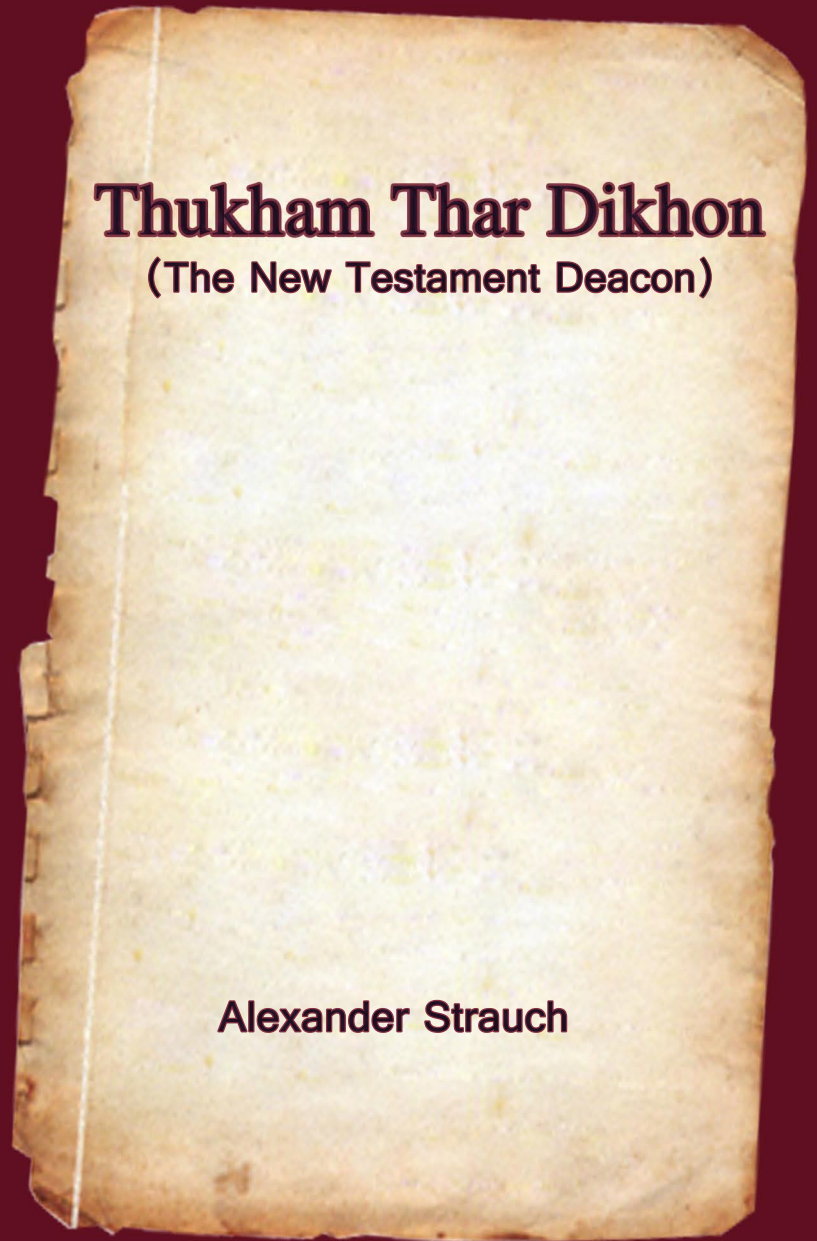


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Bible mittkharh hmangin kan ram kawhhran tinkim hi zoh hnik, duhthusam tling kawhhran hmuh ding a um lo nasa. Kawhhran tampi ah Bible vekih duhthusam tling pastor le dikhon hmuh ding a mal zet ding, hmuh ding hman a um lo tla a si thei men. Pastor hna cu kawhhran mipi Bible vekih kaihhruai, thlarau rawl khawp ko pek le zirhnak hrilsel lo lak ih si venhim a si ti Bible in in sim. Kawhhran hrisel le cak si dingin pastor ÷uanvo ÷uansuak theitu pastor kan ÷ul vekin, dikhon ÷uanvo ÷uansuak theitu dikhon neih a ÷ul zet.

Kawhhran ah pastor lawng si loin dikhon a ÷ulzia Bible in in sim. Kan ram kawhhran zoh tikah dikhon thu ah Bible vekin kan feh lo zet in a lang. Kawhhran tampi ah dikhon cu thuneitu, kawhhran mipi uktu, pastor khal uktu, sumpai lam khal uktu vekih cangvaihter an si. Dikhon thuneihnak ih kawhhran feh hmuh ding a tam zet, cucu dikhon hna ih ruah a si. Cutivekih kawhhran feh cu Bible ih in zirhdan vek a si lo lawlaw.

Kan ram kawhhran cahlonak a sãn tumbik pakhat cu dikhon in Bible ih zirhdan vekih dikhon ÷uanvo lawng an ÷uan lo ruangah le pastor in pastor ÷uanvo an ÷uansuak lo ruangah siin a lang. Pastor in siseh, kawhhran mipi in siseh, anmah dikhon lala khalin siseh dikhon ÷uanvo le dikhon dinhmun hi ziang a si, ziang tuah ding an si? ti thei loin kawhhran a feh rero a bang. Cumi ruangah kawhhran a cahlonak a sãn pakhat cu a si tengteng ding.

Ka rual Pastor Ezra Lal Nei Thang hin Local Church kaihhruaiawknak: Pastor ÷uanvo le Dikhon ÷uanvo a zingzawinak le a buaipinak hi a rei nawn zet thlang. “Kan ram kawhhran fehdan hi Bible vek a si lo e,” tiah thunuum titi kan rel tinten i ti ÷heu. Alexander Strause ih ngan mi New Testament Deacon (Thukham Thar Dikhon) cabu hi

Dikhon thu ah cun a ṭhabik tiah i ti ih, cuih cabu cu laksawng ah i pe cih. Ka siar tikah a ṭhatzia ka hmu. “Kan lai ṭawng ih na leh thei asile a ṭha tuk ding nân,” tiah i ti. Asinan thil ṭul mi dangdang ruangah let loin ka um ringring. “Kan ram kawhhran in Bible ih in zirhdan Dikhon thu kan theih a ṭul tuk,” a ti mi ṭawngkam te cu ka lungthin sungah a tâng ringring; tuih ṭum ah cun hna dang tân hrih in ṭan ka la ih ka let ṭheh tariai. Cabu suah thei ding khalin amah Pastor Ezra Thang in sumpai ṭuanvo a la ih, a parah ka lung a awi taktak.

Hih cabu “Thukham Thar Dikhon” ti mi hin Bible vekih dikhon ṭuanvo le dinhmun fiang zetin a simfiang. Dikhon thu ah hi cabu tluk ih ṭha hi a tu tiangah ka hmu hrih lo. Hi cabu hi thungaihlakih kan siar, kan zir, kawhhran khalah kan hmansuah thei asile, kawhhran cak le hrilsel kan nei tengteng ding tiah zumhnghehnak ka nei. Hi cabu hi “Rotling Cabu” a si, siar aw, zir aw, kan kawhhran cio ah nunpi hnik hman uhsi; kan kawhhran ah a ṭha lamih danglamnak kan hmu tengteng ding tiah ka zum.

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RUAH DING MI THIL THUPI

(Facing the Issues)

Paul in Timothy hnenih cakuat a ngan kum A.D. 63 hrawng ah Efesa kawhhran ah buainak a um, cutikah Paul in dikhon thuhla ah simfiangnak ngan tul in a thei. 1Timothy 3:8-13 ah tuukhaltupawl vekin dikhonpawl khal an rawng an bawl hlanah felfaiten tlinnak neifel le cekfel ta an si ding a si tiah a ngen. An dinhmun kha mi dang in simaw, anmah lala khalin simaw an niamter ding a duh lo ruangah, tha zetih riantu dikhonpawl cun upatnak an co ding ih, local church ah mi ciahneh theinak dinhmun an nei ding tiah a ti. Khrih ih um an rinnak khal a thang ding tiah a ti. Paul in, “Ziangahtile tha zetih rian zo tu dikhonpawl cun anmai hrangah dinhmun tha le Khrih Jesu ih um zumnak lamah ralthatnak nasa zet an nei,” (1Timothy 3:13) tiah a ngan.

Asinan, “.anmai hrangah dinhmun tha le Khrih Jesu ih um zumnak lamah ralthatnak nasa zet an nei,” a ti mi dikhonpawl kha zo an si? Ziang an tuah? Ziangah so khapawl kha local church nun ih an pawimawhna?

A tlunih thusuhnakpawl hi lunglutza an si. Kum 30 hrawng liam zo ah dikhon thuhla ah thangphawknak a thleng dah. Pawl tinkim deuh thaw ah le Khristian pawlkawm tinkim ah dikhon hrangih Pathian khawkhan/ruahman mi theih duhna le thei dingih zuamnak a rak um dah. Mi pakhat in dikhon thuhla a zingzawinak ah hitin a ngan, “Leilung tlun ram kip ih kawhhran hmuahhmuah cu dikhon sinak hi rawngbawlnak ih hna pakhat a si ti ruahnak thar in a ciah theh,” tiin.

Cuti ih dikhon thuhla theifiang dingih tan an laknak parah kan lungawi ding a si, cupawl hnen ih si khalin zir ding kan si. Asinan thil pawimawh zet cu, dikhon sinak thu

ah buainak a um lai hrih thotho: *dikhon thuhla ngannak Bible bung le cang parah thuk deuh ih ngaihtuahnak pek a si lo.* Hih buainak hi tuihsun Khristianpawl lakih buainak tum zet a umzia langtertu a si, cumi cu ningzahthlak Pathian thawtkhum Cathianghlim zumlonak a si. Asinan, kan zoh vivo ding ih, Cathianghlim cu dikhon thu ih kan thusuh mipawl sangtu dingah a tling tawk zet a si. Dikhon thuhla fiang zet le famkim zetih in sim theitu umsun le thuneitu sangbik cu Thukham Thar lawng hi a si. Dikhon thuhla hi Thukham Thar ah tam zet lang lo khal sehla, kan theih ding tul zat cu Pathian in a fimnak famkim hmangin a ngan a si.

Dikhon thuhla Bible sungih ngannak Bible bung le cang pawl duhthusam tling tawkih kan ngaihtuah lo asile, Pathian ih ruahman mi kan siatsuah tengteng ding ih, dikhon dinhmun le t̄uanvo kha kanmai ruahdan kan hmang tengteng ding. Dikhon thu ih a hnuaiih Thukham Thar siatsuahdan phun thum hi zoh hnik:

Uktu Kawmitte (Ruling Executives)

Bible zumtu kawhhran tam zet in (hi cabu hi cuih kawhhranpawl hrangih ngan mi a si) dikhon hi kawhhran uktu kawmitte vekin an hmang. Assembly of God (A.G) lam thlirdan in Richard L. Dresselhaus in dikhon thu a ngan ih, “kawhhran official board” (the official board of the church) tiah a ko hai. Hitin a nganbet:

“Dikhon-ih t̄uanvo pawimawhbik pakhat cu kawhhran ih pastor t̄uanvo an t̄uan ding hi a si. Pastor a cawlh tikah, kawhhran mipi hnenah pastor ding hril ding mi pek ding t̄uanvo an nei,” tiin.

Kawhhran tampi ah dikhonpawl hi siahhlawh rawngbawltu vek si loin, thuneitu kawmitte vekin an cangvai sawn. Cumi cu Thukham Thar in fiang zetih a zirh mi kalh rori in le dikhon sullam “siahhlawh” (*diakonos*) kalhin kawhhran ukto ih tuah a si.

Cuhnakh rauhsin thil bualthlak cu dikhonpawl kha local church pastor tuanvo thawn zuamaw vekih ret hi a si.

Building le Thil le Ri Uktu (Building and Property Managers)

Kawhhran hrekkhat in dikhonpawl kha thuneitu kawmitte ah diklo zetin an khaisan laiah, mi dangpawl in dikhonpawl kha building tawltreto, biakinn sangka kiltu le biakinn compound thianfaitu vekah an dinhmun an niamter ve thung. Cuti vekih dikhon hmangtu kawhhran an um ih, kawhhran hrekkhat cun dikhonpawl kha kawhhran sumpai kaitu, tawltreto ah an hmang lala, cutivekin dikhon rawngbawl hna an niamter ih, local church in mifarah, mitlasam le nuhmei bawm ding rawngbawl hna kha dikhonpawlih tuanvo a si mi kha an niamter in an siatsuah.

Dikhonpawlih tuanvo le hna cu biakinn thianfai le biakinn kilkhawi asile, Pathian in ziangruangah dikhonpawl khan pastor-pawl vek thothoin (1Timothy 3:10) ziaza tlinnak nei dingin le mipi hmaih cekfel si dingin a ngen si pei ti kha kanmah le kanmah thusutaw ding kan si. Kha vek hna kha cu kawhhran member zo vek khal ih ti thei mi a si, culawng hman si loin kawhhran member si lo khal hman theih a si.

Kawhhran Tirhfung (The Church Factotums)

Southern Baptist Scholar Charles W. Deweese in dikhon kha kawhhran tirhfung ah a tuah, cumi umzia cu

kawhhran cangvaihnak hmuahhmuah zikte uktu, tawlreltu a si. Hitin a ngan:

“Dikhon rawngbawlnak ih titheizia hi bikhiah (cintaw) nei lo a si. Dikhonpawl hi rawngbawlnak a phunphun: zirhnak, thusimnak, kawhhran member vehvaih, taksa lam bawmawknak (social work), thurawn peknak, zangfah thilpek lam hohat, kawhhran kaihhruaiawknak lam, Bawipa Zanriah tawlrel le pastor ih tul mi bawm tivek an tuan thei.”

Hiti vekih cintaw (bikhiah) nei loih rawngbawlnak cun Thukham Thar ih dikhon rawngbawl hna danglam hleice le an tuanvo a sim mi a siatsuah, culawng si loin dikhonpawl bei a dawngter ding.

Kawhhran tampi cu dikhonpawl hrangih thahnem an ngai tuknak, rawngbawl ding an duhsak tuknak ah hla tuk ah Bible ih ri a buah mi lan tiangin an feh. Dikhonpawlih kut ah thuneihsak le rawngbawlnak a phunphun an ret. Cucu kum zabi pahnihsak hrawng ih kawhhranpawl ih an tisual mi tharthawhsalnak a si. Kum zabi pahnihsak hrawngah khan kawhhran in dikhonpawl kha Pathian ih a pek lo mi thuneihsak a phunphun an pe. Hih cabu hin tuihni kawhhran in dikhon luarkai tukih kan hmandan le dikhon covo diklo ih kan hman mipawl a rem ding tiah ka zum.

ZAHNGAINAK RAWNGBAWLTUPAWL (Ministers of Mercy)

Ka thinlung sung muril ih ka vei mi cu dikhonpawl kha an thuneihsak kawmitte pindan ih si suahter, asilole building remthatu men ih ruahnak le kawhhran mipi pumpi riantu dingih ruahnak ih si suak dingih bawm hi a si. Kum

zabi 16-nak hrawngih kawhhran remthatupawl ih an hmuhsuah vekin dikhonpawl cu kawhhran sungih mifarah, mitlasam kilkhawi le bawmnak hna ih cangvaih ding hi a si. *Curuangah dikhonpawlih rawngbawl hna cu Khrih ih uk mi Thukham Thar kawhhran ih a thlauthlak lo ding mi hna a si.*

Tuihni Khristianpawl in local church ah Thukham Thar dikhon an pawimawhzia le an tulzia an theih tengteng a tul, cutin kawhhran ih mifarah, mitlasam le tuarnak a tawngtupawl kha Khristian dan vekih kilkhawi le cawm an si thei ding. Cucu Pathian lunghmuitertu a si.

Kum zabi 18 ih Amerikan pastor - theologian Jonathan Edwards (1703-1758) in mifarah tlunih kan mawhphurh a thupitzia a tarlängnak ah hitin a ngan: “Thukham Hlun le Thukham Thar ah, himi mifarahpawl bawm tuanvo, tuah tengteng dingih ngen mi tuanvo, tuah lo theih lo ih a tul rori ih in tultu tuanvo vek tuanvo dang hi ka thei mal zet.”

Cutiasinan, kawhhran tampi in mifarah le mitlasam pawl hi an thlahthlam theu. Kawhhran tampi in building hrangah, biakinn sung tokham le ceimawinak hrangah, biakinn tukvirh le thuampawl ceimawinak ah sumpai tam zet an hmang ih, an mitlasam le an nuhmei pawl bawmnak hrangah cun kawhhran sumpai an hmang lo nasa.

Dikhonpawl hnenah Pathian in mitlasam le mifarah pawl va ren rawngbawl hna, zahngainak rawngbawl hna le duhdawtnak rawngbawl hna a pe. Thungaiten, dikhonpawl hi mitlasampawl hnenih kan Bawipaih tangdawrzia, duhdawtnak thawi rawng a bawlzia zohthim ding le cawng ding an si. Kan Bawipa in dikhonpawlih hnañuan hi a ngaisang zet, ziangah tile cucu Pathian kawhhran nun le thuthangtha simsuahnak ih thil tul zet mi a si. Curuangah Thukham Thar dikhon rawngbawl hna hi hmuhsuah tharsal le hmansuah a tul. Cumi nunpisuak thei dingah Thukham

Thar dikhonpawl cu zo an si ih, ziang an tuah ti simfiang ka tum. Cumi tisuak dingin Bible sungih dikhon thuhla umnak Bible bung le cang hmuahhmuah phawrhuah le simfiang thluh ka tum a si.

Tuukhaltupawl le Dikhonpawl

Thulung dingih Kawhnak

(A Call to Obedience for Shepherd and Deacons)

Cathianglim nunpinak hi amahteih ra suak mi a si lo, asinan Khristian nun hrampi thawi thenaw thei lo le local church thannak hrampi, nunremawknak hrampi le thangphawknak hrampi a si. Dikhon tampi in thlengawknak duh lo ding (a hleicein thuneihnak dinhmun kaitu dikhonpawl) ti ka thei. Pathian Thlarau Thianglim in dik zet le cipciar zetih pawrhuah/hrilhfiah mi Pathian Kamsuakthu hi Dikhon tampi ruahnak thleng tul mi khawihthu le thamtu ah hmang hram seh tiah thla ka cam.

Hi cabu ih tumtah mi pakhat cu tuukhaltupawl in dikhon an tulzia le dikhonpawl parih tuukhaltupawl an tuanvo theiher a si. An tuanvo dikhonpawl in hlawhtling zet le mual nei zetih an tuansuah theinak dingah tuukhaltupawlih kaihhrainak le thapeknak an tul zet. Vansiatnak ah, kawhhran tampi le an hruiatupawl in dikhon an tulzia an theifiang lo. Kawhhran hrekhat tla cun dikhon hi a neih hman an nei lo. Tuukhaltupawl in an tuanvo a si mi tuu rual va zirh, kilven le kaihhrui hlawhtling an neih theinak dingah le an hna ah thinlung zate an pek theinak dingah, taksa dan ih mitlasam bawm le tuamhlawm lam tuanvo latu dikhon an neih hrimhrim a tul a si. Zumtu tampi hnenah hi cabu hi Bible ih zirhdan vekin dikhon an hmuhtiam ding le Bible zirhnak vek si loih kawhhran fehpidan thleng duhnak thinlung neitertu si dingih bawmtu si hram seh tiah thlaza ka cam.

Bung - 1

Tuukhaltuih Thil Pawimawh Hmaisapawl:

Kamsuakthu le Thlacam

(The shepherds' Priorities: Word le Prayer)

Cu laiah, dungthluntupawl an karhzai vivo tikah, ni tin rawl zēmnak ah Grik ṭawng hmangpawlih nuhmeipawl cu thlauthlak an si ruangah, Jew-mi Grik ṭawng hmang zumtupawl cu Hebru ṭawng hmang zumtupawl parah an phunzai. Cun hleihnih pawl in dungthluntu mi tampi an hnenah an kokhawm ih, “Pathian kamsuakthu thlauthla-in cabuai hna kan ṭuan ding cu kan hrangah thil dik a si lo. Curuangah u le nau pawl, nan lak ihsin mi pasarih mi hminṭha, Thlarau Thianghlim le fimnak ih khat hril uhla, hi ṭuanvo hi kan pe ding; kannih tu cu thlacamnak ah le kamsuakthu rawngbawlnak ah kan peaw peh vivo ding,” tiah an ti.

Apo 6:1- 4

Kawhhran hruaitu thu thawn pehparawin Apo 6 hi Thukham Thar ah cun Bible thu pawimawhbik lakih pakhat le Efesa Elder-pawl hnenih Paul-ih thucah (Apo 20:17-38) zawngih telh ve dingah a pawimawh zet, ziangah tile kawhhran pastor rawngbawlnak thawi milaw zet a si. Kawhhran tuukhaltupawl in Apo 6 hi thla ruk vawi khat siar hai sehla a ṭha, ziangah tile himi Bible bung le cang sungah hin kawhhran hruaitu sinak le thlarau lamih thil pawimawh hmaisai thu thawn pehparawin thutak hlawn ṭha zetzet a um; Pathian Kamsuakthu thupi a sinak a rel uar

ih, mifarah kilkhawi a țulzia khal a rel. Hi Bible bung hin thubuai haikiandan, hruaitu ziaza, sumpai thu, thlacamnak, thuthangțha simsuahnak, duhdawtnak, tangdawrnak le zumtu a bur ih umkhawm thuhla a rel. Cuihtlunah Dikhon thu khal a rel fawn.

Thukham Thar dikhon thu thei dingah kawhhran ih tuukhaltuih covo kan theih hmaisă a țul. ‘Dikhon’ hmin a lăngnak ah kawhhran tuukhaltu thawn naiaw zetih an pehtlaihawknak a lang (Fil 1:1; 1Tim 3:8-13). Apo 6 hin dikhon ti țawngkam a tarlang lo, asinan ziangruangah dikhon ruat/nemhgeh a si ti a tarlang. Dikhon a umnak săn cu thil țul tuah hnih ruangah a si: tuukhaltu zangkhaiteh dingah, cutin Pathian Kamsuakthu le thlacamnak ah tikcucan le thinlung an pek theinak dingah, cun zumtu kilkhawi le băwm țulpawl buapi ding official takih țuanvo pek dingah a si.

Apostolpawl in kawhhran mipi taksa dan ih an țul mi băwm le tuamhlawm hna ihși an awl a pawimawhzia nasa zetin an rel (Apo 6:2,4). Apo 6:2 ah Apostolpawl in a el zawngin a țulzia an rel: “Cun hleihnih pawl in dungthluntu mi tampi an hnenah an kokhawm ih, Pathian Kamsuakthu thlauthla-in cabuai hna kan țuan ding cu kan hrangah thil dik a si lo,” tiah an ti. Apo 6:4 ah Apostolpawl in a țulzia tuah ding mi lam hitin an rel: “..kannah tu cu thlacamnak ah le Kamsuakthu rawngbawlnak ah kan peaw peh vivo ding, tiah an ti.”

Hi Bible bung le cang thupi zet hi fimkhur zetin kan hei zir vivo hnik pei. Hi Bible bung sungih tuukhăltuih thil pawimawh hmaisapawl hi phawrhuah kan tum hnik pei, ziangahțile Thukham Thar Dikhon covo thei dingah cupawl theih hmaisak ta a țul.

Apo 6 ih minung 7 pawl (neta lamih dikhon zin sialtupawl) hnenih țuanvo pek mi kan phawrhuah ding. Apo 6 hi dikhon tawthawhnak a sizia khal kan hum ding.

MIFARAH PARIH BUAINAK

(Conflict Over the poor)

Cu laiah, dungthluntupawl an karhzai vivo tikah, ni tin rawl zēmnak ah Grik ṭawng hmangpawlih nuhmeipawl cu thlauthlak an si ruangah, Jew-mi Grik ṭawng hmang zumtupawl cu Hebru ṭawng hmang zumtupawl parah an phunzai. (Apo 6:1)

Apostolpawl in kawhhran hmaisabik hruaitu an dīn. Luke ih a kawh hai vekin, Apostol 12 pawl cu kawhhran hotu (overseers/bishops) asilole tuukhāltu (shepherd) an si.

Apostolpawl cu kawhhran mipi Pathian thu zirh le kilkhawi lawng si loin, mifarah bāwmnak sumpai khawn le zemsuah ṭuanvo khal an nei (Apo 4:32-5:11). Cutikah a rei hlanah cuih an ṭuanvopawl cu a rit tuk ti an hmusuak.

Jerusalem kawhhran cu rang zetin an karh. Cutiuh karh cu a ṭha e. Pathian Thlarau cu Jerusalem kawhhran ah nasa zetin hna a ṭuan ih, mi tampi rundam an si. Kawhhran cu a tum lamih an ṭhan lawng si loin, an nuntukhawsaknak lam khalah nasa zetin thil thlengaw a um. Grik ṭawng hmang Jew-pawl khal zumtu lakah an tel vivo. Annihpawl hi ram dang ih si Jerusalem ih rung vailut an si ih, annih hi Palistīn ram ih um Aramik ṭawng hmng Jew-pawl hnakin nunphung/nundan le khawruahnak lamah an kau. Cutiuh bangawklonak an neih mi ruangah Grik ṭawng hmang Grik-mipawl cun anmah ten a hranin an um. Cutiuh an hranteih an um tikah Palistīn ram sungih um Aramik ṭawng hmang Grik-mipawl in rinhlehnak an nei deuh.

Khristianpawl in siang zetin bāwmnak thilpek an pe ih, cumi parah Grik ṭawng hmang zumtu Jew-pawl le Aramik ṭawng hmang zumtu Jew-pawl lakah ṭhenawknak buainak a thleng. Sumpai le rawl an zemnak Grik ṭawng hmang zumgtu Jew-pawl kha thlauthlak an si. Aramik ṭawng hmang Jew-pawl kha mipum an tam sawn ih thu an

nei deuh; curuangah bǎwmnak thilpek sumpai le rawl thu thu an nei deuh. Cule Grik ɽawng hmang Jew-pawl cun an parah phunzai an thawk.

Kawhhran hmaisabik hin unau duhdawtnak thu ah hniksaknak an tawng a si hi! Hih Khristian hmaisabikpawl hin nunphung bangawklonak le duhdan bangawklonak hi an pahtlang in, an haikiang thei pei maw? An neih mi Khristian duhdawtnak cun an khuahlan nunphung le an nundan, an duhdan bangawklonak a neh maw, a lan maw? Asilole thil cang ɽheu vekin duhawknak le ɽihnak in ɽhenawknak a suakter pei maw? Tawhawk le doawknak in Thlarau Thianghlim a riah an siatter pei maw? An rawngbawlnak cu caklo in a um sawn pei maw? Thil pakhat khat cu tuahsuak a ɽul, culole kawhhran cu an ɽhenawk a ɽul.

APOSTOLPAWL AN CANGVAI (Apostles Take Action)

Cun hleihnih pawl in dungthluntu mi tampi an hnenah an kokhawm ih, “Pathian kamsuakthu thlauthla-in cabuai hna kan ɽuan ding cu kan hrangah thil dik a si lo. Curuangah u le nau pawl, nan lak ihsin mi pasarih mi hminɽha, Thlarau Thianghlim le fimnak ih khat hril uhla, hi ɽuanvo hi kan pe ding; kannih tu cu thlacamnak ah le kamsuakthu rawngbawlnak ah kan peaw peh vivo ding,” tiah an ti (Apo 6:2-4).

Hruaitu ɽhapawl cun thubuai hi thiam zetih va tifel theinak le thutluknak tuahnak in an danglamnak an langter ɽheu. Thubuai va tifel hi hruaituih ɽuanvo pipa a si. Thubuai tifel le tawntlǎng ɽih le ngam lopawl hin kawhhran an beidawngter ih an cakloter. Thubuai tlansǎnnak in buainak a rauhter sinsin. Jerusalem kawhhran buainak cingfel dingin Apostolpawl cu thiam zet le thutluknak dik tuahin

an cangvai. An cangvaihnak cun siatnak an tawn ding mi a tawlhther ih, dinhmun thasawn ah a hruai hai.

Apostolpawl in kawhhran mipi an kokhawm ih an kawhhran dinhmun thu ih an khawruahhar thu an sim. “Pathian Kamsuakthu thlauthla-in cabuai hna kan t̄uan ding cu kan hrangah thil dik a si lo,” tiah an ti. Apostolpawl in nuhmei kilkhawi an paih lo tinak a si lo ih, hivek hna tenau t̄uan dingah annih cu an tum tuk, an thupi tuk an tinak lam khal a si lo. Hna tenau zetih lang t̄uan le zangfahnak hna t̄uan cu an Bawipa Jesu hnen ihsin an zir natsat tuk mi a si. Kum thum sung an Bawipa Jesu-ih mitlasampawl a lainatzia cu an hmu ih an zir. Pentikos ni hnu a ni hmaisabik ihsin Apostolpawl cun lungawi le thatho zetin mitlasam le midamlo pawl an rian, an tuamhlawm (Apo 4:34-37;5:16). Sikhalsehla mitlasam le midam lo tuamhlawm le kilkhawi cu Apostolpawlih an hna pawimawhbik le thupibik a si lo. Mitlasam le midamlo kilkhawinak ih can hmannak in an hna pawimawhbik Khrih-ih khraws thu phuansuahnak a siatsuah sawn ding.

Apostolpawl in Khrih ih a kawh hainak s̄an cu an theifiang tuk. Kawh an sinak s̄an theifiang in, “Pathian Kamsuakthu thlauthla in cabuai hna kan t̄uan ding cu kan hrangah thil dik a si lo,” (Apo 6:2) tiah an ti a si.

Apostolpawl in hih thu hi thupi tukah an ruat. Pathian Kamsuakthu thlauthla in cabuai hna t̄uan ding cu thil dik a si lo ti an theifiang tuk. Nuhmei kilkhawi hna cu thil thupi tuk a si ti an thei ko nain, Pathian nung Kamsuakthu phuansuah siatsuahtu ding thil cu an buai pi ding a si lo ti an thei.

Kan zaten nung dingah rawl kan t̄ul ti kan thei. Curuangah a si kanmai hrangih rawl ngahnak dingah thazang tapi kan hman. Asinan zumtu tapi in nunnak dingah Pathian Kamsuakthu an t̄ul ti an thei lo. Thukham Hlun san laiah Moses in Israel-mipawl hnenah, “...*Minung*

cu rawl lawngin a nung lo, Jehovah ka ihsin a suak mi kamsuakthu tinkim in a nung sawn a si ti lo theiher dingah a lo tãngdawrter, na ril a lo rawngter, cule na theih lo mi le na pupápawl khalih theih lo mi manna in a lo câwm a si,” (Dnp 8:3) tiah a ti. Kan Bawipa Jesu khalin, *“A siatrál thei mi rawl hrangah hna ÷uan hlah uh, cuhnakin Minung Fapa in a lo pek ding mi kumkhaw nunnak tiangih a daih mi rawl hrangah ÷uan sawn uh...”* (Joh 6:27) tiah a ti.

Pathian Kamsuakthu tel loin milai a nung taktak thei lo. Pathian ih a tumtah le a duhsak hai mi nun cu Jesu Khrih thawngih rundamnak thucah zumnak tel loin milai in a nei thei lo. Mihlo, Adam cithlahpawl hrangah Pathian thucah rundamnak hnakih thupi a um lo. Curuangah a si Pathian tuu rual khãltupawl cu Pathian Kamsuakthu thlahthlam lo dingih thupek an si.

Cuihtlunah, Pathian Kamsuakthu (Van mana) tel loin kawhhran pitlinnak le kilhim theinak lamzin a um lo. Curuangah Pathian Kamsuakthu thlahthlam cu Apostolpawl hrangah siar cawk lo hlohnak a si. Pathian Kamsuakthu phuan daithlannak le thlahthlamnak cun Jerusalem kawhhran a siatter ding ih, a thupibik mi thucah khawvel in thei lo ko tuah a si ding. *“Pathian Kamsuakthu thlauthla in cabuai hna kan ÷uan ding cu kan hrangah thil dik a si lo,”* tiih Apostolpawl ih an ti hi thil dik a si.

Pathian Kamsuakthu zirh le phuan hi san i kipih tuukhãltupawl ih nunpi ding mi a si. Puritan Pathian thuthiam John Owen (1616-1683) in himi thu a dikzia a thei ih, hitin a ngan:

“Tuihsan pastor/elder pawl khal hitivek rori hin ÷uanvo an nei...” tiin.

Pathian thisen ih lei mi kawhhran tuukhãltupawl in Apostolpawl bangin, *“Pathian Kamsuakthu thlauthla in cabuai hna kan ÷uan ding cu kan hrangah thil dik a si lo,”* ti ve ding an si.

**A DIK MI THIL PAWIMAWHBIK
LAM LAWNG HAWI**
(A clear Focus on the Right Priorities)

“Pathian Kamsuakthu thlauthla in cabuai hna kan ÷uan ding cu kan hrangah thil dik a si lo,” ti an phuansuah hnuah, kawhhran mipi hnenah Pathian in hna pawimawhbik ÷uan dingih a ruat haizia an phuangsuak: “.*kannah tu cu thlacamnak ah le Kamsuakthu rawngbawlnak ah kan peaw peh vivo ding,*” tiah an ti (Apo 6:4). Richard N. Longenecker in The Expositor’s Bible Commentary sungah “*peaw vivo*” ti mi ÷awngfang hi “*thil pakhat hrang lawngih dinhnggeh le thinlung pek*” a sim duh mi a si tiah a hrilhfiah. Apostolpawl cu thlacam le Pathian Kamsuakthu phuannak lawngah an dingnget ih an thinlung an pe.

Apo 6:4 hi kawhhran ih Pathian tuu rual khältupawl hrangih Bible bung le cang thupibikpawl lakih pakhat a si ti ka zumhngget. Hi Bible cang hin kawhhran tuukhältuih hna pawimawhbik cu: thlacam le Pathian Kamsuakthu phuansuah a sizia a fiangter. Tuukhältupawl hi thil dangdang in an hna ihsin awlten a pengter thei. Thil ÷ha dang tampi in can le thasuah a ngen zet; thurawn ÷ha pek ÷ul mi hi ziangtik lai khalah an um ringring ih, program tawlrel ÷ul le meeting hohat ÷ulnak tivek tla hi an um ringring. Cutivekcun tuukhältupawlih thlacam can, Bible siar le zingzawi can, Pathian Kamsuakthu va zirh can pawl a siatsuah. Kawhhran fate pakhat ih pastor pa in ni khat ihsin ni li tiang kawhhran lengih hruaikaihawknak lam le kawhhran tisa lam ÷ul mi hrangah ka can ka hman ÷heh ÷heu ih, ni nga le ni ruk ni lawng sermon timlamnak ih can a neih thu in sim. Cutikah kei in, “Apo 6 kha ngunngaih zetin siar awla, pawimawhbik ih na ret mi na hna kha rem÷hasal aw,” tiah ka ti.

Kawhhran hruaituih pawimawhbik hna hi do a tuar theu. Thil dang tuah ding le buai pi ding cu a tam ringring ding. Man lo tuknak, buai tuknak hin Pathian siahlawh nun le kawhhran tam zet a siatsuah. Inn kawhhran cangvaihnak ih tel Robert le Julia Banks in, “Tuihni kawhhran a si ding vek si dingih khamtu pakhat cu: man lo tuknak/buai tuknak fehsualnak nathrik in Khristian tam tuk a kaingah hi a si,” tiah an ngan. Kawhhran tuukhāltu cun thlacamnak le Pathian Kamsuakthu phuansuahnak hi a hna pawimawhbik le cumi hrangih can tam bik a pek le a hman a ʔul a si. Kawhhran dikhonpawl khalin cuih hna pawimawhbik cu an thinlung in an theih ve a ʔul. Himi hi a si Apostolpawl in an kawhhran mipi hnenih an phuansuah.

Thlacamnak (Prayer)

Apo 6:1-4 hi hlawhtlinnak thuanthu tiih kawh theih a si, ziangruangahtile Apostolpawl in Jesu hnenih an zirsuah mi ih si an phuansuah mi a si. Ziang in so an hna thupibik phuansuah ngamnak a neihter hai? Jesu hnenah an rak um dah a si. Jesu cu thlacam nun nei le Pathian Kamsuakthu lawng phuang a sizia an hmu (Mar 1:35-39). An Bawipa vekiin annih khal thlacam nun an nei. Thlacamnak cu an nun ih thil pawimawhbik a si. Apostolpawl cu Galili peng ih ngakaihnik lāwng an sak lo; Pathian hrangah mipi nun an sak sawn a si kha. Milai thlarau nun lam buai pi in can an hmang sawn. Curuangah thlacamnak cu an hna hmuahhmuah lakih thupibik/pawimawhbik a si.

A sunglawi zet mi Pathian-ih tuu rual khāltupawl in *thlacamnak hi thukhāltupawlih hna* a si ih, cumi cun can le thazang suah a ngen ti an theih tengteng a ʔul. Hudson Taylor, China Inland Mission dīntu, in, “Thlacam thei nawn lo tiangin Khrih rawngbawlnak ah (asilole thil dang

tuannak ah) man loin um hlah. Thlacam taktaknak cun thazang a ngen a si,” tiah ralrinnak mi a pe. San thar Missionary Cangvaihnak ih Papi tiih kawh mi, India ram ih amah rori missionary ih feh William Carey in, Thlacam hi ka hna ngaingai cu a si! Kedam thit hi a sir lam hna a si, ka tulnak hrangih hman ding sumpai ka ngahnak a si,” tiah a ti. Thlacamnak hi tuukhãltupawlih hna ngaingai a si. Tuukhãltupawl in an pastor hna an tuan hlanah James-ih tawngkam hi kaihnget ta hai seh: *“Midingfel ih thahnemngai zet le mualnei zetih thlacamnak cun thil tampi a tuahsuak a si,”* (James 5:16b).

Thlacamnak hi tuukhãltuih rawngbawlnak ih tulbik mi pakhat le then theih lo a sizia tampi rel ding a um, asinan cahnah in in daih lo ding. Paul E. Billheimer-ih cabu *Destined for the Throne* ti mi cabu sungih a ngan mi thapeknak tawite in ka thu ka cemter ding:

“Tha zetih hruaikaihawknak um lo le felfai zetih thlacamnak program um lo kawhhran cu sakhawbiaknak kepal heraw inzine ve menmen a si. Ziangtluk tum a va si hmanah thlacam nun um lo kawhhran cu kepal heraw inzine men a si. A thil ti thei mi cu tetakte a si ih, Setan ram fate hman a siatsuah thei lo....Milai suahkeh thiltitheinak, tawngkam thiamnak, thusim thiamnak, zirsannak tivek in milai thlarau cu Setan sal ih tannak ihsin a runsuak thei lo ti hi zo talin nan ruat dah maw? Cuih thilpekpawl cu Pathian in a hmang thei ko, asinan anmah te cun huhamthiltitheinak an nei lo ih, zawih thlarau hman sual sal ihsin le Setan sal ihsin an runsuak thei lo.”

Pathian Kamsuakthu (The Word)

Tuukhãltuih hna pawimawhbik thlacam rawngbawlnak thawn fehtlang mi cu Kamsuakthu rawngbawl hna hi a si: thuthangtha sim le zumtu Pathian Kamsuakthu zirh hna hi a si. Thlacam le Kamsuakthu hi fehtlang vivo ding an si. Kan Bawipa Jesu hi thlacam nun nei le Kamsuakthu phuang mi a si. Thlacam thu cabu tam zet ngantu E. M. Bounds in thlacam nun nei lo thusimtupawl hnenah ralrinnak a pe hai theu: “Tuihni ih pulpit hi thlacam lamah tha a nei lo. Zirsannak hin tangdawr zetih thlacam nun cu a do. A nunnak le a rawngbawlnak ih thlacam thupi ih ruat lo thusimtu cu Pathian rawngbawlnak ah a cak lo, thazang a nei lo,” tiah a ti.

Thukham Thar pumpi ah Khrih le a dungthluntupawl in Pathian Kamsuakthu phuansuah le zirh hi thil pawimawhbik ah an ret ti cu kan hmuh mi a si. Mark 3:13, 14 ah, “*Cule tlang parah a kai ih, a hnenah a mi duh mi vial a ko. Cule a hnenah an ra. Cun a hnenih um dingah le thusim dingih a thlah theinak dingah...mi hleihnih pawl cu a ruat hai.*” Khristian thawhtir, Pentikos ni ihsin, Pathian Kamsuakthu phuan le zirh a thupitzia le an nunpizia kan hmu, kan siar. Peter in Kamsuakthu a phuang ih mi 3000 an nun a thlengaw. Pindan sungah lungtho zetih thungaitupawl hnenah Peter in amah le amah dungthluntupawl cu Jesu in Kamsuakthu phuang dingin thu a pek hai thu a sim: “*Cule anih in hi pa cu Pathian in a nung mi le a thi mi parah thuthentu ih a ruat mi pa a si thu kha mipi hnenih sim ding le theihter dingah thu in pe,*” (Apo 10:42). Apostolpawl in nuhmeipawl tuamhlawmnak/kilkhawinak ih an can tam tuk an hman asile an hna pawimawhbik zumlotu hnenih Kamsuakthu phuan le kawhhran hnenih Kamsuakthu zirh kha nasa zetin

a kham ding a si. Pathian Kamsuakthu cu a fehsuak tengteng a tul.

Kamsuakthu phuansuah hi tuihni ih tuukhãltupawl hrangah Apostolpawl san hnakin a thupitnak a nep cuang lo. Hih thu thawn pehparawin Westminster Chapel, London ih pastor rak tuan dah Dr. Martyn Lloyd-Jones in hitin a ti:

“Thupibik ih ret ding mi hi kumkhaw hrangah a si. Hih kawhhran tuanvo a si, kawhhran hruaitupawlih mawhphurh a si, himi hrangih ruat mipawl hrangih thil thupibik a si. Ziangtlukih thil tha si in, ziangtluk tul ih lang si khal sehla, himi ihsin in lapengtu ding zianghman siang ding kan si lo,” tiin.

Martyn Lloyd-Jones in Khristian khawvel ih revival hmuahhmuah meisa muahtu cu Pathian Kamsuakthu zirhnak le phuansuahnak hi a si ti hi thupi zetin a rel. Cuvek thothoin Khristian khawvel ih tumsuknak hi Pathian rawngbawlnak ih Pathian Kamsuakthu thupi ih retlonak ih rahsua a si. Hitin a ngan:

“Kawhhran thuanthu hi thaten siar in zoh hnik awla, kawhhran a tumsuknak, thlarau nun ih mumal lo zetih a um sung hmuahhmuah hi Pathian Kamsuakthu phuansuahnak a um nawn lo can ah a si ti hi a fiang ko lo maw? Thangphawknak le remthatsalnak suah tinten ziang phuansuah a si? Pathian thutak phuansuah a si ringring...Kawhhran thuanthu zoh tikah thangphawknak le remthatsalnak kipah Pathian thutak phuansuah a si ringring,” tiin.

Cabu ngantu le Regent College, Canada ih professor J. I. Packer khalin kawhhran thangphawknak hi Bible

thutak phuansuahnak parih a thumawk lo asile zianghman lo men ah a cang ding ti hi a zum: *“Tuihni ih thangphawknak kan hawl mi hi Bible thutak phuansuahnak hawl a si lo ah cun thil pawnlang le rah nei lo a cing mi a si ding ti hi ka zumhnet a si,”* tiah a ti. Thukham Thar kawhhran danglamnak pipabik cu Pathian Kamsuakthu phuansuahnak le zirhnak thupibik ih an ret mi hi a si. Tuukhaltupawl in Pathian Kamsuakthu an thlauthlak asile, Pathian hna an siatsuah a si. Curuangah Apo 6:1-4 ih in zirh mi hi siarsal aw, ruatsal aw. Hih thu thawn pehparawin All Souls’ Church London ih Rector tuan dah John R. W. Stott in hitin a ti:

*“San kipih kawhhran in Apo 6:1-4 ih zirh mi hi an zirsal ringring a tul. Apostolpawlih Pathian hrang le kawhhran hrangih thahnem an ngainak hi a soal hrimhrim lo. Khrih bangnak hna, zangfahza nuhmeipawl tuamhlawm/kilkhawi hna ah man lo zetin an um. Asinan annih Apostolpawl cu cuih hna tuan dingih kawh an rak si lo. An rawngbawl hna cu thlacam le Pathian Kamsuakthu phuan le zirh a si ih, taksa lam bawmawk le kilkhawiawk hna cu mi dang tuanvo a si,”*tiin.

Stott in thusimtupawl hnenah hitin tha a pebet:

“Tuihni pastor-pawl in Thukham Thar ih a thupitterbik mi Pathian Kamsuakthu phuansuah le zirh a uar asile, an hna hlensuah si ih an hmuh hleiah, cumi cun kawhhran khal nasa zetin a hngawng tengteng ding. Asinan riahsiatumza a si mi cu tuihni pastor tapi cu Bible siar le zingzawi lam hnakin zung lam hna ah an buai, Bible zingzawi

*lam hnakin telephone mi biakah an buai, cucun
siatnak a thlen a si.”*

Apostolpawl in thupibik ih ret ding mi hna an nei
ih, cucu kaihngget an tum ih an kaihngget. Cutiuh hnget zetih
an hna rori an kaihngget le an buai pi ruangah kawhhran cu
thlarau lamah a thangso ih, mipum lam khalah a thangso.

Pathian mi Laireltu Samuel-ih thawngkam hi ruat
hnik hman, a thawngkam in kan thinlung in cawkpheur in
thlarau lam hna ih thupibik ih kan ret le kan ruah ding mi in
theihtersal ringring hram seh:

*“Cuihtlunah, ka hrangah cun, nan hrangah thlacam
bansannak ih Jehovah dokalhih thilsual tuah cu ka
hnen ihsin hla seh. Lamzin tha le dik ka lo zirh
sawn ding,” (ISam 12:23)*

Bung - 2

Zahngainak

Rawngbawltupawl Nemhngheknak

(Appointing Ministers of Mercy)

Cu laiah, dungthluntupawl an karhzai vivo tikah, ni tin rawlzēmnak ah Grik ṭawng hmangpawlih nuhmeipawl cu thlauthlak an si ruangah, Jew-mi Grik ṭawng hmang zumtupawl cu Hebru ṭawng hmang zumtupawl parah an phunzai. Apo 6:1

“Curuangah u le nau pawl, nan lak ihsin mi pasarih mi hminṭha, Thlarau Thianghlim le fimnak ih khat hril uhla, hi ṭuanvo hi kan pe ding.” Apo 6:3

APOSTOLPAWL IH CANGVAINAK CABU

BUNG 2

Apostolpawlih Cangvainak Cabu a thawk ihsi kan hei siar asile, Khristian hmaisabikpawl an pumkhatzia le an duhdawtawwkzia kan hmu ih thin mi a khawih zet ih tha mi a thoter zet. Apo 2:44,45 ah hitin kan hmu:

“A zumtu hmuahhmuah cu hmunkhat ah an umkhawm ih, thil ziangkim an neih mi an ṭawmaw. Cule an thil neih mipawl le an thilripawl an zuar ih, an ṭaldan cio vekin an zuar man sum cu an zaten an zemaw.”

Cumi cu kan Bawipa Jesu in Luke 12:32-34 ih a zirh mi a taktak ih a famkimnak a si.

“Tuurun fate tla, ñih hlah uh, ziangatile nan hnenih lafram lo pek cu nan Paih lunghmuizawng a si. Nan neih mipawl zuar uhla, miretheipawl hnenah bawmnak thil pek pe uh, a hlun thei lo mi paisa bawm nan mai hrangah tuah uh. Nan hlawnthil cu cembrál theilonak hmun, rûkrupawl thlen theilonak hmun le tlâp ih a siatsuah thei lonak hmun vancung ah ret uh. Ziangatile nan hlawn thil umnak ah, nan thinlung khal a um ve ding.”

APO 4

Apo 4 ah cuh Khristianpawl cu duhdawtaw zet le pakhat le pakhat ngaihsakaw zetih an um thu kan hmu. Mitlasam an bawm le an tuamhlawmnak cu a pipa deuhdeuh ih an zangfahthilpek sumpai le an thilri pawl cu mual nei zetih zem dingah Apostolpawl hnenah an run keng. Hipawl cu Bawipai Ni Khristian lawng an si lo. An nundan hi thosal Bawipa Jesu Khrih Thlarau ih cencilh mipawl hmuh theih ih nundan ding diktak a si. Mai nun hlanaw ih mi va duhdawt nun nei dingih Jesu Khrih ih a zirh hai mi nun a si.

“Zumtu mipi cu an zaten thinlung le ruahnak hmunkhatten an um. Zohman in an neih mi thil khâ ka bul ta a si ti loin an neih mi thil hmuahhmuah an tawmaw. An lakah a tlasam zohman an um lo, ziangatile lô neitu le inn neitu pawl in an ram le an inn pawl an zuar ih, an ngah mi tangka cu an rak keng, cule Apostolpawlih kehramah an ret. Cun cuh tangka cu mi kip an tuldan vekcio in, apostolpawl in an zem,” (Apo 4:32, 34,35).

Hih Bible thu hin a thin a khawih tuk ih French kawhhran remthatu John Calvin (1509-1564) in khaih Khristian hmaisapawlih lungput le amai san khristianpawlih lungput bangawkw lozia a ngan. (A tawngkam hi kan cohlan a t̄ul, kanmai nun khalah kan hmansuah a t̄ul.) Hitin a ti:

“Himi thuanthu siarnak ih kan nun in hninter lo a si ah cun, kan thinlung cu thir hnakh hak sawn a si tinak a si. Cuih san laih zumtupawl cun an neih thil ihsin tam tuk an pe; tuihni ih zumtupawl cun kan neih mi kaihngat lawng hman si loin, mi dang thil va suam kan duh lai hrih. Cuih san laih zumtu cun an thil neih mi an zuar ih mi dang an zem. Tuihsun zumtu cun thil lei kan duh. Khaih san laiah cun duhdawtnak ruangah an thil neih mi cu an zate hrangah mitlasampawl hrangah an tuah...”

Ziang in hih Khristian hmaisabikpawl hi pakhat le pakhat a ngaihsakawter si pei? “Khaih san laiah cun duhdawtnak ruangah an thil neih mi cu an zate hrangah mitlasampawl hrangah an tuah,” tiih Calvin ih a ti mi hi a dik a si. Jesu in a dungthluntupawl hnenah mah le mah hlanawkw duhdawtnak an hnenih a hlān hai vekih pakhat le pakhat duhdawt aw dingin thu a pe hai: “Ka thupek cu hih a si, ka lo duhdawt vekin pakhat le pakhat duhdawt aw uh. Mi pakhat in a rualpipawl hrangih a nunnak a liam hnakh ropisawn duhdawtnak zohman in an nei lo,” (John 15:12, 13). Jesu cun cutivek rori in a nung. A duhdawtnak cu an hrang le kan hrangih a nun a peknak in a langter. Curuangah Presbyterian Theologian B. B. Warfield in (1851-1921), “Khristian nun muril cu mah le mah hlanaw ih duhdawtnak hi a si,” tiah a ti.

APO 6

Apo 6 ah, hmingsintlak zumtu pakhat le pakhat an duhdawtawkzia kan hmu. An duhdawtnak luangliam cu ni tin Jerusalem kawhhran in an nuhmei cawmnak rawng an bawldan hin a langfiang zet:

“Cu laiah, dungthluntupawl an karhzai vivo tikah, ni tin rawl zěmnak ah Grik țawng hmangpawlih nuhmeipawl cu thlauthlak an si ruangah, Jew-mi Grik țawng hmang zumtupawl cu Hebru țawng hmang zumtupawl parah an phunzai,” (Apo 6:1).

Zumtu nuhmeipawl cawm hi hna ropi a si, can tampi, thasuah le sumpai a țul. Khrismas can te ih laksawng pek vek men a si lo. Khristian nun diktak, Thlarau khat, duhdawtnak ih khat khristian nun cangvaihnak a si – ni tin in a si fawn.

Tuih Ni Khristian hnenah Ralrin Peknak
(A warning to Christians Today)

Khaih zumtupawl khan an dinhmun harsat deuh ding țih le phang in um hai sehla, asilole Jerusalem kawhhran in an sumpai kha biakinn hrangah le lakkha tivek ah hmang hai sehla cu hitivekih tirhsiannak hleihluat hi a lang thei lo ding. Leitlun thil duhnak hin Khristianpawl cu mithlasam le bāwm țul bawm thei lo ko a siatsuah. D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones in hitin a ngan:

“Hih leitlun hlawnthilpawl hi thil an ti thei zet, milai nun pumpuluk a rek thei. Milai thinlung, ruahnak le a duhrilnak khal a rek; a thlarau, a nunnak le a sinak pumhlum tiang khal khawihsiat

an tum. Leitlun hlawnthil hin mi kip a tham: tihnungza ngaingai an si,” tiin.

Mirethei lainat zettu Brazil Bishop in hitin a ti:

“Khrih in lennak a tihnunzia ralrinnak a pek mi hi a rel uar tuk men a si hmang tiah ka nauhak laiah cun ka ruat theu. Tuihni ah cun ka theifiang deuhdeuh. Milian hung si ih, milai va duhdawt le va zangfahnak kilthat hi ziangtlukin a har ti ka thei. Sumpai hi milai mit ah cuathlainak tihnungza rettan a thiam ih, milai kut, mit, hmur le thinlung dai ko tuah a thiam.”

Leitlun thilri neihnak in Pathian mi sinak le lainatnak lungthin le kumkhaw hrangih thil man nei ihsin in pialter theinak thiltitheinak a neih ruangah kan Bawipa in duhham tih a nunzia ralrinnak nasa zet in pe: “Cule Jesu in an hnenah, ‘Fimkhur uhla, duhhamnak ihsin nanmah le nanmah kilveng aw uh. Ziangah tile mi pakhatih nunnak cu a thil tampi neih mi ah a tel cih lo,’ tiah a ti,” (Luke 12:15). Kan Bawipaih ralrin peknak hi tha zetin ruattha hnik uhsi, culole a tlasam mipawl bawm thei lo ko kan kut, kan mit, kan hmur le kan thinlung tla a dai pang ding.

**KAMSUAKTHU LE THILTI
RAWNGBAWLTUPAWL**
(The ministers of Word and Deed)

Khawruahharza duhdawtnak le tuamhlawmawknak Khristianpawlih an lăngter mi cu Grik tawng hmang nuhmeipawl an thleidannak in a siatsuah. Raltha zetin Apostolpawl in cuih thubuai cu tuanvo an la. Apostolpawlih tuanvo cu kawhhran mipi kilkhawi a si.

Kawhhran sungih mitlasam bǎwmnak sumpai tawltrelnak t̄uanvo hrangah an tikcucan le an khawruahnak an pe thei nawn lo ti an thei. Kawhhran mipum an karh tikah thil umtudan cu a kel a si nawn lo. Mipum an karh natsat tuk tikah Apostolpawl cu an man lo zet, an hna cu a khunghar tuk thlang. Cuihtlunah an t̄uanvo thupibik cu nuhmei bǎwmnak tawltre si loin, tuukhāltu an si vekin thlacam le Kamsuakthu zirh a si. An hna a rih tuk tikah thil ziang simaw cu an tuah a t̄ul.

Mitangdawr le Pathian mi pastor an si vekin, cuih thubuai thu ah pakhat le pakhat an rawnaw, an Bawipa khal an rawn. Cuih thubuai tifeldan an ruah ciamciam hnuah, Luke in an thuhla hitin a ngan, "...hleihnih pawl in dungthluntu mi tampi an hnenah an kokhawm ih,..." tiin. Kawhhran mipi an kawhkhawm hnuah, Apostolpawl in an thubuai haikiandan ding khua an khan mi cu an sim: "Curuangah u le nau pawl, nan lak ihsin mi pasarih mi hminṯha, Thlarau Thianghlim le fimnak ih khat hril uhla, hi t̄uanvo hi kan pe ding.." tiah an ti.

Apostolpawlih khawkhan mi cu mi pasarih hril ih nuhmei kilkhawi t̄uanvo an hlān ding mi, mi pasarih hril ding a si. Zumtu mipi hnenah mi pasarih hril ding in an ngen, asinan nuhmei kilkhawi ding t̄uanvo cu hna pipa a sizia Apostolpawl in an theihfiang tuk ruangah an hril ding mipawl cu cuvek khavek an si a t̄ul tiah an sim. Ziangahtile zumtu mi kip ih hlensuah thei mi t̄uanvo a si lo. Apostolpawl in nuhmei kilkhawi hna cu tlinnak nei, nun lamih rinsantlak, midik, t̄uanvo hlensuak thei ding mi an si a t̄ul ti an thei. Tlinnak nei lo cun a um cia mi buainak hnakih rauh sawn an suakter ding ih, Apostolpawl an mang a bang sinsin ding.

Kawhhran thubuai tifehnak ah Apostolpawl in kawhhran hnaṯuantu thar an dīn. Jerusalem kawhhran ih hnaṯuantu phun hnih pawl cu: Apostolpawl le mi pasarih

pawl an si. Apostolpawl cu thlacam le Kamsuakthu phuannak ih peaw ding an si. Cumi thawkin Apostolpawl cu kut le ke ih rawngbawl si nawn loin, ka rori ih rawngbawl ding an si thlang. Nemhnggeh thar mi kawhhran rawngbawltu cu thil ti rawngbawlnak ih peaw ding an si - a tlasam mi zumtu duhdawt zetih rĕn ding hna cu an tĕan ding mi a si.

Bible sungah hih rawngbawl hna phun hnih cu “Thu” le “Thil ti” tiin a lang (Rom 15:18; Kol 3:17). Apo 6 ah Luke in, “Kamsuakthu rawngbawlnak” (cang 4) le “cabuai hna” (cang 2) tiah a ti. Peter in ‘thusim’ le ‘rawngbawl’ tiin a simfiang ve, cucu “Thu” le “Thil ti” thawn a bangrep. Peter in, “Jesu Khrih zarah Pathian cu thil ziangkimah thangthat ih a um theinak dingah mi pakhat khat in thu a sim asile, Pathian kamsuakthu a sinak vek rori in sim sehla, mi pakhat khat in rawng a bawl asile, Pathian in titheinak a pek vekin bawl seh. Ropitnak le huham cu kumkhuain kumkhua tiang amai ta a si. Amen,” (1Pet 4:11) tiah a ngan. Hitawk ah ‘thusim’ le ‘rawngbawl’ ti mi an pahnih ih huham hrampi cu Pathian a si.

Mi hrekkhat cu thu le thil ti a pahnih ah an cak veve. Thimnakah, Bible in Moses le Jesu cu “thil ti ah le tawngkam ah an nasa zet,” (Luke 24:19; Apo 7:22). Asinan mi tamsawn hi cu pakhat lawngah kan cak deuh ih pakhat sawn ah cun kan cak lo zet (kan cah lo deuh sawnnak khal thlauthla ding kan si cuang lo). Jesu Khrih-ih hna ah hi miphun hnih hi an tĕl veve. Pathian hnaṭuannak ah an thupi veve.

“Thu” lamih ti theipawl hi zirh, thusim, cangan, tuukhāl, thurawn mi pek asilole tlawngta si ding an si. Thimnakah, Apollos cu Kamsuakthu lamah a cak zet. Luke in hitin a ngan:

“Cule Alexandria khua ih suak, Jew-mi pakhat Apollos ti mi cu Efesa khua ah a ra thleng, amah cu tawngkamthiam zet le Cathianghlim thu thei zet a si. Hi pa hi Bawipaih lamzin thuhla rak zirh zo mi a si; cule anih cun John-ih baptisma lawng a thei ko nân, a thinlungih duhnak nasazet thawn Bawipaih thuhla cu dik zetin a sim ih, a zirh.Ziangahtile langhnganih elawknak ah Jew-pawl cu Apollos cun a neh nêknêk hai ih, Jesu cu Khrih a si ti Cathianghlim ihsin a simfiang hai,” (Apo 18:24, 25, 28).

Rawngbawl/thil ti lamih a cak zetpawl hi, khat lamah, kawhhran kaihruaitu, hohatu, tuntu, bawmtu, biakinn saktu zangfahnak rawngbawltu le sumpai petu lam an si thei. Stefanas le a sungkua, Onesiforas, Fibi, Onesimas le mi dang nunau Bawipa Jesu Khrih-ih rawngbawlnak ih teltupawl hi mi dang va riantu le bawmtu an sizia a langfiang, thusim rawngbawltu an si lo (1Kor 16:15; 2Tim 1:16-18; Rom 16:1; Fil 10-13; Luk 8:3). Onesiforas thuhla Paul in, *“Rom ih a um laiah, anih cun ngunngaih zetin in hawl ih, in hmu. Cuih Ni ah Bawipa hnen ihsin zahngainak a hmuh theinak dingah, Bawipa in a hnenah pe hram seh. Cule Efesa khua ah anih in ziangtluk nasain i rian ti kha na theifiang a si....”* (2Tim 1:17,18).

Mi pasarih pawl kha, team vekin, thil ti zawngih rawngbawl dingih ruat le nemhnggeh an si, an lakih pahnih cu thusim lam khalah an nasa zet ko na cingin. Ziang thilpek an co simaw, rawngbawl an tuizawng ziang vek a si simaw, team pakhat vekin annihpawl cu kawhhranih bawmawknak lamih hohatu le tuansuaktu an si. Hih mi pasarih pawl lawng hin hih rawngbawl hna hi an tuan ding a si lo, tuihni kawhhran khalin an tuan a tul. Kawhhran

sungih mitlasam kilkhawi hna hi tuihni kawhhran khalih
ṭuan tengteng ṭul mi a si.

Apostolpawl in, “Kannah tu cu thlacamnak ah le
Kamsuakthu rawngbawlnak ah kan peaw peh vivo ding,”
an ti tikah mitlasam le mirethei bāwmnak le kilkhawinak
hna cu an tham lo lawlaw ding tinak a si cuang lo.
Apostolpawl in an rawngbawl hna Khrih thuthangṭha
phuansuah kha mirethei kilkhawi le bāwmnak hna an
ṭuannak in a siatsuah, cucu an buainak a si. An hna thupibik
cu kamsuakthu phuansuah a si ko nân, mitlasampawl an
ngaisak thotho a ṭul. Gal 2:10 ah, Apostolpawl ih mitlasam,
mirethei an ngaihsakzia kan hmu, Paul in, ‘mifarahpawl
hngilh lo ding,’ a ti thu kan hmu. Paul cu Pathian in
thusimtu ding, Apostol le zirhtu dingih a ruat mi a si ko
nain (1Tim 2:7), bāwmnak thilpekpawl le thilhlānpawl pe
dingin ka vung feh..” (Apo 24:17; 2Kor 8,9) tiah a ti.

Efesa Elder-pawl a zirh hainak khalah Paul in
mifarah kilkhawi le bāwm a thupitzia a rel:

*“A si, hi kutpawl hin keimah le ka hnenih um
mipawlih ṭul mi a pesuak ti nanmah rori in nan thei.
Micaklopawl nan bāwm theinak dingah, hitivekin
hna ṭuan in ziangkimah ka lo hmuh zo. Bawi Jesu-
ih kamsuakthupawl hi cing uh, anih in, ‘Ngah lam
hnakin pek lamah thlawsuah a tamsawn,’ a ti, tiah a
ti,”* (Apo 20:34, 35 siarbet aw -11:29, 30)

Mifarah bāwm le kilkhawi hi kawhhran dikhonpawl
lawngih tuah ding le ṭuanvo a si lo, kawhhran sungih
mawhphurhnak latu cu an si ko nan! Khristian pauhpauh,
tuukhaltu in siseh, apostol in siseh, zirhtu in siseh,
evangelist in siseh, missionary in siseh mifarah kilkhawi le
ngaihsak ding an si.

MI PASARIH PAWLIIH ṬUANVO THEIHSAKNAK (Understanding The Seven's Task)

Ziang pawlkăwm khal dikfelnak le mual neihnak kilhim ṭha ding cun sumpai le thilri kilkhawiṭhat a ṭul.

Khristian hrekkhat cun tithlipthlep ih thil ti lo hi thlarau mi ah an ruat, asinan thlarau mi lo thil ti a rak si sawn. Tithlipthlep lo ih thil ti, fingshawawknak ṭhiṭha lo hin buainak a pungter ih, mipi a beidawngter. The General Accounting Office Director Charles Bowsher in Congress of United States hnenah siah petupawl ih sum 150 billion dollars cu kilkhawinak (management) ṭhat lo ruangah 1992 ah a riaral ding tiah a sim hai thu thuthang ca in a than.

Kilkhawawknak ṭha lo le singsatawknak mumal lo hin sungkua siseh, sumdawnnak siseh, hnaṭuannak siseh, cuzah siseh, kawhhhran siseh a siatter. Kilkhawawknak ṭha lo le singsatawknak ṭha lo cu duhammadnak, zangzelnak, fimkhurlonak, duhdawtnak neihlonak le ṭanghmasialnak rahsuaah a si. Pathian hnen ih si ra a si hrimhrim lo. Curuangah Pathian kawhhhran cu diklo ih kilkhawi men ding a si lo. Kan thil ti ṭhabik, kan thiamnak sangbik hi Pathian in a co ding a si. Apo bung 6 hi singsatawknak ṭha le Pathian-ih minung duhdawtnak ih kilkhawidan ṭha zohṭhim ding a si.

Apostolpawl in mi pasarih pawl hnenih an pek mi ṭuanvo hi tifekef in a si. An ṭuanvo ṭhenkhat 'ni tin rawl zēm' cu Apo 6:1 ah tarläng a si. Grik ṭawngfang 'trapeza' cu cabuai ti ih leh a si ih, a sim duh mi cu 'rawl' tinak a si (Apo 16:34). Cabuai ti cu sumpai, paisa simnak khalih hman a si (Luk 19:23). Ṭhimnakah Apo 6:2 ih, "Pathian Kamsuakthu thlauthla in cabuai hna kan ṭuan ding cu kan hrangah thil dik a si lo," ti hi Good News Bible cun, "Sumpai kilkhawinak ah Pathian Kamsuakthu hi kan thlauthla ding a si lo," tin a let. Apo 6:1 khal 'Ni tin sumpai

zemsuahnak' tin a let. J. B. Philips ih Thukham Thar ah cun, "Cazin fingshawinak ah Pathian Kamsuakthu phuan kan thlauthla ding cu a diklo a si," tin a let.

Hitawk ih cabuai ti mi in paisa cabuai a relnak a si ah cun, mi pasarih pawl khan ni tin rawl leinak hrangah nuhmeipawl hnenah sumpai an zem ding ih felfaiten an zemnak cazin cu an tuah ding a si. Paisa in ni tin rawl an lei a si khalle an paisa hmannak cazin felfaiten an tuah ding a si. Cuti a si lole, mi pasarih pawl khan nuhmeipawlih rawl kha an tawrel ding a si, cumi hrangah sumpai hman a tul ih cazin a tel fawn. Ziang mi bik a rel mi a si ti fukfi cu theih har zet a si, asinan Apo 4:34, 35 ih cabuai ti mi in sumpai cabuai a rel mi siin a lang, cuih cabuai ah sumpai an zemsuak ih, an khawng fawn.

Cipciarín sim hnik sehla, mi pasarih pawl kha:

- (1) Sumpai le thilri khawng ih mitlasampawl hnenih zemsuak ding an si (Apo 4:34, 35, 37; 5:2)).
- (2) Sumpai le thilri mifarahpawl hnenih zem ding an si (Apo 4:35).
- (3) Kawhhran in sumpai dik le fel zetih zemsuak dingih tawreltu le
- (4) Mitlasampawl bawmnak rawngbawl hna hohatu an si.

Tawng dangih kan sim asile mi pasarih pawl hi kawhhranìh zangfah rawngbawl hna tuantu an si. Anmah hmangin kawhhranìh zangfah rawngbawl hna cu mual a nei ih felfai zetin a um. Hipawl hin kawhhran in nuhmeipawl hnenih an rawngbawlnak aiawh hnatuantu an si. Kan theih cio vekin bawmnak hnatuan hi a petu in le a dawngtu in awl zetih siatsuah a theih. Asinan mi pasarih pawl khan

khaih zangfah rawngbawl hna kha tha zetin an hoha, kawhhran nuhmeipawl kha dik zetih pek an si ih, dik zetin an dawng ti an kilkhawi.

Netabikah, mi pasarih pawlih hnatuan thupibik cu kawhhran sungih mitlasam bawm a si, Jerusalem khaw sungih mitlasam hmuahhmuah bawm a si lo (Apo 2:44,45; 4:32-37; 6:1). Thosal Rundamtuih minung, mibur thar ih a mitlasam fingshawing ding cu thil tul rori a si. Thupek khal a si. Jerusalem ih Jew-pawl lakah, German Scholar Joachim Jeremias in a cabu '*Jerusalem in the Time of Jesus*,' sungah Jerusalem khaw sungih Jew-mi mitlasam, mifarah pawl kha bulpak in siseh, a bur in siseh an bawmawk thu a tarlang. Jew-mi Khristian ih rung cang nuhmeipawl kha kha vek bawmnak ihsin an ban a si men thei, Khrih an zumnak ruangah. Khristianpawl khalin a minungpawl bawmnak cu an rak dawn mi hnakih mal lo an tuah hrimhrim a tul.

Jerusalem kawhhran in cuti vekin a mitlasampawl bawmnak a neih lo ah cun zumlotupawl hnenah thuthangtha a sim thei hrimhrim lo ding. Zohthimtlak lo ah an cang ding.

Cumi cun Khristianpawl hin mai sungkua (zumnak ih unau) lawng bawm ding, a leng mi (zumlotu) cu bawm lo ding tinak a si lo. Khristianpawl cu mitlasam hmuahhmuah hnenah zangfahnak, duhdawtnak langter dingih zirh kan si (Luk 10:37; 1The 3:12). Asinan mi pasarih, kawhhran hnatuantu, pawlih tuanvo thupibik cu kawhhran in a mitlasam bawmnak thilpek tha zetih kilkhawi le tawlrel hi a si.

Luke ih thlirdan cun thuthangtha ih ram a laknak cu nuhmei tlasam thubuui haikiannak thawn a pehparaw. Thuthangtha cu Leitlun deng tiang a fehsuak ding a si, asinan cu lai lakah kawhhran sungih mitlasampawl cu bawm ding an si, culole thuthangtha in a hmin thatnak a hloh pang ding. Luke in mitlasam nuhmeipawl kilkhawitu

dingih mi pasarih pawl hrilnak thu a ngankhum ðeh veten,
“*Cun Pathian Kamsuakthu cu a darhzai ih, Jerusalem ah
dungthluntu mipum khal nasa zetin an karhzai. Cule
Puithiam tampi in zumnak thu cu an thlun,*” (Apo 6:7) tiah
a ngan.

Bung - 3

Mipi ih Theihpinak

(Official Public Recognition)

Cule cuih thu cun mipi hmuahhmuah lung a hmuiter ih, zumnak le Thlarau Thianghlim ih khat Stafen, Filip, Prokoras, Nikanor, Timon, Parmenas le Antiok khawmi Jew biaknak ih a lut mi Nikolas pawl an hril. Cupawl cu apostolpawl hmaiah an run hruai ih, apostolpawl in thla an camsak hnuah, an parah an kut an suang. Apo 6:5, 6

KAWHHRAN MIPI

TEL DINGIH APOSTOLPAWL IH NGENNAK

(The Apostles Solicit Congregational Involvement)

Jerusalem kawhhran ih Grik tawng hmang Jew-pawl le Hebru tawng hmang Jew-pawl karlakih buainak hi kum reipi sung kawhhran siatsiahtu buainak le thenawknak ih cang thei mi a si. Apostolpawl khan tangdawr zetin le lungtual zetin kawhhran mipi thawn cuih buainak cu an cingfel thei. Apo 6 hin Apostolpawl in (anmah lakih dinhmun cuhawknak le doawknak vei tampi an neih hnuah) Khrih vek hruaitu sinak cu an zirngahzia a langter (Mat 23:1-12; Mar 9:30-35; 10:35-45; Luk 22:24-27). Tuukhãltu tangdawr nun nei le duhdawtnak nun nei sidan ding an zirngah riai a si.

Pathian fimnak nei pastor rual Apostol 12 pawl in hih kawhhran sungih buainak haikiang dingin kawhhran pumpi tel a thupitzia an thei. Kawhhran mipi tel loin anmah Apostolpawl lawng khan khaih thubuai kha an haikian thei mi a si ko, asinan cutin an tuah lo, a san tampi a um:

A pakhatnak ah, Apostolpawl in kawhhran mipi pumpi kha Pathian Thlarau Thianghlim cencilh mi Khrih ih unau vekih an zoh le an dawr a tul ti an thei. Apostolpawl cu kawhhran mipi hnakih dinhmun sang puithiam an si cuang lozia le zumtu mipi cu an dungthluntu men an si lozia an theifiang.

A pahnihnak ah, khaih kawhhran sum kha kawhhran mipi ta a si, nuhmeipawl khan mipi ih kilkhawi ding tuanvo a si ti an thei. Curuangah khaih thubuai kha kawhhran mipi thubuai a si. Kawhhran mipi cu an zangfah thilpek hrangah khuakhang ding le kilkhawi ding mawhphurh an nei.

A pathumnak ah, Apostolpawl khan sumpai le thuneihnak lamih sawisel le hmuhsual an si thei ding ti an thei ih fimkhur zetih an hrialnak khal a si. Apostolpawl cu an zaten Hebru-mi an si, Grik tawng hmang Jew an si lo. Apostolpawl ih khawkhannak vekin kawhhran mipi khan an sumpai khawn mi kilkhawitu ding, tawltreitu ding le an zangfah rawngbawl hna cingfeltu ding, anmah aiawhtu ding an hril. Cutivekcun Apostolpawl kha sawisel le mawhthluk an si nawn lo.

Hihi a thupi zet, ziangruangahtile anmah Apostolpawl khal kha kawhhran mipi sumpai ih cawm le bawm mi an si. Apostolpawl khan anmai milai kha kawhhran ih mitlasam bawmnak le kilkhawinak tawltreitu dingah hril hai sehla, kawhhran mipi in Apostolpawl in sumpai an uk thluh tiah an sawisel thei. Apostolpawl cu sumpai thawn hnawihnihawknak an nei lo. Sumpai duh khal an si fawn lo. Apostolpawl ih kawhhran sumpai le zangfah bawmnak rawngbawl hna tifel an thiamdan hi ziangkim uk thluh, a hleicein sumpai, duhtu tuihni Khristian hruaitupawl ih zohthuim ding tha zet a si.

Kawhhran Mipi in Mi Pasarih an Hril
(The Congregation Selects Seven Men)

Apostolpawl ih ruahman mi cu kawhhran mipi in lungualten an nemhnget: “.. cuih thu cun mipi hmuahhmuah lung a hmuiter,” (Apo 6:5). Kawhhran mipi in mi pasarih an hril lohli. Luke in, “.. Stefen, Filip, Prokoras, Nikanor, Timon, Parmenas le Antioch khawmi Jew biaknak ih a lut mi Nikolas pawl an hril.. ” (Apo 6:5) tiah a ngan.

Jerusalem kawhhran in khaih mi pasarih pawl kha ziangtivekin an hril ti cu ngankhum a si lo. Mi pasarih hrilnak thu ah mipi an buai ding a zulum lo nasa, zianghtile zohthim ding mi tha an nei. Minung tampi rawl do dingah kan Bawipa Jesu khan tawlrel awl dingin bur khat ah mi 50, mi 100 vivo in a toter hai kha (Mar 6:40). Hlan deuh ihsin Israel-mipawl kha thil tifel awl dingin dawrawknak ah, raldonak ah, rawngbawlnak ah le khualtlawn tik khalah bur then an si theu (Suah 13:18; 18:13-27; 36:6; Mip 2:2ff; 7:2; 1Sph 4:7). Mipi thutitlknak le cangvaihnak cu aiawhtupawl hmangin asilole hrin lubanpawl le khaw lubanpawl in an tuah theu (Pui 4:13 le 4:15; Suah 3:15,16 khaikhin aw; Suah 4:29 le 4:13; Suah 19:7,8; Dnp 21:1,2,6-9 khaikhin aw). Jerusalem kawhhran khal khan kha tivekih thil tifeldan cu an rak thiam tuk zo ding (siar aw Apo 12:12,17; Apo 15:4,6,22; 21:17,18).

MI PASARIEH PAWL IN APOSTOLPAWLIH
NEMHNGEHNAC AN CO

(The Seven Receive The Apostles' Approval)

Mi pasarih hril an si hnuah, kawhhran mipi in an hril mipawl cu an nemhngeh dingah Apostolpawl hnenah

an hruai. Hnaṭuan dingah thlahsuak lohli men loin, kawhhran mipi in mi pasarih pawl cu theihpinak tuahsakin, thlahsuaknak tuahsakin, mipi hmaiah an parah kutsuanging thlacamsaknak an nei.

Kawhhran sumpai le mitlasam bāwmnak rawngbawl hna ṭuan dingin Apostolpawl in mi pasarih pawl nemhngheknak le an ṭuanvo ṭuan dingih lakluhnak an tuah ding cu a awm in a mawi khal a mawi. Apostolpawl ih ruahmannak hrimhrim khalah an hril mipawl cu cang 3-nak ah “.hi ṭuanvo hi kan pe ding, ” tiah an ti hrimhrim.

“Curuangah u le nau pawl, nan lak ihsin mi pasarih mi hmintha, Thlarau Thianghlim le fimnak ih khat hril uhla, hi ṭuanvo hi kan pe ding, ” (Apo 6:3).

Apostolpawl in hril mi mi pasarih pawl kha kawhhran ih mitlasam bāwmnak hna, kawhhran sumpai zemnak hna ṭuan dingih lakluh theinak thuneihnak an nei, ziangruangahtile annihpawl cu Khrih rori ih hril le cutiiah tuah dingih thuneihnak pek an si (Efe 2:19, 20). Curuangah fiang zetih lang mi cu kawhhran in mi pasarih an hril ih, cupawl cu Apostolpawl in an ṭuanvo ṭuan dingin an nemhnget, an lalut ti hi a si.

Kuat Suannak (The Laying on of Hands)

Apostolpawl in mi pasarih pawl an nemhnggeh (lakluh) tikah, Bible in, “.an parah an kut an suang,” (Apo 6:6b) tiah a ngan. Hihi Khristian lakih kutsuan thu lāngnak hmaisabik a si. Lu parih kut suan hi Bible sungah sãn dangdang ih hman a si, James Orr, Scottish Pathian thuthiam cun, “A umziabik cu peksawngsin lam a hmuhsak

ko nân, hmun hrekkhat ah cun Pathian lamih pekawknak, hlannak a sim duhnak a si,” tiah a ti.

Thukham Hlun ih lu parih kut suan thu hi zoh hnik uhsi:

- malsawm pek (convey blessing). Sem 48:14
- Pathian hnenih raithawi mi ih tel ve (identify with a sacrifice to God). Pui 1:4
- sual kaiawk (transfer sin). Pui 16:21
- bawrhannak kaiawk (transfer defilement). Pui 24:14
- Pathian cangvaihna ih milai cangvaihna telh (identify man's actions with God's). 2Sph 13:16
- mipi serhhran.. ùanvo, thuneihna hlănnak (set people apart, such as in (conveying a special commission, responsibility, or authority). Mip 8:10, 14; 27:15-23; Dnp 34:9

Thukham Thar ih lu par kuat suan hmanna:

- malsawm pek (convey blessing). Mat 19:15; Mar 10:16
- Thlarau Thianghlim-ih tidanna huham hlanna (convey the Holy Spirit's healing power)..Mar 6:5; 8:23, 25; 16:18; Luk 4:40; 13:13; Apo 9:12; 19:11; 28:8
- Apostolpawlih kut ihsin zumtu hrekkhat hnenih Thlarau Thianghlim peknak (convey the Holy Spirit to certain believers through the apostles' hands). Apo 8:17-19; 19:6
- Ananias kut ihsin Paul hnenih damna le Thlarau Thianghlim pek. Apo 9:17 (convey healing and the Holy Spirit to Paul through Ananias' hands)

-Paul kut ihsin Timothy hnenih thlarau thilpek peknak..2Tim 1:6 (convey a spiritual gift to Timothy through Paul's hands)
-serhhran asilole ÷uanvo pek....Apo 6:6; 13:3; 1Tim 4:14; 5:22 (set apart or place in office)

Thukham Thar ah kut suan thuhla ah thlun ding mi dan a um lo. Bawipa zanriah le Baptisma vekin thupeknak khal kan hmu lo, cuihtlunah cumi hrangah, khami hrangah hmang uh tiih fawrhfialnak khal a lang lo ih, zo hrangah, zawih group pawl in an hmang ding ti khal a lang lo (Apo 9:12; 13:3). Hi thu hi simfiang har zet mi pakhat a si. Kawhhran hmaisapawl in kut suan le rawlulh hi an hmang, ziangruangahtile thil ÷hahnem a si ih, an zate hrangah malsawmnak a um. An duh asile, Khristianpawl hin kut suan dingin zalennak an nei, an duh lo ih a ÷ul lo an ti a si khalle anmai thuthu a si, hmang tengteng dingih thupeknak Thukham Thar ah kan hmu lo.

Hmuhsualnak, theihsualnak a um ruangah kut suan hi kawhhran tampi cun tuihni ah an hrial. Hmuhsual ding le theihsual ding khal hi a um lo nân, hmang sehla kawhhran mipi hmaiah umze nei zet a si nân!

A dung lam thuhla zohnak ihsin Apo 6 ih kut suannak hin mi pasarih pawl parih Apostolpawlih malsawm le ÷uanvo hleice ÷uan dingih thu an peknak a langter (Mip 27:22,23) ih, khaih hna ÷uansuak dingih thuneihnak peksawngnak a si.

Mi pasarih pawlih ÷uanvo sumpai tawrel ding tam zet (Apo 4:34-37) le Grik ÷awng hmang Jew-pawl le Hebru ÷awng hmang Jew-pawl karlahih thubuui a tum deuhdeuh ruangah, Apostolpawl in thilumdan ihsin hih sumpai kilkhawi le tawrel ÷uanvo cu mipi hmai rori ih kut suan ih nemhneh a ÷ul, a ÷ha ti an thei.

Apo 6 ih mi pasarih pawl parih kut suannak kha dinhmun sang ih khaisannak a si lo ih, Apostolpawl aiawhtu dingih khaisannak khal a si fawn lo. Thusim ding le Bawipa Zanriah pe dingih thuneihsnak peksnak - ordainnak (nemhngesnak) khal a si lo. Kut an suannak khan zangfahnak le Thlarau Thianghlim peksnak khal a si cuang lo, mi pasarih pawl kha Thlarau Thianghlim ih khat cia an si. Mi pasarih pawl parih kut suannak cu mitlasampawl rian dingih tñanvo peksnak, thlahsuaksnak a si.

A THUPI ZET MI MI PASARİH PAWLİH TÑANVO
(The Importance of the Seven's Task)

Apostolpawl ih Cangvaihsnak Cabu hmaisais lamih kut suan a lāngnak hin mi pasarih pawlih tñanvo a thupitzias a langter. Nuhmei fahrahpawl kilkhawi dingah le sumpai kilkhawi dingah Apostolpawl ih kuat suan a tñl ti hi mi hrekkhat hrangah cun zum har zet a si men thei. Apostolpawl in himi hna hi thupi zetih an ruahzias theithiam lotu cun Pathian mithmuh ah mitlasam kilkhawi a thupitzias an theithiam lo. Bible in, "*Pathian le Pa hmaika-ih sakhawbiaksnak thiang le bawrhhlawh lo cu, nu le pa neilopawl le nuhmeipawl an buais can ih veh hi a si....*" (James 1:27b) tiah a ti.

Mithianghlim, Scotland revival hruaitu le Pastor Robert Murray McCheyne (1813-1843) in mitlasam le mifarah bāwm a thupitzias a theithiam ih, Scotland ram, Dundee khua ih a kawhhran mipi hnenah hi thu zirhsnak dingah tñawngkam mual nei zet a hmang. Apo 20:35, "...Ngah lam hnakin pek lamah thlawsuah a tamsawn," ti a sermon mi tñawngkam hi thlacamnak thawn siar hnik hman:

"Nan lakah Khristian hrekkhat Jesu Khrih in [‘Siahhlawh tha le rinum, na tiṭha e’] tiih a lāwm

thei lo mi nan um pang ding ti ka phang. Nan lakah mi thawng tampi cu hlumawkternak ding mei khal nei lo, hnipuan khal nei lo an um, asinan zianghman nan ngaihsak si lo. Ral khat ihsi cun zangfahnak lungthin nei nan bang nân, vawi khat te hman nan va veh dah lo. Aa, ruallen uh, mifarahpawl hi ka ngaihtuah hai a si, asinan nanmah ka lo ngaihtuah sawn. Cuih ni ropi ah Khrih in nan hnenah ziang a tawng ding ti ka thei lo. Khristian cu nan bang nan, mitlasam le mifarah nan ngaihsak lo. Vanram kawtka nan luh tikah cun thil nasa tukin a thlengaw ding. Rundam cu nan si ding nân, cuvial a si ding. Nan hrangah luhnak tampi a um lo ding: ‘mâlte a tuhtu cun mâlte a at ding ih, tampi a tuhtu cun tampi a at ve ding.’

Pek an sian lo ruangih ka thusim theitu mi tampi Khristian ka si lo ti theiaw an um ding ti hi ka phang tuk. Tam zek pek, siang zetih pek, ui riailoih pek cun thinlung thar a ngen a si. Ruallen uh, na sumpai ah lungawiaipuang zetin um aw, sumpai hmuh theidan tha hawl aw; pesuak hrimhrim hlah; khawl lawnglawng ruat aw, ka lo sim ding, kumkhuain kutdawh ah na cang ding.”

Khristian hmaisabikpawl hi mifarah an tamsawnzia John Owen in in sim:

“Thuthangtha cohlangtu hmaisai mi tampi cu Cathiang in, ‘mifarahpawl hnenah thuthangtha phuan a si,’ Mat 11:5 ‘Pathian in hi lei tlunih mifarahpawl hi a hril...’ James 2:5 in a ti. Curuangah mifarahpawl kilkhawi uh, John Owen in, ‘cumi cu kawhhran ih tuah ding mi tuanvo hmaisabik le pawimawhbik a si,” tiah a simbet.

Mifarahpawl parih a thupi zet mi rang zetih kan
ṭuan lohli ding mi hi thlahthlam men ding a si lo.

*“..kawhhran zate le kawhhran zaten hi zangfah
băwmnak hna hi ziangtluk rang ih ṭuan ding a si ti
hi fim zetih ruat hai seh; hi ṭuanvo mifarah băwm hi
thil ṭha tuk a sizia, Khrih ropitnak le thuthangtha
sunlawihnak thawn ziangtlukih pehtlaihawknak nei
a si; khat lamah cun hih hnaṭuan hi lolam te a bang,
thupi tuk lawmmam ih ruat lem lo ih ṭuan phah men
khal le pawl lo a bang. Hih hna hi Khristian
pawlkăwm le kawhhran ih a rang theibik ih ṭuan
ding mi hna a si...”* tiah a ti.

Bible hrilhfiah cabu ngantu William Barclay in
mifarah băwm a thupitzia le a manhlatzia hitin a ngan:

*“Rom siangpahrang Decian san ih Khristianpawl
tiduhdah an tuar laiah, Rom cuzah thuneihtupawl in
Khristian kawhhran băl tahratin an luhhnawh.
Biakinn sungah hlawnthil tampi um dingah an ruat.
Rom ralbawipa cun Dikhonpa hnenah, ‘Nan
hlawnthil i hmuh aw,’ tiah a ti. Cutikah Dikhonpa
cun, ‘Hipawl hi an si,’ tiin nuhmeipawl le nu le pa
nei lopawl lam cu a kut zung in a hei khih.”*

Mi pasarih pawl mifarah băwm hna hrangih an
thlahsuak, an nemhgeh kha khawruahhar ding a um lo.
Kawhhran sungih mitlasam kilkhawi ding hna pawimawh
ṭuanvo cu kawhhran mipi hmaiah hlunghlai zetih pek cu a
phu hrimhrim a si. Mi pasarih pawl cu kawhhran sungih
rawngbawltu group khat an si, Apostolpawl lakah an tel ve
lo. Apostolpawl thawn an tlukaw lo, junior Apostol khal an
si lo ih, tuukhāltu si dingih training pek ding mipawl khal

an si lo. Apostol bawmtu khal an si lo. Mi pasarih pawl khal a dangte hrimhrim ih kawhhran sungih rawngbawl hna dang tuantu group dang an si, khat lamah cun Apostolpawlih rawngbawlnak ceimawitu an si.

ZIANGRUANGAH NEMHNGEH MI SIAHHLAWH A TUL?

(Why the need for Official Servants?)

1Pet 4:10 in Khristian tin in thlarau thilpek Pathian hnen ihsin kan dawn cio thu in sim, cumi cu mi dang va riannak dingih hman ding a si: *‘Mi tin in thilpek nan co fingfing bangtukin, Pathian zangfahnak lamzin phunphun kilhawitu tha vekin pakhat le pakhat rawngbawlsak aw uh.’* Zumtu hmuahhmuah hi siahhlawh kan si ahcun Jerusalem kawhhran ih mipi hmai le mipi theih ih siahhlawh hleice nemhnggeh a tulnak ziang a um?

Apo 6 in khaih rawngbawl hna hleice tuantu dingah cun titheinak nei, nun lamih tlinnak, thlarau nun lamih tlinnak neih a tulzia a tarlang. Mifarah bawmnak sumpai tampi kilkhawi le zentu dingah cun sawihnawm kai lo, rinsantlak, Pathian fimnak nei, kilkhawiawknak lam thiam, mi hohat thiam a tul. Khaih Khristianpawl hrangah kha vek sumpai tampi kil, kilkhawi le zem hna cu hna thupi tuk a si ih, sualfawrhnak tawn a awl te. Curuangah khaih hna tuantu dingah mitling le kawhhran ih theihpi siahhlawh nemhnggeh a tul.

Cuihtlunah Bible in mifarah le nuhmei kilkhawinak ih thil tihnung um thei mi ralrinnak in pe. Jesu in, “Nuhmeipawlih inn an lawng ih, mibumnak ah rei zetzet thla an camawter,” tiin Danzirhtupawl thu a rel. Cuvekin sakhawbiaknak lamih peawtupawl tla nuhmei an suam ih kum upapawl an suam. Kawhhran sungih mitlasam le

mifarah bāwm hna ṭuantu dingah mirinum lo le mimumal lo cu kawhhran in a duh hrimhrim lo ding.

NETABIK RALRINPEKNAK
(A Final Warning)

Apo 6 hi kawhhran rung um vivo ih thlun ding mi dan le dun le tidan zawngih hrilhfiah ding a si lo. Ṭhimnakah, Apostolpawl in mi pasarih hril ding an fial. Thusuhnak suak thei mi cu tuihsun kawhhran in teh kawhhran dikhon mi pasarih kan hril ding maw ti hi a si. Kum zabi 2, 3, le 4 nak ih kawhhran hrekkhat in cuti vekin an zum ih, kawhhran dikhon ah mi pasarih an hril ṭheu. Kum 315 ah Neo- Caesarea Council in kawhhran dikhon cu mi pasarih hril ding a si tiah thu a suah.

Mi pasarih cu Jerusalem kawhhran ih thil tifel ṭul mi tifeltu dingah an tawk ding tiah Apostolpawl in an zum a si ding. Kawhhran pakhat ah mi pasarih tengteng hril ding ti a si cuang lo, thlun ding mi dān a si lo. Curuangah tuihsun kawhhran khalin a kawhhran dinhmun izirin ṭul le tawk a ti zat dikhon a hril thei. Ziang an tuah ding ti felfai teih theih cia le theihter an ṭul. Dikhonpawl in tuukhātu kha kawhhran hna thupibik ah ret ih a ṭuanter thei kulh sung le dikhonpawl in kawhhran mipi ṭulnak a buai pi kulh sung cu an hna an ṭuanṭha tinak a si.

Apo 6:
Dikhonpawl Hrangih Thil Hmais
(The Prototype for Deacons)

“Mit rori ih a thăwk ihsi hmutu le thu rawngbawltupawl in kan hnenih in rak peksâwng vek cekci khan, kan lakih thil cang mipawl thuhla mi tampi in a sangsângten ngan dingin ÷an an rak lâk zo vekin, thil hmuahhmuah a thăwk ihsin ngunngaih zetih ka zingzăwi hnuah na hnenih an lo zirh mi thilpawl kha an dik rori a si ti fiangfel zetih na theih theinak dingah, na hrangah a sangsângteih ngan hi a ÷ha ding tiah ka ruat, Maw zahum zet Theofilas.” Luke 1:1-4

Apo 6 ih pasarih ti hi neta lamih dikhon hrilnak hrangih hmaihruaitu a si tiah kan ti thei pei maw? Dikhon a tarlângnak Bible bung le cang hmun hnih Fil 1:1 le 1Tim 3:8-13 ah Paul in dikhon suahkehnak thu le an ÷uanvo a simfiang lo. A cangan mi siartupawl in dikhon suahkehnak le an ÷uanvo cu an rak thei zo. Asile tuihsun ih Khristianpawl in dikhon suahkehnak le an ÷uanvo simfiangnak khuiah so kan hmuh thei?

Luke in Apo 6 ih mi pasarih pawl kha dikhon hmaisabik an si tiah a simfiang lo nân, kum zabi 2 lai ihsin Pathian thuthiampawl in dikhon hmaisabik an si tiah an zum. Gaul ih Bishop ÷uan Irenaeus (A.D. 130-200) hi Apo 6 ih mi pasarih pawl hi dikhon an si tiih cangan hmaisabiktu a si.

**MI PASARIH PAWL HI DIKHON
HMAHRUAITU AN SI
TI ELNAK**

(Objections to the Seven as The Prototype of Deacons)

Pathian thuthiam hrekhat in Apo 6 hin dikhon thawn pehtlaihawknak zianghman an nei lo tiah an ti. Canada ram Vancouver ih Regent College ih New Testament professor Gordon Fee in hitin a ti:

“Apo 6:1-6 hmangih dikhon thu zirhawknak hi san a tlai lo, zianghman khaih mi pasarih pawl kha dikhon tiih kawh an si. A ngaingai ah cun Grik tawng hmang Jew-pawl hnenah Kamsuakthu rawngbawltu an si, neta lamah “pasarih pawl” tiih kawh an si (Apo 21:8), cumi cun mi 12 thawn bangaw lo, mi dang an si thu a langter.”

Luke in mi pasarih pawl kha dikhon hmaisabik tiin a ko fukfi hai lo nain, Apostolpawl in mi pasarih pawl kha kawhhran hna pawimawh kawhhran sungih mitlasam le mifarah bawmnak sumpai kilkhawi le zemsuah tuavo pek an si ruangah dikhon thawn pehtlaihawknak a um tiih ruahnak ah mi tampi a hruai. A si, Apo 6 hi sirih hnawn men ding cu a si hrimhrim lo. Dr. Fee is elnak hi mi tampi ih eldan a si ih, hi ruahdan hin mi tampi a hruaipeng.

Hrelh mi Tawngkam (The Missing Word)

Mi pasarih pawl kha dikhon tiih kawh an si lo ruangah Apostol cabu sungih mi pasarih pawl le Paul in a cakuat sungih dikhon a tarlang mipawl hi pehtlaihawknak an nei lo tiih ruahnak hi thil diklo a si. Luke in mi pasarih

pawl dikhon tiih a kawh hai lonak hi Thuthangṭha Luke le Apostolpawlih Cangvaihnak Cabu a ngandan style zoh tikah an milaw zet.

Luke hi thuanthu a ngan tikah tifekfek in a ngan, a hleicein mi pumpak thu le hmunram thu hla ah a tifekfek cuang. Thuanthu ngantu dinhmun ih Luke ih tlinzia cu F. F. Bruce, kum zabi 20 Bible hrilhfiah thiam hminthang, in Eduard Meyer ih ngan mi hitin a vun la sawngsin:

“Kum zabi 20-nak ih thuanthu thei zet Eduard Meyer in Luke hi Grik thuanthu ngantu hminthang netabik Polybius le Khistian thuanthu thei miropi Eusebius ih thuanthu ngandan vek a si. Luke ih cangandan hi thuanthu thiampawl: Polybius, Livy le mi dang tampi ih thuanthu an ngandan vek a si,” tiah a ti.

Luke in Filip thu a rel tikah Apo 21:8 evangelist vek le mi pasarih pawl lakih pakhat a sizia a tarlang, dikhon vekin a rel lo lawlaw. A san cu Apo 6 san lai hrawngih an kawhawknak le thuhla umdan vekin a ngan ve tinak a si. Rinhlelh ding um loin ‘Dikhon’ (Greek, *diakonos*, a sullam “siahhlawh”) ti hi khaih can hrawngah kawhhran ah an hmang lo. Luke in amai san ah “dikhon” ti hi hman a si thlang ko nain, Apostolpawlih Cangvaihnak thuanthu ah cun “dikhon” ti hmin hi a hmang lo.

Luke hin mi pasarih pawl le dikhon an pehtlaihawknak thu hi malte tal ngan ding a si nân kan ti men thei, asinan cutivek cu Luke ih cangandan a si lo. Ṭhimnakah kan Bawipa Jesu-ih naupa James in kawhhran ah ziang dinhmun a kai ti a tarlang riai lo; James cu Jerusalem kawhhran ah dinhmun sang nei vekih hohatu a si ti a zumum zet, Apostol a si ti khal a zumum zet (Gal 1:19), asinan Luke cun a tarlang riai lo. Zentelpawl hrangih

Apostolpawl ih Cangvainak Cabu ah Apostol a sizia cu a lang tuk ko nân, Apostol ropi Paul hi Apostol a si ti khal Luke cun a tarlang ri ai lo.

Luke cun rel uarnak le simbet mi nei ri ai loin Khristian thawhtir ih thil cang mi thil thupipawl a ngan (Apo 8:5-19; 10:1-48; 13:1-4). Thi cang mi le thil tidan theihthiam harsapawl tla simfiangnak um loin a ngan men theu (Apo 8:14-17; 19:1-7,12;12:23-26). Cutivek thothoin Apo 6 khalah Luke in hih mi pasarih pawl kawhna k hmin hleice asilole sinak dinhmun hleice tarlang loin a ngan.

Queen's University, Belfast, Ireland ih Greek Professor rak ùan dah Dr. Dacid Gooding khalin, amah hi Thukham Hlun Greek (Septuagint) lamih mithiam lawlaw a si, Luke ih thuanthu ngandan hitin a ngan: "Luke cun thil cang mi a ngan mi bak simfiangbet mi a nei lo theu. A thu ngan mi thupi then khal a nei lo," tiah a ti. Curuanga h mi pasarih pawl kha 'dikhon' vekin le 'dikhon' thawi pehtlaihawknak an neih thu Luke ih a tarlang lo khal hi mangbang ding a um lo. A ngan mi vial hi a taw k a si mai.

Hrelh mi ÷awngfang a si nân, a Thu cu a um tho tho (Missing Word, But not Missing the Concept)

'Dikhon' ti mi Greek ÷awngfang *diakonos* ti cu Apo 6 ah lang lo khal sehla duhdawt zetin mi dang kilkhawitu group siahlawh thu cu a lang tho tho. Cuihtlunah *diakonos* ti ÷awngfang a lang lo nain, cumi thawih pehparaw mi noun *diakonia* le verb *diakoneo* ti cu an lang tho tho. Hitaw k ih a lang mi ÷awngfang pahnih hin nuhmei farah ni tin kawhhran mipi ih thilri le rawl ei ding an bawmnak hnañuan an langter.

* ... ni tin rawl zěmnak (*diakonia*) ah Grik ʔawng hmangpawlih nuhmeipawl cu thlauthlak an si ruangah, (Apo 6:1b)

* ... Pathian Kamsuakthu thlauthla in cabuai hna kan ʔuan (*diakoneo*) ding cu kan hrangah thil dik a si lo,“ (Apo 6:2b)

Greek ʔawngfang noun *diakonia* le verb *diakoneo* hi Thukham Thar ah a lang veve, a tlangpi thu ih mi va rěnnak lam lawng si loin, milai taksa harsatnak, tuarnak lamih va bāwm le kilkhawi lam le thilri ih va bāwmnak lam khalin a lang. ʔimnakah Apo 6.

Greek ʔawngfang *diakonos* ti hi Thukham Thar ah tuanvo neitu kawhnak vekin vawi thum a lang (Fil 1:1; 1Tim 3:8,12). Hitawk ih *diakonos* hi verb *diakoneo* le noun *diakonia* thawn pehtlaihawknak an nei.

Professor Charles E. B. Granfield, emeritus professor of theology, University of Durham, England in Rom cakuat hrilhfiah volume 2 a ngan mi ah himi ʔawngfang thu hitin a ngan:

“Thukham Thar ah taksa dan ih mitlasampawl bāwmnak thu ah diakonein le diakonia hman a sizia kan hmu. Cule diakonos ti ʔawngfang khal in khaih hmun le ram hi a sawhkhith totho.”

Curuanga kawahhran ih rawngbawl hna pakhat kawhnak ah ‘*diakonos*’ hman a si ih, cuih hna cu kawahhran sungih mitlasam bāwm a si (1Tim 3:8-13), cun mi pasarih group pakhat kha mifarah va bawm le kilkhawi (*diakoneo*) dingih nemhngēh le ruat an si ruangah (Apo 6:1-6), hih hmun hnih ih mi bur hi pehzāwmawknak an nei ti a fiang. 1Tim 3 ih kawahhran hnaʔuantu “siahhlawhpawl”- servants (*diakonoī*) hi Apo 6 ih Apostolpawl in cabuai hnaʔuan

dingih (*diakoneo*) an nemhngheh mi thawn an hna a bangaw lawlaw. A bangawknak kha thlauthlak mai ding cu a si hrinhrim lo.

Apostolpawl in kawhhran mipi thlarau nun lam kilkhawitu dingah mi group khat kha an nemhnget. Cule annihpawl kha tlawngvak thei rak si ta in, Thukham Thar cakuatpawl ah “kilkhawitupawl” ti kha um sehla, khaih group hmun hnih ih um kha hna bangaw, pehtlaihawknak nei an si tiah kan ruat tengteng ding, a dik khal a dik. Cuvekin Apo 6 ah mi pasarih pawl le an hnañuan, an tuanvo Luke in a ngan. 1 Timothy 3 ah kha vek group khat an lang lala, curuanga Apo 6 ih mi pasarih pawl kha ‘dikhon’ an si lo tiah tih a theih ding maw? Bible thiam mi tampi in kum 2000 sung hmuahhmuah cuticun an zum a si.

Paul cakuat sungih dikhonpawl thu kha Apostolpawlih Cangvainak Cabu ah teh a um maw ti beiseinak kan nei thei a si. F. F. Bruce in Apostolpawlih Cangvainak Cabu hi “Khristian Thawhkehnak Thuanthu Bu Hnihnak” a si tiah a ti. Dikhonpawl hi Khristian khawvel ih group khat dinsuah mi an si. Dikhon suahkehnak thu hi mi in theih an duh. Cuihtlunah Apostolpawlih Cangvainak Cabu hi Paul ih zirhnak le a bulpak thilti theihnak dingih background a si. Paul cakuatpawl le Apostolpawlih Cangvainak Cabu hi siartlan ding a si. Thlarau Thianghlim in Bible pumpi hi ruang a zing ih, a ngan ruanga Bible hrilhfiahtu thabik cu amah Bible lala hi a si (2Tim 3:16, 17).

Stefen le Filip ih Rawngbawlnak (The Personal Ministries of Stephen and Philip)

Apo 6 hi ‘dikhon’ a relnak thu a si ti Dr. Fee ih a elnak a san pahnihnak cu khaih mi pasarih pawl cu “Greek tawng hmang Jew-pawl lakih Kamsuakthu rawngbawltu an

si” ti hi a si. Cuvek thothoin Professor Hermann Wolfgang Beyer khalin, ‘rian, rawngbawl’ *service* ti tawngfang a zirhnak cabupi ah hitin a ngan: “Mi pasarih pawl kha hleihnih pawl zawngih ret an si, Greek tawng hmang aiawhtu an si, thu an sim ih baptisma khal an pe. Cumi cun dikhon suahkehnak cu Apo 6 a si lo ti a fiangter,” tiin.

Hite pahnih cun kha tluk dikhon asilole dikhon hmaihruaitu an si ti cu an pawm thei hrimhrim lo. Asinan mi pahnih (Stefen le Filip) cu “Greek tawng hmang mipawlih Kamsuakthu rawngbawltu an si,” ti mi in hih mi pahnih Kamsuakthu sim thei zet te hi kawhhran sungih thilri lam le ei le in lamih mi bawmnak ah an tel ve ti thutak cu a phen ding a si lo. El theih khal a si lo ih, thlauthlak men ding a si fawn lo.

Stefen le Filip teih bulpak thlarau thilpek co mi – thusim, evangelism, thilmak tuah le kawhhran sungih mifarah bawm le kilkhawi dingih tawanvo an pek mi danglamnak kha kan theih a tul. Cule dikhon si le Pathian Kamsuakthu phuan theinak milawklonak khal a um cuang lo. Cuihtlunah khaih can ah Stefen le Filip in tawanvo dang an neih thu khal kan thei lo, a lang lo. Apostolpawl vekin kawhhran kilkhawinak ah le Pathian Kamsuakthu zirhnak lamah phurrit an neih thu khal a lang lo. Neta lam lawngah Filip in Jerusalem a suahsan ih rundam a si lo mipawl hnenah rundamnak thuthangtha a sim thu kan hmu (Apo 8:4-40). Apo 6 lai ah khan Stefen le Filip in mifarah bawm hna kha tawan thotho in Pathian Kamsuakthu an sim thei.

Tuihsun khalah cucu thil dik a si. Thlarau thilpek Kamsuakthu zirh theinak nei le theology degree sang nei pawl in dikhon an tawan thei thotho. Sunday School an zirh thei, asinan full time ih pastor tawanvo lak tivek cu an paih lo. An thlarau thilpek Bible zirh theinak ruangah dikhon tawan cingih Pathian Kamsuakthu an zirh thei thotho.

A dang ruahsual theu mi pakhat leh cu: Stefen le Filip in Pathian thu an sim, curuangah thusim hi dikhon tuanvo pakhat a si ti hi a si. Canada ram Vancouver ih Regent College ih professor Michael Green in hitin a ngan:

“Apo 6 ih mi pasarih pawl kha Luke in Khristian dikhon hmaisabik ah a ruat hai ti cu pawm harsa zet a si. Si hai sehla cu bawmtu tha zet a si ding nân; ziangah tile an cangvaihnak kha sumpai kilkhawi le hohatnak lam lawng si loin, thusim le Jew-pawl thawi elawk le evangelism le thilmak tuahpawl a tel.”

Cucu a dik lo. Apo 8 ah Filip in baptisma mi a pek ruangah dikhon hmuahhmuah in baptisma mi an pe tengteng ding tinak a si cuang lo. Filip ih baptisma mi a peknak cu Jerusalem kawhhran sungih nuhmei farah kilkhawi le tuamhlawm rawngbawl hna a tuan hnu, Jerusalem kawhhran suahsân tahratin thuthangtha sim hna a tuannak thawn a pehparaw. Mi pasarih pawl kha Pathian Kamsuakthu simtu dingah kawhhran mipi in an hril ih, Apostolpawl in an nemhnget a si lo. Kawhhran sungih mifarah kilkhawi le tuamhlawmtu dingih an hril mi an si sawn. Pathian hnen ihsi thilpek an dāwn mi ruangah mi hrekkhat cun Kamsuakthu an phuang men hi a si.

RUANGZING THAR

(A New Organizational Structure)

Apostolpawl in Jerusalem ah mifarah kilkhawi thu ih buainak cinfelnak dingah ruangzing thar an dīn thu hi thlauthlak men ding a si lo. Apo 6 hlan ah, Apostolpawl lawngin theihpitlak thuhla ah thuneihsak an nei (Apo 1:25). Asinan atu ah cun mi bur hnih an hung suak thlang. Group

thar, mipi theihpi ih dĭn mi ruangzing thar cu mifarah bāwmnak sum khawng ding le zemsuak dingih nemhngheh an si.

Apo bung 1-nak ah Apostol 12 kim dingih hrilnak kan hmu ih, bung 6-nak ah mi parasih pawl hrilnak kan hmu. Mi pasarih hrilnak hin kawhhran ah rawngbawl hna dang dĭnthawk a si hrimhrim. (siar aw Apo 1:12-26.) Apo 1:13,26 ih Apostolpawl hmin ngan a si vekin, Apo 6:5 ah mi paraih pawl hmin khal ngan a si. Apostol 12 pawl vekin mi pasarih pawl khalin rawng an bawl hlanah an neih tŭl mi tlĭnnak tarlāng a si (Apo 1:21, 22). Hih group hnih hi tŭanvo dang veve tŭansuak dingih nemhngheh an si. Mi pasarih pawl parih Apostolpawl ih kut suannak in mipi theihpi (official) ih tŭanvo pekna a langter. Curuangah hih hna hi a paihpaih ih tŭan men ding mi hna a si lo. Hih hna cu khaih can ah mi pasarih pawl lawngih tŭan dingih ruat a si, an hna cu kawhhran sungih mifarah pawl bāwmnak le cawmnak hrangih sum khawn le zemsuah a si.

Greek tawng hmang Jew-pawl an tĕkdarh thluh hnu lamah teh (Apo 8), hih hna a tŭantupawl ih dĭnhmun hi ziangtin a rung um vivo ti Luke in a ngan lo. Thilri, ti le rawl hlawmawk thu hi Luke in Apo 1-6 ah vawi thum a tarlang ih, cuih hnu cun a ngan nawn lo. Asinan khaih mi pasarih pawl kha cu a langte sung Jerusalem buainak cĭfelnak hrangih hril mi an si ruangah an lang nawn lo, a tŭl nawn lo ti tŭanlaknak ding cu a um lo. Theologian pakhat cun, “Hitepawlih hna cu um dah kel lo a si ih, kawhhran ah a umpeh vivo nawn lo,” tia a ti nān, kawhhran sungah nuhmei le mifarah hmuh ding an um ringring thofo fawn. Kilkhawi an tŭl lai thofo.

Cawn ding mi tidan tha

(A Good Model to Follow)

Tiduhdahnak ruangah Jerusalem kawhhran ah mi pasarih pawl le an dinhmun parih thil cang mi hi a pawinak a um lo, nuhmei le mifarah pawl kilkhawi dingih official takih siahhlawh an hril le an nemhngehnak cun kum reipi a ciahneh hai. An thil tidan cun kawhhran mipi buainak a haikiang ih, kawhhran mipi in buainak haikiannak dingih thil tha cu tuah le cawn an duh. Cutivekcun mi pasarih hrilnak hi neta lam hrangah dikhon hmaihruaitu a si hrimhrim.

Kum 100 hnak tam liam zo ah khan, Anglican Scholar, F. J. A. Hort (1828-1892), amai san ih Pathian thuthiam hminthang, in:

“Jerusalem ih mi pasarih pawl thu kha St. Paul le Palistin ram lengih umpawl in an thei tengteng ding, cuvek tidan a than khal le thil thar a si hrimhrim lo ding,” tiah a ti.

Kawhhran hmaisai ah kawhhran sungih nuhmei le mifarah bawm hi an hmang zet. Curuangah hleihnih pawl in Jerusalem kawhhran ih buainak an cinfeldan hi kawhhran dangpawl hrangah zohthim ding le cawn ding tha ah a cang. Jerusalem kawhhran ih Apostolpawl ih buainak an cinfeldan cawn kha an tidan a rung si vivo men thei. Kawhhran thuanthu ah cucu ti vivo dan a si. Kawhhran hmaisai tidan hi cawn vivo a si bik.

A. D. 62 hrawngah dikhon hna hi a malbik ah Paul ih din mi kawhhran pahnih ah theihpi mi hnatuan a si. “Inn sak thiam mifim bangin kei in lungphum ka phum (1Kor 3:10), Paul hi Jerusalem Kawhhran tidan, zohthimtlak an sizia phuangdarhtu le Zentel kawhhranpawl khalih cawn

dingih simtu a bang. Mi pasarih an hril le nemhngheh an si laiah khan Paul cu Jerusalem ah a um, curuangah Jerusalem kawhhran tidan cawntlak tampi a thei tengteng ding. Paul cun tualsung kawhhran hruaikaihawkdan ding le fehdan ding hi a ngaihtuah zet (Apo 14:23; 1Tim 3:1-13; 5:17-25; Tita 1:5-9). Amai dñn mi kawhhran tam sawn ah elder khal a nemhngget vivo (Apo 14:23) ih, mifarahpawl nasa zetin a ngaihsak (Apo 24:17; Gal 2:10; Rom 15:25-27), cule kawhhran sungih tidan bangaw thuhla khal a ngaisak zet (1Kor 4:17; 11:16). Jerusalem kawhhran ih an tidan kha kawhhran thar hmun dangdang ih a va ti veter hainak in Paul in Jerusalem kawhhran le Zentel kawhhranpawl pehzawmawknak tha a neiter in, an buainak cio khal a haikiansak hai.

Thukham Thar kawhhran in a thupi zet mi dikhon thawhkehnak a nei. Rom cozah umnak ram hmuahhmuah ih kawhhran in, kum zabi 2 lai kawhhran khalin dikhon an nei thluh thu a phuanglang. Kawhhran kip ih dikhon an um thu, thuk zetih a phumawkzia hi ziangtin kan simbet ding? Apo 6 hnak le Apostolpawl ih mi pasarih an dñn hnakh fiangsawn simfiangnak dang a um thei nawn cuang ding maw?

Apo bung 6 le neta lamih Paul cakuatpawlih dikhon pehtlaihawknak hi tidanglam theih a si lo. Dikhon (diakonos)-ih hna cu mi dang va rian le kilkhawi hi a si ringring. Bible dikhon si dingah, an rawngbawl hna an tuan hlanah nun lam tlinnak an neih ding mipawl a tarlangnak (1Tim 3:8-13) hin kawhhran sungih mitlasam le nuhmei kilkhawi le bawmna sumpai an tawltrelnak ah rinsantlak an si ding a tulzia a fiang zet.

Dikhon si dingih tlinnak ah Elder (pastor) tlinnak ih tel mi (1Tim 3:1-7) “mi va zirh thei” ti le “khual tha si ding” ti a tel lo. Cumi in dikhon hna cu zirh le kawhhran hohatnak lam a si lo ti a fiangter. Cuihtlunah dikhonpawl in

kawhhran kilkhawitu pastor/elder thawi nai zetih t̄antlang
an sinak hin an rawngbawl hna cu famkimtertu le
ceimawitu lam a si ti a fiangter. Pastor/kilkhawitu cun a
hoha, a zirh; dikhon cun taksa dan lamih mi t̄ulpawl a
bawm.

PART TWO

**KAWHHRAN HNAṬUASNTU PHUN
HNIH
HOTU LE DIKHON
[A TWO-OFFICE CHURCH
OVERSEERS AND DEACONS]**

Duhdawt mi Khristianpawl,

Mi hrekkhat cun Sabit hri diktak si dingin sun le zan thla nan cam; ziang tinkim ah Khrih bangih tuah si dingin thla nan cam. Cutiasile peknak khal Khrih bang ding nan si. A hnge cun a kung ta vek rah a rah...Pathian thu khuahlan laihi an sim theu mi cu hitin a um:

Elnak 1. “Paisa cu keimai ta a si.” Sannak. Khrih in, “Ka thisen cu kaimai ta a si, ka nunnak cu keimai ta a si” tiah a ti ve thei a si...cutin si ta sehla khuiah kannihpawl hi kan rak um pei?

Elnak 2. “Mifarahpawl hi bawmtlak an si lo.” Sannak. Khrih khalin khavak cekci in tawng theinak a nei ve ding.” Annihpawl hi ka paih dan kalhih hel misualral an si: an hrangah ka nunnak ka pe pei maw? A tha mi vancungmipawl hrangah ka pe ding,” tiin. Asinan cutivekin a ti lo, cupawl cu a tanta ih mihlo hawl dingin a ra sawn. Mitlingtlak lopawl hrangah a thisen a pe a si.

Elnak 3. “Mifarahpawl cun paisa cu diklo zetin an hmanh men thei si.” Sannak: Khrih khalin cuvekin a tawng thei ve, cuhnakih diksin khalin. Mi thawng tampi in a thisen kha an ke in an pal men ding ih an hmuhsuam ding ti a rak thei cia ko nain, amai thisen cu a pe tho.

Oh, ka Khristianpipawl! Khrih na bang ding a si ah cun, tampin pe aw, pe cingcing aw, alakin pe aw, mifarah le misantlailo hnenah, lungawihna thiam lo le pektlak lopawl hnenah. Khrih cu sunlawihin a um ih Khrih cu a lung a awi, nang teh? Na paisa ka duh mi a si lo, na lungawi ding ka duh a si. Amai tawngkam rori, “Ngah lam hnakin pek lamah thlawsuah a tamsawn,” ti kha cing ringring aw.

Robert Murray McCheyne (1813-1843)

Bung - 5

Hotupawl

(Overseers)

Episkopoi

Jesu Khrih-ih temtawn sál, Paul le Timothy in, Filipi khua ih um, Khrih Jesu ih mithiangpawl hmuahhmuah le Bishop-pawl le dikhonpawl hnenah: Fil 1:1

Hminsín: Hotupawl *overseers* ti hi KJV cun *Bishop*-pawl tiah a hmang. Sullam bangaw an si.

Thukham Thar ih dikhon fiang zetih a lăngnak hmaisabik cu Fil 1:1 hi a si. Paul in Filipi-mipawl hnenih ca a kuat tikah, amah cu Rom khua amai inn ah thawng a tla. Filipi khua ih zumtupawl in Paul hi an rak duhdawt zet ih, Rom khua amai inn ih thawng a tlak lai (AD 60-62) ah sumpai an kuat, an thlah mi palai Epafaroditas hnenin an duhdawtnak le amah an băwmnak cu an kuat.

Hi cakuat hi a danglam zet, Paul in a cakuat awnnak cibaibuknak ah “Hotupawl le Dikhonpawl” (Overseers and deacons) a telh hai. Cakuat awnnak cibaibuknak rori ih Hotupawl le Dikhonpawl telh an sinak sǎn hi Paul hrangih sumpai khawn le tawlreltu ih cangvaitu an si ruangah a si a zumum. Curuangah Paul in an t̄uanvo a theihpi hai a si ding. Kawhhran hnaṭuantupawl cibai a buknek sǎn a dang tla a um men thei, asinan a sǎn pakhat ih tel ve mi cu hihi a si hrimhrim ding.

HOTUPAWL LANGFIANGTERNAK (Identifying the Overseers)

Thukham Thar ah dikhonpawl (deacons) hi Hotupawl (Overseers/Bishop) thawn an kawpaw ringring, asinan hotupawl hnakh niam le bangaw an si lo. Thukham Thar kawhhran hi zo an si ih, ziang an tuah ti theih kan duh asile, kawhhran hotupawl (Overseers) kan theih hmaisak ta a tul. Thukham Thar kawhhran hotupawl (Overseers) kan simfiangsual a si ahcun, Thukham Thar dikhonpawl (deacons) langfiangternak ah kan merhkawi tengteng ding (an sinak diktak vekin ka simfiang lo ding tinak a si). Thungaingain, tuihni ah kawhhran tampi ah dikhonpawl hin kawhhran hotupawl (Overseers/Bishops)-pawl vekin an cangvai. Atu ah kawhhran hotupawl (*overseers/Bishops*) cu zo an si ih, an hna ziang a si ti kan zoh hmaisai hnik pei.

***Episkopos* ti sullam** (The meaning of Episkopos)

Filipi kawhhran ah group pakhat “hotupawl” (overseers) an um. “Hotupawl” (overseers) ti hi Grrek tawngfang *episkopos* ih si ra a si. A hnuaiih kan tarlang mi Greek tawngfang, Mirang le Lai hin kawhhran hotupawl/Bishop-pawl relnak a si:

English	Greek	Lai
Overseer (or Bishop)	<i>episkopos</i> (a tam relnak <i>episkopoi</i>)	Hotu

- “Paul in Miletas kua ih sin Efesa kua ah mi a thlah ih, kawhhran elder-pawl a kokhawm hai. Pathian kawhhran, amai thisen ih a lei mi tuu rual

câwm dingin Thlarau Thianghlim in an lakih hotu[episkopoi] ih a lo ruah hai zo ruangah nanmah hrangah le tuu rual zate hrangah fimkhur uh..” (Apo 20:17, 28)

- “Jesu Khrih-ih temtawn sál, Paul le Timothy in, Filipi khua ih um, Khrih Jesu ih mithiangpawl hmuahhmuah le Bishop-pawl[episkopoi] le dikhonpawl hnenah:” (Fil 1:1)
- “Bishop [episkopos] cu sawihnăwm ding um lo, nupi pakhat nei, fimkhurthiam, supaw thei, nuncan tha, khual tha, mi zirh thei,...” (1Tim 3:2)
- “Ziangahtile Bishop [episkopos] cu Pathian sumkiltu a si vekin, sawihnăwm ding um lo a si tengteng ding a si. Mai thu duh, thinheng áwl, sabitzu phâm, mihrohrang, paisa duham mi a si lo ding a si.” (Tita 1:7a)

English	Greek	Lai
<i>Office or function of the overseer</i>	<i>episcopo</i>	hna or hotu cangvaihnak

- “Mi pakhat in Bishop [episkopos] si a duh ah cun, hnaṭuan tha a duh a si ti mi hi, rinsantlak mi ṭawngkam a si,” (1Tim 3:1)

English	Greek	Lai
<i>Taking the oversight</i>	<i>episkopeo</i>	Hoha

- “Nan lakih elder-pawl kha kei, nan elder-pi, Khrih-ih tuarnakpawl theihpitu le a rung lang leh ding mi

ropitnak co vetu ding pa hin tha ka lo pe hai a si, Nan lakih Pathian tuu rualpawl kha kawhhran hotu[pastor] nan si bangin câwm uh. Ti ding a si ruang men lawngih ti si loin, duhnak hrimhrim sawnin, a diklo mi hlawknak duh men ah si loin thatho zetin rian [episkopeo] sawn uh,” (1Pet 5:1,2)

Filipi 1:1 kha New American Standard Bible in dik zetin Greek ih a tam relnak *episkopoi* “hotupawl” (overseers) tiin a let. A dang English Bible tampi le KJV in English ÷awngkam “Bishops” ti an hmang, cumi cu Greek ÷awngfang *episkopoi* ih si ra a si. ‘Bishop’ ti ÷awngfang hi san thar English siartu ih theihusual zet mi a si.

Khuahlan Greek society ah “hotu” *overseer* (*episkopos*) ti ÷awngfang hi theih lar zet hnañuantu kawhnak a si; hih ÷awngfang hi hohatu (superintendent), tawltreutu (manager), hotu (supervisor), kiltu (guardian), uktu (controller), zawihliahtu (inspector) vekih cangvaitu kawhnak ih hman a si. Hermann W. Beyer in, “*Episkopoi*” pawl cu tual sung thuneitupawl asilole society thuneitupawl an si,” tiah a ti.

Greek Thukham Hlun (Septuagint) khalin “hotu” *overseer* ti hi a phunphun ih thuneitupawl relnak ah a hmang. Beyer in, “LXX ah *episkopos* simfiangnak taktak a um lo. Asinan hotu ‘*overseer*’ ti cu phun tampi ih hman a si,” tiah a ti. Thukham Hlun ih hotu ‘*overseers*’ hmannak hrekkhat tla cu: temple remthhatnak ih hohatupawl (2San 24:12,17), ralbawipawl (Mip 31:14), *temple* kiltupawl (2Sph 11:18), mipi hruaitupawl (Neh 11:9), biakbuk hotu (Mip 4:16).

Zentel zumtu hmaisabikpawl le an hruaitupawl in Greek ÷awngfang hotu ‘*overseer*’ ti hi an mipi hruaitu kawhhran ah an hmang. Greek Thukham Thar ah hih Greek ÷awngfang hi tual sung kawhhran (local Church)

hotupawl relnak ah vawi li hman a si ih, vawi khat cu amah Khrih (1Pet 2:25) rori relnak ih hman a si. Cutivekin ‘hotu’ *overseer* (‘deacon’ khal) kawhhran hotu kawhnak ih hman a si.

Khristian hmaisabikpawl in anmah hruaitupawl kawhnak ah himi hotu sinak hmin hi an hril, ziangruangahtile an pawlkāwm thawn a milaw tuk. Hotu ‘*overseer*’ ti hi cunngun sawnnak, thianghlim ti lam, mipi hnakih san deuhnak tivek lam thawn kungkaihawknak a nei hrimhrim lo. Cutivekin, local church thawn milaw mi ṭawngfang hotu kawhnak ah kan hman a ṭul ti kan theih a ṭul. Ṭhimnakah Khristian kawhhran hruaitu/hotu kawhnak ih puithiam, bawi, siangpahrang, uktu, pa tivek hman cu Pathian kawhhran hotu/hruaitu kawhnak hrangah a mawi lo lawlaw.

A ṭawngfang rori in Kawhhran hotupawl (overseers) cu local church pumpi hohat, kilkhawi, kilhim mawhphurhnak an nei ti a langter.

Khaih hotupawl (overseers) kha zo an si ih, an hnaṭuan ziang a si ti kan rel fukfi thei pei maw? Kan rel thei a si! Hotupawl (overseers) tiih kawh mipawl hi Thukham Thar hmun dangdang ih a lāngfiangdan in elder-pawl an si ti a fiang. Hotupawl (overseers) kha group dang si in, elder-pawl kha group dang an si lo, mi bangaw kawhnak dangdang men a si.

Hotupawl (overseers) le Elder-pawl (Overseers and Elders)

Filipi kawhhran hnenih ca a kuatnak ih cibai a buk hainak ah Paul in “Hotupawl le Dikhonpawl” a tarlang. Filipi kawhhran hnenih ca a kuat hnu kum 50 ah, John-ih dungthluntu Polycarp (AD 70-155) in Filipi kawhhran hnenah ca thupi zet a kuat ih, cuih a cakuat cu kawhhran

rawngbawltupawl hnenah a kuat. Polycarp in “hotupawl le dikhonpawl” (overseers and elders) hnenah tiin a ngan. “Curuanghai hi thilpawl hmuahhmuah hrial ih, Pathian hnen le Khrih hnenih tlukluh vekin nanmah le mah hotupawl (presbyters) le dikhonpawl hnenih nan tlukluh ding cu thil dik a si,” tiah a ngan.

Paul san le a hnu kum 50 hrawng tiang cu Filipi kawhhran ah theihpi mi kawhhran rawngbawltu phun hnih an um – hotupawl (elder an si) le dikhonpawl (deacons) an si. Cun hite rawngbawltu phun hnih hi pakhat hnakih tam an si ti a fiang fawn. Hotu (overseer) ti le elder ti hi mi pakhat phun dangdang ih kawhtawnnak an si ti khal a fiang fawn. A hnuaiih Bible bung le cang pawl hin hotu (overseer) le elder ti hi mi bur pakhat an sizia a langter:

Apo 20:17,18. Luke in Paul in Efesa kawhhran elder-pawl an kawh thu a ngan. Asinan khaih elder-pawl hnenih thu a sim tikah ‘Thlarau Thianghlim in an lakih **hotu** (overseer) ih a lo ruah hai zo ruanghai’ tiah a ti hai. Himi hin elder-pawl le hotupawl (overseers) hi mi bur pakhat- bangrep an si ti a fiangter.

Tita 1:5-7: Cang 5 ah Paul in Tita kha khaw tin ih elder-pawl ruat/nemhnget dingih thu a pek thu a lang. Cang 6 ah, Paul in *elder* tlinnak a ngan thawk, a ngan vivo tikah cang 7 ah hotu (overseer) tiah a run ti lala. Curuanghai hotupawl (overseers) le *elders* ti hi mi dangdang si loin mi bur pakhat an si ti a fiang.

1Pet 5:1, 2: Peter in *elder*-pawl kha kawhhran hoha dingin tha a pe hai. *Elder*-pawl in kawhhran an hohat ruanghai, annih cu hotu khal an si.

1Timothy 3:1-13; 5:17-25: 1Timothy 5:17 ah, ‘Ṭhateih mi kaihruai theitu *elder*-pawl, a hleicein Kamsuakthu le zirhnak lamih nasa zetih a ṭuantupawl’ ih ṭuanvo le an ṭuanvo a pawimawhzia a tarlang. Asinan 1Timothy 3:1-13 ih hotupawl (overseers) le dikhonpawl (deacons) ih ṭlinnak a ngan tikah *elder*-pawl a tarlang nawn lo. Asinan bung 3 ih *Bishop* ti mi le bung 5 ih hotupawl (overseers) hi mi pakhat an si ti theih a ṭha. Mi bur dangdang an si lo. Curuangah 1Timothy 3 le 5 hin mi bur phun hnih – *elder*-pawl le dikhonpawl a sawhkhieh.

Vansiatnak ah, Thukham Thar ih kawhnak hmin thlengaw dualdo *elder*-pawl le *Bishop*-pawl ti hi kum zabi pahnihnak hrawngah rawngbawltu phun hnih: *Bishop* (overseer) le khawnsil upa (council elders) vekin an hman. Kum zabi hmaisai lamih Khristian lakih Hebrew le Greek thiam zet Jerome (AD 345-419) in raltṭha zetin *Bishop* ti le *Elder* ti hi a ṭawng hrampi ah mi pakhat, mi bur pakhat an si tiah a phuang. Hitin a ngan:

“Elder (presbyter) le Bishop hi a bangaw... kawhhranpawl cu elder (presbyter) zăwmkhawmaw in an uk... Bishop le elder hi mi bur pakhat/bangrep an si ti thu hi kanmai ruahnak men ih a ruattu an um asile, Filipi mipawl hnenih Apostolpawlih ṭawngkampawl hi ruatsal hai seh... Filipi hi Masidonia peng ih khaw pakhat a si., khaw pakhat ah Bishop tampi an um thei lo ding. Khaih can ah mi bur pakhat kha Bishop-pawl ti le Elder-pawl tiih kawh an si,” tiin.

Bishop-pawl ti le *Elder*-pawl hi mi bur khat an si titu hi Jerome lawng a si lo. Kum zabi neta lamih Pathian thuthiam hminthang Englican *Bishop*, J. B. Lightfoot khalin a ti ve, hitin a ngan:

“Jerome hi cangantu dang hnakin a fiang. A hlanih mi Ambrosian Hilary pawl khalin khaih thutak kha an theithiam. Amai san mipawl le amah run aiawhtu Chrysostom, Pelagius, Theodore of Mopsuestia le Theodoret tepawl in an lungkimpi. Kum zabi panga cem hlanih Thukham Thar cakuatpawl hrilhfiahnak cabupawl hmuahhmuah in hih thu hi an pawm thluh. Jerome hnuh Pope-pawl le Bishop-pawl in Jerome thusuah mi hi thusuhnak um riai loin an pawmpi.”

Lightfoot ih a zawihliahnak hi kan pawmpi ve a si:

“Atu ah cun Pathian thuthiam (theologian) hmuahhmuah in Bishop (episkopos) le Elder (presbyteros) pakhat an si ti an lungkim thluh.”

Hih *ṭawngkam dangdang* hi an sawhkhiih mi a bangrep ko nân, *elder* cun *Jew-pawlih* thuanthu rosarnak a nei ih zahtlak sinak lam, pitlinnak lam, upattlak sinak lam le finnak lam a sawhkhiih. *Bishop* cu Greek *ṭawng hmang mipawl* lam ih si *ṭhumawknak* a nei ih, hohatnak lam a sawhkhiih.

HOTUPAWLIH COVO (The Role of the Overseers)

Kawhhran *elder-pawlih* *ṭuanvo* hi Thukham Thar in fiang zetin a rel. Thukham Thar in Bawipa zanriah thu, baptisma thu le thlaru thilpek thu tivek hnakin *elder* thu hi a sim tam sawn. Kawhhran kilkhawi hi Pathian hrangih a thupit tuk ruangah cuh thu, *elder* thuhla hi Pathian Thlarau in Thukham Thar ah a sim tam.

Pathian Thlarau Thianglim kaihhrainak hnuai, Paul le Peter in elder-pawl kha kawhhran kilkhawi le hoha dingin thu an cah (Apo 20:17, 28; 1Pet 5:1,2). Mi dang hnen hmanah Paul le Peter hin local church kilkhawi le hoha dingin Elder-pawl hnenih thu an pek vekin an rak pe dah lo. Curuangah hihi elder-pawl ùanvo a si:

- (1) kawhhran kilven ding (protect the church)
- (2) kawhhran Pathian Kamsuakthu zirh (teach the Word of God to the church)
- (3) kawhhran kaihhruai (lead the church).

Kawhhran Kilven (protecting the church)

Pathian Thlarau in elder-pawl kha zirhtu sual pawl lak ihsin kawhhran kilveng dingin thu a pe.

“Paul in Mileṭas khua ihsin Efesa khua ah mi a thlah ih, kawhhran elder-pawl a kokhawm hai..... Pathian kawhhran, amai thisen ih a lei mi tuu rual câwm dingin Thlarau Thianglim in an lakih hotu ih a lo ruah hai zo ruangah nanmah hrangah le tuu rual zate hrangah fimkhur uh. Ziangah tile hihi ka thei a si, ka feh hnuah nan lakah cinghnia hrang an ra lut ding ih, tuu rual hi an zuah lo ding.” (Apo 20:17, 28,29)

“Cule hi thu ruatkhawm dingah apostolpawl le elder-pawl an tawngawkhawm. (Apo 15:6ff)

Pathian Kamsuakthu Kawhhran Mipi Zirh (Teaching the Word of God to the church)

Kawhhran hotu/elder-pawl cu Pathian Kamsuakthu zirh thei an si ding a si, cutiuh Pathian Kamsuakthu zirh le phuangtu elder-pawl cu kawhhran in sumpai ih cawmdawling a si thu Pathian Thlarau in uar zetin a phuang.

- “Thateih mi kaihrui theitu elder-pawl, a hleicein kamsuakthu le zirhnak lamih nasa zetih a t̄uantupawl cu aletih sunlawihtlak ih ruah si hai seh.” (1Tim 5:17)
- “Khirit tikulh ih ka lo tan tanak s̄an cu thu ka lo pek vekin, thil t̄ifel thluh lo mipawl t̄ifel dingin le khaw tin ah elder-pawl ruat dingin a si...Zirh a rak si zo bangin rintlak kamsuakthu kaihngettu a si ding a si, cutin zirhnak ziktluak hmangin tha mi a pe thei ding ih, dokalhtupawl a êl thei hai ding.” (Tita 1:5,9)
- “Bishop cu sawihn̄awm ding um lo, nupi pakhat nei, fimkhurthiam, supaw thei, nuncan t̄ha, khual t̄ha, mi zirh thei.....” (1Tim 3:2).

Kawhhran Kaihrui (Leading the Church)

Pathian Thlarau in Elder-pawl cu kawhhran kaihrui, uk le kilkhawi dingin thu a pe.

* “Nan lakih elder-pawl kha kei, nan elder-pi, Khrih-ih tuarnakpawl theihpitu le a rung lang leh ding mi ropitnak co vetu ding pa hin tha ka lo pe hai a si. 2 Nan lakih Pathian tuu rualpawl kha kawhhran hotu nan si bangin c̄awm uh.” 1Pet 5:1,2)

* “Thateih mi kaihruai theitu elder-pawl, a hleicein kamsuakthu le zirhnak lamih nasa zetih a tuantupawl cu aletih sunlawihtlak ih ruah si hai seh.” 1Tim 5:17)

* “Cule u le nau tla, nan lakih bāng zetih hna a tuantu le Bawipa ah nan hotupawl le nun a lo zirhtupawl kha tihzah dingah ka lo ngen a si. 13 Cun an hnaṭuannak ruangah duhdawtnak ah nasa zetih anmah cu ngaisang dingin ka lo ngen. Nanmah lakah remawten um uh.” (1The 5:12,13)

* “Ziangahtile mi pakhat in amai innsang ziangtiih uk ding ti a theih lo ah cun, ziangtin saw Pathian kawhhran cu a kilkhawi thei ding?” (1Tim 3:5)

* “Cule cumi cu an tuah ih, an thilpek cu Barnabas le Saul kut in elder-pawl hnenah an kuat.” Apo 11:30)

* “Nangmah ih um mi thilpek, elder-pawl na parih kut an suan lai ih simsungnak hmangih pek mi kha thlahthlam hlah.” (1Tim 4:14)

* Nan lakah mina an um maw? Elder-pawl ko sehla, Bawipa-ih hmin in amah cu hriak hnihin a hrangah thla camter seh.” (James 5:14)

* “Ziangahtile Bishop cu Pathian sumkiltu a si vekin....”
(Tita 1:7a)

Thukham Thar elder-pawl hi a langte sung (temporary) an si lo, kawmitti men an si lo. Elder-pawl hi kawhhran sumpai kawmitti le building kawmitti men an si lo. Elder-pawl cu local church hohatu, kilkhawitu, cawmtu, pastor an si. Thukham Thar ngantu Paul, Peter le James

pawl ih simdan vekin Elder-pawl cun thusimtu diklopawl lak ihsin kawhhran an kilveng, kawhhran mipi Pathian thutak in an cawm, an zirh, thu an sim ih, damlo thla an camsak, thurin thuhla ah ro an rel. Kaudeuh ih kan sim asile, Pathian kawhhran an kaihruai, an hoha, an cawm ih an kilkhawi. Curuangah zohman in elder ÷uanvo le dinhmun hi zianghmanlo men ah cangter loin, a si lo zawngin hmang fawn hlah seh. Dikhon in kawhhran hohatu elder dinhmun ah ruat aw hlah seh.

KAWHNAK ÷AWNGFANG BUAINAK
(The Terminology Puzzle)

HOTU, ELDER, PASTOR, TUUKHALTU
(Overseer, Elder, Pastor, Shepherd)

Himi bung hi Hotu (overseer) le Elder kawhna k ÷awngfang in kan khar pei. Kei cu ‘Kawhhran hotu (overseer) ka si’ na ti asile a dik mi ÷awngkam a si, asinan tuihsun ih Khristian mi tampi ih ngaihnan le hmandan a si lo. “Kei cu kawhhran Bishop ka si” na ti asile, a lo theitupawl in na sim duhsān mi si lo zawngin an lo ruahsak ko ding. Asinan, “Kei cu pastor ka si,” na ti asile, mi in na sim duhsān an thei ding ih, zo na si ti an lo thei mai ding. Cuvek thothoin elder ti khal hi a si. Elder kan ti cun a sullam si lo, sullam dangpi ah kan ruat.

Thukham Thar in elder-pawl kha local church ih pastor ÷uan (tuukhāltu tinak a si) dingin thu a pe hai. Curuangah elder-pawl cu pastor ÷uan ding, ÷awng dangin kawhhran cawm ding, tuukhāl ding an si. KJV lettupawl in Apo 20:28 le 1Peter 5:2 ah khan cawm ti ÷awngfang hmang loin pastor ti ÷awngfang hmang hai sehla cu mi in elder-pawl cu pastor ÷uan ding an si ti an thei mai ding nān!!

* “Pathian kawhhran, amai thisen ih a lei mi tuu rual câwm dingin Thlarau Thianghlim in an lakih hotu ih a lo ruah hai zo ruangah nanmah hrangah le tuu rual zate hrangah fimkhur uh.” (Apo 20:28)

* “Nan lakih elder-pawl kha kei, nan elder-pi, Khrih-ih tuarnakpawl theihpitu le a rung lang leh ding mi ropitnak co vetu ding pa hin tha ka lo pe hai a si. Nan lakih Pathian tuu rualpawl kha kawhhran hotu nan si bangin câwm uh....” (1Pet 5:1,2)

Khristian mi tampi cun elder/elder-pawl hi a langte sung (temporary), kawhhran sungih kawmitti pakhat vekin an ruat, ordain pastor si lo, mi dang pi vekin an ruat. Kha tiih hrilcawp kawmitti member-pawl kha cu Bible in elder a ti mi an si lo. Annihpawl cu ruahnak petu, kawmitti le tuansuaktu an si, Pathian kawhhran kilkhawitu, cawmtu an si lo.

Kawmitti, tuanrel kawmitti in kawhhran din in a fehpi thei lo. Bible ih sim mi elder ti mi cu kawmitti men an si lo, Pathian kawhhran cawmtu, cangvaitu an si. Elder hrekkhat cu mahte cawmaw tla an si; elder hrekkhat leh cu kawhhran ih cawmdawl mi an si, a hleicein Pathian Kamsuakthu taima zetih zirhtu le phuangsuaktu pawl cu. Cuih thu cu 1Tim 5:17, 18 ah fiang zetin kan hmu:

“Thateih mi kaihruai theitu elder-pawl, a hleicein Kamsuakthu le zirhnak lamih nasa zetih a tuantupawl cu aletih sunlawihtlak ih ruah si hai seh. Ziangah tile Cathianghlim in, ‘Câwcang in fâng a cîl laiah a hmur nan tawn lo pei,’ tiah a ti ih, ‘Hnațuantu cu a hlawhman ngahtlak a si,’ tiah a ti fawn.”

Kawhhran ih an ÷ul mi cu kawwmitti member tampi neih a si lo, kawhhran cun duhdawtnak thawn, law zetih hohat thiam elder a ÷ul.

Cuih kawhhran cawmtu le kilkhawitu pawl cu hohatu-elder pawl tiin simaw, pastor-elder pawl tiin simaw, cawmtu-elder pawl tiin simaw kawh ding an si, asilole pastor-pawl, elder-pawl ti khalih kawh ding an si ko. Mi bangaw, mi dangdang si lo an si ruangah kawhhran ih a duhbik mi kawhna hmin kha hman ding a si. Himi cabu sungah hi cun tuukhaltu tiin ka hmang tam zet.

Tuihni kawhhran in an duh mi kawhna hmin hi an hril a ÷a in ka thei. Elder, Bishop, Pastor, tuukhâltu tipawl hi mi bangaw an si. (Elder ti hi kawhhran upa, kawhhran ukto/thuneitu, pastor khal ukto vekih ruah pang a awl te.)

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Dikhonpawl (*Deacons*)

Diakonos

“Jesu Khrih-ih t̄em̄tawn s̄al, Paul le Timothy in, Filipi khua ih um, Khrih Jesu ih mithiangpawl hmuahhmuah le Bishop-pawl le dikhonpawl hnenah:” (Fil 1:1)

Rom ihsin Filipi khawhran hnenih ca a kuat tikah (AD 62), Paul in mi bangaw lo Bishop-pawl (overseers – hotupawl) le Dikhonpawl (diakono-i-siahhlawh) cibai a buk hai. A hnuaiih kan tarl̄ang mi hin t̄awngfang hmandan a fiangter ka beisei.

English	Lai	Greek	Latin
<i>Servant, minister</i> or <i>Deacon</i>	= siahhlawh, rawngbawltu or Dikhon	= <i>diakonos</i>	<i>minister</i>
<i>Serve, minister</i> (verb)	= rian, rawngbawl	= <i>diakonia</i>	<i>ministro</i>
<i>Slave</i>	= s̄al	= <i>doulos</i>	<i>servus</i>

A tlunih kan tarl̄ang mi na hmuh vekin dikhon relnak Greek t̄awngfang cu *diakonos* a si. Greek t̄awngfang *diakonos* hi Thukham Thar ah siahhlawh rori relnak ih hman a si.

- “A nu in siahhlawhpawl hnenah, ‘Nan hnenih a lo sim mi pauhpauh tuah uh,’ tiah a ti hai....Cule mo puai hotupa in sabitzu ih cang mi

ti cu a teh tikah, khuitawk ih si ra mi a si ti a thei lo. Asinan ti khaitu siahhlawhpawl [*diakonoï*] cun an thei. Mo puai hotupa cun mo neitupa cu a ko.” (John 2:5, 9)

- “Cun siangpahrang in a siahhlawhpawl [*diakonoï*] hnenah, ‘A kut le a ke ÷awn uh, hruaisuak uhla, khaw leng a thimnak sungah hlawn uh. Cutawk ah ÷ap le hacang rial in a um ding,’ tiah a ti.” (Mat 22:13)

Sikhalsehla *diakonos* ti ÷awngfang hi hmuhsaknak zawngin Pathian siahhlawh, Khrih siahhlawh, Setan siahhlawh, thuthang÷ha siahhlawh asilole kawhhran siahhlawh sawhkhinak ih hman a tambik. Paul in *diakonos* hi Khristian hna÷uantu – apostolpawl, zirhtupawl, evangelist-pawl asilole kawhhran rawngbawlnak ih bawmtupawl relnak ah a hmang leuhleuh. Paul in Apollos, ÷aikhikas, Epafra, Timothy, Fibi, amah le amah, Khrih tipawl kha siahhlawh tiah a ti. Zoh÷him ding mal lai tarlang hnik sehla:

- “Pupápawl hnenih Pathian in a pek mi thutiamkampawl hngetter dingah, Pathian thutak hrangah Jesu Khrih cu serhzim tan mipawlih siahhlawh [*diakonos*] ah a rung cang a si ti ka lo sim.” (Rom 15:8)
- “Kenkeria khua kawhhran siahhlawh [*diakonos*], kan farnu Fibi hi nan hnenah lo theihte ka duh.” (Rom 16:1)
- “Paul cu zo a si? Apollos cu zo a si? Kannih cu Bawipa ih in pek fingfing ðan vekin, nanmah

zumnak ih a lo hruaitu rawngbawltu [*diakonoï*] men lawng kan si.” (1Kor 3:5)

- “Cuhnakin ziangtinkimah Pathian rawngbawltu [*diakonoï*] kan sizia kan langter sawn a si....(2 Kor 6:4a)
- “Asinan nannih khalin ziangtin ka um ti ka thuhla nan theih theinak dingah, Bawipa ah duhdawt zet mi unau le rawngbawltu [*diakonos*] rinum Ṭaikikas in thil ziangkim a lo theihter ding.” (Ef 6:21)
- “Cucu duhdawt mi kan siahhlawhpi, Epafra hnen khalih nan rak zir vekin, anih cu nan hrangah Khrih rawngbawltu [*diakonos*] mirinum a si.” (Kol 1:7)

Hih Bible bung le cang pawl ah hin siahhlawh ti ṭawngfang hi mi dang va bawmtu le va riantu, thuthangṭha rawngbawltu le Pathian rawngbawltu vekih hman a si. Hi ṭawngfang hi upattlak Khristian sinak dinhmun a si. Hitihi hmanna hmunpawl ah hin *diakonos* ti ṭawngfang hi “siahhlawh” asilole “bawmtu” tihi leh ding a si, *diakonos* ti ṭawngfang hi dikhon tihi leh ding hrimhrim a si lo.

DIAKONOS CU SIAHHLAWH RAWNGBAWLTU
VEKIN
(Diakonos as Servant Officer)

Greek ṭawngfang *diakonos* hmanna a tlunih kan tarläng mi hleiah, Paul in phundang zetin vawi thum a hman. Cuih vawi thum a hmanna ah cun a tlangpithu ih

siahhlawh dinhmun in hmang loin “hotu” (overseer) hrangah a hmang (Fil 1:1; 1Tim 3:8,12).

Dikhon hi hnakaih mi a simaw, hna a si ti thusuhnak sannak cu a pahnih in a si ti hi a si. Dikhon cu t̄uansuah ding mi hna (work) a si ih, hnakaih mi (office) khal a si, ziangah tile dikhon si dingin t̄linnak a ngen ih, cekfel ding khal ngen a si fawn. Curuanga dikhon cu kawhhran ah elder vekin hnakaih mi (office) a si ve.

Greek t̄awngfang *episkopos* cu leitlun Greek calai le Greek Thukham Hlun ah hnget zetin hman a si, asinan Greek t̄awngfang *diakonos* hi hnakaih mi sinak dinhmun vek cun hman a tam lo zet. Asinan Thukham Thar Bible si lo, a lengah cun sakhawbiaknak calai khalah hman a si. Khristian hmaisabikpawl le an hruaitupawl in *diakonos* t̄awngfang hi an hnat̄uantupawl kawhnak hrangah sullam nei zetin an hmang.

Kawhhran sungih rawngbawltu sinak dinhmun kawhnak hrangah, dikhon t̄linnak tarl̄ang tikah, dikhonpawl kha elder-pawl thawi naiaw zetih hnat̄uan an sinak tarl̄ang tikah Greek t̄awngfang *diakonos* kha hman a si ih, Thukham Thar dikhonpawl cu local church rawngbawltu: member harsa le t̄lasam b̄awmnak ih cangvaitu an sizia a langfiang. A hnuaiih thupawl hi ruat hnik:

- (1) Sinak kawhnak t̄awngfang *diakonos* hi Filipi 1 le 1Timothy 3 ah sinak dinhmun vekih hman a si, *episkopos* vekin.
- (2) Sinak dinhman (official title) hrangih *Diakonos* t̄awngfang hmanna hi noun le verb thawn pehtlaihawknak a nei. Noun *diakonia* le verb *diakoneo* hi Thukham Thar ah bi zetih hman a si, harsatnak tuar le mitlasam va b̄awmnak lamih hman a si.

Mitlasam bǎwmnak lamih hih ʔawngfang
diakonia le *diakoneo* hmannak hrekkhat tla:

- “Dungthluntupawl cun mah le tithei tawk cio in, Judia peng ih cêng unaupawl bǎwmnak [*diakonia*, mirethei bǎwmnak] pe dingin an relcat.” (Apo 11:29)
- “Cule Barnabas le Saul cu an rawngbawlnak [*diakonia*, miretheinak bǎwmnak va pek] an ʔeh tikah Jerusalem ihsin an kirsal ih, Mark an ti mi John cu an hnenah an hruai.” [Apo 12:25]
- “...cutin Judia peng ih zumlotupawl hnen ihsin Pathian in i run ding ih, Jerusalem ih ka rawngbawlnak [*diakonia*, bawmnak thilpek] cu, cutawk ih mithiangpawl hrangah pawmtlak a si ding.” (Rom 15:31)
- “Mithiangpawl hrangih an thawhhlawm [*diakonia*, bawmnak thilpek] cohlang dingin le mithiangpawl rěnnak ah tel ve dingin nasa zetin in ngen.” (2Kor 8:4)
- “Cule mithiangpawl rawngbawlsaknak [*diakonia*, miretheinak bawmnak] thuhla ah nan hnenih ca ka ngan a ʔul hrimhrim lo. (2Kor 9:1)
- “Cu laiah, dungthluntupawl an karhzai vivo tikah, ni tin rawl zěmnak [*diakonia*] ah Grik ʔawng hmangpawlih nuhmeipawl cu thlauthlak an si ruangah, Jew-mi Grik ʔawng hmang zumtupawl cu Hebru ʔawng hmang zumtupawl parah an phunzai.” (Apo 6:1)

- “Cun annih khalin, ‘Bawipa, ziang tikah rilrawng le tihâlin siseh, mikhual le taklawngin siseh, nâ le thawngtla in kan lo hmu na cingin lo tuamhlawm [*diakonia*, bawmnak thilpek] lo ih kan um?’ tiah an sang ding.” (Mat 25:44)
- “Asinan atu cu mithiangpawl rian [*diakoneo*] dingin Jerusalem ah ka fehta ding. Ziangatile Masidonia peng le Akaia peng pawl ih mipawl in Jerusalem ih mithiangpawl lakih mifarahpawl bawmnak sumpai kuat ding cu an lung a hmui zet.” Rom 15:25,26)

Kum zabi netabik Greek scholar F. J. A. Hort in Thukham Thar dikhonpawl cu mirethei le mitlasam bawmnak hna tuantu an si tiah a ti. Hnakaih mi sinak dinhmun vekih *diakono*i hmanna le *episkopo*i hmanna hin Greek mipawl ih ruahnak ah thil mi bawmtu lam a si tiah a ti.

Thukham Thar kawhhran kip cun Apo 6 zohthim ding an neih hnuah cun *diakonia* [an mitlasam bawmnak] cu an nei tengteng ding. Himi bawmnak [*diakonia*] hnatuan hrangih ruat mi/nemhnggeh mi pawl cu *diakonos* tiih theih an si.

- (3) Dikhonpawl cun dikhon hna an tuan hlanah tlinnak ziangmaw zat ah an tling pei ih, mipi hmaiah hniksak an si ding a si (1Timothy 3:10) ti mi hin mipi rinsannak dinhmun le tuavo a langter. Dikhonpawlih tlinnak tarläng mi ah bulpak nuncanziaza felfainak, thlarau lam nun le sungkaw nun lam a tel (1Timothy 3:8-13). Khristian hmuahhmuah hi siahlawh dinhmun in pakhat le

pakhat rian aw ding cu kan si ko, asinan mi malte lawng a hleiceih kawhhran siahhlawh hnaʔuantu an si.

- (4) Dikhon hna hi Pathian Kamsuakthu zirhnak lam hna a si lo. Hohatu cu mi zirh thei' 1Tim 3:2 a si ding a si, ti mi hi dikhon tlinnak ah a tel ve lo.
- (5) Dikhon hna cu uknak lam le kaihhruainak lam hna a si lo. Hohatu (overseer) ti ʔawngfang le hohatu-elder tlinnak le ʔuanvo tarläng mi ah kawhhran kilven, zirh, kaihhruai ti a si. Greek ʔawngfang *diakonos* cun mi va rënnak lam a sawhkhieh ih, uknak le kaihhruainak lam a si lo.
- (6) Dikhon le hohatu (deacon and overseer) hna ah hin dikhon cu covo danglam le niam sawn deuh a co. Kawhhran kaihhruai le uknak lam cu hohatu-elder mawhphurh a si ih, dikhon khal a kaihruai ding a si.
- (7) Hnaʔuantu phun hnih hohatu-elder le siahhlawh/dikhon cu bawmawtawn ding an si. Pakhat cu pastor ʔuanvo – thlarau rawl ih cawm lam a si ih, pakhat cu kawhhran sungih mitlasam va bawm le tuamhlawm lam a si.

Khristian hmaisabikpawl le an hruaitupawl in anmai hrangah dikhon hi an dñ. Israel ram ih cozah ukawknak ih upa an rak dñ mi thawn a bangaw lo, a kalhaw lawlaw (Suah 3:16).

- (8) Dikhon ʔuanvo cu kawhhran sungih mirethei, mitlasam bawmnak lam a si.

Kum zabi pathumnak hrawngah dikhonpawl hi Pathian biak le kawhhran ukawknak lamah Bishop bawmtu si in thu an nei zet ve nân, an ùanvo cu local church sungih mirethei le miharsa băwmnak hna lam hi a si ringring. Anglican cangantu hminthang R. P. Symonds in, “Dikhonpawl hi kum zabi pakhatnak tluansuakin kawhhran hmuahhmuah ah mirethei le midamlo băwmnak lamih hnaùantu si ih theih an si, “ tiah a ti.

Dikhonpawlih (kawhhran siahhlawhpawl) ùanvo cu kawhhran mipi thil le ri le ei le in lamih băwmnak lam hnaùan hi a si. Cumi ùansuak ding cun kawhhran sumpai a ùul. Kum zabi pakhatnak ih Khristianpawl in biakinn tivek an neih lo ruangah dikhon hmaisabikpawlih hnaùan mibik cu kawhhran ih mitlasam băwm hi a si. Kawhhran in mirethei a băwmnak sumpai kilkhawi le hohat lam hi a si. Zahngainak rawngbawltu an si.

Hohatupawl (overseers) le Dikhonpawl (deacons) an ùanvo/an rawngbawlhna an băwmawktăwnzia cu Apo 6 in fiang tukin in sim. Paul cakuatpawl ih tarlăng mi hohatu/elder-pawl le Apostolpawlih Cangvaihnak Cabu sungih tarlăng mi in Apo 6 ih Apostolpawl dinhmun le ùanvo thawn a bangaw. Elder-pawl cu Apostol an si lo nan! (Jerusalem kawhhran ah Apostolpawl si lo, elder dang an lang ve..Apo 11:30; 15:2,6,23; 21:18-25). Elder-pawlih ùanvo cu Apostol 12 pawlih ùanvo hi a si ve bangtukin Apo 6, Paul cakuatpawlih tarlăng mi dikhonpawlih ùanvo cu Apo 6 ih dikhon 7 pawlih ùanvo mirethei băwm hi a si ve.

Hi thil artlang ih fehtlang mi hi namnuai ding a si hrimhrim lo. Apo 6 ih an thil ti le an ùanvo lâk mipawl hi kawhhran san hmuahhmuah hrangah a dik a si. Òhimnakah Jerusalem vekin...Filipi kawhhran le Efesa kawhhran khalah; kawhhran kip in zirhtu ding, kilvengtu ding le hruaitu ding pastor an ùul. Kawhhran kip in siahhlawh

rawngbawltu dikhon an ÷ul, cupawl cun kawhhran sungih midamlo, mirethei le vanduinak tawng pawl an kilkhawi ding, an bawm ding. 1Timothy 3:1-13 ah Thlarau Thianghlim ih zirh mi kawhhran ÷ha cun a tling mi elder-pawl le dikhonpawl a nei ding tiah a nemhnget. Paul in Apostolpawlih Cangvaihna Cabu sungih an thil tidan kha a zoh tikah a dik a si ti a thei ih, a cakuatpawl ah *diakonoi* ti hi a nemhnget a si a zumum rori.

Diakonos Ṭawngfang Leh Harsatnak (The Difficulty of Translating Diakonos)

English Bible zate deuh thaw in Greek ṭawngfang *diakonos* hi *deacon* tiin an hmang. *Deacon* tiih an hman mi hi Greek ṭawngfang *diakonos* ti mi kha a awsuah thlunih an hman mi a si, leh (*translation*) si loin a awsuah thlunih ngan (*transliteration*) a si. English le Latin Bible lettupawl in Greek ṭawngfang *diakonos* ti hi a awsuah thlunih an hmang veve, a lehdan ding an theih lo ruangah a si men thei.

Deacon ti ṭawngfang hi baptism vek thothoin Greek awsuah thlunih hman mi a si. English ṭawng hman mi pakhat ah a rung cang tata ih, kawhhran hnaṭuantu dinhmun pakhat kawhna a si. Ṭhimnakah, bāwm ÷ul mi inn pakhat ah bawm dingin na va leng ih, “Kei cu kawhhran siahlawh pakhat ka si,” tiah na ti asile, ziang na sim ti an thei lo men ding. Asinan, “Kei cu dikhon pakhat ka si,” na ti asile, hmakhatteah zo na si, ziang ṭuan mi na si ti an thei lohli mai ding.

Bible thiam hrekkhat in Greek ṭawngfang *diakonoi* ti hi rawngbawltu (minister) tiih leh hi an duhsawn. Cuih ṭawngkam cun a sullam a langfiangter cih, asinan mi hrekkhat hrangah cun *minister* ti cu dinhmun sang zet, bawi vekih ruahsual a awlte lala. (Hminsinsin: Kan lai ṭawng ah cun

rawngbawltu (ministry) ti hi theihusual ding a um lo nasa, mi va riantu tinak lam a si ti a fiang zet, calettu).

Mirang ʔawngfang *servant* (siahhlawh) ti hi Greek ʔawngfang *diakono*i ti mi sullam ngaingai cu a si. Asinan, hih kawhhran siahhlawhpawl – zahngainak rawngbawltupawl- hi kawhhran ih mi va bāwmnak, mi va kilkhawinak lam hna ih thuneihsnak pek an si ti hi cin ringring ding a si. Himi mi va rēnnak lam hna ʔuan dingin tlinnak an nei ih, cekfel zo mi an si ti khal theih ding a si (1Tim 3:8-13).

Theih ding mi thil thupi cu: Dikhonpawl cu kawhhran sungih bāwm ʔul tuamhlawmtu, kilkhawitu; bawmtu an si ti hi a si. Tuihni ah kawhhran tampi ah dikhonpawl cu kawmitti member thuneitu vekin an um, thutluknak an tuah ih an to menmen. Hnaʔuantu mi dang an ʔuan ʔha maw, an ʔuan ʔhalo ti thutʔentu vekin an um. Cuvek dikhonpawl cu Dikhon Board (Dikhon Kawmitti) an si, siahhlawh-dikhon an si lo. Pathian in dikhon hrangih a rauhmandan, an hna, an tlinnakpawl kan zoh hnik pei.

DIKHONPAWL LE TUUKHĀLTUPAWL KARLAKIH PEHTLAIHAWKNAK

(The Relationship Between Deacons and Shepherds)

Dikhonpawl le Tuukhāltupawl karlakah hmuhsualawknak, buainak a um ʔheu ti hi cu kawhhran tampi hrangah thil thar a si a zumum lo. Ziang pawlkāwm khalin ʔuanvo nei bur hnih simaw, bur hnih hnak tam simaw umnak ah cun nāwmlonak, hmuhsualawknak tivek hi cu thil um ʔheu mi a si. Tuukhāltu le dikhon danglamnak kan theihfiang deuhdeuh asile, buainak, nāwmlonak, hmuhsualawknak cu kan hrial thei deuh ngaingai ding. Tuukhāltu le dikhon dinhmun le ʔuanvo bangawk lozia kan

theih lo tikah thuneihnak thu ah buainak a um ih theihthiamawklonak a suak.

Tuukhāltu hna le dikhon hna hi vawi tampi ah cun a thuaawknak lai a um. Thutitluknak an tuahtlang a ṭulnak a um ih, pakhat le pakhat hnen ihsin bāwmnak an hawl a ṭul. Ṭhimnakah, tuukhāltu in nupa karlahih buainak nei thurawn peknak a nei thei. Cuih nupate cun an fate hrangah sumpai harsatnak nasa zet an tawng fawn. Cutikah tuukhāltu cun cuih nupate ih sumpai lamih harsatnak an neidanzia cu dikhonpawl hnenah a sim ding a si, asinan tuukhāltu cun dikhonpawl hnenah tidan ding a sim hai a ṭul, a thurawn pek mi siatsuah lo dingin. Cuihtlunah zumnak lamih thurawn pek a neih lai tla a si ah cun, dikhonpawl in sumpai bāwmnak lam an tawlrel tik khalah sumpai tam tuk si loin, tawkfangten ti vekin thurawn a pe hai thei. Cutikah dikhonpawl in tuukhāltupa hi zangfahnak a nei lo tuk a si hi tiih ruah a awlte ding.

Hivek dinhmun ah hin hmuhsualawknak le lungruallonak a um thei zet. Tuihni ih tuukhāltu le dikhonpawl karlahih buainak hrekkhat hi cu Solomon hmanin tingaihnak a theih lo can a um men ding. Cuvek buainak cu pehtlaihawknak ṭha, duhdawtnak le rinsanawknak in hrial theih a si.

Kawhhran tampi ah dikhonpawl in an ṭuanvo, an dinhmun an theisual. Elder-pawl vekih group pakhat ah an ruataw, asilole elder-pawl uktu, nun simtu, hlawhman petu vekah an ruataw. Elder-pawl tlunih thuneitu, uktu dinhmun ah an ruat aw. Dikhonpawl in kawhhran sumpai an uk, an *control* a si ah cun, kawhhran *control*-tu, uktu ah an ruataw mai. Cutivek ding a si lo. Kan zir zo mi ihsin a fiang zet mi cu dikhonpawl cu *elder* (pastor) hnakih niam dinhmun an si ti hi a si. Tuukhāltupawl (elder-pastor) in dikhonpawl ih tuah mi hmuahhmuah hi an tuah thei ti kan theih a ṭul, asinan dikhonpawl cun tuukhāltupawl (elder-pastor) ih tuah

mi hmuahhmuah an tuah thei lo. Dikhonpawl vek si loin, tuukhāltupawl cu ziangkimih hohatu, uktu, kilvengtu le kawhhran mipi zirhtu an si. Cumi ah cun kawhhran sumpai hohat lam khal a tel (Apo 11:30; 1Pet 5:2). Tuukhāltupawl in kawhhran pumpi an hoha, an kilkhawi ti mi ah dikhonpawl khal hohat mi ah an tel cih. Curuanga dikhonpawl hi tuukhāltupawl ih hohat le kilkhawi mi si lo, mahte ih um an si hrimhrim lo ti theih a ʔul.

Kawhhran hotu an si bangin, tuukhāltupawl in dikhonpawlih ʔuanvo le ti ding mi ziang a si ding ti an simfiang, an thlendan le tifel ringring a ʔul. Culole dikhonpawli in buainak an suakter ʔheu. Dikhonpawl cu niam sawn le *Elder* hohatnak hnuaiih cangvaitu an si ih, tuukhāltu ih duhdan le hohatnak vekih thil ti an si tikah dikhonpawl in an duh lo ʔheu, an sinak an theihfiang hrimhrim a ʔul.

Tuukhāltu in a kawhhran a hohatnak a cak lo, a mumal lo a si ah cun, dikhonpawl an bei a dawng zet ding. Dikhonpawl cu kawhhran mipi ʔul pawihainak phuhurutu le bawmtu an si ih, mipi an neh thei zet. Vawi hnih vawi khat ah cun dikhonpawl hi elder/pastor-pawl hnakin thil an ti thei in an hrohrang sawn. Thil an tuahsuak hlauhlo thei. Taima zet in hna an ʔuan. Cule a rei hlanah tuukhāltu cu an sawisel mai, cutikah tuukhāltu cu a thla a phang ih a ʔih hai. Thupi hlapi a rung thlen tikah, tuukhāltu in dikhonpawl kaihruai le thapek a thlauthlak ruanga dikhonpawl cun tuukhāltu thawn lungualteih ʔuantlang le thil titlang an paih lo.

Dikhonpawlih ʔuanvo theiher cia le cin taw ʔuanvo pek hi a hlawknak tampi a um. Tuukhāltu hna cu phun tampi a si, thurawn mi pek, zirh, uk, nunsim, hohat le khihmuah tivek an si. Dikhonpawl in anmai ʔuanvo an theihthiam le an ʔuanvo parih an lungawi taw a ʔul; cutin Bawipaih minungpawl an rian thei ding, mi rēnnak ah can

an pe tam thei ding. Dikhonpawl kha kawhhran thil dangdang titu vekih kan hman tikah anmai rawng an bawl thei nawn lo, kawhhran sungih mirethei, mitlasam bawm lam hna an ùan thei nawn lo.

Tuukhāltupawl khalin dikhonpawl hin anmai hna, anmai ùanvo te an nei ti an theihthiam a ùl. Dikhon hna theihthiam lo, upat lo tuukhāltupawl cun dikhonpawlih ùanvo ah an hrawlh aw ding. Cutikah dikhonpawl kha an lung a awi lo ding, kan hna ah in rinsan lo tiin lungawilonak, phurlonak a suak ding.

Curuanga ùa zetih kawhhran fehpi dingah cun tuukhāltupawl le dikhonpawl karlakah pehtlaihawknak ùa zet a um a ùl. Tuukhāltupawl le dikhonpawl hi ùansuahnak tampi ah bawmawtäwn le mai ùanvo thei ih ùan ding an si, cutik lawngah buainak le theihthiamawklonak hrial theih a si ding. Bible ih a ti bangin, “Thil ziangkim hi mawi zet le fel zetin tuah si seh,” (1Kor 14:40).

PART III

DIKHONPAWLII TLINNAKPAWL
(The Qualifications for Deacons)

“Sawihnăwm kai lo zin ih a fehtu in, keimah i rian ding.

Sam 101:6b

“Cun mipi zate lak ihsin thiltithei mipapawl, Pathian țihzah mi, midik, a diklo mi hlawknak huatu ti vekpawl na hril pei. Cule a thawng hotu, a za hotu, sawmnga hotu le pahra hotu ah tiin an tlunah na ret hai pei.”

Suah 18:21

“Nan hnămpawl sung ihsin, mifim, thu theithiam mi le thil thei mi pacangpawl hril uhla, anmahpawl kha nanmai tlunah lubân ah ka tuah hai ding,’ tiin ka lo ti.”

Dnp 1:13

“Mi pakhat in Bishop si a duh ah cun, hnațuan țha a duh a si ti mi hi, rinsantlak mi țawngkam a si. Bishop cu sawihnăwm ding um lo....”

1Tim 3:1,2b

“Khirit tikulh ih ka lo tan tanak săn cu thu ka lo pek vekin, thil tifel thluh lo mipawl tifel dingin le khaw tin ah elder-pawl ruat dingin a si. Bishop si dingah mi pakhat cu sawihnăwm ding um lo..”

Tita 1:5, 6b

Bung - 7

A Ṭul Rori Mi Dikhonpawlih Ziaza Tlinnakpawl

(The Absolute Necessity for Character
Qualifications for Deacons)

**“Cuvek thothoin, dikhonpawl khal mizahum,
leiphir nei lo, sabitzu phâm lo le paisa duham lo,
sia le ṭha theihnak thiàng ih zumnak thuthup
kaihnettu an si ding a si.”**

1Tim 3:8,9

**“A rei hlanah na hnenih rat beisei in, hi thilpawl hi na
hnenah ka ngan a si. Sikhalsehla ka cām rei pangah
Pathian innsang ah nangmah rori in ziangtiih um ding
ti na theih theinak dingah ka ngan. Pathian innsang cu
thutak ṭhuam le ṭhumawknak Pathian nung kawhhran
hi a si.” 1Tim 3:14,15**

AD 394 ih mino presbyter Nepotian hnenih a cakuat
ah Jerome in amai san ih kawhhranpawl kha an kawhhran
hruaitupawl hrilnak ṭha le dik hnakin a derin an
biakinnpawl an ngaihsakawk sawnter kha a kawk hai:

*“Mi tampi in tuihni ah biakinn nan sak; biakinn
phar le ṭhuam pawl cu lung mankhung nan hmang,
siling hrangah sui nan hmang, biakṭhengpawl cu
keplung tla an si. Asinan Khrih-ih rawngbawltu
hrilnak hrangah cun zohman in nan ngaihsak lo.”*

Thukham Thar kan zoh tikah Pathian ih ngaihsakbik mi cu biakinn tivek le programe tivek hnakin a minung kawhhran mipi hruaitu le kilkhawituih nun le thlarau nun ziaza lam hi a si sawn. Pathian mi zetih kaihhruainak cun local church ah thlarau lam nun danglam a um rori. Thukham Thar ih dikhonpawl thuhla kan hmuh mi a zate deuh thawin an ziaza tlinnak lam thu hliir a si.

Thukham Thar ih zirhdan cun dikhon si duh pauhpauh dihhon si a theih lo. Paul in hih thu hi a rel uar zet. Hih thu ruangah Efesa kawhhran ah buainak a um khal a si thei men. Tlinnak tlasampawl hin hruaitu dinhmun hi an duh. A tling lo mi kawhhran hruaitu le dikhon ih ret hi Setan ih kawhhran bawrhhlawh le caklo ko tuahnak hmanrua ṭhabik a si. *Curuangah 1Timothy ih in zirh mi thupibik pakhat cu kawhhran ṭha le duhum si ding cun elder tling le dikhon tling a neih a ṭul ti hi a si* (1Timothy 3:1-13).

Himi ah hin a si, kawhhran tampi an hlawhsam. Curuangah Pathian in kawhhran hohatu ding le kilkhawitu ding cun ziaza ṭha a neih ṭul mipawl le ralrinnak cu 1Timothy ah in pe a si. Tuihni kawhhran ih ṭul zet mi thil a si ruangah Efesa kawhhran thuanthu le Paul in 1Timothy ih hruaitu sinak ih buainak a simnak sǎnpawl tla kan zoh hnik pei.

KAWHHRAN THUANTHU (The Historical Situation)

Paul kha Rom khawpi ih thawng a tlaknak (AD 60-62) ih si suah a si hnu rei lo te ah, Timothy thawn Efesa khua an tlawng. Hih ṭum ih an khualtlawn hi khawltlawn nuam a si lo. Zirhnak soal zirhtupawl in Efesa kawhhran ah zirhnak soal an zirh nasa. Khaih zirhnak soal zirhtupawl in

kawhhran dinhmun le thuthangṭha an siatlonak dingah Paul kha nasa zetih ṭan a lak a ṭul. Cuih thurin pawmtu pahnih Alexander le Himenaus kha a dawī hai (1Timothy 1:19, 20).

Ziangruangah simaw, a sǎn theih a si lo, Paul kha Masidonia lamih a feh a ṭul; cutin Timothy kha zirhnak soal run titawp dingah le kawhhran ih a tawn mi doawknak do bawm dingin Efesa khua ah a tan. 1Timothy 1:3 ah, *“Zirhnak danglam zirh lo dingin mi hrekkhat thu na cah hai theinak dingah, Efesa khua ah rak um ringring aw, cucu Masidonia peng ka feh zawngih ka lo ngēn mi kha a si,”* tiin kan siar.

Timothy in run tifel ding mi harsatnak a tawng ti a thei. Mino Timothy in a tifel ṭul mi buainak harsa zet a neih mi cu Paul in a thei. Calte kung hram thla zo phawi vekin zirhnak soal khal hram a thlak zo ah cun phawisal a har tuk. Efesa ih donak cu thil harsa zet a si, elawknak nasa zet a um (1Timothy 6:3-5, 20). Curuangah Paul in Timothy kha Masidonia ihsin a ṭuanvo theihtersal dingin, thlarau lam doawknak ah thanau lo dingin, ziang thubuaipawl hi ziangtin tifel, tidik an ṭul tipawl a sim.

Efesa khawpi ih kawhhran cu a rang theibikin tiṭhatsal a ṭul. Zirhnak soal in kawhhran nun a buaibaiter ih a bawrhhlawhter. Khristianpawl kha pakhat le pakhat parah mawi lo le awm loin an tiaw. Apostolpawl ih tanta mi kawhhran nun an thlauthla. Umzia nei lo, thurin hrisel lo zirhawknak an lakah a um. Tlinnak nei hrih lo mipawl kha tuukhāltu ah an cang ih, a tling mi tuukhāltupawl kha ṭhaten an cawmdawl fawn lo. Nunau hrekkhat in kawhhran sungah an lennak le an theihnak an hngalpi. Kawhhran sungih mipa lakah tawhawknak a um ruangah kawhhran thlacam nun tiang a siatsuah. Nuhmeipawl kha ṭanghma sialnak ruangah an sungkhatpawl in a thlauthla ih kawhhran

rinsan dingin an fawrh. Sual khal daithlang zetin an umsän men.

PATHIAN KAWHHRAN AH FELFAITEIH THIL TI A ṬUL

(A Need for Order in God's Church)

Cuih buaibainakpawl ruangah, Paul in Pathian sungkua hrangah nundan dik le ṭha le fel a tarlang. Paul in kawhhran member kip in ziangtin an nung ding ti an theih ding a duh:

“A rei hlanah na hnenih rat beisei in, hi thilpawl hi na hnenah ka ngan a si. Sikhalsehla ka cām rei pangah Pathian innsang ah nangmah rori in ziangtiih um ding ti na theih theinak dingah ka ngan. Pathian innsang cu thutak ṭhuam le ṭhumawknak Pathian nung kawhhran hi a si.”
(1Tim 3:14-15)

1Timothy 3:15 ih *English* ṭawngfang “conduct” = ‘ziangtiih um ding’ tiih kan leh mi kha a sullam cu ‘nuncan’(behavior) a si; nundan, umdan a si. Greek Lexicon pakhat ih a simfiangdan ah cun, ‘nundan ding tarläng mi nunpi’ ti a si.

1Timothy 3:14 ih, “hi thilpawl” ti mi hi Paul in a cakuat pumpi ih nundan ding a tarläng mipawl kha a si a zumum. Khaih nundan ding a tarläng mipawl kha zumtupawl ziangtin kan um ding, ziangtin kan nung ding ti lam hmuhtu le tahnak fung an si. Ṭhimnakah, nundan a tarläng mi hrekkhat khan sungkaw nun a bawm. Pathian sungkua ih nundan ding lam hmuhtu le tahfung an si. Mi tampi hrangh cun kawhhran sungih mawi le fel teih nundan hi thupi lo ah an ruat, asinan E. F. Scott in Moffat New

Testament Commentary ah, Paul in sakhawbiaknak diktak ah nundan mawi le fel hi ʈul tukih a theih ruangah nasa ten a tarlang a si tiah a ti:

“Dan tarläng mipawl hi a taktak ih nunpi lam an si, sakhawbiaknak lam, thlarau lam thil an si lem lo. Asinan thlauthlak ding an si hrimhrim lo. Kawhhran ʈatnak ding an tel, kawhhran in thuthangʈha a kaihngget ding le khawvel hnenih a peksuah ding dan a tel. Hih Bible bung le cang pawl ah hin Pastoral cakuatpawlih sullam muril a kim a si. Pastoral cakuat ngantu hin thlarau lam thuhla hnakin kawhhran a taktak ih a nundan ding a rel uar. Nundan dik le ʈha a ngen, ziangatile sakhawbiaknak diktak ah cun hihi a ʈul mi a si ti a zum.”

Paul ih simdan cu tuangtlamte a si. Local church ih um zumtupawl cu: (1) Pathian sungkua (2) Pathian nung kawhhran le (3) thutak ʈuam le ʈumawknak an si ih, anmah thlirtu khawvel hmaiih an nunphung le an nundan cu a thupi tuk lawmmam. Kawhhran simfiangnak hih pathum pawl hin, “Kawhhran a ropitzia le kawhhran member pawl an nundan a thupitzia an sim uar a si,” tiah David C. Verner in a ngan. Curuangah kawhhran member pawl in Khristian nundan ding Thukham Thar ih a tarläng mi vekih an nun ding hi thupek rori a si.

A TLING MI HRUAITU ʈULNAK (The Need for Qualified Leadership)

Tuukhältupawl le dikhonpawl nundan ding tarläng mipawl le an ziaza si dingih ngën mipawl hi kawhhran mipi mawi le fel, thununawknak nun nei le ziaza ʈha neihnak

dingih laimuril a si. Pathian in 1 Timothy 3:1-12 ih a pek mi tlinnakpawl hi a minungpawl santlaihlonak, mumallonak lak ih si kilvennak ding hrangah a si ti ka zum hngget a si. Mi hrekkhat cun kawhhran hruaitu si an duh, anmah ah tlinnak um riai si loin, anmai tisa duhnak men a si. Bible in tuukhãltu le dikhon si duhtupawl hrangah tlinnak a tarlang a si.

Cuihtlunah Pathian kawhhran hna hi upatawnak ih rinum zetih a khawm ringring mi hnenih dinhmun pekawk men mi a si lo. Cun kan rak zoh zo vekin kawmitti men: rualpi tha, milian, sumdawng hlawhtling pawl kawmitti member sinak men khal a si fawn lo. Kawhhran rawngbawltu ding mipawl cu Bible vekih a tling mi, pastor tuan dingih Thlarau Thianghlim ih a kawh mipawl ih Pathian sungkua an rënnak a si.

Tuukhãltupawl le dikhonpawl hin kawlder mi hna thiang an kai a si. Annih in Pathian sungkua an kaihruai ih an kilkhawi. Thubuai le sumpai tifel hna an tuan ih, kawhhran sungih mirethei bawm hna an tuan. Kawhhran mipi inn ih luh theinak an nei ih, mipi nun ih thil cipciar buaipitu le bawmtu an si. Kawhhran mi, büm rero mi inn ah an lut thei ih an bawm thei. Curuangah annihpawl cu mifelfai an si a tul.

Tuukhãltupawl le dikhonpawl ih kaihruainak le mi va rënnak hin kawhhran cu kil i kip ihsin a hngawng thei. Nuncan tha nei hruaitupawl cun kawhhran hrangah lairelnak tha, kaihruainak tha le hngehnak tha an pe thei. Nuncan/ziaza lamih mumal lo hruaitu cun kawhhran a hruaisual. Bible vekih feh kawhhran hmingsinnakpawl a tarlangnak ah Francis A. Schaeffer (1912-1984) in khauh zetin Thukham Thar kawhhran si kan duh asile, Bible in tuukhãltupawl le dikhonpawl hrangih tlinnak a tarlang mipawl kan kaihngget a tul a si tiah ralrinnak a pe:

“Kawhhran hnaṭuantupawl hrangih ruat mi nundan dingpawl hi kawhhran in tiniamter deuhnak thuneihnak a nei lo ih, Pathian a mah rori ih thu a pek mi thunih a dang bet theinak thuneihnak khal a nei fawn lo. Hipawl hi an tawk famkim a si. ”

Kawhhran tampi ih kan tisuabik mi ka hmuh mi cu pastor le dikhon kan hril tikah a tling lo mi kan hrilsual ṭheu mi hi a si. Kum a rung rei vivo tikah Efesa kawhhran vekin hruaitu diklopawl in kawhhran cu a parah an to ih, buainak le cahlonak hlir in a khat. Kawhhran hruaitu ding a tling mi pastor le dikhon ngah dingin zuam uh, kum rei hngah a ṭul khalah a pawl lo. Pathian Kamsuakthu lun thluh hi kawhhran fehdan ding ṭhabik a si ringring.

HOHATUPAWL LE DIKHONPAWL HRANG TLINNAK

(Specific Qualifications for Overseers and Deacons)

Filipi cakuat vekin Paul in 1Timothy khalah hotupawl le dikhonpawl a tarlang veve. Hotupawlih tlinnak a tarläng hnuah (1Timothy 3:1), Paul in dikhon thuhla zirh a thawk, “Cuvek thothoin, dikhonpawl khal...” (3:8-13) tiah a ti. Adverb a si mi ‘Cuvek thothoin’ tiin dikhon thuhla a run zirh mi kha 3:1-7 ih hotupawl thuhla a zirh mi a relnak a si. A sullam cu Paul in hotupawl hrangih tlinnak a tarläng mipawl kha dikhonpawl hrang khalah a si thotho a tinak a si.

Tuukhãltupawl (pastor) vekin dikhonpawl cun tlinnak neih an ṭul ve kher lo ti ruahnak cu a sual a si. Cutivekih ruahnak cu ziangtlukin dikhonpawl hi kawhhran hrangah an thupi ti theihnak mal lãngternak a si. Kawhhran hrangih dikhon an thupitzia cu an tlinnak kha hotu (overseer)/pastor tlinnak thawih a bangrepnak hin a

langfiang. A hnuaiih dikhon tlinnakpawl kha hotu (overseer)/pastor tlinnak thawn khaikhin hnik:

Dikhon

Hotu (overseer)/Pastor

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| 1. Mizahum | ----- |
| 2. Leiphir nei lo | ----- |
| 3. Sabitzu phâm lo | 1. Sabitzu phâm lo |
| 4. Paisa duham lo | 2. Paisa duham lo |
| 5. Sia le ða theihnak thiang ih
zumnak thuthup kaihngettu | ----- |
| 6. Sawihnăwm ding um lo | 3. Sawihnăwm ding
um lo |
| 7. Nupi nuncan ða nei | ----- |
| 8. Nupi pakhat nei | 4. Nupi pakhat nei |
| 9. Mai innsang le fate
ðatei uk thei | 5. Mai innsang le fate
ðatei uk thei |
| | 6. Fimkhurthiam |
| | 7. Supaw thei |
| | 8. Nuncan ða |
| | 9. Khual ða |
| | 10. Mi zirh thei |
| | 11. Mitawhhmang lo |
| | 12. Mizaidam |
| | 13. Mithuelhmang lo |
| | 14. Zumtu thar si hlah
seh |
| | 15. Leng lam
mipawlih simðat
mi |
| | 16. Mai thu duh lo |
| | 17. Thinheng áwl lo |
| | 18. Thil ða duhtu |

19. Midik
20. Mithianglim
21. Mah le mah
thununaw thei
22. Rintlak
kamsuakthu
kaihngettu

Dikhonpawl khal tuukhāltu vek thothoin (1) Sawihnāwm ding um lo, (2) Nupi parih rinum (3) Mai innsang uk thei (4) Paisa duham lo (5) Sabitzu phām lo an si ding a si. Dikhonpawlih tlinnak an neihbet mi “leiphir nei lo,” ti le “sia le ṭha theihnak thiāng ih zumnak thuthup kaihngettu” ti mi hin dikhonpawl cu mizahum an sizia a langter.

Tuukhāltupawl le dikhonpawl tlinnak danglamnak pakhat cu dikhonpawl cu Pathian Kamsuakthu zirhtu an si ve lo. Hotu (overseer)/pastor cun “zirhnak ziktluak hmangin tha mi a pe thei ding ih, dokalhtupawl a êl thei hai ding a si,” (Tita 1:9).

Cuihtlunah tuukhāltupawlih thinlung lam tlinnak kha dikhonpawl hrangah cun a tel ve lo, ziangatile tuukhāltupawl cun thinlung harnak, buainak le thil harsa zetzet an buaipei ding a si. Cun tuukhāltu cu khual ṭha a si pei ih, zumtu thar a si fawn lo ding (3:6).

A tlunih a tlar ih ka tarlāng mi dikhonpawl le hotu (overseer)/pastor/elder pawlih tlinnak pawl hi Pathian in kawhhran hnenih tahfung ih a pek mi a si. Pathian sungkua kaihhruaiawknak ih thil ṭul mi tlinnak an si (1Timothy 3:14, 15).

**DIKHON CU MI PAKHAT HNAKIH
TAM AN SI A ȚUL**
(The Need for a Plurality of Deacons)

Dikhon ti Țawngfang hi 1Timothy ah pakhat hnakih tam in a lang, Fil 1:1 khalah. Dikhon hi pakhat hnakih tam ih Bible a langdan ruah tikah khua an ruattlang, an Țuantlang ti a fiang (1Timothy 3:1 ih hotu (overseer) ti hi *generic singular* a si ih. Fil 1:1 ah cun hotupawl (overseers) tiin pakhat hnakih tam in a hmang. Elder/Pastor/Bishop khal hi pakhat hnak tam: thurawnaw, Țuantlang an bang.

Efesa kawhhran ih buaibainak le hlawhsamnak pawl hnuah, Paul in *elder* hi pakhat hnak tam '*elders*' a nemhnghezia hi hmainsintlak zet a si (1Timothy 5:17, 18). Paul in Timothy kha kawhhran hruaitu Țha pakhat kawhhran uktu ding le thubuai hmuahhmuah tifeltu ding ruat dingin thu a pe lo. A rawngbawlnak a thawk ihsin a net tiangah, kawhhran kilkhawitu ding le cawmtu dingah tuukhāltu pakhat hnakih tam a ngen ringring. Local church hrangah pastor pakhat hnak tam le dikhon pakhat hnak tam neih ding hi Bible zirhdan a si. (Timothy cu Efesa kawhhran ah Paul-ih bulpak aiawhtu, buainak tifeltu a langte sung a si. A netnakah Efesa kawhhran a suaħsān ih, an pastor a Țuan nawn lo.)

Cuihhleiah dikhonpawlih Țuanvo hi pakhat lawng ih Țuan ding ci a si lo, a bur ih Țuan ding ci a si. Sumpai kaitu le tawlreltu, minung ti thul harsa zetzet va tifel le bawmtu an si ih, miretheipawl hnenih sumpai băwmnak zemtu an si tikah a bur ih Țuan Țul mi a si; mi ih sawisel le tisual um lo dingin a bur ih Țuan a Țul.

Dikhonpawl cu sumpai thu ah kilhim an Țul lawng si loin, a bur ih khawruahnak suah cionak ah hlawknak a um. Mitlasam zetzet va kilkhawi le băwmnak ah fimnak le thil tawlrel thiam a Țul zet. Solomon in, "Thir in thir a tathriam,

cuvekin milai in milai a tathriam,” (Thufim 27:17); “Khawkhānnakpawl cu thurawnpeknak in an ding hnget..” (Thufim 20:18a); “...Thurawnpetu tamnak ah himnak a um.” (Thufim 24:6b) a ti mi hi a dik tuk.

A bur in dikhonpawl in rawng an bawl tikah tisual a mal ih sawisawlnak lak ihsin himnak a si. Apo 6 ih tarläng mi nuhmeipawl rawl pek thu ah khan felfai lo le ti luklak in tawlrel men hai seu la ziangtlukin buainak a sosang pei. Kan zate hin kan man lo zet thei, thil kan hngilh thei, kan ñihhrut thei, kan zangzel thei fawn. Curuanga kan rawngbawlnak ah in ñhangharhtu ding, tha in pe theitu ding ñuanpi kan ñul ringring. Bawhlung sit zirhtupawl in bawhlung sittupawl a bur ih training pek hi a ñha, pakhat le pakhat an turaw, tha an pe-aw ih, cutin hlawhtlinnak lamah an thleng thei tiah an ti. Mi pakhat a tlan tikah a kiangah mi pakhat a tlan ve asile, amah lawngih a tlan hnakin ziangmaw zat cu a cakter deuh ngaingai ti a si. Bawipai rawng kan bawlnak khalah cucu thil dik a si. Kan Bawipa Jesu in a dungthluntupawl a thlah hai tikah pahnih pahnih ih a thlah hainak a sän pakhat cu hihi a si. A tlangpithu in milai hin kan tuah ding mi hnakin asilole mi dang hrangih thil ñahnem ding hnakin, kan tuah duh mi kan tuah. A hleicein kawhhran sungih thil tisual member kan va dawr le kan va tuamhlawm tikah hivek phun hi kan hmang zet. Mi tam sawn cun thil nuam lo le mi va biak harsa le thubuai tifel ding hi an pah lo, hrial an tum. Cutikah a bur ih thil ti le ñuantlang tikah tha kan peawtäwn, kan ral a ñha, fimnak a um, cutin kan ñuanvo cu hlawhting zetin kan hlensuak thei.

Netabikah, a bur ih um dikhon (pakhat hnakin tam) cun phur rit a zangkhaiter. Kawhhran mipi ñulsam mi va bawm hna ti hi thil awlte a si lo. A bur ih va ñuan le va tifel tikah cun mawi zet le ñha zetih tifel theih a si ñheu. Bible hrilhfiahtu le Tenth Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia ih

pastor James M. Boice in Pathian rawngbawlnak ih a bur ih
tuan a thatzia le fimnak a umzia hitin a rel:

*“Thukham Thar khui hmanah hnatuan dingin
pastor pakhat te lawng le dikhon pakhat te lawng
nemhnghehnak a um lo lawlaw. Hruaitu/pastor
pakhat lawng ret kan duh tla a si men ding, asinan
Pathian fimnak cu kan fimnak hnakin a nasasawn
tuk a si. Mi pakhat hnakh tam rawngbawltlang
dingih ruat le nemhngheh an si tikah pakhat le
pakhat tha an peaw ih, mi pakhat hngalnak le
thuneihnak khal a nepter ngaingai,” tiin.*

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Dikhonpawl Hrang Ziaza Tlinnak Panga

(Five Character Qualifications for Deacons)

“Cuvek thothoin, dikhonpawl khal mizahum, leiphir nei lo, sabitzu phâm lo le paisa duham lo, sia le tha theihnak thiang ih zumnak thuthup kaihngettu an si ding a si.”

1Timothy 3:8,9

“Curuangah u le nau pawl, nan lak ihsin mi pasarih mi hmintha, Thlarau Thianglim le fimnak ih khat hril uhla, hi tuanvo hi kan pe ding..” Apo 6: 3

Apostolpawl, hleihnih pawl le Paul in kawhhran riantu kawhhran hnaquantupawl cun ziaza lam le thlarau nun lamah tlinnak an neih tengteng a tul tiah an ngen (Apo 6 le 1Timothy 3). Kawhhran hohatu asilole kawhhran dikhon dingih mi pakhatkhat ruat a si tikah nuncan ziaza lamih tlinnak hi a pawimawhbik a si a tul. Thimnakah khaih mi pasarih pawl khan zumtu mitlasam, mirethei bawmnak sumpai kilkhawitu le tawlrelyu an si ih, Pathian mi le mirinum an si ti theih si lo hai sehla, sawiseltu le rinhlelhtu ding lakah ziangtin khaih hna kha an kai thei ding?

Na fatepawl le nan sungkua sumpai kha na theihfiang lo mi hnenah na kawlyter ka zum lo, cuvekin ziangtin so kawhhran in Pathian-ih minung mithlasam le

mirethei bǎwmnak ding sumpai cu an theihfiang lo mi an kǎwlter ding? Cutisikhalsehla tuihni ih kawhhran tapi cun an kǎwlter thotho. Kawhhran ih lut thar khal Sunday school zirhtu asilole dikhon ah zarh khat, thla khat sungah an thlarau lam nun le an ziaza zingzawinak le nemhngehnak khal um riai loin ruat an si mai theu. Theihfiang lo mi le zawihliahfel lo mi zamrang zetih kawhhran hnaṭuantu ih ret lohlinak hin kawhhran tam tuk a siatsuah zo.

Ziangruangahtile dikhon cu hriam tuar mi le micaklo pawl hnenah an lutin an suak thei ih, awlten kawhhran mipi an siatsuah thei. Curuangah Bible in hmanhmawh zetih kawhhran elder le dikhon nemhngeh cu ralrinnak in pe: “Zo par hmanah awlten na kut suang hlah awla, mi dangpawlih sualpawl khalah va tel hlah; thianghlimten nangmah le nangmah kilaw aw,” (1Timothy 5:22). Dikhon ziaza tlinnak panga a tarlǎng hnuah, Paul in, “Cupawl khal cu hniksak hmaisak si ta sawn hai sehla, sawihnǎwm ding um lo dikhon dinhmun in rawngbawl hai she,” (1Timothy 3:10) tiah a ti.

Ziaza tlinnak panga Paul ih a ngĕn mipawl cu 1Timothy 3:8,9 a hnuai lam pawl hi an si:

- Mizahum
- Leiphir nei lo
- Sabitzu phām lo
- Paisa duham lo
- Sia le ṭha theihnak thiāng ih zumnak thuthup
kaihngettu

Tlinnak hmaisabik “mizahum” ti mi hnuah Paul in a kham ih kham mi pathum in an thlun: leiphir nei lo, sabitzu phām lo, paisa duham lo ti an si ih, hih ziaza tlinnak neihlonak hin mi pakhatih zahumnak a siatsuah thei. Poliṭik

khel mi, sumdawng le sakhawbiaknak hruaitu mi tampi leiphir neihnak, sabitzu phamnak le sumpai ruknak in a siatsuahzia hmuh a si. An zahumnak an hloh lawlaw. Supawknak an nei lo ih, dikhon si dingah an tlak lo, an tling lo.

Hih tlinnakpawl hi dikhonpawl cu mifelfai le supaw thei mi, khristian nun ih fel zetih nung, an khristianpipawl ih fak le zah mi an si ding a si ti tawngkam in a khaikhawm thei ding. Hleihnih pawl in Apo 6 ih an hman mi tawngkampawl hi hmang sehla, dikhonpawl cu “hmintha, Thlarau Thianghlim le fimnak ih khat” an si ding a si tiah kan ti thei. A sullam cu dikhonpawl cu sumpai in si loin, sabitzu in si loin, supaw lo tawng hmangin si loin, Pathian Thlarau Thianghlim ih control (uk) mi an si ding a si tinak a si. An nun ah Thlarau Thianghlim a lang ding a si.

Thlarau khat mi lawngin Pathian duhdan le Pathian minung dinhmun an thei thei. Cuvek mipawl lawngin Khrih-ih lainatnak le duhdawtnak an langter thei. Cuvek mipawl lawngin kawhhran hmin an siatter lo, mirethei an hriam lo. Dikhonpawl cu Thlarau Thianghlim ih khat ding an sizia kan theiher le tha kan pek a tul. Riahsiatumza zet a si mi cu Bawipaih rawngbawlnak ih tel mi tampi cu Thlarau Thianghlim in khat loin, tisa in an khat. Cutikah an duh mi le an ngaihsakbik mi cu anmai nawmnak, anmai zangkhnak, anmai hlawnak le hminthatnak, anmai duhdan tivek lawng a si.

Dikhon tlinnak panga hi pakhat hnu pakhat kan zoh hnik pei.

ZAHUMNAK : ZAHTLAK MI
(Dignity: A man worthy of Respect)

Anglican Archbishop Richard Trench (1907-1886)
in a cabu hminthang *Synonyms of the New Testament* ti mi

ah English ṭawngfang ih dignity “zahumnak” tiih an leh mi Greek ṭawngfang kha English ṭawngfang dik zet a hmuh thei lozia a mangbang thu a ngan. Zahum/zahtlak ti mi hin nuncan le thlarau nun lamih ziaza, mi dang ih ngaisan, upat lam a sawhkhiih. Curuangah dikhon cu kawhhran mipi ih theih le zah, upat mi a si ding a si. Mi pasarih lakih tel Stefan kha (Apo 6) an zaten an upat ih an zah ti a si kha.

Paul-ih tlinnak a ngan mi “mizahum” ti mi kha Apostolpawlih tlinnak Apo 6:3 ih an tarläng mi “hmin ṭhat” ti mi thawn an pehtlaiaw. “Hmin ṭha” ti cu khaih mi pasarih pawl kha mi ih theih le an ziaza ṭha ruangah mi ih fak mi an si ding a si. Richard Rackham in the Westminster Commentaries cabu ah, “Annih cu ziaza ṭha nei an si ding a si, cule mipi ih nemhnggeh/theihpi mi an si ding a si,” tiaa a ngan. “Mizahum’ ti mi tlinnak in Apo 6, “fimnak ih khat” ti mi a huamtel. Mifim cu mizahum an si. Curuangah a umtuzia cu mifim lo cu dikhon a si thei lo tinak a si.

Apo 6 ih a sim mi fimnak ti mi cu thlarau lam le a taktak ih nunpinak lam thu le hla ih tuṭhennak dik, thutitluknak dik tuah thiam a si (1Kor 6:5). Sumpai bāwmnak zēm tikah le mirethei bāwm tikah bangrān zetih tuṭhenfelnak tuah thiam a ṭul. Mifarah le hriam mipawl thu ih buainak hi a buaithlak zet ṭheu, an thu le hla hi nuainam men ih tifel duhnak a um ṭheu. Dik zet le tirhsiang zetih thil tawlrel hi thil awl a si hrimhrim lo.

John Calvin cu Kawhhran remṭha hmaisabiktu lakih pakhat a si veki Bible vekih dikhon remṭhatsal a tum tikah, Geneva khawpi ah mifarah bāwmnak thuhla ih buainak tam zet a tawng, amah an sawiselnak khal a simfiang hai rero. Dikhon hna cu thil har tuk a si ruangah fimnak nei mi si a ṭul ti a thei ih hitin a ngan:

“Anmah cu Thlarau zangfahnak ih thāwm an ṭul lawng si loin, fimnak khal an ṭul hrimhrim a si,

ziangahtile cumi tel loin hih hna cu fehpi a theih lo. Fimnak cu bumnak ih mi diltupawl lakih kilvengtu le mifarah băwmnak cangvaihnak ih eithup tumpawl lak ihsin kilvengtu le, khat lamah misawisel tumtu lak ihsi mikilvengtu a si thei. Hnatuan har a si ih, phunzainak tam zet hnatuan khal a si fawn ih, fimnak neih a tul ngaingai,” tiin.

LEIPHIR NEI LO: DIK ZETIH ȚAWNG
(Not Double-Tongued: Integrity of Speech)

Ka nauhak laiah ka pa in, “Mi pakhat cu a țawngkam hnakin a țhasawn thei lo,” a ti țheu. Ziangtluk thil dik a si! Khristian umkhawm siatsuah theitu cu bumawknak hi a si. Mifarah băwmnak hna le sumpai kăwltter mi cu midik le rinsantlak a si tengteng a țul.

“Leiphir nei” ti mi sullam diktak thu ah Pathian thuthiampawl an ruahdan a bangaw lo. J. N. D. Kelly in ‘leiphir nei’ ti miih sullam cu “Mi pakhat hnenah phun dang in sim tahratin, mi dang hnenah phun dang deuh ih sim lala,” tinak a si a ti. A sullam cekci ziang a va si hmanah a umtuzia cu diklo deuh, uar deuh, bumnak ih țawng a kham tinak a si. Bumnak lei dung lamah bumnak lungthin a um. Leiphir ti miih ralkhat lamah dik zetih țawng ti mi a um.

Khristian mi tampi ih țawngkam hi rinsantlak lo an tam zet, a hleicein sumpai thu ah. Pakhat hnenah phun dangin an rel ih, hmun dangah phun dang deuhin an rel lala. Pathian Kamsuakthu vekin cuvek mipawl cu dikhon dingah an tling lo. Dikhon cu a țawngkam vek rori ih nung mia si ding a si. A nun kha a țawngsuak ih, a țawngsuak mi kha a nun a si ding a si; ‘a si’ a ti mi cu ‘a si’ a si ih, ‘a si lo’ a ti mi cu a si lo (2Kor 1:17-20).

SABITZU PHÂM LO:
RITNAK LAMIH SAWI HNĂWM KAI LO
(Not Addicted to Much Wine: Above Reproach in
the Use of Alcohol)

Bible in sabitzu le zu ðih a nunzia ralrinnak nasa zetin in pe (Isa 5:11,12; Thufim 20:1; 23:30-35; Hosea 4:11). Zurit cu sual a si ih, zu in ringring mi cu kawhhran in thunun ding a si. (Zoh aw 1Kor 5:11; 6:9,10; Gal 5:21; Efe 5:18; 1Pet 4:3.) Mi dang parih ðuanvo neitu cu zu in mi a si hrimhrim lo ding a si.

Bible in hruaitu zu in ðih a nunzia ralrinnak a pe:

“Maw Lemuel, cumi cu siangpahrangpawl hrangah a si lo, Sabitzu in hi siangpahrangpawl hrang a si lo ih, Zureu in hi uktupawl hrang a si fawn lo.” (Thufim 31:4,5; siarbet aw Pui 10:8,9; Isa 28:1,7,8; 56:9-12)

Zu ritnak in siar cawk lo nun a siatsuah. Amerika ram ih mithat, mah le mah thataw le accident ih thipawl a hrek hnakih tam cu zurit ruangah a si ti a si. Amerika ah sungkua pali ah pakhat cu zu ruangah buainak an tawng ih, zu hi harhdamnak siatsuahtu nasabik a si fawn ti a si. Zu in a tuahsuak mi lungsiatnak hi ruah bǎn lo tiangin a si. Zu in nun a tawiter, sungkua a ðhenawter, sumpai neihnak nasa ten a siatsuah. Zu in mi cu milai hrangih hnaðuantu dingah an tlak lo lawlaw.

Kawhhran hruaitupawl lakah zu thuhla hi rel lo le daiteih um men ding kan si lo. Dikhonpawl cu buainak nei mipawl lakah hna an ðuan. Dikhon cu sabitzu in mi a si ah cun, mipi a hruaipeng ding ih, kawhhran hminsiatak a thlen ding. A thlahdahawknak cun a thlarau nun ðhannak le rawngbawlnak a siatsuah ding ih, sual sinsinnak ah zu cun

a hruai ding. Khrih duhdawtnak mi dang hnenih phuansuah tumtu cun a nun a control-awk (uk) a ʔul.

Netabikah Paul ih sim mi hi ʔhaten hmnsin aw, “..sabitzu phâm lo’ a ti a si. Sabitzu in lo lawlaw ding tiih khamnak cu a si lo ti hi hmnsin aw. Hmnsiatnak le Pathian hnaʔuan siatsuahtu sabitzu pham khamnak a si.

PAISA DUHAM LO: SUMPAT THU IH FELFAINAK
(Not fond of Sordid Gain: Not greedy for Money, Financial Integrity)

Hi tlinnakpawl a ngan laiah Paul in a thinlung sungah zirhtu sualpawl kha a ruat (1Timothy 6:5; Tita 1:11). A thinlung sungah Judas Isakariot a ruat ko ding, ziangah tile Judas Isakariot hi paisa duhamnak lamih zohʔhim ding ʔha zet a si. Bawipa Jesu le a milaipawlih sum kiltu a si vekin, Judas Isakariot cun mifarah ngaih sak vekin a ʔawng, a taktak ah cun a ngaih sak mi cu sumpat lawng a si. Bawipa Jesu parih Mary in rimh mui mankhung a burh tikah khan Judas Isakariot cu a phunzai, ‘Ziangah so hi hriak rimh mui cu dinari 300 ah zuar in, a tangka cu mifarahpawl an pek lo?’ tiah a ti. Cutiih a ti cu mifarahpawl zawn a ruah ruangah a si lo, amah cu rûkru a si ih, paisa kuang kiltu a si; cule paisa kuang sungih ret mipawl a lâk ʔheu ruangah a si sawn,” (Joh 12:5, 6).

Bible sung pumpi ah sakhawbiaknak hmangih sumpat hlawknak ngah zohʔhim ding le ralrin peknak kan hmu hnuaihni. (Zoh aw, Mip 22-24; 1Sam 2:13-17; 2Sph 5:20-27; Isa 22:15-25). Hivek buainak hi kan Bawipa Jesu in leitlun a um laiah a tawng hnuaihni. Danthiampawl le Farasipawl khan nuhmeipawl inn ihsin an ruk ruangah Jesu in nasa zet in a cam hai (Luk 20:47a). Sumdawnnak ih cang Pathian temple vawi hnih rori a thian:

“Cun Jesu cu Pathian temple kulh sungah a lut ih, thil zuartupawl le thil leitupawl hmuahhmuah tla a dawisuak ðeh. Paisa thlengtupawlih cabuaipawl le thuro zuartupawlih tonakpawl khal a linglet ðeh. 13 Cule an hnenah, ‘Cathianghlim in, ‘Ka inn cu thlacamnak inn tiah an ko ding,’ a ti. Asinan suamhmangpawl umnak pûk ah nan canter a si,’ tiah a ti.” (Mat 21:12,13).

Sakhawbiaknak hruaitupawlih lungput phawrhlangnak ah Luke in annih cu, “paisa duh” (Luke 16:14) an si tiah a phuang. Pathian in, “Nan umtlândan cu duhamnak tel lo mi si seh.. (Heb 13:5a) tiah a ti

Dikhonpawl in mi dang sumpai, kawhhran sumpai an kai/kilkhawi; paisa umnak hmun ah buainak a um ringring. Sumpai hi mi tampi hrangah el theih lo mihip thei a si. Mi tampi cu duhamnak nasa zetin a bum ðeu hai. Cuvek mipawl cun sumpai umnak hmunram ih rawngbawl le hnañuan an hâwl, an duh mi diktak cu an rellang lo nân! Cuvek minungpawl cun sumpai rori cu an ru kher lo. Asinan kawhhran sum kha rawngbawlnak ah kan hmang tiin anmai mawñaw datsi hrang, mawñaw repair-nak hrang, rawl hrang, khualtlawnnak hrang le an inn le lo hrang tivek ah an hmang. (Nehemiah 5:14-18 thawn a kalhaw lawlaw). Hi khal hi mi dang ta a si mi diklo zetih hlawknak ih hman a si thotho ih, “paisa duham” a si.

Mi pakhat kha dikhon ih hril a si hlanah sumpai lamih a felfainak ða zetih zawihliah ta a ðul. Duhamnak, rukruknak asilole sumpai thu ih hminsiaknak nei cu dikhon ih hriltlak an si lo. Kan hmuitin mi cu kan tuukhâltupawl hmuahhmuah le kan dikhonpawl hmuahhmuah in Israel laireltu Pathian mi Samuel bangin:

Zoh hnik uh, hitawk ah ka um. Jehovah hmaiah le a hriak thih mi hmaiah keimah dokalhin in theihter hnik uh: Zawih câwcang so ka lâk, asilole zo-ih lâk so ka lâk, asilole zo so ka bum dah? Zo so ka palbet, asilole ka mitcawter dingin zo hnen ihsin nawhthuh ka lâk dah? Cumi cu ka lo rūlsal ding,” (1Samuel 12:3) tiah an ti thei ding hi a si.

**SIA LE ȚHA THEIHNAC THIANG IH ZUMNAC
THUTHUP KAIHNGETTU:**

A ZUMNAC LE A THURIN A MILAW DING A SI
(Holding to the Mystery of the Faith with a Clear
Conscience: A man’s Life and Doctrine Must be Match)

Himi tlinnak netabikih sullam cu dikhon nunnak cu Khristian thurin thawn a milaw ding a si tinak a si. Khristian cun nunau-mipa sualnak tuah phahin, sumpai ru phahphah in, unau hua phahin, nupi Țhen cingin asilole thuthangȚha kha zirh sualnak thawn cawkrawi phahin sia le Țha theihnac thiang thawn zumnac thuthup a kaihnet thei lo ding. Thukham Thar in nun le thurin a hranteih umter zawngin a zirh dah lo. Thei cingin Pathian Kamsuakthu kalh zawngih nungin thil kan ti ih, a ngaidamnak kan dil lo tikah kan sia le Țha theihnac kan bawrhbangter a si. Kan sia le Țha theihnac kan siatsuah, kan bawrhbanter tiktik ah sual in theihternak thil titheinak kha a caklo ih, nun dēu ih nun a áwl, sual tuah a awlte. Curuanga zumtu pakhatih nun kha Khritian thurin thawih a milaw lo asile, dikhon a si thei lo.

George W. Knight in sia le Țha theihnac cu mah le mah thuȚhenawknac a si tiah a ti. A sullam hrampi cu, “Milai in a sung muril ihsin a thil ti mi a dik le diklo a theihawknac a si,” tiah J. N. D. Kelly in a ti. Sia le Țha theihnac in zumtu kha thu a Țhen ih a kaihhruai ruanga, kan sia le Țha theihnac kalh zawngih feh le nung ding kan si

lo. Khristian hrangah cun sia le ʈa theihnak, zumnak le Thlarau Thianghlim hi pehtlaihawknak an nei (Rom 9:1; 14:22,23). Efesa kawhhran ih zirhtu sualpawl khan an sia le ʈa theihnak kha anmai khawruahnak hngal zet le cakhriarnak kha Pathian thuphuansuah hnakih rinsan sawnnak in an bawrhbangter. A netnak ah cun anmah thluntupawl hmuahhmuah ih rinnak a siat (1Timothy 1:19,20; 2Timothy 2:18).

“Zumnak thuthup” ti mi hi a danglam zet mi Khristianpawlih thutakpawl mawi zetih relnak a si. Thukham Thar ih “thuthup” ti mi cu “hi hlanih phuansuah hrih lo mi atu ih phuan mi thutak” tinak a si

1Timothy 3:9 vekin, ‘zumnak thuthup’ cu dikhonpawl in an kaihngat ding a si. “Zumnak thuthup” ti cu ziang a si? A sannak cu zumnak ti ʈawngfang ah hmuh a si. Zumnak in thuthup ih tel mipawl a simfiang. ʈhimnakah, Bible bung le cang dang ah Paul in, “Pathian thuthup,” “Khrih thuthup,” “thuthangʈa thuthup,” “a duhnak thuthup,” “Pathian mi sinak thuthup,” tipawl a rel. Hitawk ah Paul in, “..zumnak thuthup” tiah a ti. Zumnak ti mi khan hitawk ih thuthup ti mi hi a simfiang. Hitawk ih “Zumnak” ti mi hin Khristianpawlih Zumnak (thurin) pumpi, a danglam zet mi Khristianpawlih thutakpawl a simnak a si. “Thuthup” ti mi cu phuansuah mi thutak, Khristianpawlih thurin (zumnak) kăwmkhawm kha a si. Curuangah “zumnak thuthup” ti mi kha “phuanlăng mi Khristianpawlih thurin (zumnak)” tiin leh a theih.

Kan hnenah Pathian in a sunglawi zet mi van lam tlennak thuthup a phuanlăng zo ruangah cuih thutakpawl thawih milaw ih nun ding mawhphurh cu Khristian hmuahhmuah parah a um a si. Khristian in Pathian thuphuansuah ropi parah soal a tuahnak le nun dēu ih nunnak hmangin hminsiatnak a thlen thei. Khat lam ve thungah, Khristian in zumnak thutakpawl thawih milaw ih

nunnak (Tita 2:10) hmangin zumlotupawl hnenah Khristianpawlih neih mi thuchah ngai duhnak le hiarnak nei ko a tuah thei. Dikhon cun Khristian thurin kha hnget zetin a kai pei ih, cuih thu tinkim thawn milawin a nung ding a si.

Bible hrilhfiah thiam Homer Kent in himi tlinnak hi hitin a khaikhawm:

“Zumnak (thurin) thutak ropipawl hi a tawinak ih theology ngan mi vekih kaihhnget ding men a si lo, ni tin nun ih hmansuah sawn ding a si. Sia le tha theihnak thiang ih zumnak thuthup kaihhnget ti mi cu Khristian thutak tleunak hnuaiih nun a si, cutin sia le tha theihnak in mi thiamlo a coh lo. Sia le tha theihnak thiang ti mi cu nun thianglim tinak a si.”

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Tlinnak In Hniksaknak A Ngen

(Qualification Demands Examination)

“Cupawl khal cu hniksak hmaisak si ta sawn hai sehla, sawihnăwm ding um lo dikhon dinhmun in rawngbawl hai seh.” 1Timothy 3:10

Hi cabu pumpi ah dikhon tlinnak thu kan rel. Atu ah cun a tlukih thupi ve mi dikhonpawl hniksaknak thu kan rel ding. Dikhonpawl hrangih tlinnak panga thu cu 1Timothy 3:8,9 ah kan hmu, asinan cang 10-nak ih dikhon hna tuan dingih hniksak hmaisak ta ding a si ti tel lo cun khaih tlinnak panga pawl kha thulolak men an si. Cang 10-nak in hniksak hmaisak ta le nemhngat hmaisak ta lo mi zohman in dikhon an tuan thei lo tiah fiang zetin a ti.

Cang 9-nak in dikhon cu “Sia le tha theihnak thiang ih zumnak thuthup kaihngettu” a si ding a si tiah a ti. Mi pakhat in a sia le tha theihnak cu thiang ah a ruat ko nân, bumin a um thotho thei ti cu kan thei cio. Kan zate hin kan sualnakpawl ah ziangmaw zat cu mitcawtnnak kan nei cio. Kan sualnakpawl ih tam deuh kan mit a cawt asile, mi dang parah mi hriamnak tam deuh kan tuah thei tinak a si. Van lam fimnak a neih vekin Paul in dikhon tlinnakpawl a rel laiah cuih tlinnak panga pawl a rel mi sullam neitertu ding dikhon hrangih thil tul zet mi a ther lohli: “Cupawl khal cu hniksak hmaisak si ta sawn hai sehla, sawihnăwm ding um lo dikhon dinhmun in rawngbawl hai seh,” tiah a ti.

Himi catluan ah hin “khal” ti mi te hi hminsin hrimhrim ding mi a si. Dikhonpawl tlinnak thu ah himi “khal” ti mi te hi a thupi zet. Cupawl khal cu ti mi hin

thinlung mi a thâwng zet, tlinnak panga pawl a tarläng mi tlukih thupi a si. Hotupawl (elders) hniksak ding an si vekin dikhonpawl khal hniksak ve ding an si. Cupawl “khal” a ti mi hin hihlan ih a tarläng mi hotupawl (elders) a relnak a si (1 Timothy 3:1-7).

1 Timothy 5:24,25 ih hotu (elder) dingih nemhnggeh mipawlih ziaza kha mi dang ih cek le hniksak ding a si ti kan thei. Cutin dikhon si ding mi cu hniksak an si ve pei tiih Paul ih a ti hi mangbang ding a um lo. Dikhon si dingih tlinnak cu hotu (elder)/pastor si dingih tlinnak hnakih niam deuh dingin kan ruat theu. Cucu tipalhnak nasa zet a si.

Himi ah hin kawhhran tampi an tipalh. Dikhon hril ding le nemhnggeh dingah can tawkfang zet a tul ih, tanlak khal a tul, kawhhran tampi cu thil dangdang hrangah can an pe ih tan an la. (Efesa kawhhran kha dikhonpawl le elder-pawl zawihliah le hniksak an man lo ih can an pe thei lo a si ding.) Asinan, an tling maw tling lo ti elder-pawl cekfel le hniksak ding a thupit vekin dikhonpawl khal cekfel le hniksak ding an si hi thil thupi zet a si. A tling lo mi dikhon hin kawhhran buainak tampi a tuah thei ih, zianghman thei lo tepawl an hriam thei.

CEKFELNAK/HNIKSAKNAK TUAHDAN (The Examination Process)

“Hniksak si hai seh” ti mi hin dikhon si dingih hual mipawl hniksak ding an si thu a simnak a si. Paih le hniksak, paih lo le hnik lo tivek phun ih um men ding thil a si lo. Mah le mah dikhon ih retawk men ding khal a si lo. Dikhon ih hril ding mi cu Bible tleunak hnuaiah cekfel zo mi Khristianpawl ih cek le hniksak ding a si.

“Hniksak” ti tawngfang hi Greek tawngfang *dokimazo* ih si ra mi a si. Richard Trench in, “*dokimazein* ti tawngfang hi thil pakhat cu cohlantlak a si maw si lo ti

ngaihdan nemhnghehnaq parah a t̄umaw. Khuahlan Greek calai ah hi t̄awngfang hi mi pakhat kha rinsantlak a si le si lo mipi hmaih hniksaknak thawn a pehparaw,” tiah a ti. Tuih kan san ah cun a sullam cu “dikhon ih hril ding mi cekfelnak (zawihliahnak)” ti a si. A umtuzia cu dikhon ih hril ding mi pah ziaza kha official in mi dang ih cekfel, zawihliah, thlir, felfai zetih zohhliah tinak a si. Sibawi zir ding t̄heh zo mi kha, sibawi t̄uan thlang ding mi pa/nu kha official in licence pek hlanih an cekfel vekin, tuukh̄altupawl le dikhonpawl kha an hna an luh hlanah Pathian ih nḡen mi tahnak tleunak hnuaiyah cekfel ding an si (1Timothy 3:2-12).

Cutisikhalsehla dikhon ih hril ding mi cu ziang tivekih cekfel/hniksak a si pei? A s̄an thupi zet ruangah, ziangtin Bawipa zanriah le Baptisma kan hming ding ti Bible ih a l̄ang lo vekin dikhon cekfel/hniksak dan ding khal Bible ah a lang lo. (Thukham Thar ah Thukham Hlun Puithiam Hnatuannak Cabu vek a um lo.) Bible sungah ziang vekin dikhon si ding mipawl cu cekfel an si ding ti fiang fukfi ih a l̄ang lo ruangah kawhhran tampi cu hlawhsamnak lamzin an zawh phah.

Thukham Thar ah hivek phun cipciar ih simnak um lonak hmun ah harsatnak a um t̄heu ih nasa zetih zir le ruah ding a um t̄heu. Jesu Khrih-ih Kawhhran cu tlen mi, mipahun zakip ih si kawh mi, Thlarau Thianghlim ih cencilh mi umkhawm a si. Dikhon si ding cekfelnak cipciar a um lonak s̄an pakhat cu locah church kip hnenah Pathian thutak kha mai nunphung milih lakluh theinak, hman theinak zalennak a pe (ruat hnik 1Kor 9:19-23). Pathian in local church kha nunphung kip thawi milih cangvai ding le ziangvek dinhmun khalih cangvai thei dingin a ruahman a si, tiduhdahnak lak khalah.

Thukham Thar ih dan le dun cipciar a um lo khal hi zalennak sunglawi kan hman ding mi l̄angnak khal a si (Gal

5:1, 13). Zumtu cu Thlarau ih thiltitheinak huham pek mi le hruai mi kan si. Cutin a kamsuakthu hruang sungah Pathian Thlarau Thianghlim parah thumawin, amai bawmnak hawlnak ah amah kan rinsan thei. Thlarau ih hruai mi kawhhran cu tlacawp, zircawp tharhlam thuthangtha simsuahnak, Pathian biaknak, awnmawi hmandan, discipleship le duhdawtnak langternak tivek ah a lang theu. Asinan kawhhran tampi cu an tidan kel khi thleng an duh lo.

Pathian dan, Bible dan hi cu nunphung thawn a milawk lo ruangah nunphung thawn milaw dingin tiih thleng ding a si hrimhrim lo. Cutiit kan mai duhdan men ih thleng cu Pathian zuarthlai le kan nunphung zuarthlai a si. Khristian nundan hi local church danglamnak tla a si. Bible dan le phuansuah mi nundan hlawn le thleng cu kan Khristian danglamnak hloh le kan Bawipa Jesu Khrih lungawiterlonak a si.

1Timothy 3:10 in dikhon ih hril ding mi cekfeldan cipciar a tarlang lo ruangah kawhhran dangdang in tidan, cekfeldan dangdang an hman/tuah cio ding. Asinan Bible ih a ngen mi tahfungpawl cu: (1) dikhon si ding cun Bible ih a tarlang mi tlinnak hmuahhmuah a tling ding a si; (2) dikhon ih hril ding mi cu Bible ih tlinnak a tarlang mipawl khan tah le cekfek ding a si; (3) hmanhmawh zet le fimkhur lo zetin dikhon hril hrimhrim lo ding (1Timothy 5:22). Cekfeldan ding cipciar cu mah le local church tidandan va si ko hman sehla, a tahfung le tidan tlangpi cu a bangaw cio ding, Bible vekih tahnak a si ding a si. Dikhon cekfeldan tha run zoh vivo hnik uhsi.

Hotupawl (overseers) in Kaihruai Hai Seh

(Overseer Should Direct the Process)

1Timothy 3:1 le Tita 1:5 vekin local church in hotupawl (overseers) nemhnget hai seh. Hotupawl in kawhhran fehdan an ho ding a si. 1Timothy 5:17 ah elder-pawl (overseers) kha kawhhran thu le hla kaihrui, cingfeltu an si ti kan hmu. Curuangah dikhon cekfelnak thu ah elder-pawl in an kaihrui ding ih mawi le tha ten an tuah ding a si. Culoasile rem thliptleplonak le kaihruiawkdan felfai lo cun kawhhran mipi nun a hriam thei, dikhon ih hril tum mi paih nun a hriam thei.

Dikhon hrilnak ah a tir ihsin tuukhāltu in tha te le uluk zetih a fehpi lo asile, kawhhran a feh vivo tikah daithlang zetih dikhon hrilawknak ah a rung cang ding. Tuukhāltu cun kawhhran hmai lam panternak ding thuneihsak, dinhmun le theihsak a nei a si. Cuihtlunah, local church in dikhon a tul hrih lai maw ti thutluknak tuah ding tuanho khal a nei ih, hril tik khalah Bible vekin cekfelnak tawrel ding tuanho khal a nei.

Kawhhran Mipi Tel Thluh Hai Seh

(The Congregation Must Actively Involved)

Dikhon si dingah a tling maw tling lo ti cekfelnak cu tuukhāltu in a kaihrui ding ti ruangah kawhhran mipi an tel lo ding tinak a si hrimhrim lo! Thukham Thar kawhhran elder-pawl (pastor-pawl) cun thupetu ralbawi vekin an um ding a si lo. Cuhnakin Pathian minungpawl khal duhdawt zetin an kaihrui ding a si sawn. An thu an ngaithla ding, an thurawnpeknak tla an ngaithla ding, zumtu dangpawlih fimnak tla an hawl ding a si. Tuukhāltupawl hin zirthiamnak nei kawhhran member, fimnak nei member an tul zet, member um menmen hin kawhhran a cakter lo. Hril

mi dikhonpawl in kawhhran mipi an rěn ding ruangah dikhon cekfelnak ah kawhhran mipi thatho le fimkhur zetih an tel thluh a thupi zet.

1Timothy 2:1-3:16 ih a taw le a lu (context) kan zoh tikah, kawhhran mipi hrang a si, tuukhāltupawl hrang lawng a si lo. Curuangah kawhhran member kip in hih Bible tlinnak tahfungpawl hi an theih a pawimawh zet, cutin dikhon hrilnak ah hi tahfungpawl hmangin cekfel le hril ding a si. Kawhhran member hrekkhat cun pastor-pawl hnak hmanin dikhon tlak a si maw si lo tiih cekfel mi paih thuhla an thei sawn, curuangah kawhhran mipi tel thluh hi a thupi tuk.

Dikhon ih hril tlak a si maw si lo tiih cekfel lai mi pa kha kawhhran mipi lam in an sawisel, a tling lo ti awau a um tikah tuukhāltupawl in khaih sawiselnak kha Bible vek a si maw tiin tha zetin an zawihliah ding a si. Bible vek a si lo ah cun khaih elnak kha ngaihsak lo men ding a si. Bulpak ngaihlonak men ruangih elnak cu cohlan ding a si lo. Dikhon ih hril dingah a tling lo an ti asile, Bible tahfung an neih a tul. Hi tahnak hi a lar zawngih tahnak si loin, Bible tleunak hnuaiiah ziaza cekfelnak tahnak a si. Dikhon dingah a tling maw tling lo ti cekfelnak ah kawhhran sungih member mi pakhat te in Bible vekin a tlinlonak a thailāng thei asile, member dang hmuahhmuah in tling ti khal hai sehla, a tling lo tiih cohlan ding a si, ziangah tile Pathian ih tahfung lawng in Pathian inn cu uk seh, mi tam sawn in an lungkim a si si ti men ding a si lo.

1Timothy 3:10 vekin dikhon si dingah, “sawihnāwm ding um lo” ti kha a tling lo titu an um lo tinak a si. Tawng dang ih kan sim asile, dikhon si dingah a tling maw tling lo tiin Bible tleunak hnuaiih cekfel mi kha (1Timothy 3:8-12) a tlinlonak hmuh a si lo tinak a si.

“Sawihnāwm ding um lo” ti mi hi mifamkim tinak a si hrimhrim lo. Mi kip in tlinlonak te kan nei cio.

“Sawihnăwm ding um lo” ti mi cu dikhon dingah a tling maw tling lo ti tah tiki a tlin thu a si. Dikhon si dingah cun mizahum, leiphir nei lo, sabitzu phâm lo le paisa duham lo, sia le tha theihnak thiing ih zumnak thuthup kaihngettu, pasal rinum le pa rinum an si ding a si.

Dikhon dingah a Tling maw Tling lo ti Cekfel ding mipawl hnenih Thusuhnak le thusimnak
(Questioning and Instructing the Deacons Candidate)

Meeting neih can ah (asilole meeting neih can dang dang khalah) dikhon dingih hual mi cu tuukhăltupawl in asilole kawhhran member khalin a zumnak, a lunglut zawng, a pumpekawknak tivekpawl hi suh ding a si.

Elder-pawl in Mipi Hmaiah Dikhonpawl Nemhnghehnak le Hlănnak, T̄uanvo Peknak Nei Hai Seh
(Oversees Should Publicly Approve and Install Deacons)

Tuukhăltupawl in nemhnghehnak netabik an tuah hnuah, dikhon ih hril mipawl cu dikhon hna t̄uan ding in lakluhnak (hlănnak) cu mipi hmaih nei ding a si. Jerusalem kawhhran mipi in an hril mi pasarih pawl Apostolpawl hnenih an run hruainak in Apostolpawl ih remtinak an hawl ti a langter (Apo 6:6).

Dikhon Hrilnak le Nemhnghehnak cu Thlacamnak ih Tuam ding a Si
(The Procees Should Be Bathed in Prayer)

Netabikah, thil tidanpawl le thil cipciar hi thutluknak tuahnak thupi zet cu thlacamnak ih tuam ding a si. Thlarau fimnak hrang, Thlarau kaihrainak hrang, thutluknak dik tuahnak ding hrangah kawhhran mipi

thlacam hai seh. Pathian duhnak le lungmui zawng kha câk hai seh, anmai duhnak le lungmui zawng si loin.

Riahsiatumza zet a si mi cu, kawhhran tampi in dikhon le elder a tling maw tling lo ti cekfelnak hrangah can an pek lo tuk hi a si. Ka rualpa pakhat in, “Kan kawhhran ah cun kan pastor pa in Bawipaih ni zan khawm theh ah, kum khat vawi khat kawhhran member hmuahhmuah a kokhawm ih dikhon kan hril. Kawhhran mipi kan tokhawm hnuah, dikhon lakih chairman in dikhon ih hril nan duh mipawl an hmin run rel hnik uh a ti ih, cutin mipi lak ihsin an duh mi hmin an run rel ih, a sangsang ten a ngan vivo. Cupawl lak ihsin mi cu zat hril cio uhsi a ti ih, cutin dikhon kan hril. Cutin dikhon hril thar mipawl kha pastor pa cun thla a camsak hai ih, dikhon ùanvo pek an si. Dikhon hrilnak ah a zaten minit 30 hrawng kan rei. Bible vekih tlinnak cekfelnak a um lo, thlacam a um lo, dikhon dingah a tling maw tling lo ti cekfelnak ding can khal a um lo,” tiah i sim.

Hivek ruahnak um lo, zangzel thil ti, thlacamnak tel loih dikhon hrilnak cun kawhhran a cakloter. Dikhon tlinnak ùa zet le khaukhah zetih cekfelnak cu ùa zet le ruat zetin, thinsau zetin le Bible vekin tuah tengteng ding a si.

DIKHON HNA MIPI IH THEIHPINAK (Public Recognition of the Office of Deacon)

1Timothy 3:10 ih “hmaisak” ti ùawngfang in dikhon hrilnak ah a sangsang teih tuah ding mi a um ti in theihter. Kan Bible ah khan “Cupawl khal cu hniksak hmaisak si ta sawn hai sehla, sawihnăwm ding um lo dikhon dinhmun in rawngbawl hai seh,” tiin kan siar. Dikhon ih hual mipawl cu Pathian tahnak hmangih cekfel hmaisak ding an si (1Timothy 3:8-12). Dikhon si dingih hual mi cu

nemhngeh/pawm a si hnu lawngah mipi hmaiah dikhon dinhmun ih nemhngeh le lakluh ding a si. Cutiuh hril mi le nemhngeh mi cu Bible vekin a tlin nawn lo asilole, amah in ka cawl thlang ding a ti hlan sung cu dikhon tuan ding a si. Bible dan vek si loin dikhon kan hril ih kum 3 simaw, kum 4 simaw hnuah a dang kan hril lala, kawhhran mipi rian duh taktak Pathian Kamsuakthu Bible vekih tlinnak neipawl kha mumal lo ko kan tuah ih, dikhon taktak si nawn loin, kawmitte phun in dikhon kha kan fehter. Dikhon in can ziang maw zat, asilole kum ziang maw zat cawlh lawk a duh asile, thu dang a si, asinan cumi hrangih thutluknak cu bulpak ih tuah ding a si, Bible vek si lo thupek zawngih ti ding a si lo.

Local church ah Bible tahfung ih cekfel hmaisa ta lo ih dikhon tuantu cu dikhon taktak a si lo tinak a si. “Kawhhran na ren a si ah cun, dikhon na si mai sisi,” tiih an tawng ka thei theu. Cucu a dik hrimhrim lo. Kan zaten pakhat le pakhat rianaw ding kan si ti cu a dik ko. Asinan Thukham Thar ah *special* ih miriantu ding hrangah tlinnak le nemhngehnak a tul. Cucu kan tarlang mi Bible ah khan kan hmu.

Dikhonpawl an hna tuan dingih lakluhnak thu ah tidan ding cipciar Thukham Thar ah kan hmu lo. Cuvek thothoin Thukham Hlun khalah elder-pawl lakluh thu ah tuahdan ding cipciar kan hmu lo. A tuahdan, a tidan ding thu hi Bible ngantupawl in thupi ah an ruat lo a sibik ding.

Thukham Hlun puithiam nemhngehnak ah cun tidan ding, tuahdan ding cipciar kan hmu. Thawinak hleicepawl hlannak neih a si ding, taksa khawlhfainak, hnipuan hleice, ni cu ti zat cumi khami tuah ding, tuah lo ding tivek, hriak thih ding ti vek (Suah 28:40-29:41) a um. Zohman in khaih Pathian dan kha fate takte khal siatsuah le buar theih a si lo.

Asinan Thukham Thar tuukhaltupawl le dikhonpawl cu Aaron le a fapapawl vekih hriak thih puithiam an si lo

(Pui 8:12). Tuukhaltupawl le dikhonpawl cu puithiam hna hleice ÷uan dingih nemhnggeh mi khal an si fawn lo. Cuhnakin Pathian minungpawl lakah rawngbawlnak asilole hotu sinak dinhmun an la a si sawn. Bible ngantupawl ih ngan mi hnakih sang deuh le pipa deuh ih rel uar le rel mawi ding kan si lo. Thlarau Thianghlim kaihhrainak in Thukham Thar ngantupawl ih an hman mi ÷awngkam hi a tawk a si.

Apo 6 ih mi pasarih pawl kha mifarah bawmnak hna tawlrel dingih nemhnggeh an si, a thianghlim mi puithiam hna simaw, mipi hnakih cungnung deuh dinhmun simaw a si hrimhrim lo. Curuangah Apo 6 hin dikhonpawl kan lakluh/nemhnggeh tikah kaihhrainak le fimnak in pe a si. Apostolpawl – kawhhran hotupawl- in official le mipi hmuh ah pasarih pawl cu thlacamsaknak le kut suan in an dinhmun thar ah an lalut a si (Apo 6:3,6).

Cucu hril mipawl asilole hna hleice ÷uan dingih thupek mi an nemhnggeh dan a si (Apo 6:6; 13:3; 1 Timothy 4:14; 5:22). Hiti ih an tuah cu kawhhran mipi hrangah le ÷uanvo pek mipawl hrangah thil thupi a si. Kawhhran cu pawlkawm thup a si lo. Elder-pawl lakluh le dikhonpawl lakluh hi mipi hmaiah thupi zetih tuah ding a si. Kawhhran mipi kha an hruaitu zo an si, anmah riantu zo an si ti theihter hi a thupi zet ih, hruaitupawl khalin kawhhran mipi ih thlacamsaknak le nemhnggeh nak an ÷ul fawn.

Bung - 10

An Pasal Dikhonpawl Bawmtu Nupipawl Hrangih Tlinnakpawl (Qualifications for Wives Who Assist Their Deacon Husbands)

“Cutivek thothoin, an nupipawl khal fimkhurthiam,
mirelsiathmang lo, supaw thei, thil ziangkimih rinsantlak
an si ding a si.” 1Timothy 3:11

Kan tarläng zo vekin Paul in 1Timothy 3:8, 9 ah
dikhonpawl hrang ziaza tlinnak panga a tarlang:

- mizahum,
- leiphir nei lo,
- sabitzu phâm lo
- paisa duham lo
- sia le ða theihnak thiang ih zumnak thuthup
kaihngettu an si ding a si.

Hih tlinnakpawl a tarläng hnuah, Paul in dikhon
dingih hual mipawl kha dikhon ih hril an si hlanah mipi
hmaiah cekfel le nemhngget dingin a ngen hai. “Cupawl khal
cu hniksak hmaisak si ta sawn hai sehla, sawihnăwm ding
um lo dikhon dinhmun in rawngbawl hai seh,” (1Timothy
3:10).

Cang 11 ih “Cutivek thothoin” tiin Paul in
dikhonpawl thawi nai zetih um le ðuan pawl group dang a
run tarlang. Cupawlih ziaza lam tlinnak pali Paul in a
tarlang, hipawl khalin kawhhran an rian ve thotho. Cupawl
cu:

-fimkhurthiam,
-mirelsiathmang lo,
-supaw thei,
-thil ziangkimih rinsantlak an si ding a si.

Netabikah, cang 12 ah Paul in dikhonpawlih bulpak ziaza tlinnak a run tharthawhsal: “Dikhonpawl cu nupi pakhat nei, anmai innsang le an fate ðatei uk theitu si hai seh,” tiah a ti.

Kan sim zo mi fiang zetih kan hmuh theinak dingah 1Timothy 3:8-13 hi ðen li ah kan ðen hnik pei.

“Cuvek thothoin, dikhonpawl [mipa] khal mizahum, leiphir nei lo, sabitzu phâm lo le paisa duham lo, sia le ða theihnak thiang ih zumnak thuthup kaihngettu an si ding a si.” (1Timothy 3:8,9)

“Cupawl khal cu hniksak hmaisak si ta sawn hai sehla, sawihnăwm ding um lo dikhon dinhmun in rawngbawl hai seh.” (1Timothy 3:10)

“Cutivek thothoin, an nupipawl [Gynaikas nunaupawl/nupipawl] khal fimkhurthiam, mirelsiathmang lo, supaw thei, thil ziangkimih rinsantlak an si ding a si.” (1Timothy 3:11)

“Dikhonpawl cu nupi pakhat nei, anmai innsang le an fate ðatei uk theitu si hai seh.” (1Timothy 3:12)

Group thar *gynaikas* [nunaupawl/nupipawl] tiih kawh mipawl hi zo an si? Greek ðawngfang *gyne* (goo-NAY tiih awsuah) hi pitling nunau asilole nupi relnak ih hman mi ðawngfang a si. Cuih ðawngfang cu a *context* (a

thu taw a thu lu) zohin ‘nunau’ tiin simaw, ‘nupi’ tiin simaw leh a si theu. Curuanga *gynaikas* ti cu:

- (1) nunau dikhon an si thei
- (2) dikhonpawl bawmtu nunau khal an si thei
- (3) anmah bawmtu dikhonpawlih nupi khal an si thei

A tlunih thil si thei mi ciar hin thubuai an nei theh, a hnuai lamah kan run simfiang vivo tum ding.

Greek ἡ γυναῖκα *Gynaikas* (nunaupawl/nupipawl) ti miih Sullam

(The Meaning of the Word *Gynaikas* (Women/Wives))

1 Timothy 2:9 ih a rel mi vekin Paul in hitawk ah a tlangpi thu ih Khristian nunaupawl ti men in a rel lo. Dikhonpawlih ziaza tlinnakpawl a rel laifang ah le kawhhran hnaṭuantu thu a rel laifang ah a tlangpithu ih nunau thu menmen cu a ther hrimhrim lo ding ti a fiang. Hitawk ih nunaupawl hi Khristian nunau ve menmen an si lo ruanga, Paul in ṭawngfang danglam deuh hlek a hmang ding a bang nân, Paul hin *gynaikas* a ti tikah zo nunaupawl bik a sawhkhah si pei? Elawknak le ngaihda dangdang a suak thei zet.

Cang 11 Umnak (The Placement of Verse 11)

Mipa dikhonpawlih thuhla rel laifang ih cang 11 a run ther hi cu a remcang lo zet cu a si. Ziangah so Paul in mipa dikhonpawlih tlinnak ziaza a rel laifang a karlahah nunau tlinnak pali a tarlang si pei? Mipa dikhonpawl thuhla a rel hnu asilole hlanah hih nunaupawlih thuhla hi a hranten rel sehla a awm sawn lo maw?

Nunau Rawngbawltu Thuhla
(The Issue of Women Officers)

Local church ih nunau covo Paul ih a zirhnak (1Timothy 2:9-15) cu elder-pawl le dikhonpawlih thuhla a zirhnak thawn a pehtlaiaw.

“Cutivek thothoin, nunaupawl khalin a mawi tawk mi hnipuan le lungput tha thawn thuam aw hai sehla, sámphiar simaw, sui simaw, keplung simaw, a mankhung mi hnipuan thawn simaw thuam aw loin, nunaupawl cu hnaṭuan tha thawn thuam aw sawn hai sehla ka duh. Cucu Pathian ngaihsak tiaw nunaupawl ih ti ding mawi a si. Nunau cun tlukluhnak hmuahhmuah thawn daiteih um in, zir seh. Cule nunau ih thuzirh ding simaw, mipa tlunih thu a neih ding simaw cu ka siang lo, daiten um sawn seh. Ziangahtile Adam cu sersiam hmaisai a si ih, cuihnu ah Evi cu siam a si. Cule Adam cu bumin a um lo, asinan nunau cu bumin a um ih, danpahbältu ah a cang.” (1Timothy 2:9-10, 12-14)

1Timothy 2:9-15 le 3:1-13 hi pakhat le pakhat pehtlaiawknak nei lo, kalhaw le thu dang pi si ding hrimhrim a si lo. Thenaw thei lo ih kăwpaw mi thu a si. Curuangah 1Timothy 2:9-15 hi 1Timothy 3:11 thawn pehtlaihawknak an nei.

**Cang 11 ih ‘cuvek thothoin’ ti mi khan a dang
kawhhran rawngbawlnak a sawhkhiih maw?**
(Whether the Adverb “Likewise” in verse 11 indicates
Another Church Office)

Cang 11 ih “Cuvek thothoin” ti mi in Paul in group dang: *gynaikas* – nunaupawl/nupipawl theihternak a tuah ti a fiang. Himi group thar pawl hi mi dang an si ko nân, himi hlante ih tarläng mi mipa dikhonpawl thawih khaikhin an si. Bible hrilhfiahtu mi hrekkhat in “cuvek thothoin” ti mi hin himi hlante ih a rel mi vek kawhhran hnaṭuantu dang a sawhkhiih rori a ṭul a si tiah an ti.

Cutivekih hrilhfiahnak cu lungthin ah ret phahin 1Timothy 3:11 hrilfiahdan phun thum um thei mi kan zoh hnik pei.

NUNAU DIKHONPAWL (Women who are Deacons)

Bible siartu le zingzawitu mi tampi in *gynaikas* hi nunau dikhon an si tiah an zum. Hitawk ih nunaupawl ti mi hi nunau dikhon an si tiih an zumnak a sän hnget zet cu: hitawk ih thu taw thu lu (context) zoh tikah kawhhran hnaṭuantu thuhla a sim laifang a si ih, “cuvek thothoin” ti mi hi cang 8-nak dikhon thawi artlang ih feh a si ruangah, nunau dikhon a relnak a si tiah an ti. Asinan hih zumdan ih thubuai um mi cu Paul in nunau dikhon a relnak a si ah cun ziangah *gynaikas* ṭawngkam a hmang? ti hi a si.

**Ziangah saw *tas Diakonous* hmang lo ih, *Gynaikas* a
hman**

(Why *Gynaikas* and not *tas Diakonous*)

Nunau dikhon a relnak a si ti zumdan pawmtu Scottish theologian le Bible hrilhfiah thiam Patrick

Fairbairn (1805-1875) in hihi cu simfiang harsa a si a ti. Fairbairn in Pastoral Epistles hrilhfiah a ngan mi sungah, “Thil danglam cu a si hrimhrim ko, nunau menmen relnak Greek ἑταίρους *gynaikas* a hmang ih, nunau dikhon *tas diakonous* ti a hman lo hi,” tiah a ti.

Thukham Thar an ngan lai san ah Koine Greek hman a si ih, nunau dikhon hrangah ἑταίρους dang hleice a um lo. Greek ἑταίρους nunau dikhon hrangih Greek ἑταίρους *diakonissa* (deaconess) a lāngnak hmaisabik cu the First Council of Nicaea (AD 325) ah a si. Asinan Greek ἑταίρους noun diakonos kha mipa relnak ah hman si khal sehla unau relnak khalah hman a si thei thotho. Curuangah mipa relnak Greek ἑταίρους kha nunau relnak khalah hman a theih thotho tinak a si. Nunau dikhon relnak *diakone* ti Greek ἑταίρους rori hi a um lo.

Hih thu simfiangnak le tahṭhimnak ah Rom 16:1 hi zoh hnik sehla: Paul in nunau hmin Phoebe kha *diakonos* (nunau dikhon) vekin a rel. Paul in, “Kenkeria khua kawhhran siahlawh (diakonon), kan farnu Fibi hi nan hnenah lo theiṭter ka duh,” tiah a ti. Elnak um thei mi cu: Bible hrilhfiah ngantu tampi in Phoebe hi kawhhran nunau dikhon a si an ti, cutiasile Paul in Phoebe kha nunau dikhon *diakonos* tiin ṭhukṭhunnak um riai loin a ko ding. Phoebe hi nunau dikhon a si maw si lo ti hi a fiang lo. Sullam phunphun nei thei a si. Rom 16:1 ih *diakonos* ti mi hin kawhhran sungih nunau dikhon a relnak maw, siahlawh nunau kawhhran riantu a relnak menmen ti a fiang fukfi lo. Curuangah nunaupawl kha Efesa kawhhran dikhonpawl lakah tel si hai sehla, cupawl cu dikhon, *diakonoi* tiih kawh ve an si ding.

Thusuhnak um mi cu, Paul in cang 11 ah khan nunau dikhon a rel si hnik sehla, ziangah so nunau dikhon relnak Greek ἑταίρους *tas diakonous* hmang loin, a

tlangpi thu ih nunau/nupi relnak Greek ἄνωγfang *gynaikas* a hman?

Himi hlante ih kawhhran rawngbawltu relnak ah Paul in rawngbawltu kawhna hmin elder (cang 2) le ‘dikhon’ (cang 8, 12) a hmang. Cuihleiah, *diakonos* cu nunau khal si thei, mipa khal si thei a si ruangah, 1 Timothy 3:8 ih *diakono*i hin mipa dikhon le nunau dikhon kan huapter lo ding maw? Cuti asile, Paul in cang 11 hi a bet a ṭul nawn lo ding, ziangatile cang 8,9 ih rel cia mi a rel lala ah a cang ding. Hih thubuai hi nai deuh in kan zoh hnik pei.

Ṭhimnakah, “rawngbawl” asilole “pastor” tin kan ṭawng ṭheu. Tuihni ah rawngbawltu ti le pastor ti hin nunau khal a si thei, mipa khal a si thei. Kawhna dang kan nei cuang lo, English khal *misteress* tiin le *pastoress* an ti cuang lo. Rawngbawltu (minister) tin le pastor tin kawh si mai. *Nurse* khal cuvek thothe a si, mipa khal nunau khal *nurse* tin kawh veve an si, kawhna danglam deuh a um lo. Greek ἄνωγfang *diakonos* khal cuvek a si.

Dikhonpawlih ziaza tlinnak panga a tarläng hnuah, mipa dikhon le nunau dikhon a huap thei, ziangah Paul in cang 11 ah khaih tlinnak thothe kha nunau dikhon hrangah a betsal si pei? Nurse zaten College kum 4 an kai ding, cule mipa nurse pawl cu College kum 4 an kai ding tibetsal sehla, mipa nurse kha kawhna hmin dang deuh in, tivek a si. Kum 4 College kai a ṭul ti cu nurse hmuahhmuah relnak a si, mipa nurse khal nunau nurse khal.

Paul in cang 11-nak ah nunau dikhon vial a sawhkhinnak a si ah cun, nunau dikhonpawl hrangah tlinnak dang hleice a rel kan beisei thei ding. Cutivekin a ti lo. Cuhnakin Paul in, Bible hrilhfiahtu hmuahhmuah deuh thaw an lung a rual, cang 8,9 ih a tarläng mi tlinnak kha cang 11 ah a tarlang thothe. Curuangah *gynaikas* ti ṭawngfang in nunau dikhon a relnak a si kan ti asile san thei lo mi thusuhna a um hnuaihni.

Cang 11 umnak (The Placement of Verse 11)

Nunau dikhon a relnak a si ti zumnak ih thubuai pahnihnak um thei mi cu, mipa dikhon ziaza tlinnak a rel laifangah cang 11 hi a ther. Cang 11 hin nunau dikhon a relnak a si ah cun a umnak hi a rem lo tuk, a thu taw le lu (context) thaw khal hin a pehparaw lo lawlaw, cang 12 theh hnuah ret si sehla a rem sawn ding. Cang 12 nak ah Paul in dikhon tawngkam a run hmangsal ih, casiartupawl hnenah dikhon tlinnak a rel mi a tharthawhsal. Cang 12 ih dikhon tawngkam a hmanna hin cang 11 in nunau dikhon si loin, group dang a relnak a si ti a fiangter.

Hi thusuhnakpawl hi thubuai um thei zet mi si khal sehla, Paul ih cangandan style hin simfiang a theih. Thu pakhat a fehpi rero laifangah thu dang pi ther, rel duak ti vek hi Paul in a hmang (1Timothy 5:23). Curuanghai cang 11 nak ih *gynaikas* hi nunau dikhon a simnak a si ti zumnak hi cu pawm hahdam theih a si lo.

Nunau Rawngbawltu

(The Presence of Women Officer)

Netabikah, nunau dikhon zumtupawl in Paul in nunau in local church ah mipa tlunih thuneihnak neih ding a kham thu thawn ziangtin an remawter pei? Thukham Thar zirhdan kan zoh tikah, elder-pawl thawn tquantlangin dikhonpawl in local church ah thuneihnak ziangmaw cin cu an nei ve ti kan hmu. Khristian mipa hmuahhmuah le nunau hmuahhmuah ih tuah ding mi thilpawl ah cun, dikhonpawl in anmah ten, an bulpak ten mi an bawm ding a si lo. Dikhonpawl in kawhhran pumpi ih rawngbawlnak tthangso ding an kaihruai. Kawhhran pumpi hlawknak ding thutlunak an tuah. Dikhonpawl cu kawhhran ih zangfah rawngbawlhna kilkhawitu le kaihruaitu an si.

Elder le dikhon cun kawhhran pumpi tlunah thuneihnak an hman a tul ih, cuvek thuneihnak hmang thei ding cun mipa an si tengteng a tul thu Thukham Thar in in zirh. Nunau khal dikhon an si thei ti zumnak cu himi 1Timothy ih a taw a lu (context) thawn a milaw lo lawlaw; 1Timothy 2:12 ah Paul in, “Cule nunau ih thuzirh ding simaw, mipa tlunih thu a neih ding simaw cu ka siang lo, daiten um sawn seh,” a ti. Local church ah nunau in mipa tlunih thuneih Paul in a sian lo thu (1Timothy 2:12) hin 1Timothy 3:11 in nunau dikhon a rel a si ti zumnak cu rinhlelh ding a um lawlaw.

A sannak um thei mi umsun pakhat cu nunau dikhonpawl in nunau lawng an rian ih, mipa dikhonpawl in mipa lawng an rian ti hi a si. Asinan cumi ruahnak khal cu Apo 6 a kalh thotho. Apo 6 ah mi pasarih pawl kha kawhhran nuhmei farah cawmdawltu ding le kilkhawitu dingih nemhngeh an si. Hitawk ih kan hmuh mi pitling mipapawl kha nunaupawl kilkhawitu le cawmdawltu ah an tling ko lo maw?

Pathian khawkhan le ruahmannak hrimhrim ah hin mipa cu nunau kilhim ding, hruai ding le cawmdawl ding a si, asinan mipa hi an cungnung sawn, uktu ding an si, nunau an tenausawn ti lam a si dah lo. Mipa cu pumpeaw le duhdawtnak thawi nunau kaihhruai ding tuanvo a nei, Khrih in kawhhran a duhdawt vekin, Efe 5:22-33.

Apostolpawlih san ah kawhhran ah mipa dikhon an um. A taktak ah cun atu ih kan buai pi mi Bible bung le cangpawl khalah hin dikhon tiih kawh mipawl cu mipa an si. 1Timothy 3:11 ih dikhon tiih a ti mi khal a thu taw le lu (context) kan zoh tikah [1Timothy 3: 8-10] mipa an si ti a fiang tuk. Paul in cang 11 le 12 ah nunau ti a tawngsuak, cule dikhon ti tawngkam a vawi hnihnak ah a tawngsuak, cucu mipa a simnak a si lala. Paul in ‘dikhonpawl cu nupi pakhat nei’ le ‘anmai innsang le an fate thatei uk theitu si

hai seh' tiah a ti. 1Timothy 3:8-12 ih wawi hnih dikhon a lāngnak ah mipa lawng a simnak a si.

Nunau dikhon thu kan rel tikah Thukham Thar san khui tawk hmanah nunau dikhon a um thu kan hmu lo lawlaw. Kum zabi pathumnak hrawngah kawhhran kutkaih cabu “Didascalia Apostorum” (Apostolpawlih Zirhnak ti mi AD 230 hrawng) ti mi ah Rom umnak ram nisuahnaklam kawhhranpawl in nunau dikhon an neih thu a lang hmaisabik. The Ministry of Women in the Early Church ti mi cabu ngantu French Roman Catholic scholar Roger Gryson in, “Nunau dikhon thawknak hi cu phenthlam le thim lakih thuh a si ih, ziangtikin a thawk ti theih fukfi ding cu a har zet,” tiah a ti.

Cuihtlunah nunau dikhon hmanna hmun hmanah mipa dikhon thawi dinhmun bangrep ih ruah an si dah lo. Roman Catholic church thuanthu thiam zet Aiem George Martimort in nunau dikhon thu ah, “Nunau dikhon hman a si lai khalah mipa dikhon le nunau dikhon bangawklonak cu a um ringring,” tiah a ti.

Curuangah 1Timothy 3:11 in nunau dikhon a sawhkhiah titupawl cun an *doctrine* hi a fiang lo mi parah an thumaw a si. Himi Bible cang 1Timothy 3:11 in nunau dikhon a simnak a si kan ti a si ah cun, san theih lo mi thusuhnak a tam tuk. A hnuai lamih zumdan pahnih ruangah hi zumnak hi cu zumdan pathum lakih santlai lo bik a si.

DIKHONPAWL BAWMTU NUNAUPAWL (Women Who Assist Deacons)

1Timothy 3:11 hrilhfhahdan dang pakhat cu Paul in “Dikhonpawl bawmtu nunaupawl” a relnak a si ti hi a si. Hih zumdan pawmtu Bible hrilhfhah thiam zet William Hendriksen in, “Hih nunaupawl hi mifarah le mitlasam

băwmnak ih dikhonpawl bawmtu nunaupawl an si,” tiah a ngan. Himi zumdan cun cang 11 ih mi bur dang pawl hi Paul in *gynaikas* (nunaupawl) tiah a ko hai, ziangruangahtile sinak dinhmun kawhnak dang an nei lo. Cupawl cu dikhon tiih kawh ding sinak an nei ve lo. Asinan hih zumdan a tlin ve lonak cu Paul in 1Timothy 2:12 ah mipa tlunih nunau thuneihnak neih ding a sianlonak hi a si.

Hih nunaupawl hi dikhon an si lo. Asinan hih nunaupawl hi nai zetin dikhonpawl thuhla rel tikah anmah thawn kăwpih rel cih thei dingin an naiaw zet ti cu a fiang. Hih nunaupawl hin cangvaihnak an neih lo asile an hrangah tlinnak ngen hran a ʔul lo. Hih nunaupawl ih tuah mi cu dikhonpawl ih tuah mi thawn a kăwpaw. Dikhonpawl in nuhmei le nunau tlasam dang băwmnak ah nunaupawlih băwmnak an ʔul ti cu awlten kan thei thei. Curuangah hih nunaupawl khal hi dikhonpawl kiangte in anmah bawmtu vekin an ʔuan ve a si tiah zumnak kan nei thei.

Asinan hih zumdan eltupawl in hih nunaupawl hi dikhon an si ve, ziangahatile “cuvek thothoin” ti mi in hnaʔuantu elder-pawl le dikhonpawl vekih rawngbawltu mi bur dang a rel thawknak a si tiah an ti. “Cuvek thothoin” ti mi te in mi bur dang a rel ih himi hlante ih a rel mi thawn a khaikhin fawn. Cumi ruangah khaih nunaupawl kha dikhon an si ti theinak cu a um cuang maw si? “Cuvek thothoin” ti mi kha cun a dang mi bur a sawhkhiih ih dikhonpawl bawmtu nunaupawl khal an si thei asilole an pasal dikhonpawl bawmtu nunaupawl khal an si thei thotho. A taktak ah cun “cuvek thothoin” ti mi cun zumdan pathum zate hrangah lâk a ngah ʔeh.

Curuangah “dikhonpawl bawmtu nunaupawl” ti zumdan khal hi thil cang thei a si. Asinan elder-pawl le dikhonpawl cu fiangfai zetin an dinhmun, an sinak hi nganlăng fukfi a si ih, “bawmtu nunaupawl” ti tarlang riai

loih *gynaikas* ti tawngkam hi ziangah so a hman? Himi thusuhnak hi san harsa zet a si.

AN PASAL DIKHONPAWL BAWMTU NUPIPAWL
(Wives who assist their Deacon Husbands)

A pathumnak hrilhfiahnak cun 1Timothy 3:11 ih *gynaikas* hin dikhonpawlih nupi a sawhkhah ti a simfiang. *Gynaikas* ti Greek tawngfang hi nupipawl le nunaupawl ti relnak tawngfang a si. Paul in *gynaikas* tawngfang a hman mi hin nupipawl a sawhkhahnak asile, thil umze nei zet le milaw zet a si. Hmakhatteah nupipawl thu a rel a si ti kan thei thei lohli.

Hih hrilhfiahdan hi kawhhran rawngbawltu mi bur phun hnih himi hlante Bible cang ih a sim mi mi bur elder-pawl le dikhonpawl thawn a milaw zet. 1Timothy 3:2 ah “elder-pawl” ti a hmang. Cang 8 le 12 ah “dikhonpawl” ti a hmang lala. Cang 11 ah mi bur khat kha “nupipawl” tiah a ti. Hih Bible cang pathum pawl ah Paul in fiang zetin elder-pawl, dikhonpawl le nupipawl tiin fiang zetin a rel.

A um lo mi *Pronoun*
(The Missing Pronoun)

Hi hrilhfiahdan khal hin sawiselnak a tawng thotho. Paul in cang 11-nak kha dikhonpawlih nupi a simnak a si ah cun, ziangah saw *pronoun* “an” (auton) asilole *definite article* (tas) kha “nunaupawl” ti mi hmai te ah a telh lo? An nunaupawl tiin ngan sehla cu dikhonpawlih nupipawl an si ti rinhlelh ding um riai loin kan thei ding nân!

“An” ti mi (an nunaupawl) ti mi te a um lo nân, hrilhfiah theih a si thotho. A pakhatnak ah, himi Bible cang 11 ih *gynaikas* ti tawngfang ih a tlun thu le a hnuai (context) kan zoh asile cang 8-12 in mipa dikhon thu a rel.

Cumi a rel laifangah a lai lakih *gynaikas* ti ʔawngfang a ther tikah, dikhonpawlih nupipawl a simnak a si ti theih theih thocho a si. Efesa kawhhran ah nunau dikhon le dikhon bawmtu nunau an um lo asile, 1Timothy siartu hmaisabikpawl khan *gynaikas* ʔawngfang khan dikhon nupipawl a simnak a si ti an thei mai ding. *Pronoun* “an” ti mi te cu um sehla a fiang sinsin ding nân, cumi um lo khalin Paul cakuat siartu hmaisabikpawl hrangah a ʔul hran cuang lo, culawng hman si loin, *grammar* fehdaan khalah a ʔul tengteng mi a si cuang lo.

Cuihtlunah, *gynaikas* ti hmaiih *pronoun* “an” ti um lo thu hi hiti zawng khalin a hrilhfiah theih. Cang 11 in cang 8 thu artlang ih feh lai kha a thlun. Greek Bible na zoh asile cang 11 hi cang 8 thawi artlang ih feh a si. Greek Bible ah cun hitin a umdan a si:

Cang 8: *diakonous hosautos semnous*
“Cuvek thochoin Dikhonpawl khal mizahum”

Cang 11: *gynaikas hosautos semnas*
“Cuvek thochoin nupipawl khal mizahum”

A tang lai mi cang 11 khal kha cang 8,9 thawn artlangin a feh: “mirelsiathmang lo” ti kha cang 8 ih “leiphir nei lo” ti thawn artlang in a feh, “supaw thei” ti kha “sabitzu phâm lo” ti thawn artlang in an feh; cun “thil ziangkimih rinsantlak” ti kha “sia le ʔha theihnak thiang ih zumnak thuthup kaihngettu” cang 9 thawn artlangin an feh. Kan tarläng zo vekin cang 11 hi tlinnak cang 8 le 9 ih tarläng mipawl thawn artlangin an feh ih an pehtlaiaw. Paul ih cangandan style zoh tikah, *pronoun* “an” ti telh tengteng a ʔul lo. Netabikah, *pronoun* “an” ti um lo thu hrilhfiah hnakin, ziangah Paul in *tas diakonous* (bawmtu nunaupawl)

ti hmang loin “nunaupawl” ti a hmang ti hrilhfihi hi a awl sawn.

RUAHNAK LUANDAN (Flow of Thought)

A tlukaw mi tlinnakpawl cang 8,9 ih tarläng mi cang 11 ih a nawlhsalnak hi nunaupawl ti kha dikhon nupian si ti hrilhfiahnak thawn a milaw zet. Paul in nunau dikhonpawl asilole dikhonpawl bawmtu nunaupawl a simnak si sehla, tlinnak dang deuh a bet a zumum, ðhimnakah “pasal pakhat nei” asilole “thulung mi fate nei nupinu” tivek phun (1 Timothy 5:9,10 zoh aw). Paul in zianghman bet mi a nei lo. Hitawk ih nunaupawl ti mi kha dikhon nupipawl an si ah cun bet a ðul hran lo. An pasalpawl vek an si ding a si (cang 8,9). Cang 12 ah an innsungsang nundan ding a tlangpi thu cu a lang , cumi khal an pasal dikhonpawl thu a relnak hruang sungah a tel totho.

Atu ih kan tarläng mi hrilhfiahdan hi cang 8 ihsin cang 13 tiang a fehdan a rem zet, a dik zet. Paul in cang 8 le cang 9 ah mipa dikhonpawlih ziaza tlinnak panga a tarlang ih, cang 12 ah dikhonpawlih innsungsang lamih tlinnak a bet. Cang 10 le 11 in bulpak ziaza tlinnak lam an tarlang ih, dikhon tlinnak totho an tarlang: cupawl khal cu hniksak hmaisak si ta sawn hai seh ti a si (Cang 2 – 7 ih hotupawl vekin) ih, an nupipawl khal nun lamah an tling ding a si (cang 8 le 9 ih an pasal dikhonpawl vek tothoin).

Cang 10 vekin dikhonpawl cu hotupawl (overseers)/ elder-pawl vek tothoin rawng an bawl hlanah hniksak hmaisak ta ding an si. Hniksak hmaisak ta ding an si thu le “sawihnăwm ding um lo” an si ding a ðulnak in dikhonpawl naihbiktu (dikhon rawngbawlnak ih covo neitu ah an cang ve ih), an nupipawl tlinnak ðul mi khal a tarlang cih. Hih

nupipawl khal an pasal dikhonpawl vek thothoin nun lam tlinnak an neih ve a tul. Cutin dikhon si dingah a tling maw tling lo ti tahnak ah an nupipawlih tlinnak khal a tel a si.

Cang 11 kha cang 8-10 le 12 vekin a dang dikhon hrangih tlinnak tarläng a si: an nupipawl khal sawihnäwm ding um lo si hai seh. Knox Theological Seminary ih New Testament Professor le 1Timothy Commentary ngantu hminthang Dr. George W. Knight, III in hih thu hi hmintsintlak zetin hitin a ngan:

“Cang 11 ih nupipawl kha dikhonpawl an si ah cun, hih cang 11 hi dikhon si dingih tlinnak dang hrangah a dik zet, a remaw zet; an nupi ih bāwmnak an tulzia a lang. An nupipawlih tlinnak cu dikhon rawng an bawlnak ih thil tul zet le tel mi an si. Dikhon nupipawlih tlinnak a tarläng hnua, Paul in nupi lak le fate lakih dikhon rinumnak thu a rel (cang 12). ”

Thutlangkawmnak (Conclusion)

1Timothy 3:11 ih *gynaikas* hi dikhon nupipawl an si ti kan pawm asile, mipa dikhon tlinnak a rel laiah thu dang pi in a run tibuai ti cu a si nawn lo, a rem tuk sawn lam. Tlinnak dang in a run bet sawn tinak a si.

English Bible Version ziangmaw zat in dikhon nupi ti hi an zum ti a fiang: *King James Version, New International Version, The New English Bible, The New Translation, The New Testament in Modern English, The Living Bible, Good News Bible (Today's English Version) le the Moffat New Testament* pawl in an nupi tiah an let.

English Version dang *New American Standard Bible* tivek in *gynaikas* kha ‘nunaupawl’ tiin an let, asinan cutiuh leh mai hi cu a tling lo ngaingai, ziangah tile

‘nunaupawl’ ti cun a tlangpi thu ih nunau hmuahhmuah a sawhkhieh thei. Curuangah *gynaikas* ti mi Greek tawngfang nunaupawl tiih leh cu mi a hruaisual thei. Greek tawngfang *gynaikas* kha “nunaupawl” tiih kan leh asile, theihusualnak um lo dingin hrilhfiah deuh asilole bet deuh ih Bible leh a t̄ul ding. Asinan Paul in *gynaikas* kha nupipawl a sawhkhieh a si ah cun, zianghman bet le hrilhfiah hran a t̄ul lo, *English Bible Version* tampi in *gynaikas* kha nupipawl tiin an let ih a fengnak dingah *pronoun* “an” ti mi an bet.

Cuihtlunah *gynaikas* kha dikhon nupipawl a simnak a si ah cun, nunaupawl in mipa tlunih thuneihnak nei lo dingih Paul ih zirhnak (1Timothy 2:12) thawn a remaw zet, kalhawknak a um lo. Dikhon dingah cun mipa lawng si ding a si ti khal a nemhngget fawn. Apo 6 in hih hrilhfiahdan a lungkimpi. Mi pasarih hrilnak ah, Apostolpawl in mipa lawng hril ding an siang.

Mi pasarih hrilnak le nemhnghehnak ah, hleihnih pawl in mipa lawng hril dingin an ngen. Mi pasarih pawl cun local church sungah kaihhrauiawknak, cawmdawlawknak an tuah ding a si. Apostol anmah rori in hi t̄uanvo hi an rak t̄uansuak. An Bawipa in rawngbawlnak hohatnak ah mipa lawng a ruatdan kha thlunin kawhhran sungih mifarah b̄awmnak hna hotu dingah mipa lawng hril dingin an ngen ve.

Kawhhran nuhmeipawl b̄awmnak thawhhlawm tawltreitu dingah nunau in an ti thei lo maw si? Palist̄in ram ih Jew pawl nunphung ah mipa hotu hi nunau hnakin an upat sawn ti kha Apostolpawl in an theih ruangah mipa lawng hril dingih an ngennak a si thei. A zumum sawn mi a s̄an dang leh cu Pathian in mipa le nunau covo a nemhnghehdan hi a si (1Kor 11:3,7; 1Pet 3:1-7; 1Timothy 2:12-14). Mi b̄awmnak thil ti ah Pathian cu nunau parah a lung a hmui ih, mipa par khalah a lung a hmui thotho ti kan thei (Luke 8:3; Apo 9:36). Sibawi Luke in nunau

rawngbawlnak hi Thuthangtha Luke cabu sungah le Apostolpawlih Cangvaihnak Cabu sungah a lungkimpi thu kan hmu.

Kawhhran hmaisai ah mitlasam bawmna ah nunau an tel (Apo 9:36-39), tuihsun kawhhran khalah cangvai ding an si thotho. Khristian nunaupawl hi mitlasam bawmna ah, thuthangtha simnak ah le rawngbawlnak dangdang khalah tel ding an si. Asinan Apo 6 ah, Apostolpawl in Jerusalem kawhhran-ih mifarah bawmna hotu dingah cun mipapawl hnenih pek a si.

Hi thutitluknak hi nunau le mipa covo bangawklonak Pathian ruahman mi thuhla a si. Jesu le Apostolpawl in nunau le mipa thleidannak an nei ti lam a si lo. Cuvek ruahnak cu fihnungza a si. Mipa lawng a hrilnak hi Jesu in milai nunphung lakah amai hrangah lamzin a sialsakawknak a si lo. Jesu in a tawng mi hmuahhmuah le a thil ti mi hmuahhmuah hi a Pai duhzawng thawn a milaw tiah a ti (John 5:30). Mi hleihnih a hril hlanah, a Pa hnenah zanvar thla a cam (Luke 6:12,13). Jesu in a dungthluntu dingah mipa lawng a hrilnak hi van lam duhdan le a minungpawl thatnemnak dingah a si.

A tawizawngin kan sim asile 1Timothy 3:11 ih *gynaikas* hi dikhonpawlih nupi an si kan ti thei a si. Cun Thukham Thar dikhon cu mipa lawng an si ti khal a fiang.

DIKHON NUPIPAWLIH TLINNAK (Qualifications for Deacons' Wives)

1Timothy 3:11 hi dikhonpawl thazang petu a si ding, ziangatile nupi rinum le fel hnaki hawmtu tha dang a um thei lo. Duhthusam nupi Bible ih a tarlangdan cu:

“Mifarah a kut in a bawm, a si, miṭulsam a kut in a tanpi.” (Thufim 31:20)

Curuangah dikhonpawl hniksak an si tikah (1Timothy 3:10), an nupipawl khal hniksaknak ah an tel ve a si, ziangah tile annih khal an pasal dikhon bawmtu an si. Dikhon dingih hual mi paih nupi in a pasal dikhon si ding a duh lo simaw, 1Timothy 3:11 ih tarläng mi tlinnak tahnak ih a tlin lo asile, dikhon dingih hual mi kha dikhon dingah a tling lo tinak a si.

Mi tampi in, “Ziangruangah dikhonpawlih nupipawl lawng tarläng a si ih, elder-pawlih nupi hmuah tarläng a si lo?” tiah thu an sut theu. A sannak cu dikhon ÷uanvo cu elder-pawl vekin Pathian Kamsuakthu zirh le kawhhran hohat lam a si lo. 1Timothy 2:12 in, “Cule nunau ih thuzirh ding simaw, mipa tluhni thu a neih ding simaw cu ka siang lo, daiten um sawn seh,” tiah a ti. Pastor/elder/overseer/tuukhãltu cun kawhhran mipi a zirh ih, a hoha. Asinan an nupipawl cu kawhhran kaihhruai le hohatnak lamih bawmtu ding an si ve lo.

Dikhonpawl lawngte cun mitlasampawl hnenah duhdawtnak rawng an bawl, cawmdawlnak an pe. Dikhon nupipawl in local church ih Pathian ih a nemhgeh mi an covu siatsuah lo ten an pasal dikhon an bawm thei. Nuhmei, nupinu, nauhakpawl, mi dam lo le tar bawmnak rawngbawlnak tla ah cun an nupipawl ih bawmnak an ÷ul cuang ding. Asinan an nupipawl cu dikhon an si ve cuang lo. An nupipawl khan dikhon dinhmun le dikhon tiih kawh an co a si cuang lo.

Ziangah so dikhon nupipawl in dikhon rawngbawl hna hi ÷uan ve dingih kan beisei? A sannak cu, dikhon rawngbawl hna ah tel ve ÷ul lo sehla an hrangih tlinnak ngën mi kha a ÷ul ve lo ding. Dikhonpawlih rawngbawl hna kha an nupipawlih ziaza in a khawihsiat thei ruangah, Paul in dikhonpawlih nupi ziaza tlinnak lawng ngaisak sehla cu 1Timothy 3:12 ah khan dikhon cu mai sungkua ÷ha tei uk

thei a si ding ti mi ah khan a kim thluh zo. Asinan dikhonpawlih nupipawl kha ziangmaw titi in an pasal an bawm ve ruangah an pasalpawl vek nawnnawn ih tlinnak an neih a tul venak a si.

Paul in dikhonpawlih nupi ih neih tul mi tlinnak panga 1Timothy 3:11 ah a tarlang, cupawl cu 1Timothy 3:8,9 ih dikhonpawlih neih tul mi tlinnak thawn an bangaw:

- mizahum
- mirelsiathmang lo
- supaw thei
- thil ziangkimih rinsantlak an si ding a si.

A tlunih tlinnakpawl hi cipciar deuhin kan zoh hnik pei.

ZAHUM: UPATTLAK NUNAU

(A woman Worthy of Respect)

1Timothy 3:8 ah dikhon cu “mizahum” a si ding a si ti a si ih, cucu “zahtlak” tinak a si. Dikhon nupi khal “zahum” 1Timothy 3:11 a si ding a si.

MIRELSIATHMANG LO: MAI LEI UK THEI, FIMKHUR ZET LE DUHDAW ZETIH TAWNG

Kan Bawipa Jesu ih naupa James in lei ih mi a siatsuah theizia ralrinnak khaukhah zet in a pe.

“Ngai hnik uh, kan thu an lun theinak dingah, rang ka ah rang kakharh kan bun ih, cumi hmang cun an taksaruangpi cu kan herter theu. Lawngpawl khal khi zoh hnik uh, an tum zet ih, a nasa zet mi thli in a

fehter, lăwngpawl cu lăwng mâwngtu in a duhnak lamlam ah lăwng hlaunak fate zetin a herter. Cuvek thothoin lei khal hi taksa pêng fate zet a si ih, nasa zetzetin a tuangkhawng theu. Ngai hnik, meisa fatakte in ziangtluk thil tum a kangter thei! Cule lei hi meisa a si ih, siar cawk lo dingfellowak tuahtu a si. Cutivekcun kan taksa pêng lakah a cangvai ih, kan taksaruangpi pumhlum in a bawrhhlawhter. Lei cun kan nun lam tuan a kăngter theu; cuih mei cu Gehenna ih si ra mi a si. Ziangahtile ramsa phun kip le vate phunzakip, băwkvâk phunzakip le tiffinriat sungih thilnung phunzakip pawl cu milai in ngawingam ko an tuah ih, ngam ko an rak tuah. Sihmansehla lei cu zohman in an ngawingamter thei lo. Lei cu khuahkhirh theih lo thil thalo, thihnak tûr thawi khat mi a si.” (James 3:3-8)

“*Mirelsiathmang*” ti hi Greek tawngfang *khawsia* – *devil* (in singular) thawn a bangaw. Hitawk ah cun *adjective* in a hmang ih “*mirelsiathmang*” tinak a si. Mirelsiat hi cu khawse hna a si. Mi a hriam ih mi a thenthekawter. Kawhhran khal a siatsuah.

Mirelsiat hmanna in thenawknak, huatawknak le rinhlelhawknak a suah. Relsiatawknak cu supaw lo ih tawng a si. Mirelsiat cu thinhengnak, iksiknak, siatkhatnak/mingaihlonak, thinnatnak, hngalnak in a uk. Kha vek mipawl cun anmai thuphan le soal mi an puhnak kha an zum. Curuangah mah le mah bumaw an si. Relsiatawknak cu rang zetin a thang ih, sawiselawknak le thuphan ih mi thu relnak hi a thang cak zet.

Kan Pathian hi thutak Pathian, diknak Pathian, duhdawtnak Pathian le tidamtu Pathian a si. Thukham Hlun dan in mirelsiat hi a kham: “Na mipawl lakah mirelsetu si in na vakkûal lo pei...” Pui 19:16. Solomon in, “Mi

reliatnak a thehdarhtu cu mi-â a si,” (Thufim 10:18) tiah a ti. Mi dang thawi remdaihnak tuahtu cu Pathian in thlawsuah a pe. Curuangah duhdawtnak le thutak thawi kan țawngsuak ding le hriamhma tidam ding le a siat zo mi pawlkawmawknak remțhat ding Pathian in in beisei a si. Mirelsiat hmang cun mi nun hriamhma va tidam ding, mi thinheng va daiter ding ti lam cu a ruat hrimhrim lo. Curuangah relsiatawknak cun Pathian sungkua ih bawm țul mipawl bawmnak dingah hmun le ram a nei lo.

**SUPAW THEI: A HNGET MI ZIAZA NEIH, A
BUKAWTĂWN MI THUȚHENNAK LE SUPAWK
THEINAK NEI NUNAU**

Greek țawngfang ‘*nephalios*’ hi English in supawk theinak (temperate) tiih leh a si ih duhtusam tling țawngkam a si hrimhrim lo. *Nephalios* cun sabitzu in tiki harhfimvar ih umnak lam a sawhkhiih thei. Hitawk ah cun mi pakhat kha a khawruahnak lam, a ziaza, a țawngkam lam a sawhkhiih, cu khal cu sabitzu in tiki harhvannak lam a si thei thotho. Hih țawngkam hin mah le mah supawk theinak, buhawtăwn thuțhennak, duhtawki sawltalnak ih si supawknak lam a sim duh mi a si.

Mah le mah supawk theinak nei lo nupipawl cun kawhhran sungah dikhonpawlih rawngbawl hna an siatsuah tengteng ding. Mah le mah thununawknak tlasampawl cu khawsia asilole zirhtu sualpawl ih thang ah awh an si tengteng ding. Dikhonpawl thawn nai zetih um le rawngbawltu nupipawl cu mi hnget an si a țul. Ziangvek dinhmun le boruak khalih hnget zetih um thei an si a țul.

**THIL ZIANGKIMIH RINSANTLAK: ZIANGKIM AH
KHRISTIAN ṬUANVO TIFAMKIM DINGIH
RINSANTLAK NUNAU**

Paul in 1Timothy cakuat a ngan laiah Efesa kawhhran ah hēlnak le rinnak ih si pial le dungtawlh an rak um zo. Nunau hrekkhat cu, “Setan lamih an hawikir zo,” (1Timothy 5:15). Curuangah dikhonpawlih nupipawl cu thil ziangkimih rinsantlak an si a ṭul.

“Thil ziangkimih rinsantlak” ti hi ṭawngkam mawi zet a si. Rinumnak, rinsantlak ti hi Pathian Kamsuakthu ih ṭawngkam duhum zet le mawi zet a si. “Rinum” ti mi ṭawngkam cu phun dang deuh ih kan sim asile, “rinsantlak, ṭhumawknak tlak” ti a si.

Bible kan zingzawi tikah rinumnak ti mi hi Bible sungih miropi nun ih kan hmuh mi a si (Heb 3:5; Neh 7:2; 9:8; Kol 1:7). Pathian rawngbawlnak khalah rinumnak ti mi hi a pawimawh zet mi a si (Sam 101:6). Tahfung pawimawh zet a si (1Kor 4:2). Pathian cu a thutiamkam par le a minungpawl parih a rinum ruangah, a minungpawl khal rinum dingin a beisei.

Kan leilingpi hi rinumlonak in a khat. Dikhon nupi cu mifamkim a si ding, thil thiam a si ding ti lam si loin, thil ziangkimih mirinum, rinsantlak a si ding ti a si.

Paul in dikhon nupi cu Pathian ah le an innsungsang ah mirinum si hai seh tin ngan sehla kan duhdan a si men ding. Asinan, “..thil ziangkimih mirinum/rinsantlak” tin a ngan sawn. A umzia cu thil ziangkimah, pehtlaihawknak tinkim ih rinsantlak/mirinum: Khrih ih an pekawknak le Pathian Kamsuakthu ah, an sungkua ih an mawhphurh lamah, a innhnen Pathian Kamsuakthu an simnak ah le Pathian sungkua lakih mawhphurhna an neih mi ah tiin a huap ṭheh. An nun pumpi hi rinumnak in a tuam ṭheh ding hi a si.

Uire nunaupawl le nunau lerpawl hi rinsantlak an si lo. Mai t̄anghmasialnak tumtahnak ruangih mai sungkua thlauthla, Pathian minungpawl thlauthla le Pathian Kamsuakthu thlun lo nunau cu rinsantlak lo/rinum lo an si.

Thinlung hnget lo, thu thleng leuhleuh nunaupawl hi rinsantlak lo an si. Solomon in Thufim 25:19 ah, “Buai can ih rinum lo pa rinsan cu, a sia mi ha le a th̄ir mi ke bangtuk a si,” t̄iih a ngan vek an si.

A thupi zet mi an pasal dikhonpawlih rawngbawl an b̄awmnak ah, hih nunaupawl hin t̄uanvo thupi zet t̄isuak ding an nei. Curuangah an pasal dikhonpawl vek thothoin Bible vekih a t̄ling mi an si a t̄ul a si. Dikhonpawlih nupi thuhla Pathian Kamsuakthu ih in sim mi hi ngaisak loih ums̄an men ding a si lo.

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Dikhonpawlih Sungkua

(Family Requirements for Deacons)

“Dikhonpawl cu nupi pakhat nei, anmai innsang le an fate thatei uk theitu si hai seh.” 1 Timothy 3:12

Paul in dikhonpawl thu a relnak cu dikhonpawlih nupipawlih neih ṭul mi tlinnak thu in a cemter lo. “Dikhonpawl cu...” ti ṭawngkam hmangin Paul in dikhonpawlih bulpak ziaza tlinnak a tarläng mipawl kha a tharthawhsal ti a cakuat siartupawl hnenah a theihter hai. Dikhon si dingih tlinnak netabik pahnih sungkua thawi a pehparaw mi a tarlang. Pathian lamah dikhonpawlih sungkaw nun cu a thupi zet. A taktak ah cun local church thih le nun hi sungkaw thuhla ah a si.

NEIHAWKNAK THIANGHLIM A ṬULZIA LE SUNGKAW TLINNAK

(The need for marital purity and Family Qualifications)

Bible bu hmaisapawl ah Pathian in a mi Israel-pawl kha an kiangkapih um rairing miphunpawl thawn bawrhhlawhawter lo dingin, niamawter lo dingin, nunau-mipa sualnak tuah lo dingin ralrinnak a pe hai. A mi Israel-pawl kha miphunpawl lak ihsin thiarfihlimaw dingin le neihawknak ih rinum dingin le nupa sinak thianghlim hmang dingin thu a pe hai. Cuvek cekci cu local church hrang khalah a si. Thukham Hlun ih a sim mi dan vekin, cuih dan cu thihnak siarlo cun siatter ding a si lo.

Cuih Pathian thupek cu Setan in a thei ih Pathian minungpawl thawn neiaw dingin, uire dingin Setan in mi a

hmang. Sem 6 ah Pathian mi Seth cithlahpawl cu (Sem 5) Pathian mi a si lo mi Kain cithlahpawl thawn an ʔhi-aw, a rahsuah cu leilung tlun pumpi tilik hmangin Pathian in a siatsuah. Moses in hitin a ngan:

“Cun hitin a si, leilung vangdāp parih minungpawl karhzai an thăwk tikah fanupawl tla an nei. Cutin Pathian fapapawl in minung fanupawl tla hmel ʔhain an hmu ih, an hril mi hmuahhmuah cu anmai nupi ah an la. Cule leilung parih milai sualralzia a nasa tuk ih, a thinlung ih a khawruah mipawlih ʔn mi kip in thil ʔhalo hlir a si ringring ti Jehovah in a hmu.”

Puithiam Hnaʔuannak cabu sungah Moses in Israel-pawl kimvelih um Pathian ngaisak lo miphun dangpawlih nunau-mipa sualnak an tuahzia cipciar zetin a ngan (Pui 18:1-23). Moses in Pathian minungpawl in khavək fihnungza sual kha tuah lo dingin ralrinnak a pe hai, an tuah asile siatralter an si ding thu khal a sim.

“Hi thilpawl lakih pakhat khat thawn bawrhbangawter hlah uh; hipawl ruangah a si, nan hmaih ka dawisuak ding mi miphunpawl an bawrhbang ʔheh. Curuangah nannih in ka thucāh nan thlun pei, cutin nan hlanih an rak tuahsual mi himi fihnungza nunphungpawl lakih pakhat hman tuahsual hlah uh, cutin cupawl hmangin nanmah le nanmah nan bawrhbangawter lo ding a si, keimah cu Jehovah nan Pathian ka si, ʔ tiin sim aw, ʔ tiah a ti.” (Pui 18:24, 30)

Hmai lam thuphuangtu miʔha lo Balaam in siangpahrang Balak hrangah Israel-mipawl kha a camsiat

thei lo nân, Pathian minungpawl tisiat theidan ding a sim. Balaam-ih thuthup cu Moab-mipawlih nunau-mipa sualnak khan Pathian minungpawl a bawrhbangter (Mip 25:1-9; 31:16). Balaam-ih hrawkhrawl khawkhannak cu a hlawhtling, tuihni khalah a hlawhtling thocho (1Kor 10:8-11; Thu 2:14).

“Israel-mipawl cu Sittim hmun ah an tâp hrih, cule misenpi cu Moab nunaupawl thawn nunau-mipa sualnak tuah an thăwk. Moab nunaupawl cun misenpi cu an pathianpawl raithawinak ah an sawm, cule misenpi cun an ei ih an pathianpawl an bia. Cule Israel-mipawl in Peor Baal an kăwp, cule Jehovah thinhengnak cu Israel-mipawl parah a alh.” (Mip 25:1-3)

Neta lamah Setan in Siangpahrang Solomon-ih nunau duhna in Israel miphun pi cu a kekkuaiter. Bible in, “Asinan Siangpahrang Solomon in ram dang nunau tampi a duh...Solomon cu a tar tikah, a nupipawl in a dang pathianpawl hnenah a thinlung an herpêng,” (1Sph 11:1a, 4a). Solomon-ih soal rah ruangah Pathian minungpawl cu ram hnih ah an ðenaw. Hihlan pi ih Balaam ih khawkhanda cu a hlawhtling leh ta. (Ezr 9:1-4 khal siar aw – Israel hruaitupawl ðhitawknak bawrhhlawh ah an tlu.)

Riahsiatumza zetin Khristian tampi cun Thukham Hlun ih khawvel mi nundan, rairing mipawl nunau-mipa sualnak ih duhtawk ih an nundan, neihawknak ih an rinum lozia, an sungkaw nundan ðih a nunzia pawl ihsin zianghman zir an tum lo. Khristian pawlpi tinkim deuh thaw: Baptist, Prebyterian, Methodist, Lutheran, Episcopal le Disciples of Christ pawl in ðhitawknak thu, ðenawknak thu, nupa sinak hman thu, nunau le mipa danglamnak thu ih Pathian Dan cu ziang an siar lo, milai duhdanda in an

airawltter men. Uiretnak le nunau-mipa sualnak hi Khristian hruaitu tampi lak khalah hmuh ding a um. Khristian pawl hrekkhat lak tla ah cun an hruaitupawl lak hmanah nupa thenawknak le nupi pasal neihsalnak tivek hi tlanglawn zetin an hmang, ziang an siar lo. Khristian pawl hrekkhat cun mipa le mipa neiaw, nunau le nunau neiaw khal rawngbawltu ah an hmang. Khristian pawl hrekkhat cun mipa le mipa, nunau le nunau thitaw khal an siang.

Baptisma petu John in Herod Antipas le Herodias Dan lo ih an neihawk kha thiam lo a coh hai ruangah a lu a hloh phah a si kha (Mat 14:4-14). Tuihsun ah Baptisma petu John hi nung lai in, Khristian pawlpi pi hruaitu nupi pasal neihdan a diklozia a sim ding ih, kawhhran tampi in a hngawng an tan ko ding.

ZOHTHIMTLAK KAWHHRAN HRUAITU A TULZIA

(The Need for Exemplary Church Leaders)

Local church hi khaw sungih mipi tawnkhawmawknak inn, lamnak hmun, leknak le *social* tuahnak hmun a si lo ti kan theih a tul. Local church cu Pathian *temple* thianglim, tlen mi mithiang umkhawm le Pathian hnenih hlān mi puithiam rual umkhawm a si. Local church cu a thim mi khawvel lakih tleu umnak innpi a si. Local church cu “thutak thuan le thumawknak” a si. Curuangah Bible in, “Nunau-mipa sualnak le bawrhhlawhnak hmuahhmuah, asilole duhhamnakpawl cu nan lakah um hrimhrim hlah seh, cupawl cu mithiangpawl ih ti dingah a mawi lo,” (Efe 5:3) tiah a ti. Martyn Lloyd-Jones in hmingsintlak zetin hitin a ngan:

“Kawhhran cu khawvel thawn a bangawk lo lawlaw tikah, kawhhran in khawvel kha a hip thei, cucu

thuthangtha ropitnak a si. Kawhhran cu khawvel thawn a danawk ververnak ruangah a hmaisā ah cun khawvel cun thuthangtha cu a hua nān, neta lamah cun a thucāh cu ngaithla ko a tuah. Cutivek cun thangphawknak a thleng theu. Cuvek cu kan bulpak nun khalih um ding mi a si. Mi tin an nundan vekih nun kan tum ding a si lo, Khristian si lo mipawl thawn danglam ih nun kan tum sawn ding a si. Kan tumtah mi cu Jesu bāng ding a si ding a si, Jesu bang deuhdeuh ding kan si; Khristian si lo mi bang ding kan si hrimhrim lo.”

Pathian mipawl ih neihawknak cu Pathian dan vekin a si, Pathian dan vekin an nung; cucu ka ih sim cawk lo thlawsuah a si ih, a bawrhhlawh zet mi hi khawvel sualralnak ih si sungkaw kilhimnak thabik a si ti hi ka zum deuhdeuh. Pathian dan vekih neihawknak le sungkaw nun hi kan fate le kan kawhhran kilhimnak thabik le ruahsānnak kan neih mi umsūn khal a si. Asinan sualralnak thawi khat khawvel le kan kiangkap sualralnak boruak lakah sungkua pakhat te lawng din cu thil cang thei a si lo, din khawsuak theih a si lo. Curuangah Pathian in a fimnak famkim in nunphung bawrhhlawh lak ih si thianhlimnak dingah sungkaw dangdang umkhawm a dīn- cucu local church hi a si. Khristian sungkua kilhim, cawmdawl le zirh dingah local church hi ruahman a si.

Curuangah Khristian sungkuapawl in locah church an ṭul cio. Bible vek rori ih zirhtu local church an ṭul. Khristian sungkua hrangih Pathian ruahman mi theihter le hmuh an ṭul. Patling nutling zohthim ding mi an hmuh a ṭul. Local church thununnak hnuaiih an um a ṭul (Siar aw – Mat 18:17-20; 1Kor 5; 2Thess 3:6-15; Tita 3:10).

Nung zet le dik zetih cangvai local church cun sungkaw tampi a bawm thei – sungkua 100 lai khal.

Tuukhāltupawl le dikhonpawl kha Pathian ruahman mi Khristian sungkua zohṭhim ding hmuhtu ding an si, cuihtlunah Khristian sungkua hnenih Bible thutak zirhtu ding khal an si. Tuukhāltupawl le dikhonpawl cu sungkaw ṭha teih uk thei an si a ṭulnak a sǎn pakhat cu hih a si tengteng ding.

Pathian minungpawl siatsuah dingih Setan tidan raphlak zet pakhat cu kawhhran hruaitupawlih neihawknak le sungkua siatsuah hi a si. Tuukhāltupawlih sungkua a siatsuah asile, tuupawl in an cawng ve ding asilole tuupawl an ṭekdarh ṭeh ding. Local church kilhim dingah, Pathian in elder-pawl le dikhonpawl in neihawknak tlinnak le sungkaw tlinnak an neih a ṭulzia a ngen. Curuangah kawhhran cun a hruaitupawl in rawng an bawl hlanah neih ṭul mi khaih tlinnakpawl kha an nei maw nei lo ti zohhlaih le a ngēn a ṭul. Culoasile, local church cu khawvel mipawlih neihawknak mumal lo le sungkaw hlūtnak um lo ah a pil ding.

Neihawknak ah, fate kilkhawinak lamah le a tlangpi thu ih sungkaw hruaikaihna lamah dikhonpawl (le elder-pawl) hi zohṭhim ding an si ding hi Pathian ruahman mi a si: nupi pakhat lawng neih, duhdawtnak le thununawknak thawi Khristian sungkua hruai ding. Cutivekih sungkaw nundan ah dikhonpawl cu sawihnāwm ding um lo an si ding a si. Dikhonpawl cu, “Nupi pakhat lawng nei” le “mai innsang le fate ṭhatei uk theitu” an si ding a si. Himi tlinnak an neih ṭul mi hi thuk deuhin kan zoh hnik pei.

**NUPI PAKHAT LAWNGIH PASAL:
NUNAU PAKHAT PARIH RINUM**

“Nupi pakhat lawngih pasal” (a husband of only one wife) ti le *“mi pakhatih nupi”* (the wife of one man) ti ṭawngkam hi Thukham Thar ah elder-pawl, dikhonpawl le

nuhmeipawl tlinnak ah vawi 4 a lang. Himi hi nupi/pasal neihawknak thu ih zohthim ding thu le sawihnawm ding um lo thu a relnak ah a si. Cuih thu a lāngnak hmun li pawl tla cu:

- “Bishop cu sawihnawm ding um lo, nupi pakhat nei, fimkhurthiam, supaw thei, nuncan tha, khual tha, mi zirh thei.... a si ding a si.” (1Timothy 3:2)

- “Dikhonpawl cu nupi pakhat nei, anmai innsang le an fate thatei uk theitu si hai seh.” 1Timothy 3:12)

- “Kum 60 kim hrih lo mi nuhmei cu nuhmei lakah siartelh ding an si lo. Mi pakhatih nupi rak si dah....” (1Timothy 5:9)

- “Bishop si dingah mi pakhat cu sawihnawm ding um lo, nupi pakhat nei, a fatepawl zumtu si mi, pawisaklonak nun ah simaw, luhlulnak thu ah simaw sawihnawm ding um lo a si ding a si.” Tita 1:6)

“Nupi pakhatih pasal” (husband of one wife) ti hi Greek ἄνθρωπος ἑνὸς ἑσθῆτος *mias gynaikos andres*:

mias, pakhat

gynaikos, nupi/nunau

andres, pasalpawl/mipapawl

“Nupi pakhat” ti ἄνθρωπος ἑνὸς ἑσθῆτος cu rel uar hleicenak langterin hmaisai ih ret a si. “Pasalpawl” – husbands ti a relmawi. A hnuai lam vekin hih ἄνθρωπος ἑνὸς ἑσθῆτος pawl hi kan ret thei, kan let thei: “nupi-pakhat pasal” (one-wife husband), “nupi-pakhat mipa” (one-wife man) asilole “nupi pakhatih pasal” (husband of one wife). Hih Bible cang ih ἄνθρωπος ἑνὸς ἑσθῆτος

“nupi pakhatih pasal” (husband of one wife) ti mi hi hrilhfhahdan phunphun a um. A hnuaiah hrilhfhahdan phunphun um mi zoh hnik uhsi:

Dikhonpawl cu Nupi Nei An Si tengteng ding A Si
(Deacons Must be Married)

Bible in dikhonpawl (le elder-pawl) cu nupi nei an si tengteng ding a si, zianghatile “annih cu “nupi pakhatih pasal” (husband of one wife) an si ding a si tiah a ti ti hi kan theih zet mi tawngkam a si. Paul in nupi nei an si tengteng ding a si ti sehla, Paul in 1Kor 7 ih nupi/pasal nei lo ih Bawipa rĕn ih a hlawkzia a rel mi thawn a kalhaw ding. Paul in ralṭha zetin nupi/pasal nei loih rawngbawl a ṭhatzia, thinlung thenaw loih rawngbawl theih a sizia tha a pe (1Kor 7:32-35). Dikhonpawl cu nupi nei tengteng an si a ṭul a si ah cun, Paul ih nupi/pasal nei loih rawngbawl a zirhnak hi dikhonpawl le elder-pawl an tel lo maw si ding tiah thusuhnak a um thei. Asinan Paul in, “Dikhonpawl cu nupi nei an si tengteng ding a si” tiah a ngan lo. Dikhonpawl cu “nupi pakhatih mipa” (one-wife man) an si ding a si tin a ngan.

Dikhonpawlih tlinnak thu ah hivek phun hi kan hmu, “anmai innsang le an fate ṭhatei uk theitu si hai seh” (1Timothy 3:12b) ti tla hi! Paul in dikhon cun fate pahnih asilole pahnih hnak tam a nei ding a si a tinak a si lo. Dikhon si dingah siseh, elder si dingah siseh ka tlin lo ding, ka ṭuan thei lo ding titupawl thawn kan titi ṭheu, ka ṭuan thei lo ding an tinak sĕn cu fate pakhat lawng ka nei si an ti. Tlinnak Bible ih a tarlĕng mi ah “an fate” tiin pakhat hnak tam a rel si tiah an ti. Asinan thu kan suh thei ve mi cu, “Amah Paul teh rawngbawltu a si ko ih, fate a neih thu a lang fawn lo, ziangtin amah le mah a rel aw pei?” Paul in “fa” (child) tin a hmang hrimhrim lo ding, “fa” pakhat tlun

nei cu dikhon le elder si thei lo ih ruah le hrilhfiah a theih pang ding. Hitawk ih Paul tawngkam hman mi hin thutawp kan tuah mai lo pei.

Hitawk ih a sim duh mi cu mipa tam sawn cu nupi an nei ih, fate pakhat hnak tam an nei. Bible ih a ngән sawn mi cu cuih mipapawl in an sungkua thaten an fingshaw thei ih, an neiawknak khal zohthimtlak a si, Khristian neiawknak tling a si thu lam a si. Hih tlinnak tarläng mi hi nupi nei lo hrangah a si lo.

**Dikhonpawl cu nupi pakhat hnakih tam neih
kham an si**

(Deacons are prohibited from Polygamy)

Bible hrilhfiahtu tam zatin “Nupi pakhatih pasal” ti hi “nupi pakhat nei” tiah an zum. Paul ih tumtah mi cu nupi pakhat hnakih tam neih (tum khat ah) a kham a si tiah an hrilhfiah.

Hi hrilhfiahdan hi hrilhfiahdan tha zet a bang, asinan “mi pakhatih nupi” ti thu ah cun hih hrilhfiahdan hi hman theih a si lo lawlaw lala. 1Timothy 5:9 ih nuhmei cazin ih telh ding nuhmei tlinnak thu ah “mi pakhatih nupi” a si ding a si ti a si. Tum khatih pasal pakhat hnakih tam nei nunau Paul in a ruat a si ding ti cu zum a um lo. Pasal pakhat hnakih tam neih hi kawhhran ah buainak a rak um dah lo. Pasal pakhat hnakih tam neih cu Jew-pawl le Rom-mipawl ih huat zet mi le fih mi a si. Curuangaah “nupi pakhatih pasal” (husband of one wife) ti mi hi nupi pakhat hnakih tam neih (tum khat ah) a simnak a si thei lo.

Dikhonpawl cu vawi khat lawng nupi nei ding an si
(Deacons must be Married only Once)

Bible thiam hminthang zetzet hrekkhat in “nupi pakhatih pasal” tiih sim duh mi cu: “vawi khat lawng nupi neih” (married only once) tinak a si ih, dikhon cu nupi an neisal thei lo tiah an zum. Paul in nupi neihsal (nupi a thih hnu khalah) a kham a si tiah an ti. Cuti asile, nupi thihsān pahmei kha nupi a neihsal asile, dikhon dingah a tling nawn lo tinak a si. Dikhon nupi a thih asile, nupi dang nei nawn loih a um asile dikhon a t̄uanpeh vivo thei tiah an ti.

Hi hrilhfiahdan hi cu Bible bung le cang dang ih neihawknak cu a thianghlim a si tiih a zirh mi thawn a milaw lo. J. E. Huther in *Meyer’s Critical and Exegetical Handbook to the New Testament* sungah Thukham Thar khui hmanah nupi/pasal a vawi hnihnak neihnak khamnak le dokalhnak a lang lo lawlaw tiah a ti.

“Nupi pakhatih pasal” (husband of one wife) ti mi hrimhrim hin pasal a nun sungah nupi pakhat lawng a t̄hi ding ti lam a sawhkhiih lo. Curuangah hih thu hi cu Paul in a tlangpi thu ih neihawknak thu a zirh mi thu kan hrilhfiāh a t̄ul ih, Bible sungih neihawknak thu zirh mi thawn a kalhaw ding hrimhrim a si lo. Nupi thihsān dikhon in nupi a t̄hisal thei nawn lo ti zumdan cu a tling lo deuh a si. Curuangah pahmei nupi t̄hisal khal “nupi pakhatih mipa” (one-wife man) tiih kawh mi ah a tling thei tho.

Bible hrilhfiātu hrekkhat in hih thu hi nupi thihsān nupi t̄hitsuānak thu si loin, nupi t̄hen in nupi dang a t̄hitsuānak thu a si tiah an ti. Jew-pawl lakah, Rom-mipawl lakah le Greek mipawl lakah nupa t̄henawknak le nupi/pasal neihsal hi a tam zet. Nupa t̄henawk hnuih nupi/pasal dang neihsalnak thu ah, a nung mi nunau pahnih in simaw, pathum in simaw khaih mipa kha an nei thei. Mihrek in hivek hi *successive polygamy* (a sang sang ih

nupi pakhat hnakih tam neih) tiah an ti. Paul in nupi thentu in nupi dang neih cu dikhon dingah Paul in a kham, ziangah tile a then mi a nupi (asilole a nupipawl) in dikhon hrangah le kawhhran mipi hrangah buainak an tuah thei tiah an ti. Asinan Paul in nupi thentu in nupi dang neisal kha dikhon tuan dingah a kham si hnik sehla, ziangah saw fiang fukfi ih a sim lawlaw lo?

Dikhonpawl cu Nunau Pakhat parah an Rinum ding a Si

(Deacons Must be Faithful and True to One Woman)

Hrilhfiahdan netabik le zumumbik mi hrilhfiahdan cu: “nupi pakhatih pasal” tiih sullam cu, nupi pakhat lengih nupa sinak hman khamnak, nupi pakhat par lawngih rinum ding thu a si. Cumi cun dikhonpawl nupi pakhat hnakih tam neih a kham, Bible dan vek si loih nupi thitsalnak, nusun neih, mipa thawih nupa vekih umnak le nunau dang thawi thusuhnak um ding tiangih umtlangnak hmuahhmuah a kham. Tawng dangih kan sim asile, “dikhon cu nunau pakhat hnen lawngah a rinum ding a si” asilole “nunau pakhatih mipa a si ding a si.”

Mipa pakhat in nunau pakhat nupi ah a thi, asinan nunau rualpi (girlfriend) nupa vekih umtlang a nei, asilole nunau dang thawn an teraw, asilole nunau dang thawn an kawpaw (zirhtu diklo lakah hmuh ding a tam zet). Cutivekih nun khal kha thil diklo a si ding, nunau pakhat hnen lawngih rinum lo a si. Kan Bawipa le Zirhtu, Jesu Khrih in Pathian ruahmandan le neihawknak cu tha tukin a simfiang:

“Cule Jesu in a sawn hai ih an hnenah, ‘Atirah Pathian in mipa le nunau a tuah. ‘Cutu a si ruangah mipa in a nu le a pa a tan ta ding ih, a nupi a kawp

ding. Cule pahnih cu taksa pumkhat ah an cang ding, ' tiah Pathian ih a ti mi hi nan rak siar dah zo a si lo maw? Cutin annih cu mi pahnih an si nawn lo ih, taksa pumkhat an si sawn a si. Curuangah Pathian ih a rak kawmawkter zo mi cu minung in then hlah seh, ' tiah a ti.' (Mat 19:4-6)

Kawhhran dikhon dingih hual mi in a nupi le nunau dangpawl thawn ziangvek pawlkawmawknak/pehtlaihawknak an nei? Bible in dikhon dingih hual mi cu “nupi/nunau pakhatih mipa” si seh tiah a ti. “Nunau pakhatih mipa” cun nunau pakhat thawn lawng pehtlaihawknak an nei. Cu pa cu nupa sinak le neihawknak ah sawihnāwm ding um lo a si. Nupi pakhat par lawngih rinumnak ah zohthimtlak a si.

“Nupi pakhatih pasal” (Husband of one wife) ti mi hin thusuhnak harsa zetzet a suah thei, hih tawngkam te lawng hmang cun san theih lo mi thusuhnak an si. Thimnakah, mi a pianthar hlanih nunau-mipa sualnak rak tuah dah zo mi teh? Dan ih siannak vekih nupi then ih, nupi thisal mi teh? (kawhhran ih sian mi si in ruat phawt sehla). A tlu mi thlarau lam hruaitu, kawhhran hruaitu ngaidam si zo, tungdingawsal zo mi teh? Cuvek thusuhnak le a dang tampi thusuhnak cu: Bible in nupi/pasal thenawknak thu le nupi/pasal neihsalnak thu, ngaidamnak thu, zangfahnak thu, tundinsalnak thu le hruaitu zohthimtlak le tlinnak a zirh mipawl sung ihsin sannak hawl ding a si.

Neihawknak thu ih Pathian ih dan tuah mi pahbāl zawngih nunnak hin buainak le khawruahharnak tampi a suah. Thubuai haikian harsa zetzet le luzinnak thusuhnak a suak theu. Sual cun mi a tibuai ringring, mi a siatsuah, mi a thenthekawter ringring, curuangah hivek phun thusuhnak ah cun ruahtan, hmuhtan bangaw lo zetzet a um ringring ding. Sikhalsehla, cuvekpawl in local church ih cuvek

thubuai cingfel tuanvo le fim zetih tawlrel ding, Bible vekih thutluknak tuah ding cu a niamter cuang lo. Cuvek lungkuainak dinhmunpawl hmuahhmuah ah Jesu-ih hmin sunlawih, Pathian Kamsuakthu ih rinum le thlacamnak pawl hi mi kaihruaitu tha zet an si.

DIKHONPAWL CU MAI INNSANG THATEIH UK THEITU SI HAI SEH

Hi Bible bung le cang ih a rel uar mi cu “thateih” ti hi a si. Greek ah cun *adverb* “thaten” “felfaiten” ti a si. Curuangah dikhon si dingih hual mi cu amai innsang thateih uk theitu a si ding a si. A sullam cu fate lakah Khristian pa sinak mawhphurhnak nehtu le sungkua uk theitu a si ding a si. Sum le pai siseh, khawruahnak lam siseh, phurnak lam siseh, thlarau lam nun siseh a sungkua cawmdawl theitu a si ding a si. A innsang cu tlukbahnak hmun a si ding a si lo.

Mai innsang thateih uk thei ti mi cu dikhonpawlih fatepawl cu thulung le an paih kaihruainak hnuaiih tlulut mi an si tinak a si (1Timothy 3:4 zoh aw). Asinan a thuneihnak hnuaiih tlukluhnak cu hrohrang zet le thahrumsuahnak ruangih tih ruangih tlukluhnak phun a si lo ding a si. Bible in pa in a fate thunun le nunsim dingih, thinhengter lo ding a ngen. Paul in, “Cule nannih palepawl, nan falepawl thinling dingih tuah hlah uh, cuhnakin Bawipa-ih nun zirhnak le nunsimnak ah anmah cu kaihruai sawn uh,” (Efe 6:4) tiah a ti.

Sam ngantu in, “Ngai hnik, fatepawl hi Jehovah hnen ihsin kan co mi ro an si...,” (Sam 127:3b) tiah a ti. Himi lennak ro hlohter cu a man siar cawk lo hlohter a si. Quaker Philosopher-theologian le kawhhran remthatu Elton Trublood in hih thu hi dik zetih hitin a sim:

“Mi pakhat in leitlun ih a hnatuan hi ziangtlukin a ngaisak a si khalle, a innsang a ngaihsak tluk cun a ngaisak thei lo. Kan hna cu kan thleng thei, hna tha lo deuh cu kan suahsän thei, asinan fate cu kan thleng thei lo. Kan hnatuannak ah hloh mi kan neih a si khalle, tan kan lasal thei, asinan kan fate kan hloh a si ah cun, kan hloh mi cu a rapthlak tuk ih kumkhaw hloh a si fawn.”

Pa cu a fate ngaihsak loin, fate kilkhawi cu nupi tuanvo ih ret men ding a si lo. A fate cu amah rori in a kaihruai hai ding ih, a sungkua pumpi khal. Bible in, “..nauhak amah teih tan mi cun a nu hnenah ningzahnak a thlän,” (Thufim 29:15b) tiah a ti mi hi a dik a si.

Nauhak cun cawl loih *training* pek, thunun le duhdawt le ngaihsak an tul. Khristian sungkaw pa hi nauhak *training* peknak ah cangvai loih um men ding a si lo (Thufim 3:12; 23:13,14; 29:17). Innsang pa cu fate *training* pek le kilkhawinak lamih a taimak asile a fate cun hlawknak nasa zet an hmu tengteng ding, amah khal in. Solomon in, “Fapa fim in a pa a lungawiter..,” (Thufim 10:1a) tiah a ti.

Bible in Pathian sungkua rian duhtu papawl thathotertu zohthimtlak Job thu a ngan:

“Hitin a si, an puai nipawl a cem tikah, Job cun mi a thlah ih anmah cu a tithianghlim hai, cule anih cu zingpit ten a tho ih, an zate mipum zulhin Meieur Thilhlänpawl a hlan. Ziangah tile Job in, ‘Ka fapalepawl in sual tuahin, an thinlung in Pathian an camsiat pangah,’ tiah a ti a si. Cutivekcun Job in a tuah ringring theu.”(Job 1:5)

Job cu a fatepawl hrangah puithiam vekin a cangvai. A fate hrangah thla a cam ringring, Pathian dan khal a zirh tengteng ding.

Leilung tlunah mifamkim le buainak nei lo nauhak an um lo ti kha cing ringring aw. Khristian tha zetzet pa le nu khalin nauhak buainak an nei ringring, asinan khaih nu le pa pawl khan buainak cu an haikiangsal theu ih an fate kilkhawinak ah can nasa zetin an pe. Nun lamtluan thlisia lak khalah an fate an kaihuai. Cuvek pa, fate uk thei, kilkhawi thei cun dikhon si dingih tlinnak a nei a si.

Himi netabik tlinnak Paul ih a tarlängnak sän cu a fiang zet. Mi pakhat ih Pathian kawhhran a kilkhawi theinak cu amai sungkua a kilkhawi theinak thawn a pehtlaiaw. Amai sungkua thateih a kilkhawi thei lo asile, Pathian sungkua a kilkhawi thei lo ding. Pathian sungkua ah, amai sungkua a kilkhawi thei maw kilkhawi thei lo ti hniksaknak hi dikhon tuan dingah a tling maw tling lo ti tahnak pawimawh zet a si.

PART IV

**KAWHHRAN SUNGIH DIKHON AN
THUPITZIA**

(The Importance of Deacons in the Church)

Bung -12

Dikhon An Pawimawhzia Le Lawmmanpawl

(The Significance and Rewards of Deacons)

**“Ziangahtile ṭha zetih rian zotu dikhonpawl cun anmai
hrangah dinhmun ṭha le Khrih Jesu ih um zumnak
lamah ralṭhatnak nasa zet an nei.” 1Timothy 3:13**

Himi netabik Bible thu hi nasa zetih dikhonpawl thapetu a si ding. Hitawk ah Paul in dikhon rinumpawl in nasa zetih mi an ciahnehzia le kawhhran an cawimawizia, cutin an hnaṭuan hmuahhmuah ah Khrih ih rinnak a nunpitupawl cu Pathian hrangah thlarau lam huhamthiltitheinak innpi ih an can theizia Paul in a ausuak.

Ṭawngfang fate zet “ziangahtile” (for) ti mi te hi a thupi zet. Himi in cang 13 le hihlan te ih cang 8-12 hi a pehawter, cule ziangruangah cang 8-12 ih tlinnakpawl hi an ṭul ti in mangter. Mihrekkhat in dikhon si dingih tlinnak hi elder an si fawn si lo ih a sang tuk lawmmam tiah thusuhnak an nei men thei. Asinan 1Timothy 3:13 in dikhonpawlih hnaṭuan a thupitzia a tarläng mi hin kha vek ruahnak kha cu a thaihlo thei ding. Culawng si loin hih Bible cang hin dikhonpawl thinlung zateih rawngbawl duhnak thinlung a neihter hai thei.

**DIKHONPAWL IN KAWHHRAN AH
MICIAHNEHNAK LE SUNLAWIHNAK
HMUN AN CO**

Paul in 1Timothy 3:13 ih a sim mi hi “ṭha zetih riantu” dikhonpawl hrangah a si. Ṭha zetih riantu lawng – dikhon kawmiṭi ih tel menmen si loin- “dinhmun ṭha” a co. “Ṭha zetih” ti ṭawngkam hi a sinak ding vekih dik zetih rawngbawl tinak lam a sawhkhah (siar aw 1Timothy 5:17).

Ṭha zetih riantu dikhon cun “dinhmun ṭha” a co, asinan hih “dinhmun ṭha” ti hi ziang a si? “Dinhmun ṭha” tiih leh mi Greek ṭawngfang cu *bathmos* a si ih, a sullam cu “karbak” (*a step*) tinak a si. Asinan hih ṭawngfang hi “dinhmun” “dinhmun ṭha le sang,” (cang 13 vekin) relnak khalah hman theih a si.

Bible hrilhfiaktu hrekkhat in hitawk ih “dinhmun ṭha” ti hi “sinak khaisan” lam siin an zum. Curuangah ṭha zetih riantu ih lawmman cu elder dinhmun ih khaisan hi a si ding tiah an zum. Hi zumdan hi cu dikhon thu theihusualnak parih ṭhumaw a si. Ṭha zetih riantu dikhon hrekkhat cu ziangtik khalah elder dingah an tling dah lo ding, ziangruangahtile zirh theihnak an nei lo. Dikhon cun Pathian Kamsuakthu zirh theinak an neih a ṭul hran lo, asinan elder cun an neih tengteng a ṭul. Curuangah dikhon cu elder dinhmun ih kaisohnak karbak a si lo.

Cuihtlunah “ṭha” ti kha Greek ṭawngfang *kalos* a si; Paul in ṭha zetih riantu dikhonpawl cun “dinhmun ṭha” an co a si tiah a ti, “ṭhasin” a ti lo. Paul in elder cu dinhmun ṭha a si ih, dikhon cu dinhmun ṭha lo a si a ti lo. Cuvek ruahnak cun cang 13 ih tumtah mi a kalh, cang 13-nak hi dikhonpawl thapeknak a si si khawh.

Scholar hrekkhat in Paul ih sim mi hi Khrih Tokham var thuṭhennak hmai ih dikhonpawlih dinhmun a si tiah an ti. Dikhonpawl in ropitnak ah dinhmun ṭha an co

ding tiah an ti. Mi dang in “dinhmun tha” ti mi hi thlarau nun lamih nun sang deuh a relnak a si tiah an ti ve. Asinan hih hrilhfiahdanpawl cu hih Bible thu ih a taw le a lu (context) thawn a milaw lo lawlaw.

“*Bathmos*” ti mi tawngfang hi hih Bible thu a taw le a lu (context) thawn zoh tikah “dinhmun,” asilole Hunter ih ti vekin, “cawimawinak degree” a simnak a si. Hellenistic Greek calai thiam hminthang E. K. Simpson in, “Himi hi upattlak dinhmun” (honourable standing) tiih leh ding a si tiah a ti. Greek tawngfang *kalos* cu “tha” (good), “faktlak”(praiseworthy) tinak a si. Cutiasile cang 13-nak ih sim duh mi cu *dikhon taima, rinum cun mi ciahneh theinak le cawimawinak dinhmun a co thei a si tinak a si.*

Himi Bible thu a taw a lu (context) ihsin hitawk ih mi ciahnehnak le cawimawinak dinhmun-ih hrampi cu Khristian pawlkawm hi a si tiah kan ruat thei. Dikhon in kawhhran ah dinhmun tha a co asile, Pathian hmaika khalah cuvek dinhmun tha a co thotho ding. Asinan Paul ih rel mi dinhmun tha hi cu dikhonpawl rawng an bawl lai can ta a si ih, kumkhaw dinhmun va thlen tiki dikhon dinhmun a si lo.

Himi Bible bung cang 1Timothy 3:13 ih Paul ih a sim mi cu dikhonpawl ih mi tha zetih an rennak thu a si. 1Timothy 3:8-13 pumpi hi cu kawhhran hmaiih dikhon si dingih hual mipawl hniksagnak tlinnak tahfung a thupitzia a rel uarnak a si. Dikhonpawl cu rawng an bawl hlanah kawhhran sungih zumnak lamih an unaupawl ih sawihnawm ding hmuh lo mi an si ding a si. Cang 13-nak in dikhonpawl le kawhhran mipi kha dikhon si dingih tlinnak a tulzia a ngensal. Dikhonpawl in kha vek cawimawinak hmun an co thei ruangah dikhon dingih hual mipawl cu rawng an bawl hlanah a tling mi le hniksak mi an si ding a si.

Cuihtlunah 1Timothy 3:13 hi 1Timothy 3:1 ih elder-pawlih tlinnak Paul ih a ngan mipawl thawn artlang ih feh an si. Elder-pawl hnenah Paul in, “Mi pakhat in Bishop si a duh ah cun, hnaṭuan ṭha a duh a si ti mi hi, rinsantlak mi ṭawngkam a si,” ti ṭawngkam hmangin mipapawl kha tha a pe hai (1Timothy 3:1). Paul in dikhon cungcangthu khalah thapek ṭul in a ruat a si thei men. Kawhhran mipi in dikhonpawl kha an hmuniam in thupi ah an ruat lo khal a si men thei. Curuangah Paul in a cakuat siartupawl hnenah dikhonpawl khalin hna ṭha an ṭuan ih, kawhhran ah mi an ciahneh thei ih, dinhmun ṭha an nei thei a si ti a theiher hai.

Pathian inn sungih upattlak dinhmun neih cu ziangtluk sunglawi le lungawiza so a si! Cozah hnaṭuan sang dinhmun neih le University hminthang ih dinhmun ṭha neih hnakin Pathian inn ih dinmun ṭha neih cu a ṭha sawn. Pathian inn – cucu kawhhran a si – cu leilung tlunih dñ mi pawlkāwm lakih a thupibik miangmo a si.

Cang 13-nak ih Paul ih khawruahnak simfiangnak ah taṭṭhimnak la hnik sehla:

Kum tin khawvel ih mi ih ngaisanbik mi pahra hrilnak an nei ṭheu. Cupawl lakah cun lem cang thiam le milian mangkawng an hril ṭheu. Kum tin *Roman Catholic* puithiamnu Mother Teresa hi an hril mi ah a tel ve ringring. Kum 40 hnak tam Kolkota khawpi, India ih mifarahbikpawl rian in a can a hmang. Tuihni ah cun khawvel ih mi ih ngaihsan le mi ciahneh thei lakih pakhat ah a cang. Cuvek thothoin ṭha zetih riantu dikhonpawl khal upatnak le mi ciahneh theinak hmunram an co thei ve a si.

DIKHONPAWL IN RINNAK IH RALṬHATNAK NASA ZET AN NEI

(Deacons Gain Great Boldness in Faith)

Ṭha zetih riantu dikhonpawl in kawhhran ah dinhmun ṭha le hminṭhatnak an ngah lawng si loin, “Khrih Jesu ih um zumnak lamah ralṭhatnak nasa zet an nei” a si. Himi lawmman pahnihnak hi ṭha ten kan zoh hnik pei.

“Rinngamnak (confidence)” ti ṭawngfang (Greek, *parresia*) hi Thukham Thar ṭawngfang thupi zet pakhat a si, a sullam cu “awngaw, zalen zetih thusim” *open, free speech* ti a si thei. Curuangah Bible lettu tampi in Paul in dikhonpawl in zalen zetih rinnak thu an sim mi a simnak a si ding tiah an zum. *The New English Bible* in, “Ziangahtile rawngbawlnak hmingsinnak ṭha thawn dikhonpawl in dinhmun ṭha le Khristian zumnak thuhla cu zalen zetin an aupi thei ding,” tiah a let. Asinan hih Bible lehda cu dikhonpawlih hna thu a taw le a lu (context) lengah a thleng a bang.

Thukham Thar ah ‘rinngamnak’ (confidence) ti mi hi “awnawknak” (openness), “rinnak hnget” (firm confidence) asilole “ralṭhatnak” (boldness) sullam a nei thei, thusim lam a simnak si ri ai loin. Cucu ṭih, thuh, ṭihhrut ih ralkhat lamih um mi a si. Atu ih kan buai pi mi Bible thu ah hi cun “rinngamnak” (confidence) ti cu cohlan tlak a si ko nân, a cak lo deuh. KJV in “ralṭhatnak” (boldness) a ti mi hi a ṭha sawn ih, “rinnak ah” ti thaw khalin an milaw sawn.

Paul in hih dikhonpawl in Khrih ih um an zumnak ah nasa zetin ralṭhatnak an nei ding a ti a si. Dikhonpawlih ralṭhatnak cu “zumnak” ah a si. Cang 13 ih “zumnak” ti mi hin thurin lam a relnak a si lo ih, Khrih parih ṭhumaw dikhonpawlih bulpak zumnak a simnak a si. Hivek va

zumnak lam zumnak hi hih Bible bung le cang pawl ah kan hmu thei – 1Timothy 1:4,5,14,19; 2:15; 6:12).

Dikhonpawl cun kawhhran sungih mifarahpawlih taksa tul mi phuhurutu an si ruangah zumnak ih ralthatnak an tul hran lo ding tiah an ruat men thei. Asinan cuti men cu a si lo. An hna khan thlarau lam huham le zumnak a ngen a si. Dikhonpawl in thlarau lam nun an tul zet. Kawhhran sungih dikhonpawl ih mi an ciahneh theizia hi ngainep men ding a si lo.

Dikhonpawl in Pathian le Pathian minungpawl hrangah thil rori tuk an tuah thei. An rawngbawlnak kha phun tampi in an kauter thei. Nasa zetin kawhhran mipi an ciahneh thei. Khrih vek lungput lainatduhdawtnak le zahngainak lamah zohthimtlak an si thei. Cuihtlunah, dinkhon taimapawl in zumnak ah ralthatnak lawng si loin, zumnak ah ralthatnak nasa sinsin an nei thei. Nasa zetih zumnak ih ralthatnak hnakih tha ziang nun so um nawn.

“Zumnak” ti tawngfang hi Thukham Thar ih tawngfang thupibik lakih pakhat a si. Zumnak ti tawngfang hi noun, verb le adjective in Thukham Thar ah vawi 307 a lang. Nigel Turner cun , “zumnak ih Khristian nun a si...mithiangpawlih malsawmnak danglam hleice, Pathian thawi remawknak, ruahsannak, aipuannak, ngaidamnak le rundamnak luannak titler a si. Cumi ihsin Khristian pawlkawmnak upat dingin zangfahnak hmuahhmuah a putsuak,” tiah a ti.

Kan zumnak hi sinak maksak a si. A thang thei ih a cak vivo thei (2The 1:3; 2Kor 10:15), asilole caklo in a um thei. Rei a daih thei ih, a cau thei fawn. Zumnak cu do mi a si fawn. Setan in kan zumnak siatsuah a tum, ziangruangahtile amah do theitu le neh theitu a si (Efe 6:16; 1Pet 5:8,9; 1Joh 5:4; 1Thes 5:8). Zumnak in kan thlacamnak a hngawng. Zumnak in kan thlarau thilpek hmansuahnak a uk theh (Rom 12:3,6). Zumnak in

duhdawtnak le rawngbawlnak nasasin nei dingin kan tha in thoter (2The 1:11).

Khristian nun pumpi hi Khrih parih thumawknak in, zumnak in hmingsinak a tuah. 1Timothy 3:13 ihsi thilmak kan zirsuah mi cu dikhonpawl in rinum zetih rawng an bawl tikah, an thlarau nun khal an thangsoter, a hleicein Khrih ih um an zumnak! Dikhonpawl cun an zirh ve lo ih, kawhhran mipi an uk in an hoha ve lo nân, raltha zetih zumnak hmangsuaktu thlarau nun lamih mihratkhawkheng an si thei. Zumnak lamih ralthapawl in zumnak thar ah an ke an kar ngam, thil pipa ziang simaw tuahngamnak an nei. Cuvek raltha zetih zumnak neitu cun Bawipa hrangah thil pipa an tuahsuak theu, tlang an thawn thei, zangfahnak lăngternak le Khrih duhdawtnak mi dang hnenih lăngternak ah tidan thar le ruahnak thar an suah ngam. Vision thar an nei ngam, tuanvo menmen hnakih sang le pipa an tuahsuak ngam. Dikhon in tha zetih mi an rian asile, cuhnakih tamsin le thasin ih tuahsuak dingin zumnak ah ralthatnak an nei. Zumnak neipawl khi tuansuahnak nei an si. Zumnak hi tuarnak le hniksaknak ihsi dodalnak um lo cun a thukin a thang thei lo.

Khat lam ve thungah zumlonak in mi a zengter. Cangvaisuak lo dingin mi a báiter. *Vision* a siatsuah. Zumlonak cun thulunlonak le thanaunak a sersiam. Israel-mipawlih zumlonak thu Moses ih sim mi ngai hnik hman: “Cule Jehovah in Kadesh Barnea ihsin, ‘So uhla, ka rak lo pek mi ram cu va la uh,’ tiih a lo thlah tikah, Jehovah nan Pathian thupek dokalhin nan rak hél, cule amah nan rak zum lo ih, a aw khal nan ngaithla fawn lo,” (Dnp 9:23) tiah a ti hai.

1Timothy 3:13 ih Paul ih a tarlăng mi dikhonpawlih zumnak kha anmai thluak thatnak, thiamnak, cahnak le sumpai neihnak parih thumaw le hram thla a si lo. Hih zumnak cu “Khrih Jesu ih” hram bun a si. Bible zumnak

cun Khrih a sawhkhiih, amah le mah a sawhkhiihaw dah lo. Bible zumnak cu Khrih laimu ih ret zumnak a si, kan zumnak ðumawknak cun thil ziangkim a danglamter thluh. Bible zumnak cu huham cahnak in petu le in kaihngettu a si. Bible zumnak cu hriak thih Pathian Fapa, in rundamtu Jesu Khrih parah zumnak, ðumawknak a si.

Pathian sawhkhiihnak Bible cang malte siarlo, Thukham Thar Bible bung le cang ih zumnak thu relnak Bible bung cang hmuahhmuah in kan zumnak ðumawknak cu Jesu Khrih a si. Jesu Khrih in Pa hnenah in hruai. Khrih ihsi lawngin Pa Pathian kan thei thei. Khrih tel loin, Pathian kan pan thei lo ih, kan rian thei fawn lo. Khrih tel loin zianghman kan tuah thei lo (John 15:5).

Kan zumnak in Pathian rawngbawlnak ih kan titheinak lai a rel. ðhimnakah, dungthluntupawl in ziangruangah khawse pawlh tlangvalpa an tidam thei lo ti an suh tikah, Jesu in an hlawhsamnak cu zumnak an tlaksam ruangah a si tiah a ti hai.

“Cutikah Jesu in an hnenah, nan zumlonak ruangah a si. Ziangatile thungai thu ka lo sim, ançam ci vek zumnak nan neih asile, hi tlang hnenah, Hitawk ihsin ðhawn aw,’ nan ti ding ih a ðhawn mai ding. Cule nan hrangah thil cang thei lo mi a um lo ding,” (Mat 17:20; siarbet aw – 1Kor 13:2), tiah a ti hai.

Pathian hrangih kan tuah thei mi ngaingai pawl hi kan zumnak vekin a si. Hebru cakuat ngantu in Thukham Hlun ih zumnak ih nungpawl le rawngbawltupawl thu ah,

“Annihpawl cun zumnak in rampawl an la, diktakin thu an ðhen, thutiampawl an co, kiosa kâ an cîpter, meisa thiltitheinak an mitter ih, ralnâm hriam ihsin an luat, cahlonak ihsin cahter an si, raldonak ah miralþha an si ih, ram dang ralkappawl an tekvaiter,” (Heb 11:33,34) tiah a ti.

Luke khalin pasarih pawl lakih pakhat Stefen a relnak ah, “zumnak ih khat pa” tiah a ti (Apo 6:5).

Zumnak ih ralthatnak nasa zet nei ti cu nehman laksawng maksak co a si! Dikhonpawl in Khrih ih zumnak ralthatnak hnakih tha sawn thil dang ziang an ngah thei pei? Ziangtluk maksak nehman laksawng so a si! Dikhonpawl in rawngbawlnak maksak an hlensuak thei a si. A va ropi tak em!

Bung - 13

Khrih-ih Zahngainak Palai

(Agents of Christ's Mercy)

**“Curuanghai nan Pa zah a ngai vekin, zahngai ve uh”
Luke 6:36**

**“Thilpek cu mi dang thazang va peknak asile, thazang
mi pe seh. Thilpek cu peknak asile, siang zetin pe seh.
Thilpek cu hruaitu sinak asile, taima zetin hruai seh.
Thilpek cu zahngainak asile, lungawi zetin
zahngainak nei seh.”**

Rom 12:8

Bible sungih ṭawngkam langsar zetzet tampi lakah “zahngainak” ti ṭawngfang hi ruahsannak le thlangamnak petu a si. Leilung tlunah tuarnak le soal ih hremnak ah Pathian hnen ihsin le kan milaipi hnen ihsin zahngainak kan ṭul. Zahngainak (mercy) simfiangnak tluangtlam cu Lawrence O. Richards in, “Thukham Hlun le Thukham Thar ah zahngainak (mercy) cu milai ṭul mi pesuak dingih lainatnak lāngternak a si,” tiah a ngan. Carl Armerding in, The Zondervan Encyclopedia of the Bible sungah zahngainak simfiangnak kimcang zetin hitin a ngan:

*“..mi dang thil zem asilole mi dang va bāwm a si.
Himi zemsuahnak hi sung lamih um si khal sehla,
leng lam cangvaihnak ah ziangmaw ti talin a
langsua. Zahngainak (mercy) cu zangfahnak,
lainatnak le duhdawtnak sung lamih um mi le
zahngainak a ṭul mipawl hnenih ziang thawn simaw
ngilneihnak lāngternak thawi kawmaw mi a si,”tiin.*

Timothy J. Keller in a cabu Ministries of Mercy ti mi sungah “Zahngainak (mercy) cu hriam tuar le tlaksam mi nei pawl theihthiampinak lungthin neih thutthi le cupawl bǎwm zangkhai duhna a si,” tiah a ngan. Puritan cangantu pa ih ngan mi kha lasawngsin tahratin Keller in, “Zangfahnak cu milai tlinnak thawn a pehparaw ih, zahngainak cu milaiih tuarnak, harsa tinak lam thawn a pehtlaiaw,” tiah a ti.

Bible in Pathian cu zahngainak thawi khat a si tiah a ti. Profet Jeremiah in, “Jehovah-ih zahngainak zarah kannih cu kan riarál lo.” (Ṭah 3:22) tiah a ti. Mitlasam le a tlak lo mi misualpawl lamah Pathian zahngainak um lo sehla kan sualnak ah kan hloral theh zo ding. Bible in, “Asinan zahngainak tam zet neitu Pathian in a duhdawtnak maksak thawi in rak duhdawt ruangah, mawhsualnakpawl ih thi kan rak si lai hmanah, Khrih zawngah nuntlangter kan si, zangfahnak ih rundam nan si,” (Efe 2:4,5) tiah a ti.

Kan Bawipa Jesu leitlun ih a tlanlen laiah a kiangkapih harsatnak tuarpawl mi tampi a bawm, a zangkhaiteer hai. A tidam mi khawse pawlhpah hnenah Jesu in, “Asinan Jesu in a siang lo, a hnenah, na sungte hnen le na rualpipawl hnenah va feh awla, Bawipa in na hrangah ziangtluk thil ropi a lo tuahsak ti le ziangtlukin na parah lainatnak a nei ti kha va sim hai sawn aw,’ tiah Jesu in a ti riangri,” (Mar 5:19).

Samaria miṭhapaih thu khal kha milai zahngainak cangvaihnak thuanthu maksak a si (Luke 10:30-37). Samaria-pa in Jerikho lamzin ah suam, vuak le thi zikte ih tǎn mi pa a hmuh tikah, Bible in, “Cu pa parah lainatnak a nei” tiah in sim. Bǎwm ṭul mi paih parah a thinlung muril in lainatnak a nei, Samaria-pa in cu paih tuarnak zangkainak dingin a bawm lohli. “A va pan ih a hriamhmapawl ah hriak le sabitzu a tawih hnuah, a

tuamsak; amai țilva parah a toter ih, khualbûk ah a hruai. Cule a tuamhlawm. A thaisun a fehsuah zawngah, dinari paisa pahnih a suah ih, khualbûk kiltu hnenah a pe. Cule a hnenah, ‘Hi pa hi run tuamhlawm awla, na cembêt mi hmuahhmuah cu ka ra kirsal tikah ka lo rûlsal ding,’ tiah a ti.”

Cule Danthiampa cun, ‘A parih zahngainak neitupa hi a si,’ tiah a ti (Luke 10:37). Danthiampa hnenah Jesu in, “Feh awla, cutivekin va tuah ve aw,” tiah a ti.

**DIKHONPAWL HI KHRIH KAWHHRAN IH
ZAHNGAINAK PALAI AN SI**
(Deacons are the agent of mercy in Christ’s Church)

Kan zoh zo vekin dikhonpawl cu kawhhran mipi lakih mitlasam bawmtu ding an si. An hna cu Apo 6 ah hleihnih pawl in fiang zetin an tarlang:

“Cun hleihnih pawl in dungthluntu mi tampi an hnenah an kokhawm ih, ‘Pathian kamsuakthu thlauthla in cabuai hna kan țuan ding cu kan hrangah thil dik a si lo. Curuangah u le nau pawl, nan lak ihsin mi pasarih mi hmințha, Thlarau Thianghlim le fimnak ih khat hril uhla, hi țuanvo hi kan pe ding, ” (Apo 6:2,3).

Dikhonpawl hmangin (paltläng in) kawhhranin băwmnak cangvaihnak le thawhhlawm cu hlawhtling zetin tawlrelsuak a si. Dikhonpawl cu thawhhlawm khawngtu, băwmnak thawhhlawm zemsuaktu, zahngainak palai an si. Mifarah, hna nei lo, mi damlo, nuhmei, tar, inn nei lo, raltlanpawl, kut ke kim lo pawl an bawm. Kawhhran ih thinlung lam le nun lamih băwm țul mi thurawn an pe ih an kaihruai. A țul mi kawhhran member an inn ah an va leng.

Tuarnak a tawng mipawl an va bawm, an zangkhaiteer. Mi tha an pe, an kilhim, an hnem, an tul mi an pe. Tulai tawngih kan sim asile, mipi taksa lamih bawmtu (*social worker*) an si.

An hna hi harsa in buaithlak theu hman sehla, Pathian mit ah a hlú tuk mi a si. Pathian cun mifarah le mitlasam a ngaisak. James in, “Pathian le Pa hmaika-ih sakhawbiaknak thiang le bawrhhlawh lo cu, nu le pa nei le nuhmeipawl an buai can ih veh hi a si...” (James 1:27a) tiah a ti. Khristiannak diktak cu mitlasam kilkhawi le bawm hi a si. Asinan mitlasampawl hi hngilh le thlauthlak an si theu. Cutivek ding a si hrimhrim lo. Local church cun member harsa le tlasam cu a kilkhawi ding a si, cule dikhonpawl cu cuvek rawngbawl hna tuanvo neitu an si.

Thukham Thar ah dikhonpawl cu tuukháltupawl thawn nai zetih pehtlaihawknak nei an si. Tuukháltupawl vek thothoin tlinnak ziang mawzat neih tul mi an nei. Tuukháltupawl vekin, annih cu rawng an bawl hlanah official in cekfel/hniksak le nemhnggeh ding an si. Tuukháltupawl vek thothoin kawhhran mipi lakah tuanvo le dinhmun an nei. Asinan kawhhran tuukháltupawl vekin, dikhonpawl cu Pathian Kamsuakthu zirh le hohatu sinak tuanvo ah tel venak an nei lo. Dikhonpawl cu kawhhran rawngbawltu siahhlawh, kawhhran mipi lakih taksa dan ih bawm tulpawl bawmnak hna tuantu, tuukháltupawl hna zangkhaiteertu an si. Kawhhran rawngbawltu phun hnih pastor (tuukháltu) le dikhon cu mi dangdang, hna dangdang nei an si ko nân, bawmawtawn an si. Tuukháltu/elder-pawl ih hnapibik cu kawhhran mipi Pathian Kamsuakthu zirh le kaihhruai a si. Dikhonpawlih hnapibik cu kawhhran mipi lakih mitlasam le bawm tul bawm le kilkhawi a si. Riahsiaza zet a si mi cu kawhhran tampi ah dikhonpawl cun zo an si, ziang tuah ding an si ti an theihawk lo hi a si. Curuangah dikhonpawl cu a tul lo ah an tuar, tuukháltupawl

khal an tuar, kawhhran mipi in an tuar ih, băwm ʈul mipawl in an tuar hleice.

Bible zumtu kawhhranpawl lakah Thukham Thar dikhon thu ah thil ʈihnung zet pahnih a um. A pakhatnak cu dikhonpawl kha thuneihnak siatsuahtu le kawhhran uktu ih tuah hi a si. Kawhhran tampi in dikhonpawl in kawhhran uktu thuneitu sangbik kawmitte an dĭn. Cuvek thil ti cu Thukham Thar dan pahbäl pumhlum le Thukham Thar dikhon dinhmun siatsuah pumhlum a si.

A pahnihnak dikhon thu ih fehndan ʈihnungza a si mi cu: dikhonpawl kha inn hngaktu, sangka kiltu, bawmtu vek fangfang ih ret hi a si. Thukham Thar in dikhonpawl cu building kawmitte, building remtu kawmmitte ah a ret dah lo. Kawhhran in building nan neih asile, building kilʈhatu kawmitte a hran in dĭn uh. Cuih kawmitte member ih telpawl in Pathian in dikhon si dingih tlinnak a ngĕn mi an neih a ʈul ve hran cuang lo ih, mipi hmaiih cekfek/hniksak le nemhngĕh an ʈul ve lo. Kawhhran thilri kilkhawi le cingfelnak ah dikhon nan ʈul asile, telter ko uh, asinan dikhonpawlih hnapibik cu kawhhran member tlasam, farah, băwm ʈul băwm a si ti kha hngilh hlah uhla, cuih hna bahlah ding cun thil dang kawmitte ah telter hlah uh. Building kawmitte hi a taktak ah cun dikhon hna a si lo.

Kawhhran hlawnthil ngaingai cu a mipi a si, biakinn tokham le building an si lo ti kha kan hngilh ding a si lo. Asinan kawhhran member lakih mitlasam, mifarah le băwm ʈul pawl kha ngaihsak lo le băwm lo an si ʈĕu, building le biakinn sungih thil le ri pawl riangri buaipei sawn an si ʈĕu ih, sumpai le tikcucan khal pek tam sawn an si ʈĕu.

Dikhonpawlih hna cu Pathian thinlung ih umbik mifarah le mitlasam duhdawtnak thawi băwm le tuamhlawm hna danglam hleice an nei. Apo 6 ih fiang zet le duhum zet a tarläng bangin, dikhonpawlih hna hi local church ah le Khrih hrangih rawng kan bawlnak ah a ʈul zet

mi a si. Pathian lainatnak, ngilneihnak, zahngainak le duhdawtnak ih rawng an bawlnak ah, dikhonpawl in local church le khawvel hnenah upattlak zohthim ding an nei. Kawhhran sungih mitlasam le mifarah local church in lainatnak thawi a tuamhlawm asile, khawvel in Khrih-ih duhdawtnak a hmu thei ding; cumi cun mi hrekkhat kha rundamtu hnenah a hip ding. Local church tin in mitlasam/mifarah hrangih Khrih-ih lainatnak thinlung pu, mirinum le pumhlumih pe-aw dikhon a ʔul a si.

**DIKHONPAWL CU JESU VEKIH ZOHTHIM
DINGIH TUAHAW DING AN SI**

(Deacons are to model themselves after Jesus)

ʔanghmasialnak khawvel, hngalnak ih khat khawvel ih zahngainak thawi khat kan Bawipa Jesu a rat tikah, tangdawrnak le siahhlawh sinak cun sullam dangpi le thupitnak a nei (Mat 20:20-28; Luke 12:37). Khristian siahhlawh sinak asilole riantu sinak theihfiang kan duh asile, Khrih-ih nun kan zir a ʔul. Khrih-ih nun cu duhdawtnak, ʔanghmasiallonak, mi dang va rēn nun a si. A hnuaiih Bible bung le cang pawl hin Khrih-ih *diakonia* thu in sim.

- "A thil tuah mi cun mipi an khawruah a harter ngaingai. Cule, 'Thil ziangkim hi ʔha tukin a tuah. Hnasetpawl an hna a vangter ih, ʔawng thei lo pawl ʔawng thei ko a tuah,' tiah an ti." (Mar 7:37)
- "Nazareth Jesu cu Pathian in Thlarau Thianghlim le huham in ziangtin a thuam ti nan thei. A hnenih Pathian a um ruangah, anih cu hmun kip ah feh in thil ʔha a tuah ih, Diabol ih palbet mipawl hmuahhmuah a damter." (Apo 10:38)

- “Mitcawpawl le kebaipawl cu Jesu hnenah temple kulh sungah an ra, cule anih in a damter hai. Cun puithiam sangpawl le Danzirhtupawl in mangbangza thilpawl a tuah mi le temple kulh sungih nauhakpawl in, ‘David Fapa hnenah Hosana!’ tiih an au mi an hmuh tikah an thin a heng tuk ih....” (Mat 21:14,15)
- “Jesu in a lainat hai ih an mit cu a thamsak. Cule hmakhatteah khua an hmu ih, amah an thlun.” (Mat 20:34)
- “Cun Jesu cu khawpipawl le khawtepawl hmuahhmuah a fangsuaq, an sinakokpawl ah a zirh, lalram thuthangṭha a phuang ih, mipi lakih nathri phunzakip le natnak phunzakip a damter. Cun Jesu in mipi a hmuh tikah, khāltu nei lo tuu bangin cau le vākdarh ih an um ruangah a lainat hai. ” (Mat 9:35,36)
- “Cule Jesu in a sawn hai ih an hnenah, va feh uhla, John hnenah nan hmuh mi le nan theih mi thilpawl tla va sim uh. Mitcawpawl khua an hmu ih, kebaipawl an feh; mipiharpawl an thiang ih, hnasetpawl in an thei; mithipawl tla an tho ih, mifarahpawl hnenah thuthangṭha phuan a si. ” (Mat 11:4,5).

Siahhlawh rawngbawl vekin dikhonpawl cu Jesu băngnak an nei ding a si. An zohṭhim ding mi cu Jesu a si. Dikhonpawl cu duhdawtnak, pumpekawknak, lainatnak le zahngainak thawi Khristian rawngbawltu danglam an si ding a si. Khristian dikhonpawl hmuahhmuah cu lainatnak,

ṭanghmasiallonak, harsatnak tawngpawl le mifarahpawl
ngaihsak lamih Khrih cawn an tum bangin thlawsuah co hai
seh. Himi ngaisanum rawngbawlhna an ṭuan bangin Khrih
bang nun nei hram hai seh.
