

From 1935 onwards, the Christian gospel began to take root in the soil of the community life of the Hrangkhols in the Tangram area. The first Presbyterian church in Hrangkhol settlement was established in 1942 at Chaptuk;¹⁵ and from this humble beginning the gospel spread to other villages so as to form the Tang Bial (pastorate or district) meeting which is now the leading pastorate in the entire Tangram Presbytery.

2. District/Pastorate of the Presbytery

At present, the Tangram Presbytery comprises of three districts or pastorates which is commonly called 'bial' in local dialect. They are:

- a. Tang Bial (District)
- b. Tuituan Bial (District)
- c. Michikhur Bial (District)

a. Tang Bial District

Among these districts Tang Bial is the oldest district of the presbytery. Ever since the first local church was formally planted at Chaptuk in 1942, Christianity rapidly spread and established the church in its neighbouring areas.¹⁶ In early 1952 a second church was established at Tangpui and inaugurated by Rev. William Morgan in the same year. At Buangkung, a local church was founded in 1954 with members small in number. In 1959 a local church was set up at Kalimabong, from 1959 onwards the local churches were growing fast.¹⁷

Till 1958 all the churches which are now under the Tangram Presbytery, were under the auspices of the Sangbar Bial of Haflong Presbytery, CHT Synod.¹⁸ Eventually in the year 1959, a new district called Tang Bial was created with a

¹⁵ N.C. Hills Hrangkhol Christian Golden Jubilee Souvenir (1935-1985)

¹⁶ Ibid., pp. 24,31

¹⁷ Ibid., p. 25