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Editorial Note - Setsotalü Dozo

Greetings! In the matchless name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. We are delighted to share the newest edition of our UCTM annual newsletter.

We have been privileged to witness God's unwavering faithfulness, unending love, and steadfast support throughout the academic session, 2024-2025. Through every triumph and challenge, we have experienced His presence and provision.

As we approach the end of the semester, we take a moment to reflect on the remarkable accomplishments of the college community in various areas, and we give all praise and glory to God.

The literary Committee has carefully highlighted this annual newsletter for the academic year 2024-2025. We have showcased some of the outstanding work being done across campus; it also features campus events, activities, and alumni news.

We hope you enjoy reading it and celebrate with us the blessings and achievements of the past year.

May this newsletter be a blessing to you.



Principal's Message

- Rev. Ashong Serto, PhD

*Dear Friends and Supporters,
Grace and Peace to each of you!*

As we conclude the 2024-2025 academic year, it is essential to reflect on our mission and the significant work we have accomplished together for the glory of God. UCTM is not merely an institute for theological learning; it is a dynamic community committed to spiritual growth, discipleship, theological education, and the training of leaders prepared to serve the Church and the world.

Today, churches are navigating a complex spiritual and social landscape. The absence of effective mechanisms to address these challenges has underscored the importance of our theological education, making it more dynamic and responsive. We understand that if our theological education lacks relevance in our context, it can undermine ethical behaviour and diminish community engagement in our churches. Therefore, UCTM calls upon everyone to deepen their commitment, engage earnestly with the Scriptures, and actively pursue the transformative journey God has laid out before us.

In these challenging times, we will be a steadfast community of faith, supporting one another through prayer and encouragement. Together, we must strive to grow in wisdom and grace, intentionally shaping future missionaries and church leaders who honour our Lord.

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to all our partners and supporters throughout the year. Your involvement is crucial to our theological training at UCTM, and your unwavering support is invaluable. Let us move forward with determination, ensuring that our efforts reflect the light of Christ and bring hope to those we serve.



Academic Dean's Desk

- Temsulemla Longchar, PhD

At UCTM, our vision and mission are deeply centered on equipping students to serve multilingual and multiethnic communities across South Asia and beyond. In today's rapidly evolving digital world, theological education must do more than just impart knowledge. It should inspire a deep commitment to the global mission. We strive to instill this passion in every student, shaping them into transformative leaders who embody faith, wisdom, and cultural sensitivity to fulfill the Great Commission of the Lord Jesus.

Lately, I have been reflecting on how we, as theological educators, can stay relevant across generations. Over the years, I have had the privilege of engaging with students from diverse backgrounds and age groups, each bringing unique perspectives and challenges. A recent conversation with a colleague reinforced the importance of adapting our teaching methods, embracing technology, and fostering an environment of mutual respect. More than ever, our role goes beyond instruction. We must cultivate leaders who are ready to serve in an increasingly complex world.

As we step into a new academic session, we reaffirm our commitment to nurturing this vision in our students. Congratulations to the 35 graduates of UCTM's 28th Convocation on April 22, 2025. May you carry this mission forward, transforming lives and communities through the gospel.



Literary Committee

Tsüpong Imchen, Setsotalü Dozo & Rosiivi Rosii

2024 INTERNSHIP MINISTRY REPORT



Our 45-day ministry internship in Delhi was a transformative experience filled with learning, growth, and service. Through teaching, preaching, home visits, and sharing personal testimonies, we have witnessed the power of God's Word and His faithfulness in people's lives. Adapting to a new culture challenged us to rely on the Holy Spirit for wisdom in our ministry. As team leader, I recognized the great potential in my friends, each contributing uniquely to our mission. This opportunity, provided by UCTM, has strengthened our faith, leadership skills, and commitment to serving God. To Him be all the glory!

We give glory and honour to God and express our gratitude to the college authority for allowing us to undertake our 45-days internship ministry. We had the privilege of serving in a place called Jonai in Assam. Our ministry involved house visitations, school visitation, and assisting at the mission centre. This experience has transformed our understanding of missions and evangelism.



During our 45-days internship in Kholajan, situated in the Dhemaji District of Assam, we worked as a team of 6 members. Throughout this internship, we encountered various challenges. Our ministry involved teaching at Hindu, Muslim, and Christian mission schools. Additionally, we engaged in home visitation, youth ministry, children's ministry, sharing the Gospel, and ministering in the church.

With great enthusiasm and a burden in our hearts to share the living Word of God. We, a team of eight members, went to Odisha for a 45-day internship ministry assigned by the college. We worked under the STEP organization and carried out various activities for people who had limited knowledge of the Bible. Our ministry included teaching, community service, house visits, children's ministry, and organizing programs. Although we faced some challenges during our time in the ministry, we gave our best efforts, seeking God's strength, and we were able to finish well through His faithfulness. I believe the sacrifices and dedication we made will not go in vain. Yes, we enjoyed the time we spent there, and it truly opened our eyes to what it means to be in the ministry field.



The internship ministry of 45 days in Sivasagar was fascinating. During our stay in Sivasagar, mainly at Moranhat, Pochin Bosti God was so faithful, we had countless memorable experiences. Our team consists of 6 members with different personalities and talents, we were engaged in evangelism, house visitation, teaching, youth camps, outreach Sunday programs and everyday Bible study and fellowship with the villagers. Our supervisor allowed us to explore and experience the hardships and the task of evangelism to different faiths, cultures, and environments. We are encouraged and excited to explore more by this internship ministry to do God's missions. The challenges reminded us of our passion and commitment to go further and venture more in other parts of India and beyond.

Alumni News

Greetings' in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We are grateful to God for the privilege of studying at UCTM and thank the faculty for equipping us for cross-cultural ministry. We would like to briefly share some highlights of our ministry, giving praise and exaltation to God's name for guiding us faithfully through numerous challenges and blessings. Serving the Lord in Nepal presents significant challenges. For the past 14 years, we have been serving in the far western region of Nepal, working among three distinct people groups: Chaudhary, Rana, and Pahari. Our ministry reaches four locations: Bani, Chaitanpur, Badeha, and Bitswa. In Bani, we have 140 believers; in Chaitanpur, there are 35 believers; in Badeha, there is one family; and in Bitswa, we are engaged with around 80 families, respectively.

We are involved in church ministry, social work (like cleaning the marketplace and health posts), and environmental efforts such as tree planting. Our children's ministry includes outings and visits to national parks to encourage church attendance. We also have a youth ministry, conduct door-to-door evangelism, and organize prayer walks and house fellowships. In our area, all churches must report their activities to local authorities, making it challenging to operate without proper registration. There are currently 214 registered churches in Kanchanpur district. Please pray for our family and ministry as we seek support to build a new church. Thank you!



I give all glory to God for the opportunity to share my journey in Bangalore. My prayer is that my story inspires young students to commit to soul-winning and positively impact the church and society. My name is Vezokho (Akho) Resu, and I belong to the Chakhesang Naga tribe. After graduating from UCTM (formerly OLTC) in 2003, I moved to Bangalore in 2004. In 2014, I married Mrs. Abeni Patton Resu, and together we serve the church and community. I teach theological students at Calvin Theological College and serve as President of the Northeast Welfare Association Karnataka (NEWAK), which focuses on crisis intervention for Northeastern communities in Karnataka. We tackle issues like migration and human trafficking by collaborating with law enforcement and NGOs. I am also a Ph.D. Research Scholar at ATCS Academy in Bangalore, working on my thesis titled "Identity in Political Processes Among the Tribes in Nagaland: A Christian Ethical Perspective." In October 2018, I founded Living Faith Church Bangalore (LFCB) to provide spiritual guidance and build a faith-based community for unchurched professionals, families, and students. Our community is diverse, united in faith and fellowship. By God's grace, we are making a lasting impact in the city. We ask for your prayers for the Lord's work to flourish. God bless you all! For updates, please visit our Facebook pages: - @Living Living Faith Church Bangalore (LFCB) - @Northeast Welfare Association Karnataka (NEWAK).

- Pastor Vezokho Resu

M.TH (MISSIOLOGY)



- Longom S Phom

I am filled with gratitude for the journey that has brought me to this moment. Through years of learning, challenges, and personal growth, I have become who I am today. I thank God for His unwavering grace and guidance, my family and relatives for their steadfast support, encouragement, prayers, and my professors and friends for their guidance and inspiration. I pray that the knowledge and experiences I have gained will be used for God's glory and to serve others. This is not just an end of a chapter but the beginning of a new mission. I will be serving as the Associate Pastor Youth at Phom Baptist Church, Mokokchung.

- Totikali



I thank our almighty God for guiding me throughout my journey here at UCTM. I thank the principal and faculty for believing in me and moulding me into who I am today. Your wisdom and encouragement have transformed me into a confident individual ready to face the world. As I step into a new chapter of life, I carry the lessons and memories of UCTM with immense pride and gratitude.

MASTER OF DIVINITY III



- Blessy Paul

I give all glory and honor to our Almighty God for His unconditional love and unchanging protection in my life. My two-year journey at UCTM has been a wonderful opportunity and a true blessing. I am grateful to all the professors for shaping me into a more humble servant of God, and imparting deeper knowledge of His ways. May God's continual blessings be upon the UCTM family. God bless UCTM! I will be serving as a Cross-Cultural Missionary in Uttarkhand.



- Channgam Seiyao

I had a wonderful time at UCTM, where I experienced the goodness of God. I am sincerely grateful to my professors, the administration, and all my friends for being part of my journey. I truly enjoyed learning, studying, and engaging in God's missions. UCTM has inspired me to embrace God's mission and work for His glory.

- Dino Nuwiry



UCTM has been a transformative place, where my faith has deepened and my calling affirmed. The wisdom and guidance of my professors have profoundly shaped my journey. Every lesson and moment spent here has prepared me to serve the Lord with passion. With a grateful heart, I leave, carrying UCTM's light wherever I go. I will be serving as a Missionary Teacher at Bright Future Living School in Assam.



- *Nginjai Konyak*

My eagerness and curiosity to seek the truth and experience God's love have led me on this journey as a theological student. Although there were moments of uncertainty, God remained my constant guide and source of strength through it all. He was and is the truth I longed to know. Today, my heart overflows with gratitude, passion, and a deep desire to share His love with others, especially those who have not heard the gospel.



- *Nulu Rhako*

Special thanks to the UCTM authority and my professors for the immense support demonstrated through their teaching. My experiences have had ups and downs, yet I have felt God's hand shaping and guiding me throughout my journey.



- *Nyanong Bangsia*

I give all glory and honour to our living God for His faithfulness throughout my journey at UCTM. UCTM has moulded and shaped me both spiritually and academically. It has been a valuable experience that has made me more confident to face the world. I feel truly blessed to be a part of the UCTM family. May God bless UCTM family abundantly. I will be serving as a Cross-Cultural Missionary at Itahari, Nepal.



- *Reisangmi AS*

When I first arrived at this college, I felt like a mere lump of clay—shapeless and undefined. However, with the guidance of our dedicated faculty and staff, I have been moulded and shaped into the best version of myself. Today, I stand proud, having grown holistically. Fueled by my deep interest in sharing knowledge, I have developed a passion for teaching. I will carry this dream forward into my future endeavours.



- *Sarmila Lepcha*

Reflecting on my journey at UCTM over the past three years, I thank God for a path filled with learning, growth, and invaluable experiences. I eagerly anticipate applying what I've learned and embracing new opportunities ahead. I will be serving among the Lepcha Community in Ilam, Nepal.



- *Shatwang Konyak*

I am profoundly grateful to Almighty God for His divine protection and guidance throughout my journey at UCTM. I entered this institution with little knowledge of the Bible, but as I leave, I carry a wealth of theological understanding. Today, I celebrate the victory achieved by God's grace. All glory to the Most High God!

BACHELOR OF THEOLOGY III



- *Abhishek Subba*

I praise God for His faithfulness throughout my journey at UCTM. These years have been a time of deep learning, spiritual growth, and transformation. Along with blessings in my life, I have experienced God's guidance and the unwavering support of my professors and friends. I am grateful for the foundation laid here as I step into the next phase of my calling. May God continue to use UCTM to raise leaders for His kingdom. I will be serving as the Youth Pastor at Kripa Baptist Church in Namehi, Sikkim.



- *Besuvolu Puro*

I am deeply grateful for the experiences, lessons, and friendships that have shaped me here. This journey has been transformative, and I carry forward the knowledge and memories with appreciation. I will be serving as a Missionary Teacher at Bright Future Living School in Assam.



- *Gailimlu Thaimai*

I am incredibly grateful to UCTM for offering a platform that has fostered my personal and intellectual growth. This college has enabled me to develop self-awareness, confidence, and independence, which have prepared me for the challenges and opportunities in my future ministry.



- *Grasy Bohham*

I express my deep gratitude to UCTM for shaping my faith, knowledge, and ministerial skills. The academic training, spiritual growth, and friendships I built here have strengthened my calling. I have learned to serve with humility, discipline, and love. I will always cherish my time at UCTM and pray for its continued impact on the lives of many.



- *Hangdi Kitnya*

I am grateful to God for His faithfulness. I want to express my heartfelt thanks to the professors who have shown me incredible care, love, and support in every possible way. UCTM has shaped me mentally, spiritually, and physically. I have learned so much that I will carry with me forever. I will be serving as the Pastor at Phungsa Village, Arunachal Pradesh.



- *Imlijungshi*

I thank all my beloved professors for moulding me into a useful vessel, and I also acknowledge my family for their unwavering support. I came with little knowledge, but I am leaving with many lessons learned, which I will always cherish. I am grateful to UCTM for shaping, moulding, and sharpening me in my pursuit of knowledge and truth. I pray that UCTM continues to thrive and bring glory to the name of the Lord.



- Kahauliu Kamai

My three-year journey at UCTM has been a transformative experience. This college has offered me the chance to acquire valuable life skills, explore a variety of subjects, and broaden my perspective. I am deeply grateful to UCTM for creating a supportive and enriching environment for my learning and growth. Thank you for the opportunities and experiences I have gained here.



- Leivon Nenghoikim Kom

I sincerely thank UCTM for their invaluable guidance and support throughout my journey. The lessons learned, both academically and spiritually, have shaped me into the person I am today. As I step forward to serve as the youth chairman and continue my ministry, I carry the wisdom and values instilled by my time at UCTM. Thank you for being a cornerstone in my growth and calling.

- Lemtsase Y Sangtam



I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to our Almighty God for His abundant blessings, particularly for providing me with good health and strength to complete my studies. I am also thankful to UCTM for shaping and guiding me in numerous ways. As I look to the future, I trust in God's guidance and plan to pursue further studies according to His will.



-Lian Suwm Tung

I express my heartfelt gratitude to our living God and the college authorities, professors, and friends who have played a vital role in my personal growth and transformation. UCTM has not only provided me with academic knowledge but has also enriched my spiritual life. I extend a special thank you to my family and everyone who has supported me with their prayers, financial assistance, and moral encouragement throughout my three years at UCTM.



- Mungkung Zangashung

First and foremost, I would like to thank Almighty God for guiding me throughout my theological journey here at UCTM. I also want to thank all my professors for shaping my character and demonstrating the principles of a Christian lifestyle. When I arrived, I did not know the Bible, but now I feel equipped with a sufficient understanding as I complete my program. Thank you, UCTM, for moulding me into who I am today. Long live UCTM!

- Muritsolu Riga



I extend my greetings in the precious name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. I am grateful to Almighty God for His faithfulness throughout my three years journey at UCTM. I would also like to thank my professors for shaping me into who I am today. UCTM has broadened my understanding of God's mission and has helped me sharpen my knowledge and skills. I plan to continue my education by pursuing further studies.



- *Pau Mun Tuang*

I want to express my gratitude to God, my unwavering source of strength and guidance. I recognize a part of His perfect plan in every challenge, blessing, and cherished friendship. UCTM has provided me with steadfast resilience and a continually growing skill set to further God's mission. I am incredibly thankful for the exceptional professors who have guided me, the friends who have stood by my side, and the experiences that have shaped who I am today.



- *Pouduangai Panmei*

I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to the Lord for His guidance and faithfulness to my professors for their invaluable impartation of knowledge and wisdom. UCTM have provided me with a deeper understanding of the complex structure of theology. However, I feel that the knowledge I have gained is not sufficient, and I am eager to pursue further studies.

- *Puman Wangpan*



I am thankful to God for His love and blessings. UCTM has broadened my perspective and helped me grow in preparation for God's work. I am eager to learn more and continue growing in my faith.



- *Rosiivi Rosii*

I am grateful to Almighty God for His constant care and protection during my three years at UCTM. His faithfulness has shaped me in every aspect of my life, and the knowledge I have gained will enable me to share His goodness for the rest of my days.



- *Taiching W Konyak*

I am grateful to God for His faithfulness and everything He has done for me. My three years at UCTM were filled with challenges, joy, and valuable lessons. I sincerely appreciate the wisdom and guidance of the professors throughout this journey. May God bless UCTM as it continues to prepare and equip many more individuals for His work.

- *Thang Hoih Pau*



I am grateful to our living God for His faithfulness and protection. Thanks to God's grace, I have completed an important chapter of my life at this institute. I have developed essential skills in learning and acquiring knowledge. UCTM has provided me with a strong foundation for my life and ministry. The vision of UCTM has inspired me to serve the Lord for my entire life. I will be starting a Ministry focused on the Buddhist Community in Yangon City, Myanmar.



- *Thang Suan Ding*

UCTM has taught me to understand my identity, foster love for others, and learn how to serve them effectively. It has transformed me into a better person, preparing me for my future ministry by nurturing my qualities such as humility, kindness, patience, love, and care. Long live UCTM!



- *Yurseem Kazingmei*

I am grateful to God for guiding me to this college through my cousin. Thanks to my dedicated professors, I have undergone a profound transformation. Reflecting on my past self and who I am today, I recognize that this college has imparted invaluable wisdom to me. For this reason, I highly recommend this institution to anyone committed to fulfilling the Great Commission. UCTM is one of the best places to gain the essential skills and knowledge you need.



- *Zinuo*

I give all glory and honour to Almighty God for His unwavering faithfulness throughout these three years. Thank you, UCTM, for shaping me in every aspect of my journey.

DIPLOMA IN MISSION STUDIES



- *Joseph Naw*

UCTM has provided me with a solid foundation in both my academic and spiritual life. As I move on my journey, I will be guided by the lessons I have learned. I am thankful for the support and encouragement from my professors and friends. I am excited to see where God will lead me next. Thank you, UCTM, for an unforgettable journey.



- *Moniram Pangge*

I thank our Almighty God for His marvellous grace in my life. I am thankful for the opportunities and experiences offered by this institution. I want to thank the UCTM community for their support in becoming the best version of myself.



- *Mung Siang Tuang*

My two years theological journey at UCTM has been amazing, and God has been incredibly good to me. I was able to overcome many challenges by the grace of God. I am very thankful to all my professors and friends for their support. I believe that in the future, we will stand together in ministry and work for the kingdom of God.

PHOTO GALLERY



Advent Christmas



Badminton Court Inauguration



Cultural Day



Dimapur, Niuland, Chumoukedima Districts Inter Bible Colleges Sports Fellowship



Winner : Men's Volleyball, Women's Volleyball, Men's Basketball & Over all Champion 2025



Spiritual Awakening





Freshers Day



Hostel Day



Teacher's Day



Faculty Retreat



Singing Competition





Literary Day



Principal's Tea



Sports Week



Parting Social



Foundation Day

CLASS PHOTOS



Master of Theology in Mission - II



Master of Theology in Mission - I



Master of Divinity - III



Master of Divinity - II



Master of Divinity - I



Master of Arts - I



Bachelor of Theology - III



Bachelor of Theology - II



Bachelor of Theology - I



Diploma in Mission Studies - II



Diploma in Mission Studies - I

NOTE OF APPRECIATION 2025

1. Abhijit Nayak - Women's Hostel bathroom tiles
2. Alex Kostas and Emma, Canada - Inverter for guest house & waiting shack
3. Anna Glory - Women Hostel
4. Arise 5 Singapore - UCTM Ministry
5. C.B.C. East Dimapur, Women's Department. - Women Hostel
6. Chakhesang Baptist Church Chumoukedima - UCTM Ministry
7. Chemvile - UCTM Ministry
8. Dave Hagelberg - Books
9. David Edward Hagelberg - UCTM Ministry
10. Doris and Michael Tan UCTM Faculty and Staff Retreat
11. Doris and Michael Tan - Women Hostel
12. Dr. Kolhite Rhakho - Women's Hostel Furniture

13. Jalukie Town Local Baptist Church - UCTM Ministry
14. Jalukie Town Local Baptist Church - Women's Hostel
15. K.C Angami - Women Hostel
16. Kevitso Tetso - Women's Hostel Furniture
17. L.Julius Kom - Library Furniture
18. Mrs Alem Jamir - Outreach Ministry
19. Mrs and Mr. Mishak Achumi and Family - UCTM E- Library
20. Naga United Village Baptist Church - Needy Students
21. Noel and Akumla - Waiting Shed
22. Police Baptist Church - UCTM Library
23. Rev Sentisashi and Family KABA Kohima - UCTM Waiting Shed
24. Rev. Dr. Phuveyi Dozo - UCTM Ministry

MINISTRY PARTNERS

Jalukie Town Local Baptist Church
 Arise 5 Singapore
 Chakesang Baptist Church, Chumukedima
 Maibung Kom Baptist Church, Manipur
 Model Village Baptist Church
 Naga United Village Baptist Church
 Ngwalwa Baptist Church
 Police Baptist Church, Dimapur
 Zeliangrong Baptist Church, Sovima
 Chakesang Mission Society, C.B.C.C.
 Beisumpuikam Village, Peren District
 Faithway Church, Naga United Village
 Gaili Baptist Church
 Punglwa Baptist Church
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 Mr. Isaac Zhimomi
 Mrs. Nobi Haralu & Family
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C O U R S E S

DEGREE

ELIGIBILITY DURATION

Master of Theology in Mission (M.Th) In Association with Martin Luther Christian University Shillong, Meghalaya	B.D/M. Div	2 Years
Master of Arts in Mission (MA) In Association with Martin Luther Christian University Shillong, Meghalaya	BA/B.Th	2 Years
Master of Divinity (M.Div) Accrediated by Asian Theological Association	BA/B.Th	3 Years
Bachelor of Theology (B.Th) Accrediated by Asian Theological Association	10+2 Passed	3 Years
Diploma in Mission Studies (D.Ms)	10 Passed	2 Years
Diploma in Music (D.M)		2 Years

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