

Message from The General Secretary

NBCC look forward to one of the biggest Triennial and Annual Gatherings in the last two decades which is being hosted by the Western Sümi Baptist Akukuho Küqhakulu (WSBAK) at Sümi Baptist Akukuhou Niuland Town. The warm welcome that began at Vihokhu and the courtesy that continued, made the delegates feel welcomed. This has been something new for everyone and starting on a good note we look forward to a meaningful fellowship with 21 Associations and 4 Associate members. As we come together under the theme "Experiencing God Together," we look forward to а great fellowship. Nagaland being a Christian Majority state with big churches and big associations, as the General Secretary of NBCC, it is my hope that Nagas continue to unite and be a positive force not just within our society but among the North-East region, our nation in generally and even internationally.

Welcome Note

Mr. K. Nifato Chishi, *Secretary*, DoYM WSBAK, on behalf of Rev. Dr. Phughoto Sema, *Executive Secretary*, WSBAK, welcomed the delegates of the 23rd Triennial and 87th annual gathering of NBCC. In his welcome note he shared that WSBAK was able to host this event because of the unconditional and unwavering support WSBAK received from affiliated churches and her members. He also expressed special gratitude to SBC Niuland for opening their space of worship and extending help in many ways to host this event.

Mr. Chishi also shared about the ongoing instutional project, WSBAK Platinum College, which is on the verge of completion under the visionary leader Rev. Dr. Phughoto Sema, *Executive Secretary*, WSBAK. He also shared that the uniqueness of the WSBAK Platinum college is engraved in its vision to provide multi-disciplinary quality education with Christian faith and discipline to young Naga people with the hope that it will become one of those educational institutions that will carter to the needs of

Naga Churches and societies.

IMPORTANT CONTACT NUMBERS: STEWARDS INCHARGE:

Expect great things from God, Attempt great things for God. -William Carey

Rev. David Vaiphei Executive Secretary Kuki Baptist Church Association

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"The earth is the Lord's and the fulness

the world and those who dwell therein." Psalms 24:1 (ESV)

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"EXPERIENCING GOD TOGETHER" - Rev. Dr. V. Atsi Dolie President, NBCC

Rev. Dr. V. Atsi Dolie, the President of NBCC extolled and challenged the congregation in the first evening worship of the 23^{rd} Triennial and the 87^{th} Annual Gathering of the NBCC at Niuland. Speaking on the theme **"Experiencing God Together,"** Rev. Dr. Dolie based his encouragement on four points enriching the believers gathered by unlocking biblical truths and insights from Acts 2: 42 - 47.

Firstly, "Experiencing God together in His word." Bringing to light the immediate context of Luke and utter thirst of the believer's hunger for God's Word, the congregation were encouraged to bring forth more of God's Word so that they might experience the Word.

Secondly, by "Experiencing God in loving one another," the timeless biblical truth emerges. Thereby reiterating how the ancient Christians fellowshipped together and shared whatever they had as a sign of Christian love. As true Christians we are all called to be the generous giver to those in need and to love one another because God abides in us if we share our love with others.

Thirdly, "Experiencing God in Worship." He emphasized how churches ought to be sincere and in reverence in their worship of the LORD.

Lastly, we can "Experience God through Mission" says Rev. Dr. Dolie. God Himself sent His Son on a mission to bring together the lost and unite us all. It was clearly stated that there were no nominal Christians in the beginning, for salvation and membership belonged together. In contrast, this modern world prescribes membership from the church without being saved. Such churches have people who have not been born again and sadly, that is one of the reasons why we cannot solve many issues. In conclusion, Rev. Dr. Dolie reminded that though one can experience God individually, the wholesome of God's blessings is when we all experience God together.



5 Things I Look Forward To From the 23rd Triennial & 87th Annual Gathering:

- 1. Good time of Fellowship and Worship
- 2. Focus Group Session
- 3. Sharing of Experiences
- 4. Catching up with Old Friends
- 5. Building New Friendship

Dr. Rampaukapoing Michui *Executive Secretary* Zeme Baptist Church Council



What do you consider as the greatest weapon for a Christian Minister? Personal Prayer

What are some major challenges Naga Christians are facing today?

- 1. Naga Christians are facing the ill effects of manipulation of Plurality
- 2. Authenticity of the Bible is at threat due to personal/self interpretation of the Scripture

Would you like to suggest some solutions to curb these challenges?

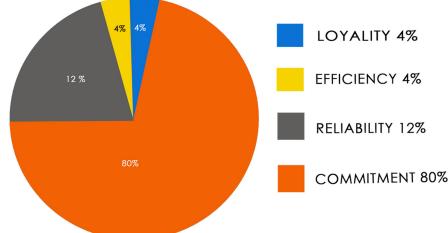
Along with devotional preaching, an effective way would be emphasis on the in-depth Bible Study which must be taken up at a regular basis

> **Rev. Dr. Mar Pongener** *Executive Secretary* Ao Baptist Arogo Mungdang

Opportune Moment

- 1. Enrich yourself through Experienced Speakers
- 2. Equip yourself through different Sessions
- 3. Strengthen old friendship and build New Friends to help each other grow while Serving God









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Welcome Address K. Nifato Chishi, Secretary DoYM







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VESPER SERVICE Experiencing God Together







