

Celebrating 100 Years of Glorious Transformation! GOSPEL CENTENARY CELEBRATION SOUTHERN MANIPUR (1910-2010)



It will be a 100 years in 2010 since the Gospel shed its light for the first time in Southern Manipur way back in 1910. Thanks to the Welsh revival in 1906 that changed the life of a young man called Watkin Roberts who came and preached the Gospel at Senvon village and then sent three young men from his raw converts from Mizoram to start a missionary work which quickly resulted in the conversion and transformation of one of the most barbaric tribal groups within a few decades.

To mark and celebrate this hundredth year (Centenary) anniversary leaders of all churches and denominations met on March 25, 2006 at ECCI Office and formed a Committee representing leaders from more than twenty different churches and denominations of the region. Since then the Committee has been relentless in its effort to make this celebration a success. Various departments have been set up such as Construction, Publicity, Publication, Finance, Music and Prayer and Hospitality to attend to various aspects of needs. The Office bearers of the organizing committee are as follows:

Chairman: Elder Prof. L.S.Gangte, Vice-Principal, Churachandpur Government College Vice Chairman: Rev. Dr. Luaichinthang, Director, Ministries, Evangelical Baptist Convention. Secretary: Rev. Lalrosiem Songate, General Director, Evangelical Congregational Church of India. Asst. Secretary: Rev. Vanmmawia, Sr. Executive Secretary, Manipur Presbyterian Church Synod. Fin. Secretary: Rev. Thangkhopau, Finance Director, Evangelical Organization Church Treasurer: Rev. Tongkhokap Gangte, Executive Secretary, Gangte Baptist Association. Information Secretary: Rev. Dr. H.S. Hatzaw, Secretary, M & E, Chin Baptist Association Prayer & Hospitality: Chairman: Rev. Khamchinkhai Secretary: Rev.S. Vanlalruala

Departmental Leaders;

Publication: Chairman: Rev. Vanmawia, Secretary: Rev Robert H. Vaiphei Publicity: Chairman: Rev. Dr. Ginkhanmung, Secretary: Rev. Jangkholun Mangte Finance: Chairman: Rev. Fimchonthang, Secretary: Rev. Tlanghmingthang

Music: Chairman: Upa Pau Za Chin Secretar: Rev. S.K. Manlun

Transport & Construction: Chairman: Mr. Khaipao Haokip Secretary:S.T. Solomon

The Gospel Centenary Celebration is planned to be held at Public Ground, Lamka, Churachandpur during May 5-7, 2010. It is befitting that the celebration will culminate on May 7, which have been observed as a Missionary Day by the churches as well as the government. The theme of the Celebration is **Darkness to Light** based on the text Isa 9:2. Public Worship Services will be held in the evenings and mornings to celebrate hundred years of glorious transformation we have experienced through the power of the Gospel. Workshops and Seminars will be held during the day and the afternoons on different topics. This will be a time to reflect our roles and concepts and also explore the opportunities we have in the work of missions around the world.

The main Speaker for this celebration will be Dr. Geoff Tunnicliffe. Dr. Geoff Tunnicliffe serves as the International Director/CEO for the *World Evangelical Alliance* and is based in Canada. Resource Persons for workshops and Seminars are as follows:

- 1. James Ehrman, Executive Director, World Christian Initiatives, Yale University, will lead a workshop on World Christianity.
- 2. Dino L. Touthang, Executive Director, EFICOR, New Delhi, will lead on the topic Integral Mission.
- 3. Ginnei Thang Ngaihte, OMF International, Manila, will lead on a topic Missions Opportunities in the World Today
- 4. Zosangliana Colney, Executive Secretary, i/c Missions, Mizoram Presbyterian Synod (Yet to be confirmed)

A Centenary Monument will be erected somewhere near Public ground to mark this hundredth year anniversary. The Organizing Committee fervently solicit the prayers, support and cooperation of all bodies and individuals to make this celebration a success.

The Organizing Committee Gospel Centenary Celebration Southern Manipur