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FOREWORD

I have much pleasure in writing this Foreword to 'Campus Ministry' by the respected Principal of 'Salt Christian College' one of our esteemed educationists in Nagaland, whose love of the younger generation and the vision of their future destiny have found concrete expression in the Salt Christian College, one of our foremost Institutions of Higher Education in Nagaland, which he founded.

What afflicts the twentieth century of World over is the widening gulf between two conceptions of personality development. On the one hand we have the currently fashionable idea, essentially a secular idea, of man as a successfully competitive animal with the minimal cosmetics of social refinement and awareness. Secularism, the most overworked catchword today. And on the other hand are the religious perceptions about the totality of human possibilities and their realization in individuals. In the secular view man is a "resource" for economic development. In the latter he is an end in himself a creature of God whom every individual is responsible.

Much of the confused focii in today's educational thought is a by product of these conflicting aims. One of the larger issues relevant here is the question, whether character and personality can be formed without moral and spiritual centrality. And this centrality undeniably comes from the religious systems

to which one belongs, not from those complexes which shape man as a competitive acquisitive and greedy animal with no vision beyond economic success.

We are Christians in Nagaland, and therefore the centres of higher learning must endeavour ceaselessly to observe our Christian spiritual values in personality formation, Dr. M. Panger Longchar has grasped this problem. His book "**Campus Ministry**" illustrates this concern and his engagement with such a crucial task.

In Nagaland this task is further complicated by the wide generation gap between the youth introduced to modern education, essentially western in character, and the older generation still in a traditional mode of life and thought. This generation gap has to be well mediated to achieve social harmony and stability.

Campus Ministry has serious deliberations on this and related issue of central significance to the growth of Christian consciousness all around. This, as Dr. M. Panger Longchar makes it clear in the main function of Christian Higher Education to help the growth of Christian personality, as God's creation and answerable to Him for man's realization of the inner potentially gifted by god at the time of creation

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PREFACE

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students, Teachers and those interested in youth ministry. The second section deals with six articles on biblical subjects for spiritual benefits of the believing readers. The whole content in its presentation of proposed aims and approaches emphasises the relevance and urgency of reshaping evangelical education in educational institutions. This is dedicated to the Staff and Students of 'Salt Christian College'.

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INTRODUCTION

With Love . . . to the Students of 'Salt Christian College', Faculty, Staff, and my Brothers & Sisters in the bonds of 'Great Commission' who share the vision of the completed Mission of the Coming King. It is my great desire that the Educational Institutions introduce and uphold permanent "**Campus Ministry**", specially in Nagaland, which is an avowed Christian State.

It is needless to write about our present Naga Society as we all know it by our experiences in our daily life. Today our society is in a state of turmoil, killings, violence wanton corruptions, bribery everywhere. Youth reflect the society they live in. They are the product of the various systems at play in the society : Educational, Political, Economic, Religious, Technological etc. They display the characteristics of the society. The Society, the entire Community of believers, is reflected in the youth. A healthy and exuberant youth is the product of a strong society.

The dissatisfaction, frustration, insecurity, disunity, rebellion that are visible in them are precisely what the Society and the Church are made up of. Thousands of our Naga Youth are being destroyed physically, mentally, and spiritually due to social dis-order, they seek final experience in deadly drugs, drinks and find refuge in anti-social activities.

Having long association with different youth groups, also my keen administrative experience in Educational Institution, teaching and observing students for many years, I had the privilege of guiding many students to a life of meaningfulness and success. I took time to listen to them with patience. This really has paid rich dividends.

The pain, the pressures and the anxiety of youth-years, I too once had. However, fortunately, somewhere in my life, I got hold of a dependable self-determination and swam ashore. Many of our friends and colleagues had unfortunately sunk. The sorrowful memories of such friends have prompted me to make a reflection on life as a whole.

Youth is the foundation that determines future growth. Therefore, we have to handle these years with great care. We need to balance between ambition and achievements. And I write this book, which I hope, will be a life-raft that will bear you safely through the turmoils of this world. God created us to receive and reflect the life, the qualities and the attributes which He gave us. And when we allow God to lead and guide us, we will have an enriching experience beyond human expression.

God created male and female in His own image. (Gen.1:27) the word “**Image**” does not refer to the physical body. God is spirit (John. 4:24a). Therefore, the word “**Image**” must refer to personality. There are three elements that constitute personality.

They are : Intellect
 Imotion and
 Will.

God is a personal being. He has Intellect, Emotion, and

Will, and when He created man in his image, he (man) became a personal being as God is.

However, the physical body does play an important role in the image of God for it is the only medium whereby the expressions of intellect, emotion and will are made possible. Hence, both the material and nonmaterial aspects in the creation of man reveal the very purpose of God.

INTELLECT - That man may know God.

EMOTION - That man may love God.

WILL - That man may serve God.

Sin distorted man's relationship with God, that followed generations. Satan blinded the minds of unbelievers so that they cannot see the light of the Gospel of the Glory of Christ (11 Corinthians, 4:4). Christian Campus Youth Ministry has to do with working among the younger generation whose problems are the same or more as that of the older generation. It seeks to help young people realise the very purpose of their existence.

"When everything is lost remember that the future remains". Everything is not lost yet. We have our youth. There are young people coming up in the world, there are young people coming up in Nagaland ready to carry on. Youth have come to be accepted as a great force in society today. The International year of youth-1985 did much for the world of youth. It highlighted the situation of the young especially in the developing countries.

I wish that there must be a great and immediate awakening within the Church, within the Educational Institutions in Nagaland with regard to youth Ministry. The enthusiasm has to be maintained through scientific study and fruitful research. The need to cater to the

young, that is a special section of the human society, so rich in promise and yet so much exposed to danger, in today's ever changing world is generally recognised and emphasised by all. Yet, there are but few, who possess the necessary skills to translate their enthusiasm into concrete plans that are helpful to the young. Keeping in mind the importance of the topic and giving necessary stress on practicality without sacrificing theory, this manual provides the necessary principles and guidelines for making youth Ministry efficient, effective, creative, and enjoyable. This handbook is offered as a manual for students, Student Leaders, Teachers, Youth Directors, Youth Animators, Youth Ministers, Pastors and those interested in youth Ministry, this hand book provides a Model Project "**CAMPUS MINISTRY**" at '**Salt Christian College**', the implementation of a five-year plan and the successful completion of this plan for the first year of 12 months. A model Ministry project proposal to get funds is also included which will provide some basic idea for financial development.

I want to assure you that there is an exciting way of escape from this mad, mad world. It is time the Naga Youth of our country decided to change. There is great potential in youth to transform lives, and to clean societies and for the re-establishment of true values.

ABBREVIATIONS

- S.C.C. : Salt Christian College.
M.A. : Master of Arts.
B.E. : Bachelor of Education.
P.U. : Pre-University.
C.C.M. : Chief Co-ordinator of Campus Ministry.
C.M.C.R. : Campus Ministry & Church Relations.
S.L. : Student Life.
D.S. : Dean of Studies.
F.P. : Finance Promoter.
E.S.C.C.M. : Executive/Steering Committee Campus
Ministry.
G.C.B. : Guidance & Counselling Bureau.
P.C. : Programme Committee.
F.R.C. : Fund Raising Committee.
C.Y.C.M. : Christian Youth Campus Ministry.

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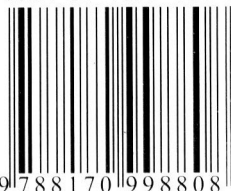
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