

CHAPTER IV
CHRISTIANITY AMONG THE HRANGKHOLS
OF SOUTH CACHAR IN ASSAM.

South Cachar is located in the southern corner of Assam State. It is bounded on the East by Manipur, on the north by North Cachar Hills, on the West by Meghalaya and Bangladesh, on the South by Tripura and Mizoram. The tribal inhabited areas are mostly under the Forest Reserved (inner line) of Assam Government. For this reason, their economic condition cannot develop.¹ The Hrangkhols had been made a permanent resident in South Cachar for a long time and lived with many kinds of beliefs and practices.² They scattered into different places as R. Dangliana pointed out the Hrangkhols settled in the following villages-

*Dholchhora, Gharmura, Chotalganga, Kaisanari,
Tlangpui, Pakla, Magurechhora, Oranapur, Zukichhora,
Sobiri, Seporgul, Badarkul, Cheragi, Kungpui, Ronpur,
Khawthar, Ronpur, Buruatilla, Zailian, Zaite.*³

Recently two districts were created out of South Cachar such as Karimganj and Hailekandi.⁴ However, this study covers all Hrangkhol Christians living in South Cachar, Karimganj and Hailekandi in Assam.

¹ Information from Rev. C.S. Rila Hrangkhol of Silchar, South Cachar, date 10th July 1997.

² *Ibid*.

³ R. Dangliana, "Hrangkhaw! Hnam Chanchin". *Pibi Lam Ram*, a booklet of Ramthar Seminar, Aizawl, 1976, p.22.

⁴ Interview with Lalrinkima of Zaite, Karimganj, date 8th October 1997; Interview with Ngulneithang of Dholchhora, South Cachar, date 26th July 1997.