

Background of How Villagers Became Christians

The First Preachers to Nkhen:

The first good news was brought by Mr. Mataibou Pamei. A preacher from Luangdi Pabram Baptist Church came and preached among the villagers in the month of August, 1947. The second was Mr. Kadiliang from Sonram Baptist Church.

First Christians

Not long after some preachers came, Mr. W. Masangthei of Mapao Baptist Church, a preacher came with the good news again. This time, 13 villagers accepted and became Christians. They became Christians on 28th September 1949. Their names were:

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| 1. Th. Tunchapbou | 2. Ab. Ramdetbou | 3. Ch. Majithui |
| 4. Ab. Kadinang | 5. Th. Touku | 6. Ab. Namchungbou |
| 7. Th. Athong | 8. Ch. Lungwining | 9. Ch. Kaisongwi |
| 10. Ml. Mangku | 11. Ab. Wikhalungbou | 12. Ab. Khulingbou |
| 13. Ch. Widonping | | |

Change of Village Location

Old Nkhen (Makhan Village) was shifted or re-located to the present Nkhen (Makhan) Village in 1950. There were only 4 families who shifted first to the new location. Their names were:

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| 1. Ab. Dikhonang | 2. Ch. Piulingbou |
| 3. Th. Tanagibou | 4. Ab. Namsongwi |

Secondly, four families shifted to the present Nkhen. It was in the year of 1951. Their names were:

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| 1. Ml. Kaihombou | 2. Ch. Piulinbou |
| 3. Th. Tanagibou | 4. Ch. Kachaliuha |

Gradually, in 1952, unitedly, all the villagers decided to become Christians and they shifted from old Nkhen to the present Nkhen (Makhan). But the first family to have become Christian was Mr. Ml. Kajanbou and his family.

Temptations and Back Sliding

As soon as all the villagers became Christians, there came big temptation. Many people died of diseases. About 20 persons died in that epidemic. Moreover, many people could not give up use of alcohol.

In the year 1953, Ab. Khungakbou took 12 families and shifted back to the old Nkhen village. However, some believers remained steadfast despite the harsh epidemic and difficulties faced after becoming Christians.

Revival Movement

- (A) The first Revival Movement came to Nkhen Baptist Church in 1955-56. However, there were no good leaders to lead the church well, so the movement subsided.
- (B) The second movement came in 1972 again. During that movement, God performed great actions.
- (C) The movement was stopped for sometimes. Again as the third movement, God enabled His Revival movement in 1986. As a result of that movement, great changes took places in the church and God's blessings came to the village. Revival movement continues till today.

Missionary Movement:

Missionary activities had not been done for quite a long time, such that, the church members as believers felt guilty in the sight of God as well as people. Only in the year of 1990, missionary activities were taken up. The first mission work was a sponsorship to Awang Sekmai Baptist Church.

The names of missionaries who had served together with Nkhen Baptist Church are listed below:

1. Joseph (Kom), Pastor – 2 years
2. C.M. Joy (Tangkhul) Pastor – 5 years
3. Dilip (Nepali) Evangelist, in 1998

From 1999 the church planned to send more missionaries as a Golden Jubilee Memorial. And till today missionaries activities are undertaken by the church.