

method is enhanced to the extent of giving rice enough to host a person. In other words, handful of rice has been increased tenfold in quantity. The PWF takes care of them, sell them and the sale proceed goes to the church fund and hence, become a regular source of fund.

2:2 Handicrafts

The product of small cottage industry such as shawls, sweaters, handgloves, baskets and varieties of cane industrial products are contributed to the church at an appointed day or meeting. At a very well oriented atmosphere, even the domestic animals such as pigs, goats, and fowls are brought forward. Even agricultural products are also donated as freewill offering to the Lord. They are sold accordingly and the sale proceed goes to the church fund and hence, become sources of income for the church for self-support, self-reliant and self-propagating.

2:3 Firewood Collection

Women do not go empty handed when they go for worship. They are attuned to take one stick of firewood that is kept intact in front or by the side of the church building nicely piled up. When firewood becomes numerous the local PWF organises to sell them.⁴³ Members of local PWF continue to pile up firewood again when the shed is emptied and is soon filled up again. Sale of firewood in a well organised congregation takes place three to four times a year. This looks as though insignificant but becomes a means to enhance commitment and spiritual integrity of the whole congregation. This firewood also increases gradually that one member can donate in significant numbers to fill in the firewood store house by the side of the church.

⁴³ Minutes of the 1st Annual session of Tangram Presbytery PWF dt. 11-13 February, 1994 at Chaptuk Presbyterian Church.