

In 1940, a revival broke out at Chaptuk, that brought a new spirit in evangelism. It was said that a nonbeliever by name Mr. Vantuzem was suddenly pushed by ecstasy spirit into a certain house where a community singing was being held and he dance amazingly. As a result, he totally gave up opium-smoking and drinking zu (rice-beer) and got baptism²⁶. Vantuzem became the first Church elder, ordained on 26th January, 1957²⁷. From 1940s the Welsh Mission of Haflong opened a school at Chaptuk and kept evangelist-teachers like Saitinthanga (1963-1964), Vanrilthoi (1943-44), Mrs. Chirrinu (1963-1964) and others.²⁸ Through this Mission School, new converts were increased. In 1942, the Church was formed at Chaptuk with 30 (thirty) members. It is the first Hrangkhol Church in N.C.Hills. Between 1942 and 1954, it was a preaching station under the care of Vaitang Church. In 1954, it was conferred a full-fledged Church called Koiindang Indan²⁹. From Chaptuk, Christianity was carried on to its neighbouring villages.

At the same time, the Vaitang Church initiated an evangelistic task in Hrangkhol villages like Chaptuk and Tangpui. Probably since 1937/38, Elder Fonga of Vaitang frequently visited Tangpui. As a result of his preaching, Lalrilpai was converted in 1949. In January 1952, a Church was set up at Tangpui with around 15 (fifteen) members. It was inaugurated by Rev. William Morgan (Welsh

²⁶ Interview with Eld. Chonte and Mrs. Joihoi of Zion, on 7th May, 1997.

²⁷ *Haflong Presbytery Silver Jubilee Souvenir (1956-1981)*, English Edition, Haflong, 1981, p. 34. Hereafter cited as *Haflong Presbytery Silver Jubilee Souvenir*.

²⁸ Interview with Menlalthang of Chaptuk on 13th May, 1997. Interview with Mrs. Chirrinu of Fiangpui, on 22nd May, 1997.

²⁹ Interview with Eld. Chonsiak of Chaptuk, on 13th-14th May, 1997. See also *N.C.Hills Hrangkhol Kristian Golden Jubilee Souvenir (1925-1985)*, Chaptuk 1985, p.2.