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Theme: "25th Year of Progress and Legacy"



ITS Members of Faculty, Students and Dignitaries of 23rd Graduation Ceremony— 2025

EDITOR'S NOTE



Vilinoto K Yeptho, Asst. Prof.
Vire Rume, Asst. Prof.

As the Immanuel Theological Seminary mark the 25th year of our journey, this milestone is more than just a celebration it's a reflection of the vision, commitment, and collective spirit that have shaped our progress.

The theme "25th Year of Progress and Legacy" captures the essence of how over the years, we have not only witnessed transformation but have also been active architects of change building a legacy rooted in values, excellence, and impact. This year we are to honor the past, celebrate the present, and look boldly towards the future. This special edition is a reminder of our collective

progress made and a legacy that continues to inspire.

Thank you for being part of this journey. Here's to the next chapter with gratitude for the past and hope for all that lies ahead as we continue to celebrate silver milestone throughout the year.

Warm regards,

Vilinoto K Yeptho
Vire Rume

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Rev. Dr. Tunchapbo SP
Principal

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

I am delighted to greet everyone through this newsletter. This Jubilee year is a historic milestone for Immanuel Theological Seminary. We celebrate God's faithfulness and the vision of our pioneers who dreamed of a seminary for the Zeliangrongpui people. Today, that dream continues through ITS, the only theological seminary of our people.

Jubilee is more than a time of celebrating God's faithfulness; it is also a call to renewal and growth. Theological education must rise to meet the new challenges of our age. With this vision, we seek to see ITS shine as a beacon of learning and faith, shaping lives and impacting communities both locally and globally through excellence in academics, spiritual formation, research, and mission.

This year, we are blessed with many new faces, making the ITS family more joyful and complete. Each year, the member of students is seen booming, and the participation of individuals, families, churches, organizations, and well-wishers also increases, this is a true sign of progress and unity.

I appeal to all our churches and friends to join hands in this joined venture. This is not the task of a few but a calling entrusted to us as a people. Together, we can raise leaders who will carry the Gospel with wisdom, passion, and integrity for generations to come.

May the Lord who has brought us thus far continue to guide, bless, and enlarge the ministry of Immanuel Theological Seminary in the years ahead.

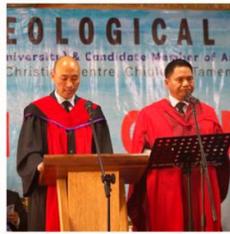
In His service,

Rev. Dr. Tunchapbo SP
Principal, ITS



Immanuel Theological Seminary New Building in Progress—Turning Vision into Reality!

A Brief Look at Key Events



ITS 23rd Graduation Day: The ITS community joyfully celebrated its 23rd Graduation Day on April 11, 2025, marking a significant milestone for our graduating class of Master of Divinity, Bachelor of Theology, and Certificate of Theology students. The event, filled with worship, music, and reflection, brought together faculty, church leaders, families, and friends. Highlights included the release of the ITS Journal, the presentation of Proficiency Awards, and an inspiring keynote address by Rev. Dr. Sahingmak Newme, *Executive Secretary, ZBCA*. Degrees were conferred by the Principal and Academic Dean, followed by a Commissioning and Dedication of the Graduands by Rev. MG Gangkhui, *General Secretary, ZBCCNEI*. As we send forth our graduates, the ITS community remains committed to equipping leaders for faithful and humble service.



Educational Tour: From 16th to 20th April 2025, 12 final-year students of our institution Immanuel Theological Seminary, along with faculty guides Mr. D. K. Angkham and Ms. Vilinoto K. Yeptho, undertook an enriching Educational Tour to Shillong, Meghalaya. The group explored natural wonders like Laitlum Grand Canyon, Thangsnig, Lyngksiar, and Nohkalikai Waterfalls, and scenic spots such as Ward's Lake, Shillong Peak, and Lady Hydari Park.

Visits to Arwah Cave and the Nature Interpretation Centre deepened our understanding of the region's ecology and geology. A highlight was the visit to Sacred Heart College, home to Asia's largest theological library, which inspired our academic and spiritual growth. The tour also included a reflective stop at Mary Help of Christians Cathedral, enhancing our spiritual journey. This experience blended learning, fellowship, and appreciation of God's creation, leaving a lasting impact on all participants.



Faculty-Staff Orientation: On 19th June 2025, the ITS faculty and staff gathered for an orientation and fellowship program themed "Team Work" at the ITS Library. The event featured three key sessions. The first session, moderated by Rev. Dr. Tunchapbo, *Principal, ITS*, and led by Mr. Kaningai Riamei, *Chairman of Christian Heritage Institute (CHI), Tamenglong*, highlighted the importance of teamwork over individual effort, drawing insights from Bill Gross's five success factors: Timing, Team Strength, Individuals, Model, and Funding. Emphasis was placed on trust, collaboration, and healthy conflict as foundations for organizational growth. In the second session, Mr. Gaichangsui Gangmei, *Board Chairman, ITS*, presented clear institutional guidelines to align the team for the year ahead. The final session, led by Mr. R.K. Lungkiupou, *Board Member ITS*, offered spiritual encouragement and prayer, reminding all of the need for consistency in commitment, quoting, "When the rain comes, the monkey decides to build a house; when it stops, it forgets." The program concluded with a community social work activity involving students in cleaning and plantation on campus.



Inaugural Programme: The Inaugural Programme of the new academic session was held on 24th June 2025 at 10:00 AM at ZBCCNEI Centre Church, under the theme "Pursuing God's Approval" (2 Timothy 2:15). The event was moderated by Mr. Thuanhiamlung Pr. Gangmei, *Academic Dean*, with a welcome address by Rev. Dr. Tunchapbo SP, *Principal*. A special song titled "Is He Worthy?" was presented by the orientation students. Mr. Rathailung Gangmei, *Youth Director of TBC*, delivered a powerful message on discerning and pursuing God's will—not through superstition or signs, but by aligning with Scripture (Colossians 3:15–17, James 4:4) and living to please God rather than people. He challenged students to seek God's purpose above all else. Rev. M.G. Gangkhui, *General Secretary of ZBCCNEI*, led the intercession and encouraged students with a reminder from Hebrews 5:11 that one must first be a trainee before becoming a trainer.



25th Foundation Day: Immanuel Theological Seminary (ITS) celebrated its 25th Foundation Day with the theme "Honour to Transform" at ZBCCNEI Centre Church on July 2, 2025. The event gathered students, faculty, church leaders, and well-wishers from across the *Zeliangrongpui* community. Rev. M.G. Gangkhui emphasized ITS's impact on the *Zeliangrongpui* community, while Mr. Guilangpou Gangmei encouraged attendees to "Bloom Where you are Planted." Rev. Namreikeu Pame highlighted the call to transformation through Christ, not just reform.

A Brief Look at Key Events



Freshers' Meet: The ITS community came alive at 9 AM with the vibrant energy of the Freshers' Meet 2025, held under the inspiring theme "A New Beginning." Moderated by Ms Kajingailiu Panmei and Mr Lungkhangbou Newmai the event featured a meaningful blend of reflection, encouragement, and celebration. Mr Ranthuibou Thiumai, *Asst. Prof., ITS*, delivered a thought-provoking talk exploring four kinds of beginnings—excited, doubtful, fearful, and the paradox where a new beginning may not feel new at all—urging students to put God first in all things.



ITS & Chiuluan Joint Fellowship: On 10th August 2025, a special fellowship program was held jointly by the Immanuel Theological Seminary (ITS) and Chiuluan Baptist Church. The programme was led by Mr. Njandai Gonmei, with Mr. Benjamin Gondaimai as the guest speaker. Rev. Dr. Tunchapbo SP delivered the opening greetings, setting a warm tone for the gathering. The ITS Choir presented a heartfelt song, followed by a moving testimony from Ms. Gaigunthouliu Gonmei. The highlight of the event was an inspiring message delivered by Mr. Benjamin Gondaimai, leaving the congregation uplifted and encouraged in faith. The ITS community extends heartfelt thanks to Chiuluan Baptist Church for their warm hospitality and generous feast, which made the fellowship even more memorable and meaningful.



Literary Day cum Musical Night 2025: The ITS community came together on 14th August 2025 for a vibrant and memorable Literary Day cum Musical Night, held at the ZBCNCEI Centre Church. With the theme "Illuminating the Wisdom Within" the day began early with painting, poetry, and essay competitions that set a creative tone. The literary session, moderated by Mr. Vire Rume (Assistant Professor ITS), saw students actively engaging in recitation, extempore, quiz, and a spirited debate on the topic "Manipur is Emerging as a Model of Growth and Transformation." After lunch, the drama competition kept the audience captivated. The evening musical session, hosted by Mr. Mathiusungbou Thiumai and Ms. L. Arnica Winiliu, where we're deeply honored to have Shri. N. Abonpou Christopher, *Zonal Educational Officer, Tamenglong*, as our special guest. His valuable time, inspiring exhortation, and generous contribution to our community made the event truly special and motivating for all attendees.



B.Th. Second Year Students Field Study Exposure to Luangkao Village

Daniel Prayer Band & ITS Fellowship

Zeliangrong Mother's Prayer Band & ITS Fellowship



Academic Paper Presentation by Mr. Thuanhiamlung Pr. Gangmei, *Academic Dean*

TUBC, *Tamenglong*, Assists in Staff Quarter Construction

Mr. Njumlang Newme, *Librarian, @Cert. Course in TL*

ITS Building Committee with Shri. Canaan Gangmei, *Cashier, Manipur Police, Tamenglong*

Forever Grateful for Blessings!



ITS Building Committee Updates: "This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes!" We give thanks to God for His unfailing faithfulness, which has enabled us to meet so many well-wishers and donors who have generously contributed and promised to continue supporting the ongoing ITS building construction. Their warm welcome, encouraging words, and strong assurances have deeply inspired us to press on with the mission of strengthening our lone Zeliangrongpui Theological Seminary. Below are some of the names of the people we were privileged to meet during the recent visit:

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| 1. Smt. Renee Newmai, <i>SDO, Tamei</i> | 4. Shri. Kunjakishon Golmei, <i>Retired Tomaha Officer</i> |
| 2. Shri. Namsinrei Panmei, <i>Former Chairman, ADC & Caretaker, Tamenglong</i> | 5. Shri. Gaikhangthai Panmei, <i>Special Contractor</i> |
| 3. Shri. Adam Pamei & Shri. N.D. Pamei, <i>Contractor</i> | 6. Shri. Gaisinlung Gangmei, <i>Contractor</i> |

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Well Wishers & Donors towards ITS Hostel Mess, Library, New Building Project & Others: We sincerely thank you all, for your generous donation & contribution to ITS Ministry. Your support is deeply appreciated — Thank You!

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| 1. AG Ganchuilii, <i>Duigailong Baptist Church</i> | 6. Ramzinang Gangmei, <i>Chiuluan Baptist Church</i> | 11. Mpankang Baptist Church |
| 2. Angela Riamei, <i>Thaucham Baptist Church</i> | 7. Guiliangpou Gangmei, <i>Chiuluan Baptist Church</i> | 12. Taijijiang Baptist Church |
| 3. Dinthaorei Panmei, <i>Phalong I Baptist Church</i> | 8. Gaichunliu Kamei, <i>Taijijiang Baptist Church</i> | 13. Daniel's Prayer Band |
| 4. Lanruilung Panmei, <i>Phalong II Duiga Baptist Church</i> | 9. Acham Niumai, <i>UBC Tamenglong</i> | 14. Zeliangrong Mother's Prayer Band |
| 5. Hubuangamang Gonmei, <i>Taudai Fellowship Tamenglong</i> | 10. Women Society, <i>Chiuluan Baptist Church</i> | 15. Thalon/Tharon Prayer Peace Forum |



Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Ranthui!

STUDENTS ENROLLMENT		
ACADEMIC YEAR OF 2025-2026		
Male	Female	Total
57	33	90 Students

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Teacher's Day
- Preaching Tour
- Annual Sports Meet
- Academic Seminar
- ZBCCNEI Day of Prayer
- First Semester Exam
- ITS Day of Prayer
- ITS Silver Jubilee
- And more...

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