

mission or church fund to enhance mission work within a particular concentrated field or wherever the mission board finds fitting.

This method of fund raising includes newly harvested crops and early harvested paddy that almost every woman or housewives bring forth the newly harvested crops including the early paddy. The sale proceeds are accordingly invested for the mission fund.<sup>44</sup>

### 3. Social Work

#### 3:1 Jhuming and Gardening

Since the pre-Christian times, the Hrangkhoh women are so professional in agriculture and gardening. This culture remains inherent in them and are by nature so expert in agriculture in their own way though not so much scientific or used modern technical methods. When they become Christians they continue the same agriculture with much improved methods and the technique know-how in many respects, hence, many times they become successful. This method of cultivation is done in the field away from home as well as in the gardens close to the house or within the village attached to their house compound.

#### 3:2 Firewood for Christmas and New Year Festivals

Women are doing excellent job in the village and community in many respects. Collecting firewood for use during Christmas and New year festival for cooking as well as warming is solely taken up by womenfolk. They become more industrious and are well organised in the wake of Christianity even than the menfolk in various ways.<sup>45</sup>

<sup>44</sup> Minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the tangram Presbytery PWF dt. 14-16 Feb., 1997

<sup>45</sup> Minute Book of the Zion Local Presbyterian Church dt. 24/12/2000