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Its First-ever Men's Ministries Council



The Khasi Jaintia Conference of Seventh-day Adventists reached a significant milestone by successfully organizing its first-ever Men's Ministries Council from March 26–28, 2026, at ATS Khasi Church, Thadlaskeiñ.

The council brought together pastors, evangelists, and laymen from across the Khasi Jaintia Conference for a spiritually enriching weekend of fellowship, learning, and renewal. Centered on the theme, “Managing Time and Resources Profitably: Mending Family Relationships,” the program emphasized biblical principles of family leadership, faithful stewardship, and Christian living. Participants were encouraged to strengthen their relationship with God while serving as responsible leaders in their homes, churches, and communities.

The Men's Ministries Council was organized with the approval and support of the Khasi Jaintia Conference administration. ATS Khasi



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Church, Thadlaskeiñ, warmly welcomed approximately 70 delegates from various districts across the Khasi and Jaiñtia Hills.

Registration began at 4:00 p.m. on March 26, 2026, and was efficiently coordinated by Pastor Heimonmi Mawlong and Mr. Boimiki Manar. The gathering provided a meaningful platform for men to grow spiritually, strengthen family relationships, and deepen their commitment to God and the church.

March 26, 2026: First Evening Worship



The council officially commenced with a welcome address by Pastor Lasting Light Wahlang, who emphasized the vital role of men in family and church life.

The opening worship message, titled “Worship in the Family,” was presented by Pastor Ronald Andrew Wallang. He highlighted the biblical responsibility of fathers and husbands to serve as spiritual leaders in their homes and

encouraged delegates to establish regular family worship to nurture the spiritual growth of their families, especially their children.



March 27, 2026: Session Highlights - Christian Leadership and Family Life

The Right Use of Wealth

The morning devotional was led by Pastor Chandametre Nongtdu, who spoke on “The Right Use of Wealth.” He challenged fathers and husbands to demonstrate faithful stewardship by returning tithes and offerings faithfully while responsibly providing for their families. His message underscored the importance of setting a godly example through wise financial stewardship.



Managing Technology in the Christian Home

The first seminar session featured Pastor Ronald Andrew Wallang, who presented “Helping Families Manage the Intrusion of Technology.” He encouraged participants to use modern technology wisely while maintaining strong spiritual values and healthy family relationships. The presentation highlighted both the opportunities and challenges technology brings to contemporary Christian homes.

The Importance of Quality Family Time

The second seminar was presented by Mrs. Lalsangpuii Renthlei, Family Ministries representative from the Northeast India Union, Shillong. Speaking on “Duties of a Father: Spending Time with the



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Family,” she emphasized the importance of fathers intentionally investing quality time with their wives and children. Pastor Aibor Sohkhlet served as translator, enabling delegates to follow the presentation in their vernacular language.

During the evening vesper service, Mrs. Renthlei also delivered a message on “The Importance of Cultivating a Christ-Centered Family Life.”

Building Healthy Marriages

In the third seminar session, Pastor Lasting Light Wahlang spoke on “Healthy Relationships Between Husband and Wife.” He emphasized that strong marriages are built on mutual respect, love, communication, and commitment. He also addressed the challenges that arise when marital relationships are neglected and encouraged men to intentionally strengthen their relationships with their spouses.

Open Discussion and Fellowship

The final seminar session provided delegates with an opportunity to discuss practical family issues, leadership challenges, and spiritual growth. Participants shared personal experiences and raised questions, while Pastor Wahlang offered practical, biblical responses. The interactive discussion was well received and fostered mutual learning and encouragement.

March 28, 2026: Sabbath Worship and Spiritual Renewal

Morning Devotional: Time Management and Family Priorities

The Sabbath morning devotional was presented by Pastor Koster Syiemlieh, who spoke on “Time Management with the Family.”



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He reminded delegates that many fathers struggle to balance work, responsibilities with family commitments and encouraged them to prioritize meaningful time with their spouses and children.

Sabbath School

The Sabbath School program was led by Pastor Joel Batlang Sohkhlet. The lesson, “Standing in All the Will of God,” inspired members to remain faithful and committed to God’s purpose for their lives.

Divine Service

The Sabbath worship service was attended by a large congregation, including members from neighboring churches. Pastor Lasting Light Wahlang delivered the sermon, “Building a Strong Relationship with the Family,” emphasizing that strong families form the foundation of strong churches and communities.

The presence of numerous pastors and church leaders added significance to the occasion, including Pastor Standhope Hynniewta, President of the Khasi Jaintia Conference, whose attendance demonstrated the Conference’s support for this important Men’s Ministries initiative.



Fathers and Children

During the Sabbath evening worship service, Pastor Rimiki Sytem spoke on “Father and Children Relationships.” He stressed the importance of cultivating trust, understanding, and love between fathers and their children, reminding the congregation that God desires fathers to reflect His love and care within their homes.



A Commitment to Leave a Godly Legacy

The council concluded with a prayer of consecration led by Pastor Lasting Light Wahlang. In his closing remarks, he challenged the men to leave a lasting legacy of faithfulness by becoming godly husbands, loving fathers, and committed church members.

Thank you Address: Words of Appreciation

The organizers expressed sincere gratitude to Pastor Walter Shadap and the members of ATS Khasi Church, Thadlaskeiñ, for their generous hospitality and dedicated support. Appreciation was also extended to all delegates, pastors, evangelists, and speakers who contributed to the success of the council.

Special recognition was given to Mrs. Lalsangpuii Renthlei for representing the Northeast India Union Family Ministries Department and for sharing valuable insights that greatly enriched the event.



Looking Ahead: Into The Future

The successful completion of the first Men's Ministries Council marks an important step forward in strengthening and mobilizing the men of the Khasi Jaintia Conference. Delegates returned home encouraged to deepen their relationship with God, strengthen their families, and serve their churches with renewed commitment.

With the positive response received, plans are already underway to make next year's Men's Ministries Council even more impactful and better organized.

May God continue to bless the men of the Khasi Jaintia Conference as they strive to lead their families and churches according to His will and prepare their households for the soon return of Jesus Christ.

Reported by:

Pr. Lasting Light Wahlang
Family Ministries Departmental Director
Khasi Jaintia Conference



A Church Rises In Manipur: From Lonely Witness To Living Lighthouse



For more than two decades, a faithful Seventh-day Adventist family in the hills of Manipur stood alone, remaining steadfast in keeping the Sabbath despite continual pressure to join a larger congregation. Their unwavering faith became a quiet testimony to God's faithfulness—a single light shining on a distant hillside.

From the moment Tribe After Tribe Ministry learned of their story, one prayer guided every step: "A church must rise." Today, by God's grace, that prayer has been answered.

In partnership with the Manipur Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, a new church now stands ready to welcome worshippers. Built through prayer, sustained by generous supporters, and dedicated to the glory of God, what was once a solitary testimony has become a lighthouse of truth and hope for the surrounding villages.



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Inauguration and Dedication

Date: March 30, 2026

Venue: Guigailong, Khoupum, Manipur

Sponsor: Tribe After Tribe Ministry

The inauguration began with a season of prayer followed by a joyful time of praise and worship. Church leaders and invited guests shared messages of encouragement, emphasizing the church's calling to be a place of worship, fellowship, discipleship, and mission.

Church members, visitors, evangelists, pastors, Lingshiny, the Director of Tribe After Tribe Ministry and Lingshiny's colleagues, along with local community leaders, gathered to celebrate this significant milestone. Their presence made the occasion both joyful and memorable.

The program concluded with a vote of thanks and a closing prayer, reflecting the spirit of unity that God is building among His people in this community.

This church is more than a building—it is a beacon of hope and a testimony that God answers prayer and advances His mission through faithful people. Our prayer is that many more churches will be established throughout the tribal villages, enabling countless others to become part of God's commandment-keeping people and experience the hope found in the everlasting gospel.

How You Can Stand with Us

- Pray for the spiritual strength, unity, and growth of the church members



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- Pray that hearts in the surrounding villages will be open to the gospel.
- Pray that God will continue to provide the resources needed to establish more churches where the need is great and the harvest is plentiful.

With grateful hearts, we praise God for His guidance and abundant blessings. May this church shine brightly as a lighthouse in the community, leading many to Christ, nurturing faithful disciples, and sending forth witnesses until every village has heard the message of hope.

Reported by:

Pr. Runio Arche, Director
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Manipur Conference of Seventh-day Adventists



Garó Section Women's Convention 2026



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The Garo Section successfully conducted its 20th Women's Convention at Riverside Academy SDA Church from April 1–4, 2026. A total of 565 delegates from across the Garo Section attended the convention with great enthusiasm and spiritual devotion. By the grace of God, the opening ceremony was conducted successfully, marking the beginning of a blessed and memorable gathering.

The theme of the convention was **“Stand Fast in the Faith,”** based on the inspiring Bible verse:

“Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong.” 1 Corinthians 16:13



The convention was honored to welcome Mrs. Lalsangpui Renthlei, Women's Ministries Director of the Northeast India Union, as one of its special guests. She delivered an inspiring and uplifting message on the topic, **“The Role of Women in the Church.”**



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Dr. Sujie Paul Francis from Jengjal Sub-Divisional Hospital presented a meaningful message on **“The Vital Role of Mothers in the Family.”** Mrs. Lethina W. Sangma, Women’s Ministries Director of the Garo Section, also shared an encouraging message on **“Women and Hospitality.”**

Throughout the convention, various speakers delivered inspiring messages centered on the theme each morning and evening. These messages brought spiritual encouragement, renewal, and motivation to all the participants.

In addition to the spiritual programs, several activities and competitions were organized for the women. An exhibition showcasing creative and handcrafted items prepared by women from different churches was held during the convention. In the exhibition competition, Bakenang SDA Church won first prize, Goldatgre SDA Church secured second prize, and Baghmara SDA Church received the third prize.



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A singing competition among the circles was also conducted with joyful participation. Ampati Circle won first prize, Williamnagar Circle secured second prize, and Baghmara Circle received the third prize.

Each morning, Mrs. Hejilla Marak and Mrs. Elen Marak led the participants in physical exercise sessions, promoting healthy living, fellowship, and overall well-being among the women.

The convention proved to be a great blessing to all who attended. Many women were refreshed physically, mentally, and spiritually through the various programs and activities. The gathering strengthened their faith, fostered unity, and renewed their commitment to serve God faithfully in their homes, churches, and communities.

The Garo Section Women's Ministries Department thanks God for His abundant blessings and expresses sincere gratitude to all the speakers, organizers, volunteers, and delegates whose participation contributed to the success of the convention.

Reported by:

Mrs. Lethina W. Sangma
Director, Women's Ministries Department
Garo Section



NEIU Women's Ministries Directors' Advisory And Leadership Certification Training



NEIU Women's Ministries Directors' Advisory and Leadership Certification Training was conducted on April 14–15, 2026, at Seventh Day Tlang, Aizawl, Mizoram.

Day 1 – April 14, 2026: Directors' Advisory Meeting

The Women's Ministries Directors' Advisory brought together all eight Women's Ministries Directors from across the Northeast India Union (NEIU) under the leadership of Mrs. Lalsangpuii Renthlei, Women's Ministries Director, NEIU. The gathering was both memorable and productive, fostering unity, collaboration, and a renewed commitment to ministry.



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The morning session began with an inspiring devotional message by Pastor Biakzidinga Renthlei, President of NEIU. Drawing lessons from the lives of women in Scripture, he highlighted examples of faith, courage, and devotion that continue to inspire believers today.

During the morning session, Mrs. Lalsangpuii Renthlei and Mrs. Nabelsha, Women's Ministries Director of the Khasi Jaintia Conference, reminded participants that Women's Ministries is built upon three foundational pillars: **Nurture, Empower, and Outreach.** They encouraged the directors to embrace the sacred responsibility entrusted to them and to serve faithfully in advancing God's work.

During the afternoon session, Pastor Biakzidinga Renthlei presented the Women's Ministries Constitution and By-Laws, providing guidance on the structure and operation of the department. His presentation was followed by a meaningful discussion during which the directors shared insights, experiences, and recommendations.

The session concluded with a strong spirit of unity as all participants agreed to adopt a common framework throughout the Union. This decision will help ensure consistent, efficient, and harmonious functioning of the Women's Ministries Department while strengthening cooperation among all fields and sections.

Day 2 – April 15, 2026: Leadership Certification Training

The second day focused on Leadership Certification Training and was attended by 32 Women's Ministries leaders and secretaries representing 16 circles of the Mizo Conference. The programme was designed to equip women leaders with practical leadership skills while providing spiritual encouragement and inspiration.



Resource Persons

- Mrs. Lethina Momin – Director, Women’s Ministries, Garo Section
- Mrs. Lalrindiki – Director, Women’s Ministries, Tripura Region

The day began with a devotional message by Pastor Lalrohlua Fanai, Secretary of the Mizo Conference. He reminded participants that ministry extends beyond fulfilling responsibilities; it involves touching lives through love, compassion, and genuine care. His message emphasized that women who lead with empathy can bring lasting and meaningful change to their communities.

Session 1: “Woman of Worth”

Mrs. Letina Momin encouraged participants to overcome feelings of inadequacy and recognize their God-given value and potential. Drawing lessons from the “Inferior Puppy” parable, she reminded the women that every individual is created with purpose, dignity, and worth as a child of God.

Session 2: “Principles of Effective Leadership” and “Personal Appearance”

Mrs. Lalrindiki emphasized that leaders should conduct themselves with dignity and confidence, reflecting the honor and responsibility of their calling. She outlined eleven key characteristics of effective leadership:

1. Be Committed to God
2. Have a Vision
3. Be a Lifelong Learner
4. Be Honest and Trustworthy



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5. Believe in Yourself
6. Be Enthusiastic
7. Be a Problem Solver
8. Communicate Effectively
9. Be a Change Agent
10. Be Organized, Efficient, and Competent
11. Make Time for Personal Growth

Conclusion: The programme concluded with a meaningful Consecration Service led by Pastor Rodinglana, President of the Mizo Conference. His message encouraged every woman to dedicate her life, talents, and strength wholeheartedly to God's service.

The two-day event proved to be both enriching and uplifting. Participants were reminded that leadership is not merely a responsibility but a divine calling—an opportunity to serve, inspire, and bless others. The training emphasized that effective leadership is developed through learning, practice, and dependence on God.

The participants departed feeling spiritually refreshed, encouraged, and empowered for ministry. The fellowship, learning experiences, and spiritual nourishment brought great joy to all, and many expressed anticipations for future training opportunities.

We humbly request your continued prayers for the women of the Northeast India Union, that they may remain faithful and steadfast as they carry forward the mission God has entrusted to them.

Reported by:

Mrs. Lalrindiki
Director, Women's Ministries
Tripura Region



Book Fair Conducted By The Garo Section



The Publishing Department of the Garo Section successfully conducted a Book Fair at the Tura Super Market Building from April 28–30, 2026, between 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. This was the first-ever Book Fair organized by the Garo Section, making the event both significant and memorable.

A wide variety of health and spiritual books in both English and Garo languages were displayed and offered for sale at a 50% discount. Featured titles included *Your Guide to Health*, *Enjoy Life*, *Positive Mind*, *Healthy Foods*, *Healthy and Strong*, *Feeling Good*, *Stay Strong and Healthy*, *Encyclopaedia of Medicinal Plants*, *Foods and Their Healing Power*, *Plants That Heal*, *A Future of Hope*, *True Heroes*, *Parape''a Ki'''tapko Pod Prak Prak Dake Talatani*, *Mondolini Itihas*, *Mondolina Ku''pattianirang*, *Steps to Christ*, *Discover the Bible*, *Gospel Workers*, *The Great Controversy*, and *Youth Bible*.



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During the three-day event, a total of 126 books were sold. The Book Fair proved to be a meaningful and enriching experience for all those involved in displaying and selling literature in a public setting. It also provided valuable firsthand experience in Literature Evangelism (LE), as participants had the opportunity to interact directly with members of the public in the marketplace and share literature that promotes health, faith, and spiritual growth.

Overall, the event was a rich and rewarding experience for the Garo Section. The positive response from the public encouraged the department to plan and organize similar Book Fairs in the future.

The Publishing Department of the Garo Section humbly requests your continued prayers and support for its ministry and outreach efforts. Thank you for your prayers, encouragement, and partnership in advancing this important work.

Reported by:

Mrs. Graceton Ramrar
Director, Communication Department
Garo Section of Seventh-day Adventists



Global Bible School Training



Global Bible School Training
May 7th, 2026, Seventh-day Tlang Church

In collaboration with Adventist World Radio (AWR) and the Sabbath School and Personal Ministries (SSPM) Department of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, a pilot project for OneVoice27 is currently being implemented in Mizoram. Earlier this year, the General Conference SSPM Department conducted an initial training program, followed by an AWR training session in April 2026.

On May 7, 2026, the SSPM Director of the General Conference returned to conduct a Global Bible School training session in Aizawl. The program was attended by 115 participants, including field workers, church leaders from Aizawl City, and SSPM leaders. Pastor Daniel Ebenezer, Director of SSPM at the General Conference, and Dr. Johnson Swamidas served as resource persons for the event. Dr. Swamidas delivered the morning devotional message, while Pastor



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Rodingliana, President of the Mizo Conference, led the evening consecration service.

The participants were greatly blessed and inspired by the messages and training sessions. The primary focus of the training was to equip and encourage lay members to become actively involved in ministry and disciple-making.

As part of the initiative, promotional materials and invitations will be distributed through various social media platforms, including WhatsApp, YouTube, and Facebook. Individuals who enroll in the Global Bible School will complete up to five lessons through an online Bible study course. Upon completion, those who express further interest will be connected with local churches for follow-up visits and continued Bible studies.

The Global Bible School is expected to become a valuable tool for identifying and nurturing spiritual interest within communities. As church members, we must prepare ourselves to give Bible studies and support those seeking a deeper understanding of God's Word. We pray that this initiative will connect us with many individuals who are willing to study the Scriptures and grow in their faith journey.

Reported by:

Pr. Ramnghaka,
Communication Director,
Mizo Conference



Tripura Region Children's Ministries Advisory



The Children's Ministries Advisory of the Tripura Region was held successfully on May 18, 2026, with the joyful presence of Mrs. Betty Lyngdoh, NEIU Children's Ministries Director. Even though the weather was not favorable, the dedication of the leaders was clear — 55 participants attended, including Children's Ministries office bearers from each circle, coordinators, Sabbath School leaders, and teachers.

The day began with a short but inspiring morning devotion led by Pastor Lalmunsanga Fanai, Circle Leader of Teliamura, who reminded everyone of the importance of serving children with love and faith.

Session I: Mrs. Betty Lyngdoh shared valuable Children's Ministries Guidelines and practical Vacation Bible School (VBS) strategies. Her presentation gave clear direction and encouragement for leaders to plan effective programmes for children in their circles.



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Session II: Mrs. Lalrindiki presented on the promotion of the 28 Fundamental Beliefs and also led a creative Arts & Crafts session. Participants learned how to make crowns for children and small notebooks titled *My Memory Verse Book*, designed to help children record their 13th Sabbath memory verses. This hands on activity brought joy and excitement, showing how simple tools can make learning meaningful for children.



Throughout the day, the atmosphere was filled with fellowship, learning, and encouragement. Leaders shared ideas, strengthened their commitment, and prepared themselves to minister more effectively to children. The Advisory was truly a blessing to all who attended.



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The programme closed with a consecration service conducted by Pastor KC Laltanpuia, Director of Tripura Region. His heartfelt words encouraged and nurtured all leaders to care for children with love and to do God's ministry wholeheartedly and enthusiastically, guiding the little ones to the feet of Jesus.

This Advisory reminded us that children are precious gifts from God, and ministering to them is a sacred responsibility. The training, fellowship, and devotion strengthened every participant, leaving them inspired and eager to continue the work.

We pray that God will richly bless this ministry for His little ones, and that the seeds planted during this Advisory will grow into strong faith and joyful service in the lives of children across the Tripura Region.

Reported by:

Mrs. Lalrindiki
Tripura Region Children's Ministries Director



Church Elders' Training Conducted In Assam Region



With great joy and commitment to ministry, the Assam Region of the Seventh-day Adventist Church conducted a comprehensive training program for church elders, leaders, and clerks on **June 11, 2026**. The event took place at the Assam Region of SDA headquarters campus.

Under the inspiring theme, **“Be shepherds of God’s flock,” 1 Peter 5:2-3**, the training focused on equipping local leaders for more effective ministry. **Pr. Lungaichung Gonmei**, the Ministerial Department Director for the Northeast India Union, served as the primary resource person, guiding attendees through Church Manual and practical leadership strategies. A total of 60 dedicated church elders, local leaders, and church clerks from across the region gathered for the event. Delegates participated enthusiastically in group discussions, sharing practical insights and valuable suggestions regarding day-to-day church functions and administration. The sessions aimed to strengthen the local leadership of the church and harmonize its operations across the territory.



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The training concluded with a prayer followed by an expression of gratitude and closing remarks by **Pr. Deepak Boro**, Director of the Assam Region of SDA. The delegates returned to their respective home churches deeply inspired, spiritually refreshed, and equipped with practical tools to better shepherd their congregations.

Reported by:

Pr. Seth Guria, Secretary/Treasurer, Assam Region



Empowering Sabbath School Teachers Through Training and Spiritual Renewal



***Children's Ministries Department, Aizawl East Circle
Aizawl, Mizoram***

During the months of **May and June 2026**, the Children's Ministries Department of the Aizawl East Circle successfully organized a **One-Day Sabbath School Teachers' Training Program** with the primary objective of strengthening, inspiring, equipping, and motivating Sabbath School teachers in their sacred ministry to children.



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To maximize participation and accessibility, the training was conducted simultaneously in four selected churches within the Aizawl East Circle. This arrangement enabled Sabbath School teachers and church leaders from various local congregations to attend the program conveniently. Approximately **100 participants** took part in the training.

A major highlight of the program was its emphasis on the newly introduced **Alive in Jesus Curriculum**—a Christ-centered, Bible-based curriculum designed to lead children into a deeper relationship with Jesus while nurturing their spiritual growth through engaging, age-appropriate learning experiences.

The success and spiritual impact of the training were greatly enhanced through the dedicated leadership of **Mrs. Lalthangmawii**, Children's Ministries Director, Mizo Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, and **Mr. Lalnilawma Colney**, Education Director, Mizo Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. Their inspiring presentations, practical insights, and deep commitment to children's ministry left a lasting impression on all participants. Through their experience, encouragement, and spiritually enriching instruction, teachers were challenged to view their ministry not merely as a responsibility but as a divine calling entrusted to them by God.

Furthermore, under their leadership, a team of capable resource persons was developed and equipped to conduct similar training programs in other locations, thereby expanding the impact of this important ministry.



Training Sessions

1. Understanding the *Alive in Jesus* Curriculum

The first session introduced participants to the philosophy, structure, objectives, and teaching approach of the *Alive in Jesus* curriculum. The resource persons explained that the curriculum is designed not only to impart biblical knowledge but also to guide children into developing a personal and living relationship with Jesus Christ.

Participants explored the curriculum's Christ-centered framework, its emphasis on grace-filled teaching, interactive learning, character development, and holistic spiritual formation. Teachers were encouraged to see Sabbath School not simply as a weekly program but as a life-changing ministry in which children encounter God's love through meaningful worship, Bible storytelling, discussions, activities, and practical application. The trainers also emphasized the importance of creating a warm, welcoming, and nurturing learning environment where every child feels valued, heard, and loved.

2. Practicing Effective Teaching Based on the Curriculum

The second session focused on practical teaching demonstrations and participatory learning activities using the *Alive in Jesus* curriculum. Teachers were given opportunities to practice lesson- presentation techniques, storytelling methods, classroom interaction, memory verse activities, worship leadership, and effective child-engagement strategies.

This interactive session proved to be one of the most enriching aspects of the training. Mrs. Lalthangmawii and Mr. Lalnilawma Colney



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provided constructive guidance on improving lesson delivery, maintaining children's attention, encouraging participation, and communicating biblical truths in simple yet meaningful ways.

Participants also learned the importance of creativity, careful preparation, and prayer in Sabbath School ministry. Special emphasis was placed on teaching with compassion, patience, and spiritual sensitivity so that children would not only learn Bible stories but also experience the love and character of Jesus personally.

Fruitful and Beneficial Outcomes

The training produced many positive and encouraging outcomes for both the participating teachers and their local churches. It strengthened the teachers' understanding of the *Alive in Jesus* curriculum, enabling them to conduct Sabbath School classes with greater confidence, clarity, and creativity. Participants also gained practical skills that will help make their classes more interactive, spiritually enriching, and child-friendly.

Another significant outcome was the strengthening of unity and collaboration among teachers from different local churches. Through shared learning experiences and fellowship, participants exchanged ideas, discussed common challenges, and encouraged one another, fostering stronger relationships within the Children's Ministries network of the Aizawl East Circle.

Church leaders observed that the training equipped teachers not only with improved teaching methods but also with a renewed sense of mission and commitment to nurturing children for Christ. The emphasis on practical instruction combined with spiritual



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formation is expected to bring lasting benefits to local church Sabbath Schools, making them more vibrant, engaging, and spiritually transformative.

The Children's Ministries Department of the Aizawl East Circle remains committed to advancing Christ-centered children's ministry by continually equipping Sabbath School teachers to faithfully fulfill their sacred calling of preparing young hearts for God's kingdom.

Reported by:

Vanlalnghaki, Secretary
Children's Ministries Department
Aizawl East Circle, Mizoram



Report from Riverside Adventist Academy Report from April to June, 2026 (2nd Quarter)

I. GARO SECTION WOMEN'S CONVENTION (1ST- 4TH APRIL)



The RAA Church had the privilege of hosting the 20th Women's Convention of the Garo Section from 1–4 April, with approximately 640 delegates registered for the event. The delegates were spiritually enriched through inspiring messages delivered by Mrs. Lalsangpuii Renthlei, Women's Ministries Director of NEIU, Mrs. Lethina W. Sangma, Women's Ministries Director of the Garo Section, and several other speakers throughout the convention. The event was conducted under the theme, "Bebera'ao Mangrake Sengsobo."

II. ACQUISITION OF A BRAND-NEW GENERATOR (8TH APRIL)



On 8 April, the school acquired a brand-new generator through the support of Maranatha International. This brought great relief and has been a tremendous blessing to the entire school family. We thank God for answering our prayers and for providing for our needs in His perfect time.

III. FELICITATION PROGRAM (16TH APRIL)



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On 16 April, the school organized a Felicitation Program to honour 22 outstanding performers in the SSLC Examination conducted by MBOSE. We congratulate both the students and teachers for their dedication, hard work, and remarkable achievements. Above all, we praise God for His guidance and blessings in all our endeavours.

IV. RELEASE OF BOUGAINVILLEA (5TH MAY)



The school had the privilege of publishing the 13th edition of its school magazine, *Bougainvillea*. The magazine was officially released on 5 May 2026 by the Principal of RAA. We thank God and the editorial team for their dedication and hard work in making this publication a success.

V. NO TOBACCO DAY

The school also participated in the observance of “World No Tobacco Day” on 8 May. As part of the awareness



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campaign, students conducted a rally through the market and other populated areas, carrying placards and displaying anti-tobacco slogans and messages. The program was organized with the support of the concerned teachers and the Police Department.

VI. LITERARY WEEK (11TH -15TH MAY)

The school also organized its Annual Literary Meet from 11– 15 May under the theme, “Reading Today, Leading Tomorrow.” The event provided students with a platform to develop their communication and creative skills, express their



ideas confidently, and cultivate a love for reading.

VII. BORE WELL (14TH MAY)

The school is indeed blessed with many things from many well-wishers and donors. On the 14th of May, the school began drilling a bore well with the help of MARANATHA. This project will help in the supply of enough potable water to the whole campus.



VIII. GLOBAL ADVENTURER DAY (16TH MAY)



The Adventurer club Celebrated World Adventurer Day on 16 May. The programme was a meaningful and inspiring occasion, highlighting how God can use even young children in His mission. It was a blessing to witness their enthusiasm, participation, and commitment to serving Him.

IX. ADVENTURER AND PATHFINDER INDUCTION (16TH MAY)



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As an integral part of the church's ministry, the Adventurer and Pathfinder Clubs continue to play a vital role in nurturing and reaching young people at RAA Church. Under the leadership of Mr. Erickson Gonmei, Director of the Adventurer Club, and Mr. Zakaplina Lianzo, Director of the Pathfinder Club, approximately 95 students were inducted into the clubs on 16 May. The induction ceremony marked an important step in encouraging the spiritual, mental, and social development of the young members.

X. WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY (5 JUNE)



The school participated in the celebration of World Environment Day. The observance began with a short programme during which the Principal delivered a speech emphasizing the importance of environmental conservation and sustainable practices. The celebration concluded with a tree-planting activity, where each class planted a tree in its designated area, demonstrating the school's commitment to protecting and preserving the environment.



XI. Women Emphasis Day (20 June)



The women of RAA Church also celebrated Women's Emphasis Day on 20 June 2026 under the theme, "Henani, here am I" The Women's Coordinator, Mrs. Elvina Ch. Marak, delivered an inspiring sermon, and the service included various activities aimed at uplifting the spiritual and social well-being of the members.

We thank God for His leading and abundant blessings upon Riverside Adventist Academy.

Reported by:

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Report from Arunachal Pradesh Region

SABBATH SCHOOL TEACHERS TRAINING



The Arunachal Pradesh Region of the Seventh-day Adventist Church conducted a Sabbath School Teachers' Training Program at Itanagar, Papum Pare District, Arunachal Pradesh, on **May 22–23, 2026**.

The training was organized by the Arunachal Pradesh Region Sabbath School Department under the leadership of Regional Director **Pr. V. Lalsiamthara** and Secretary/Treasurer **Mr. Premanand Borgoari**.

The primary objective of the training was to equip and refresh the knowledge of field pastors, evangelists, and church workers on conducting effective Sabbath School lesson discussions. The participants were encouraged to apply what they learned and share the same principles with the members of their respective churches.

All Circle Leaders and field evangelists attended the training from beginning to end. The sessions were presented by **Pr. Thangliana**



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Fanai, NEIU SSPM Director. His presentations emphasized the importance of proper Sabbath School timing, effective class management, meaningful lesson discussions, and practical methods for making Sabbath School classes more interactive and engaging.

We thank Almighty God for His guidance and blessings, which enabled us to conduct this Sabbath School Teachers' Training successfully.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL CONDUCTED BY PASIGHAT SDA CHURCH

Pasighat SDA Church conducted a Vacation Bible School (VBS) from **May 3–30, 2026**. The program was held on Saturday afternoons and Sundays for the convenience of day



scholars and their parents. It was organized under the guidance of **Mrs. June Joylene Brown (Ningshen)** and **Mrs. K. Adaphro**.

A total of **40 children** participated in the program, including **10 Adventist** and **30 non-Adventist** children.

The VBS included a variety of engaging activities such as arts and crafts, colouring, storytelling, games, and Bible learning. The children also actively participated in the Sabbath worship service.



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL CONDUCTED BY
ITANAGAR SDA CHURCH**



Itanagar SDA Church conducted a Vacation Bible School from **June 21–27, 2026**. The program was held every afternoon after school under the leadership of **Mrs. Sunakshi W. Sangma**, assisted by two shepherdesses, **Mrs. Lalhlimpuii** and **Mrs. Vanlalzawmi**.

A total of **75 children** participated in the VBS, including **17 Adventist** and **58 non-Adventist** children.

The children participated enthusiastically in various activities such as arts and crafts, colouring, storytelling, games, and Bible lessons. They also took part in the Sabbath worship program.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR CHILDREN AT RISK
GOD CALLS AND I LISTEN!**

The Children's Ministries Department of Itanagar SDA Church observed the **World Day of Prayer for Children at Risk** with the theme, **"God Calls, and I Listen!"**



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From **May 17–22, 2026**, the children participated in one-hour daily devotional sessions that included Bible study, prayer, and various learning activities.

On **Sabbath, May 23, 2026**, the children



presented the activities they had completed during the week. They recited memory verses, sang special songs, and shared what they had learned during the devotional sessions.

COTTAGE CUM REVIVAL MEETING AT DUMPORIJO



The Arunachal Pradesh Region of the Seventh-day Adventist Church organized a Cottage Cum Revival Meeting for the churches in Dumporijo and the surrounding areas from **April 21 to May 9, 2026**.



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Workers from the North Circle participated in this special spiritual program, and the meetings were further blessed by the presence of **Pastor Lianchia Pachuau**, West Circle Leader.

The main speaker was **Pastor Lungaichungpou Gonmei**, Ministerial Secretary of the Northeast India Union. Through his inspiring messages and the working of the Holy Spirit, many church members experienced spiritual revival, renewed commitment, and encouragement in their Christian walk.

FIELD WORKERS TRAINING CUM COTTAGE MEETING- ITANAGAR



The Arunachal Pradesh Field Workers' Training Cum Cottage Meeting was held in Itanagar, bringing together field workers from different parts of the region for a meaningful time of learning, fellowship, and spiritual renewal.

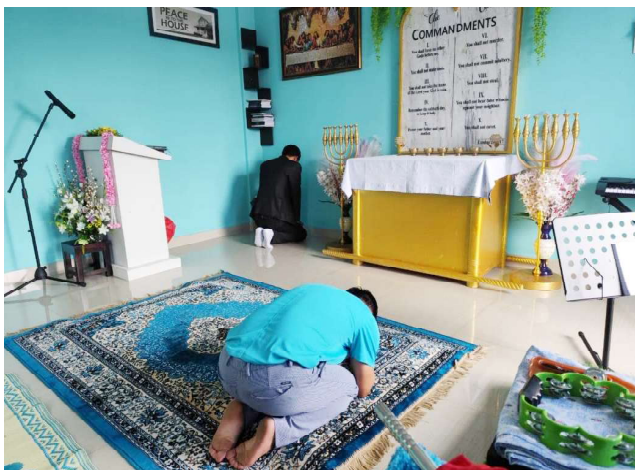
The resource persons included **Pr. V. Lalsiamthara** (Regional Director), **Mr. Premanand Borgoari** (Secretary/Treasurer), the three



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Circle Leaders, and **Elder Tarahaji**. Their presentations and practical insights greatly enriched the participants and strengthened their commitment to ministry.

On **May 17, 2026**, a special day of fasting and prayer was observed at the home church of **Elder Rothen Ruiy**, where church members and workers united in seeking God's guidance and blessings.



During the training period, the participants actively engaged in missionary outreach by visiting various streets and sectors of the Itanagar area. They distributed books, tracts, and other gospel literature, and also demonstrated Christ's love through community service by donating blood to the local hospital.



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The program concluded successfully on **May 30, 2026**. We praise God for His abundant blessings. We thank Him for the spiritual revival experienced among His people, the renewed dedication of His workers, and the many lives touched through these meetings. May the Lord continue to bless and prosper His work in Arunachal Pradesh.

Reported by:

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Report from Nagaland Region

A TESTIMONY OF REVIVAL AND COMMITMENT AT MHAINAMSTI SDA CHURCH

For many years, an abandoned church stood in Mhainamsti Village, Peren District, Nagaland. However, this year, through the collaborative efforts of ***Tribes After Tribe*** and the generous contributions of faithful believers both locally and abroad, the church building was renovated and restored as a place of worship once again.

The renovated church was rededicated on 7 March 2026 by Pr. Gaibung Panmei, Director of the Nagaland Region. During the dedication service, a commitment was made that Sabbath services would continue regularly without interruption. Responsibility for maintaining and supporting the church ministry was entrusted to ***Tribes After Tribe*** under the guidance of Pr. Kadirei Kamsuan, Circle Leader of Peren.



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The dedication service became a memorable occasion as the church was filled beyond capacity, with many worshippers and supporters standing outside. Believers and members from various SDA churches attended, including SDA Church Dimapur, SDA Church Samziuram, SDA Church Jalukie Town, and SDA Church New Jalukie. Their presence reflected a beautiful spirit of unity, shared mission, and commitment to advancing God's work. A few weeks later, a storm damaged the front pinnacle of the church. During this challenging time, Mr. Khrukii Nuh, a new believer, willingly stepped forward and took responsibility for rebuilding much of the damaged structure. He generously supported the renovation work, including the ceiling, electrification, and installation of fans. May the Lord richly bless him and abundantly supply all his needs for his sacrificial contribution and dedication.

Before



After



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Another special occasion took place on 1 May 2026 with the inauguration and special prayer service for the second batch of the Servants in Training (SIT) Supporting Ministry, led by Miss Lingshiny.



The programme was graced by the presence of Union President Pr. Dr. Baikzidinga Renthlei, along with Pr. Barnabas Zimik, former Union President. In his message, the Union President reflected on how pioneer missionaries left their comfort zones and even sacrificed their lives for the advancement of the gospel. His words deeply touched every heart and inspired all present to remain faithful in God's mission.

May God continue to bless our Union President, Miss Lingshiny, every supporter, and each tribe working together in unity to hasten the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

“The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy.” — Psalm 126:3



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WOMEN'S MINISTRIES LEADERSHIP CERTIFICATION TRAINING – LEVEL 1



The Women's Ministries Leadership Certification Training (Level 1) was successfully conducted in two circles: the Central Circle at SDA Church, Dimapur, and the Peren Circle at SDA Church, Samziuram.

The primary objective of the training was to promote spiritual growth and equip women to become effective instruments of God's blessing in their homes, churches, and communities.



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WOMEN'S EMPHASIS DAY – 13 JUNE 2026



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On this special Women's Ministries Sabbath, churches throughout the Nagaland Region celebrated under the theme, **"Hinneni, Here Am I"**

We were spiritually uplifted and encouraged by God's still, small voice, calling us to become more faithful and prayerful women in our daily lives. The women led all the programmes, from the Vesper Service through AY. The occasion was further enriched by a special prayer for all women offered by our Regional Director, Pr. Gaibung Panmei.



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Following the Divine Worship Service, members and guests enjoyed a fellowship meal featuring traditional sticky rice and other local delicacies.

We humbly request your continued prayers that we may faithfully respond to God's calling:

"Hinneni, Here Am I"

Reported by:

Tennyson Lukhu, Secretary/Treasurer,
Nagaland Region



NEIU Mid-Year Executive Committee Report

The Northeast India Union (NEIU) of Seventh-day Adventists held its Mid-Year Executive Committee meetings on May 25–26, 2026. The meetings convened with 34 members in attendance, comprising regular Executive Committee members and special invitees.

The meetings commenced with morning devotional messages presented by the Union President, Pastor (Dr.) Biakzidinga Renthlei, and Pastor Lungaichungpou Gonmei, Ministerial Association Secretary. Both leaders emphasized the **“OneVoice27: Mission for All”** initiative.

Morning Devotional Highlights

Mission Challenge: Pastor (Dr.) Biakzidinga Renthlei based his message on Matthew 9:37–38, reminding the committee that “the harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few.” He highlighted the urgent mission challenges currently facing the church and encouraged members to actively participate in God’s mission.

Disciple-Making: Pastor Lungaichungpou Gonmei spoke on the theme of **Disciple-Making**, in alignment with the OneVoice27 initiative and Chapter 6 of the Church Manual. Drawing from John 10:16 and Matthew 28:19, he emphasized the church’s mandate to reach the “other sheep” and unite them into “one flock with one Shepherd.”

Highlights of the Mid-Year Executive Committee Meetings

1. Adoption of OneVoice27 Initiative

The Northeast India Union of Seventh-day Adventists officially adopted and reaffirmed its commitment to the **“OneVoice27: Mission for All” Global Evangelistic Initiative**.



2. Approval of Ordination to the Gospel Ministry

The committee approved the ordination of the following individuals to the Gospel Ministry:

- Rajib Ch. Sangma (Garo Section)
- Netherson A. Sangma (Garo Section)
- Jomar Naji (Arunachal Pradesh Region)

3. Union-Wide Advisories and Departmental Meetings

The committee approved the following Union-wide meetings and advisories:

Sabbath School and Personal Ministries Advisory

Date: July 7–8, 2026

Resource Person: Shrikant Shinde, Director, Sabbath School and Personal Ministries, Southern Asia Division

Secretariat Advisory

Date: August 18–19, 2026

Resource Persons:

- Ujwal Kandane, Executive Secretary, Southern Asia Division
- Benny Joseph, Associate Secretary, Southern Asia Division
- Manoj Sarkar, Associate Secretary, Southern Asia Division

Women's Congress

Date: October 22–24, 2026



4. Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries

The committee approved the appointment of chaplains in all boarding schools and higher secondary schools under the Northeast India Union. Pastor Lungaichungpou Gonmei was appointed as the Union Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries Coordinator.

The Mid-Year Executive Committee meetings concluded successfully with a group photo session.

Reported by:

Ela Luikham, Office Secretary
Northeast India Union of Seventh-day Adventists



Northeast India Union School Results – 2026

Sl. No.	Appeared	Passed	%
Garo Section			
1. Hill View Hr. Secondary School (Arts)			
Hr. Secondary	25	23	92
Secondary	52	41	78.84
2. Pringprang English School			
Secondary	23	22	95.65
3. Sunbeam Secondary School			
Secondary	28	26	92.86
4. Hillside Adventist School			
Secondary	15	13	86.07
5. Tiny Rose Secondary School			
Secondary	61	60	98.36
6. Mount Vale Secondary School			
Secondary	35	35	100
7. NEAU Secondary School			
Hr. Secondary Arts	116	115	99.13
Science	34	31	91.89
Commerce	34	27	79.41
Secondary	110	107	97.27
Tripura Region			
8. Bloom Adventist School			
Secondary	16	14	87.5



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Sl. No.	Appeared	Passed	%
Khasi Jaintia Conference			
9. Brookside AHSS			
Secondary	122	122	100
Hr. Secondary: Arts	96	96	100
Science	18	17	94.44
10. Winter AHSS			
Secondary	29	29	100
Hr. Secondary Arts	10	09	90
11. Jingshai Mihngi ASS			
Secondary	47	46	97.87
12. Sunny Hill ASS			
Secondary	15	15	100
13. Silver Springs ASS			
Secondary	48	47	97.91
14. Hill Light ASS			
Secondary	24	24	100
Manipur Conference			
15. Kingsway English School			
Secondary	27	26	96.15
16. Maringmi Memorial School			
Secondary	37	24	64.86
Assam Region			
17. Irvine Adventist School			
Secondary	14	05	64.29



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Sl. No.	Appeared	Passed	%
Nagaland Region			
18. Nagaland Adventist School			
Secondary	16	12	75
Mizo Conference			
19. Helen Lowry School			
Secondary	84	79	94
Hr. Secondary, Arts	159	136	85.53
Science	29	24	82.76
Commerce	36	36	100
20. Southern Flower School			
Secondary	36	33	91.67
21. Pinehill Adventist Academy			
Secondary	38	36	94.74
22. Graceland Adventist Eng. School			
Secondary	19	17	89.47
NEIU			
23. Riverside Adventist Academy			
Secondary	106	100	94.33
Hr. Secondary Arts	38	32	84.21

Report prepared by:

Pr. Pradeep Sangma,
NEIU /Secretary/Education Director



The Age Of Deception



By Clifford Goldstein

However bizarre alien-abduction accounts have become, they are much too common to be coincidence. The stories generally go like this: While outside at night or from their bedrooms, people see lights from a UFO. They are then brought inside the vehicle, where nonhuman beings physically examine them. The next thing these people know, they are back where they started, sometimes hours or days later, and often confused about how long they were gone and even about what happened to them.

Though most experts blame abduction stories on neurological malaise of one kind or another and not on aliens, much more common, and seemingly more credible, are UFO sightings themselves.

Though claims go back to antiquity, on June 24, 1947, around three o'clock in the afternoon, Kenneth Arnold, flying a small plane near Mount Rainier, claimed to have seen nine disclike vehicles looking "like a saucer would if you skipped it across the water"—the modern UFO era had begun.



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Since then, endless UFO sightings have been reported worldwide. Many cases turned out to be sightings of aircraft, satellites, weather balloons, and, more recently, drones. Yet nagging unexplained incidents remain that fuel concerns.

In the past few years, the United States Congress has held two major open hearings on UAP (unidentified anomalous phenomena—the new politically correct term for UFO), adding to whispers about government cover-ups of crashed UAPs and alien corpses allegedly hidden in basements of top-secret Air Force bases. In 2025, Amazon Prime Video ran a widely viewed documentary called *The Age of Disclosure*, in which dozens of former government insiders and military types disclose cover-ups regarding extraterrestrial presences. Of course, critics are quick to point out that the film provided no verifiable physical evidence of aliens here, either dead or alive.

What's one to make of all this? How should Christians respond?

Waste of Space

For starters, let's look at the cosmos itself. The latest estimates put it at about 93 billion light-years wide, containing approximately two trillion galaxies, with about 100 billion stars each. What, then, are the odds of us, amid all of this, being alone? (Such a waste of space, if so.)

Meanwhile, after thousands of years of recorded history, humans learned to fly about 120 years ago. And though advances in aerospace technology have been astonishing—a mere 78 years from Kitty Hawk to the first space shuttle launch—where have we humans actually gone, anyway? All the way to the moon and back—baby steps



compared to what's out there. And, since the Apollo moon landings of the late 1960s and early 1970s, all we have done is go in circles around the Earth, basically. Plans are, by the mid-2030s, to get people to Mars (provided that they find a way, still elusive, to get them home).

Now, if aliens from a distant galaxy, or even from our own Milky Way, had the technological prowess (way beyond ours) to reach Earth—traversing millions, billions, or even light years of space (one light-year is 5,878,625,373,183.6 miles)—would they not have also had the technology to have contacted us as well, even with just a little “Hey, we’re here!” or the like? Instead, despite claims, counterclaims, and ever-brewing conspiracy theories, outside of science fiction and Hollywood films, evidence of alien contact has never been verified.

The Age of Deception

Or has it? According to Scripture, intelligent life from the distant cosmos has been in contact with us for millennia now. The first example of this is recorded in the biblical narrative—in the Garden of Eden itself. And this contact was, unfortunately, evil. Though appearing as a serpent, as one of the creatures “which the LORD God had made” (Genesis 3:11), this alien was, really, a powerful, hostile, and deceptive extraterrestrial. Centuries later, the book of Revelation tells us that this being, symbolically depicted as a dragon, was thrown out of heaven. “So, the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him” (Revelation 12:9).



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The Bible makes it clear that Satan and his angels (also known as demons) are powerful enough to deceive the whole world! Think about all of the different belief systems, all of the different religions throughout history and even to now—belief systems and religions that outrageously contradict each other, that teach what cannot possibly be true if the others are.

Among Christians themselves, contradictory beliefs, including on fundamentals, batter the faith. So, even if somewhere out there the Lord would have the truth being taught (which He surely would), the vast majority of the world is, however, obviously deceived, just as Revelation 12:9 has warned.

And not only the book of Revelation. Jesus Himself called Satan “a liar and the father of it” (John 8:44). The Bible also says that “the whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one” (1 John 5:19). Scripture shows, too, that Satan and demons (fallen angels) can greatly influence human thinking. For example, it says, “Then Satan entered Judas, surnamed Iscariot” (Luke 22:3). And one Bible writer wrote, “But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ” (2 Corinthians 11:3).

Meanwhile, if ever a generation should believe in the potential of unseen realities to impact humanity, it should be ours, which knows about cosmic rays, man-made radiation, infrared, microwaves, X-rays, radio waves, and more—realities unknown to most of human history. How many cell phone calls, text messages, and Facebook pages are in your face, right now, that, unaided by electronic devices, you cannot see or hear, even if they are as real as the supernatural forces that



surround us? “Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour” (1 Peter 5:8).

The Alien Delusion

What, though, does this have to do with UFO/UAP sightings? Why should anyone, including Christians, be concerned? The basic answer is that, however much this phenomenon is presented as science and technology, this movement began not with astronomy, not with aerospace research, and not with SETI—the search for extraterrestrial intelligence, which uses advanced radio telescopes to hunt for evidence of alien life (so far, finding Zilch). Instead, supernatural spectacles were stoked by nineteenth-century occultism and spiritualism, which included séances, channeling, and communication with “higher beings,” “spiritual guides,” and the like.

By the 1950s, as the UFO craze started in earnest, one of the first to claim contact with aliens, George Adamski (1891–1965), said that he had not only seen UFOs but also communicated with an alien from Venus, named Ortho, whom he described as long-haired, blond, and Nordic-looking. This being gave him spiritual and moralistic warnings that sounded (of course) like the “spiritual guides” or the “ascended masters” of occultists and New Agers. Before his claims to have met the Venusian Ortho, Adamski had in fact already been steeped in New Age beliefs and practices, as was Desmond Leslie, with whom he wrote *Flying Saucers Have Landed* (1953). Though depicting his encounters with extraterrestrials, the book had also converted occult and New Age metaphysics into language more in



tune with modern times, as UFO and alien-contact literature often does.

After all, “spiritual guides” do not carry the theological baggage that “demons” or “spirits” do! Also, instead of messages from the virgin Mary, these guides, deemed higher life-forms, come with reassuring memes about peace, goodwill, and the dangers of nuclear arms, a form of spirituality and transcendence without any Christian theological baggage, such as sin, repentance, and impending judgment.

Lying Wonders

As touched on earlier, the Bible cautions the faithful to beware of the deceptions, in any form, that are sweeping “the whole world” (Revelation 12:9). Jesus warned about those “who come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves” (Matthew 7:15). The Bible is also clear that, in the last days, deceptions will increase, with Jesus saying that there will be “signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect” (Mark 13:22). The Bible also warns about “the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, and with all unrighteous deception” (2 Thessalonians 2:9, 10).

Lying wonders and unrighteous deception? Including UFO/UAP beliefs? Of course. Immersed in a materialist and scientific worldview, which denies the supernatural, many people are not inclined to believe in “demons” or “evil spirits,” which makes them vulnerable to “spiritual guides” or “extraterrestrials” like Ortho.

Trust In Jesus

With the likelihood of us on Earth not being alone in the cosmos (we’re not), and with documentaries such as *The Age of Disclosure*,



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which had a record-breaking number of people watching—and which had a “compelling” case for alien life here—it’s not hard to see how the UFO/UAP phenomenon places us squarely in the age of deception that Scripture warns about.

Our only safety is in the Word of God and Jesus, who not only “became flesh and dwelt among us” (John 1:14) but also “died for us” (Romans 5:8). This truth, and this truth alone, protects those who accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.

1. All Bible verses in this article are from the New King James Version.

Taken From: The June 2026 ‘Signs of The Times’



Media Ministry

Harvesting Souls in the Digital Age



Throughout history, God's messengers have carried one unchanging mission: to proclaim the everlasting gospel, the Three Angels' Messages, the Sabbath truth, and the soon return of Jesus Christ. While the message has remained constant, the methods have adapted to meet the needs of each generation, culture, language, and people group, always guided by biblical principles and Christ's example.

Today, we live in the twenty-first century—the Digital Age. Never before have people been so interconnected, with billions engaging through digital platforms every hour of every day. This unprecedented connectivity presents an extraordinary opportunity for the church to fulfil its mission. Through media, the gospel can transcend geographical boundaries, cultural barriers, and physical limitations, reaching people wherever they are.



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Media encompasses a wide range of communication channels, including:

- **Print Media** – newspapers, magazines, brochures, books, and other printed publications
- **Broadcast Media** – radio and television
- **Digital Media** – websites, social media, online news platforms, podcasts, and mobile applications
- **Outdoor Media** – billboards, banners, posters, and public displays
- **Recorded Media** – photography, video production, and audio recordings

When media and ministry come together, lives are transformed. Hearts are touched, communities are strengthened, and souls are led to Christ. Media Ministry is more than technology—it is mission. It is the intentional use of communication platforms to proclaim the gospel, nurture faith, and connect people with Jesus Christ. Through media, we can reach individuals who may never enter a church building but are searching for hope, truth, and purpose.

God's faithful people are not distracted by the passing attractions of this world. They live in eager anticipation of Christ's return—not merely waiting, but actively watching, working, and witnessing. With urgency they proclaim the message, with passion they share the truth, and with unwavering dedication they prepare hearts for eternity.

The greatest event before us is not the next technological breakthrough, political development, or global trend. The greatest event is the Second Coming of Jesus Christ.



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As the Remnant Church, we have been entrusted with a sacred responsibility. God has placed powerful communication tools in our hands, and we are called to use them wisely, prayerfully, and faithfully while the opportunity remains. Every post, broadcast, publication, video, and message can become a seed planted for the kingdom of God.

Jesus reminded His disciples:

“The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few.”

(Matthew 9:37, KJV)

Today, the harvest field extends far beyond towns and villages. It reaches into smartphones, computers, and digital networks across the globe. Millions are searching for answers, hope, and truth. The question is not whether the harvest is ready, but whether we are willing to enter the field.

The time has come to embrace the mission with renewed vision, greater commitment, and faithful action.

The harvest is plentiful.

The opportunities are limitless.

The world is connected.

It is time to harvest digitally.

It is time to go digitally.

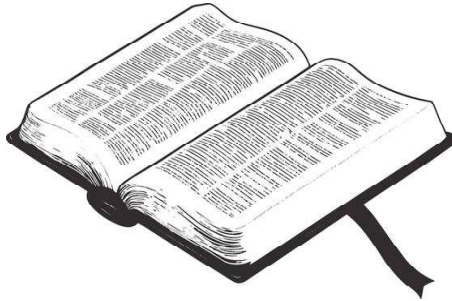
It is time to reach the world for Christ.

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Bible Tips



The Word “BIBLE” in the Bible (Continued)

In the previous article, we examined how the English Holy Bible developed gradually throughout history, from the early Christian era until the present day. Through this historical process, the Bible has been passed down to us as the only rule of faith and practice for Christianity.

The Connection Between Byblos and the Bible

As we continue our study of the word *Bible* in the Bible, we may ask: Why is the city of Byblos so closely connected to the origin of the word *Bible*?

The city of Byblos became associated with the origin of the word *Bible* because it was a major trading center for papyrus, the material used to make ancient scrolls and books.

The word *Bible* comes from the ancient city of **Byblos** (also spelled **Biblos**) in Phoenicia. Today, this city is known as **Jbail**, located about twenty miles north of Beirut in Lebanon. The Phoenicians were well known as skilled seafarers and traders. For example, in 1 Kings



9, King Solomon entered into a trading partnership with Hiram, the ruler of the Phoenician city of Tyre.

Long before the Bible was written, Byblos was an important center for the import and export of papyrus. Merchants from Byblos purchased papyrus from Egypt and distributed it throughout the Mediterranean region. Just as the word *paper* is derived from *papyrus*, the city name *Byblos* eventually gave rise to the Greek word for book, *biblion*. Today, we still use the prefix *biblio-* in words related to books and libraries.

1. Byblos and the Papyrus Trade

In ancient times, papyrus—the primary writing material of the ancient world—was exported from Egypt to many Mediterranean regions. The main port through which much of this papyrus passed was Byblos. Because such large quantities of papyrus were traded there, the Greeks began associating the city's name with books and writing materials.

2. Greek Words Derived from Byblos

Greek speakers developed several words from the name of the city:

- **Byblos** – the city itself
- **Biblion** – a scroll or book
- **Biblia** – books (plural)

Over time, *biblia* came to refer to a collection of sacred books, which eventually became the English word, **Bible**.



3. Connection to the Christian Scriptures

When early Christians referred to the sacred writings, they used the Greek expression **ta biblia**, meaning “the books.” Eventually, this term became the recognized name for the sacred Scriptures themselves—the **Bible**.

To summarize:

- **Byblos** = a famous ancient port known for the papyrus trade.
- **Papyrus** = the writing material used for scrolls and books.
- **Biblia** = the Greek word meaning “books.”
- From **biblia** we derive the English word, **Bible**.

The Importance of the Bible

Understanding the historical development of the Bible, as well as the connection between Byblos, papyrus, and the Bible, provides us with greater insight and appreciation for God’s Word.

The Bible is the inspired Word of God (2 Timothy 3:16). It is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path (Psalm 119:105). Through diligent study of the Scriptures, we gain wisdom and are led toward eternal life (John 5:39).

Therefore, let us make it our priority to study, meditate upon, and obey the Word of God. By doing so, we will be able to stand firm in our faith and “hold fast” to the absolute truth that we have received until Jesus comes (Revelation 2:25).

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Health Message

Staying Healthy on Special Occasions



With a little planning and a few smart swaps, you can make the most of every celebration while keeping your health goals on track. Here are some simple, practical tips to help you maintain balance and feel energized.

1. Eat dinner before going to a party

The easiest way to avoid overdoing it at the food table is to eat beforehand. Having a light, healthy dinner before heading out means you'll arrive feeling satisfied and less tempted to graze mindlessly.

2. Eat smart

Most spreads include at least a few healthy options—look for cut-up veggies with hummus or salsa, fruit platters, or a handful



of nuts. Choosing these over chips and fried snacks will leave you feeling lighter and more energized.

3. Don't skip breakfast

Breakfast is the perfect time to start your day with something light and nourishing. Enjoy a healthy option where you're staying, or grab your own on the go. Eating breakfast helps stabilize your appetite and reduces the chance that you'll overindulge later.

4. Smart snacking

Skip the sweets that leave you feeling flat. Bring along snacks you'll actually enjoy—nuts, oat-based muesli bars, fruit, or whole-grain crackers. These better-for-you choices keep you energized and satisfied between meals.

5. Keep water close

It sounds simple, but staying hydrated can make a big difference in your food choices. Water is the healthiest drink around, and regular sips can also stop you from mistaking thirst for hunger.

6. Dining out decisions

When you are eating out, how food is cooked matters. Choose grilled or baked meals over fried or battered options—they're lighter and lower in fat, without sacrificing flavor.

7. Healthy swaps

Look for dishes with whole grains like brown rice or whole-meal pasta and plenty of vegetables. Ask to exchange fries for



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a salad or extra veggies, and choose tomato- or vegetable-based sauces instead of creamy or cheesy ones. Small changes can make a big difference.

Article courtesy of Sanitarium Health Food Company. For more information and heart-healthy recipes, visit sanitarium.com.au.



Moral Story

The Lantern Keeper of Shillong

Every evening in Laitumkhrah, an old man named Bah Dap Nongkhlaw placed a small lantern and a bowl of rice water on his veranda. His neighbors assumed they were for stray dogs.

They weren't. They were for a one-legged crow.



Years earlier, Bah Dap had found the bird tangled in kite string, its wing bleeding and one leg badly broken. The veterinarian advised him to put it down. Bah Dap simply replied, "Let's see."

He splinted the broken leg with matchsticks and thread, fed the crow with a dropper, and spoke to it in Khasi every evening. The



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leg never healed properly, and the bird could never fly far. Bah Dap named him **U Jait** — “the survivor.”

Over time, **U Jait** became part of the neighborhood. He would hop to Bah Dap’s shop for tea biscuits, chase mynas away from the old man’s fruit trees, and wait on the lantern post each evening at dusk.

When Bah Dap became ill and could no longer leave his bed, **U Jait** stopped visiting the shop. Instead, he perched on the windowsill and gave a single, gentle caw until Bah Dap’s daughter came out and placed the bowl of rice water on the veranda.

The most touching moment came during the monsoon.

Bah Dap passed away.

For seven nights, the lantern remained unlit.

On the eighth night, the entire street heard cawing. **U Jait** had returned with three other crows. They circled the dark veranda, then dropped twigs, bottle caps, and even a shiny coin onto the empty chair where Bah Dap used to sit.

Then they flew away.

The following evening, Bah Dap’s daughter lit the lantern again and filled the bowl.

U Jait came back.

But he no longer hopped onto the chair.

Instead, he sat quietly beneath the lantern’s glow, ate from the bowl, and remained there until the light went out.



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Kindness doesn't always need words. Sometimes it's simply a lantern, a bowl, and the act of remembering.

Animals often remember those who feed them, help them, and care for them. There are documented accounts of crows in Japan and the United States returning for years to the people who once rescued or befriended them.

Do you have an animal in your area that shows up for you like that?

Proverbs 12:10 says:

"A righteous man regards the life of his animal, but the tender mercies of the wicked are cruel."

Bah Dap didn't do anything dramatic or heroic. He simply cared enough to value the life of one injured crow.

And that small act revealed more about his character than any grand speech or sermon ever could.

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“ So is my word that goes out from my mouth:
It will not return to me empty,
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and achieve the purpose for which I sent it. ”

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