

The first meeting was held at Tangpui in January 1960.⁶⁵ Rev. Lalla Lalsim began his pastoral ministry in Tang-Bial (District) for 26 (twenty six) years with effect from 1963-1989. He baptised around 1002 persons during his service.⁶⁶ Tang Bial celebrated its Silver Jubilee in January 1989.⁶⁷ Since its geographical area is vast, a new Bial named Tuituan Bial was formed with 7 (seven) Churches and 3 (three) Preaching Stations in 1989.⁶⁸ From 1989-1991, Rev. P.C. Lura worked as a Pastor in Hrangkhoh area.⁶⁹

The above two Bial (Districts) formed a new Presbytery named **Tangram Presbytery** in 1993. It was officially constituted by the C.H.T. Synod at Zion on 25th April, 1993.⁷⁰ This Presbytery composed of 14 (fourteen) Churches, 3 (three) Preaching Stations, 31 (thirty one) Church elders and 1494 members in 1996.⁷¹ It is financially and materially poor as the Church was planted in backward area. The Presbytery does not have full autonomy in respect of financial matter. The basic rules and ordained ministry are laid under the auspices of C.H.T. Synod. The Tangram Presbytery opened a mission School named **'Tangram Presbytery Standard English Medium School (TPSEMS) at Purana Zoar in March, 1995.** It offers the courses from Nursery up to class IV. It is still run by this Presbytery. By 1960, a mission committee was formed at Pastorate level, but it could not play a mission work because of financial

⁶⁵ Minutes of the 1st Session of Tang Bial (District), date 15th - 17th January, 1960.

⁶⁶ Information from Rev. Lalla Lalsim of Tangpui, on 7th May, 1997.

⁶⁷ Minutes of the 25th Session of Tang Bial, date 13th - 15th January, 1984.

⁶⁸ Minutes of 30th Session of Tang Bial, date 27th - 29th February, 1989.

⁶⁹ Information from Rev. P.C. Lura Darnoi of Tangpui, on 31st May, 1997.

⁷⁰ Minutes Book of Tangram Presbytery (1993-), Zion, p.11. Cf. *Souvenir of Gospel Platinum Jubilee of Yonzawl*, pp.30f.

⁷¹ *Statistic of the Tangram Presbytery of Cachar Hill Tribes Synod for the year ending 31st December, 1996.*