

4. Harangajao Area :

Harangajao is located on the Southern part of N.C. Hills District. It was the result of revival movement of 1953, a Church was formed at **Dolaichuanga** in 1953. As the years passed by some Christians were reconverted into their traditional religion due to the lack of Christian instructions. Mr. Thangchunthoi of Michikhur worked as evangelist teacher at Dolaichuanga with effect from 1976-1979, and won converts.⁵² Recently, some members joined the Evangelical Free Church of India (EFCI) and some other groups joined Independent Church of India (ICI). Evan. Thirsuanthoi had been working at Dolaichuanga under EFCI Church.⁵³ Christianity spreads far to a village name Rekho where Zoineilian converted in 1975. A preaching station was formed at **Rekho** under the care of Muallhoi EFCI Church.⁵⁴

As stated earlier, the real beginning of Christianity among the Hrangkhols was in 1935 and the first Church was formed in 1942 at Chaptuk. The Hrangkhol Church celebrated its Golden Jubilee in 1984 at Chaptuk. Till now, there are about 30% non-Christians among the Hrangkhols in N.C.Hills.

C. STRUCTURE OF THE CHURCH

Speaking about the structure of the Church we consider to study from the inception of the Church Organisation in Cachar Hill Tribes (CHT) Synod as a whole. In 1910, the first Church building-cum-School was founded at Jatinga. The Jatinga Church became the first local Church in this Synod area.⁵⁵ From 1920's number of the local Churches flourished in many areas.

⁵² Interview with Eld. Thangchunthoi of Michikhur, on 27th April 1977.

⁵³ Interview with Evan. Thirsuanthoi of Dolaichuanga, on 28th April 1977.

⁵⁴ *N.C. Hills Hrangkhol Kristian Golden Jubilee Souvenir*, p.11.

⁵⁵ *Souvenir of Cachar Hill Tribes Synod*, English Edition, p.36.