by a full-time minister. Membership in this district is steadily growing.

C. Michikhur District

In view of geographical factors a new pastorate called Michikhur District was created from Tuituan District in 1998. It comprises of five local churches and one preaching station or branch church, looked after by a full-time minister, and two evangelists. There is a mission school called Tangram Presbytery Standard English Medium School with two teachers.

The above pastorates had been under the care and governance of Haflong Presbytery, prior to the creation of the new presbytery. But when Tangram Presbytery was constituted in 1993 all the pastorates under this geographical area are under the newly constituted presbytery.

3. The Congregation of the Presbytery

As the churches are gradually growing, the congregations of the two districts like Tang District and Tuituan District felt that it is necessary to have a presbytery of

¹⁸ Ibid., p. 31

¹⁹ Ibid., p. 31 (also see **Haflong Presbytery Silver Jubilee (1956-1981)** Haflong, Synod Press, 1981, p. 35 Hereafter cited as Haflong Presbytery Silver Jubilee (1956-1981).

²⁰ **Minutes of the first session of Tang Bial**, 15th to 17th Jan., 1960

²¹ Information from Rev. Lalla Lalsim of Fiangpui

²² **Minutes of the 25th Session of Tang Bial** dt. 13th -15th Jan., 1984