

In 1961, the Synod Mission Board was formed with a view to strengthen the work of Mission outreach.¹³ From 1961 onwards, the Mizo evangelists initiated for the evangelistic work in South Cachar. As V.L.Zaithanga, Exe. Secy. of Synod Mission Board writes, "The work of the Mission was extended to the neighbouring areas in Cachar, Manipur..."¹⁴ In January 1963, the Christian young people of North West (Hmartlang) Presbytery of Mizoram Synod came to Alexanderpur for the Gospel Campaign from Mizoram.¹⁵ Rev. B.Ropianga, the Exe. Secy. of Silchar Presbytery reported that they halt one night at the Hrangkhoh village named Gharmurra. On the request of local people, the Hmartlang Presbytery K.T.P. (Kristian Thalai Pawl) appointed Mr. B.Ropianga as an evangelist-teacher in 1963 to serve at Gharmurra.¹⁶ Mr. Ropianga served there with effect from March to September, 1963 faithfully in spite of hardship. As a result of his service, twenty-two persons (Adult 9, Children 13) were converted on 30th June, 1963 at Gharmurra.¹⁷ As believers increased, the Church was founded on 25th May 1964, and inaugurated by Rev. Zairema, the Chairman of Silchar Ramthar Board.¹⁸ This Board was set up in 1964.¹⁹ Thus, the Gharmurra Church becomes the first Hrangkhoh Church in South Cachar.

¹³ Rev. V.L.Zaithanga, *From Head-Hunting to Soul-Hunting*, Aizawl, 1981, p.22.

¹⁴ *Ibid.*, p.23

¹⁵ R. Lalauva, *Mizo Synod Ramthar Thlawhhma*. Aizawl, 1984, p.2. See also J.Meirion Lloyd, *History of the Church in Mizoram Aizawl 1991*, p.355.

¹⁶ Interview with Rev. B. Ropianga of Silchar, on 29th April 1997. R. Lalauva, *loc.cit.*

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¹⁸ *Ibid.*

¹⁹ R.Lalauva, *op.cit.*.p.2.