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Editorial Note

Faith works! It really does work! Faith Theological Seminary is founded by faith under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. At this point of time, we are confident to say that it was by faith alone we could come thus far. It is our witness to all the readers that God does really work for those who look up to Him by faith. If we have to put it in the same way as the Psalmist has put, it would be- "*From where does all these blessings come from? Our help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth*".

Within a short span of time we are also pleased and overwhelmed to bring out this Seminary magazine '*Essence*' which communicates everything of the marvelous works of God. It is good to pass on to others the good taste which we have tasted and found good. We hope our readers will be blessed.

The primary goal of this magazine is to disseminate the Seminary News, Information, Academic Programme, Views and many other interesting items pertaining to the Seminary. May all our readers have a wonderful time and be blessed. God Bless You All!

Editor

Asola Jamir

From the Principal's Desk

Dear readers,

Faith Theological Seminary is a faith adventure ministry, which came into being under the direction of God.

Our curriculum is intended not only to train a skillful theologian but also to mould a perfect and faithful minister of the Lord equipped in the Word with anointing of the Holy Spirit for the fulfillment of the Great Commission – “Go ye into all the world and Preach the Gospel” Mark 16:15.

The Great Commission does not stop at scattering the seeds but to reap the harvest as well – the harvest of souls that will be added to the Church – the body of Christ.

Let us beseech the Lord of the harvest to send more labourers to gather the rich harvest into the barn. The fulfillment of this Glorious Commission is our priority.

I would like to thank all our ministry partners for supporting us financially and in prayers.

I also thank the Editorial Committee for bringing out this journal “**Essence**” successfully.

In His love,

Rev. Dr. Visielie Angami
Principal

True Essence

Ruokuozelie Pienyü, Lecturer

Over a period of year, a minute plant has grown into a full-blossomed tree that has developed numerous leaves, branches and flowers from its stem and then fruits with full of true essence, obviously appreciable in every mode. It is a matter of immense pride and intense joy that the Faith Theological Seminary is that ‘minute plant’.

Every individual born into this world has a chore to participate throughout his/her life time and to enable him/her to play the role efficiently. God has provided the requisite talent, therefore each one necessitate to do is to comprehend and expand the concealed talent. FTS has been considered a means to investigate and fetch out a particular talent in a particular person. It facilitates in determining the prospect of a person by drawing out the concealed talent and inherent potential in each apprentice.

The contemporary world is not what it used to be several years past. Science and technology has made what was early considered an endless world shrunk into a global village. As a result, geographical or political territories are becoming insignificant. This has made the world further competitive in every respect. No human being can keep themselves confined to the previous means of cramming for several information and the facts. In fact, FTS gives guidance by discovering apprentice latent qualities and developing them, enabling apprentice to grow physically, mentally and spiritually. It teaches not only what is written in the Bible, but also gives training to compete with the critical advancing contemporary world.

Many trials and tribulations went by while trying to establish the **True Essence**. It is a matter of conceit and satisfaction that at present FTS has acquired a good image, reputation and true essence by God's grace. Nevertheless, there are still many miles to go by to unwind.

“The person who removes Mountains begins by carrying away Small Stones”.

I boast in the Lord to testify about what God had done in my life. From my childhood I had the zeal to study God's word but my ambition was shaken many times because of my family condition which was not deeply rooted in the Christian principle. To begin with, my father was an alcoholic, my brother was a drug addict and my sister was also not living a good life which brought shame to the family. Another disaster was in store for the family and that was, my father was a heavy debtor. It was a time of unrest for us because people used to come and threaten my father that they would kill him. There was always misfortune ahead of the family and things were going wrong one after another. To our relief, my brother decided to study theology and joined a Theological College in Kohima but that too did not work. After a year, he left the college on his own and went back to the same old life of addiction.

That was the image of my family. By then I had just finished my middle school and was supposed to join high school, but the idea of joining high school was a far dream for me with the pathetic condition of the family. One day, I was seriously thinking about all the problems that I was going through and even asking 'God why is all these happening to our family'. Suddenly I felt as if someone was talking to me and insisting me to read Deut. 31:6. I turned to the passage and it read '*be strong and of good courage, do not fear for the Lord your God is with you*' which gave me the courage to stand strong even in the darkest times. I recollected what my mother had taught me when I was young who was a great inspiration for me. After reading the Bible verse I kneeled down and prayed 'God I want to serve you so open the way for me'.

God answered my prayers by blessing Rev. Visielie's family for me who took me as their child and enabled me to study theology. In the year 2006 when I was in my tenth standard I accepted Jesus as my personal Lord and Savior and took water baptism. Presently am doing my second year B. Th. in FTS, Kohima. With this blessing, my faith in Him grows everyday. My family condition is much better now and I praise God for that. I give all honour to our Almighty God.

Faculties in the Mirror

1. **Rev. Dr. Visielie Angami** (Principal): Father of all, a man of strong faith, a good administrator, who is so humble and so gentle yet so strong in shouldering responsibilities. The smile on his face tells it all.
2. **Mr. Avikato Sumi**: The man who can make his Greek students crack! Soft spoken, sincere and steady, who also has the right tune of all the different dialects to communicate with all. After all a language teacher!
3. **Ms. Keneipfenuo**: The lady with a beautiful heart who can cheer up a sick heart. Hefty yet quite light and active. Also the best volley ball player of FTS from the faculty team.
4. **Mr. Vikijo**: A well-built man who is also health conscious. Sometimes leads praise and worship, sometimes take the role of a cobbler during emergency, so thoughtful! Strong headed who is confident enough to say "follow me".
5. **Ms. Meriyani**: The lady with a small structure but a big heart whose motto is slow and steady wins everybody. Her voice is fragile yet comes solid from the heart.
6. **Mr. Ruokuozelie Pienyu**: Small but effective! The man who is never tired, always jolly, ever ready to help anybody, anytime, anywhere. Also a good preacher with a big sense of humour. Can also call him the 'Happy Prince' Or 'Mr. Emergency'.
7. **Ms. Rosy Rengma**: Soft spoken and friendly to all. Wherever you go our network will follow you! (Airtel/Aircel). Counseling is what you can come to her for!
8. **Ms. Asola Jamir**: A lady with a "womanhood" certificate. Efficiency is her next name! Though she looks tough outside, she melts for everyone inside! That's Asola!

No Brief Candle: "Life is no brief candle to me. It is a sort of splendid torch which I have got hold for the moment, and I want it burn it as brighter as possible before handing it on to future generations". George Benard Shaw.

Good Writing expresses something well and it makes it as easy as possible for the readers to understand (reader friendly) the writer's message.

Four characteristics of successful writing:

1. Good Writing has a **Smooth Flow of Thought** or **Continuity**: In this kind of writing the readers should know where it is leading them as they read and at the end they should know why they have read the piece. If a reader cannot tell why a certain paragraph follows another one or if they arrive at the end and is not sure where they have arrived, then the flow of thought of the writer is not clear.
2. Good Writing is **Free of Clutter** (Untidy collection): A writer should make his/her message clear in the smallest possible number of words. If he/she talks around and around, or repeats often the same thing, the readers will become confused and bored. Writing is different from the spoken words. While talking people say many extra words and repeat certain things again and again. When the same talk is put into a printed piece avoid clutter and repetitions because, if necessary, the readers can always go back to reread what has been stated already. People are too busy to go through all the clutter!
3. Good Writing has a **Tone** appropriate to its targeted audience: Share! Do not preach in your writing. No readers want to be scolded by an article that seems as if the writer is pointing his/her finger at the reader. Readers learn best when the writer shares his/her thoughts and feelings and experiences. Illustrations, real life experiences and examples to illustrate a point make the writer better in tone.
4. Good Writing has **Sparkle**: The style makes a big difference. When you write something, have an honest friend read your piece. Let him/her ask the question to himself/herself like- does this piece hold my interest? Have I read something almost exactly like this before? Is there anything catchy which I would remember even in the future? Sparkle is what makes a piece fun to read. To put sparkle into a piece try this:
 - **Avoid Obscure Words** (Not clearly explained): For e.g. "the exigencies of the situation demand that we articulate in such a way as to foster maximum comprehension in our readers". Instead of this complicated statement it is best to say simply "we must speak as our readers can understand". As simple as that!
 - **Use Strong Descriptive Word**: Rather than saying "he was very tall" say "he was 6 feet tall".
 - **Use Humour**: The reader will remember your point longer than it is stated in a dry and serious way.
 - **Aim at making your writing Crisp** (neat and clear cut): Mushy writing is hard to get through. In this kind of writing the reader keeps asking have I already read this paragraph?

Let your Writing have a smooth flow of thought with familiar words and proper sequence. Let it have a good tone so that your readers read it enthusiastically. Let it sparkle so that your readers are fascinated by your piece. The only key to reader friendly piece is by avoiding repetition, unfamiliar words and clutter. The world needs good writers. You could be One!

"When both a speaker and an audience are confused the speech is profound"

Profile of Faculties

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Thought from the Heart for my Dear Students

Just do it Anyway

Asola Jamir, Lecturer

At times people are unreasonable, illogical and self-centered;
Just Love them *Anyway!*
When you do something good people will point their fingers at you and say
You are selfish and crazy;
Go ahead and succeed *Anyway!*
The beautiful things you do today will be forgotten tomorrow;
Don't give up, keep going *Anyway!*
Your outspokenness and honesty will make you vulnerable;
Be honest and be frank *Anyway!*
People may isolate you and say they don't find you interesting;
Don't think you are alone, just go ahead *Anyway!*
What you spent years building may be destroyed in an overnight;
Keep building *Anyway!*
People really need help but may attack you if you help;
Help them *Anyway!*
Give your best to the world and you'll get kicked from every corner;
Give your best *Anyway!*

God is my Rescuer

Omega, B. Th. III year

Being born and brought up in a Christian family going to Sunday school was my daily routine. When I grew up I was not the same boy as I used to be. I was one of the most mischievous boy and was a nuisance for all in the family and school as well. I did all that was detestful in the sight of God. I was living the worst part of my life when one day when I was in B.A got seriously ill which left me in coma for eight days. Doctors were not able to diagnose my problem and even gave up medication because I was not responding to it. Everybody lost their hope for my survival.

In that coma state, deep down in my heart I had some desire to pray. I wanted to pray aloud and cry out to God to rescue me from that dungeon. Something stopped me to pray aloud and that was my shame to pray knowing the person I am. I was sacred people would laugh at me. On the eight day of my coma state the zeal to pray aloud was so much that I collected my strength from within and pulled the bed sheet on which I was sleeping and stuffed it in my mouth and started to scream aloud and pray. I prayed and shed tears of bitterness. God heard my prayer and that day God showed a vision to a Reverend to pray for a sick person. It was the Spirit of God that led the Reverend and his lady wife to my house. He laid his hands on my head and prayed earnestly. I felt much relieved.

On the same day church members also came to pray for me. By evening I started to feel hungry, slowly got up from my bed and began to walk around the house. I was surprised to know that I was recovering from my illness. It was that time I came to realise that our God is a true living God and the healer of every sickness. Therefore I made up my mind to serve Him and live for Him. I keep praising God for what He is and who He is. By His grace I am doing my 3rd year B. Th. and I am willing to serve Him as long as I live. God bless!

“It is good to have money and the things that none can buy, but it's good, too, to check up once in a while and make sure you haven't lost the things that money can't buy”. G.H. Lorimer

Make No Mistake Again

Incorrect	Correct
➤ Medias	Media
➤ Informations	Information
➤ Childrens	Children
➤ Sheeps	Sheep
➤ Morning Sir/Miss	Good morning Sir/Miss
➤ He/she studies hardly	He/she studies hard
➤ She is right isn't it?	She is right isn't she?
➤ When did you came?	When did you come?
➤ He did not came	He did not come
➤ Suppose if	Use either one Suppose or If
➤ Incase if	Use either one Incase or If
➤ You are calling by someone	You are being called by someone
➤ Where did you went?	Where did you go?
➤ We better to go now	We better go now
➤ Let us sing the hymn No. 65	Let us sing the hymn 'Great is thy... No. 65.

"It takes courage and character to defend the right of others to say what we believe to be mistaken. But respect for knowledge prompts us to believe that mistakes have a way of refuting themselves". E.B. Fred

Academic Programme

Faith Theological Seminary is one among many new Theological Colleges which has recently established. However, in its own uniqueness the Seminary has stood for its quality education, relevantly taught to suit the context. With a well trained and strong faculty team, we effort to tirelessly impart theological knowledge. To fulfill our Motto: "Preach the Gospel" we invest our theological skills to be accompanied along with a spiritual gymnastics so as to make the Gospel preached contextually and make it true that the Gospel is eternally relevant.

FTS in its entire endeavour aims to provide excellence in theological education. Sensing the need to balance, we endure to impart excellence in both academic and spiritual sphere. It aims for quality in all aspects of the curriculum, stressing the importance of sound research methodology, good writing and analytical skills and intellectual integrity. In our humble attempt to minister God given responsibility, a brief outline of the program offered at FTS is given below:

Bachelor of Theology (B. Th.)

Admission Requirements

For the admission at FTS a candidate of the Bachelor of Theology should fulfill the following requirements:

- A minimum educational qualification of 10 or 12 passed.
- Completion of 18 years of age at the time of admission.
- A good Christian testimony.
- A strong recommendation from the pastor.

- Fulfill all the required documents.

Course Duration

Bachelor of Theology is a three year program for those candidates having 10+2 qualification and four years for the candidates with 10 passed academic standard.

Master of Divinity (M.Div.) Regular

Admission Requirements

For the admission at FTS a candidate of the Master of Divinity should fulfill the following requirements:

- A bachelor degree from a recognized university.
- Candidate from theological background should have a minimum of B grade.
- A good moral character, displaying a true born again Christian.
- A strong recommendation from the pastor.
- Fulfill all the required documents

Course Duration

Master of Divinity is a two year program. It is expected to complete the course within 6 years from the time of registration.

Extension Studies

Master of Divinity (M.Div.) Extension Programme

Duration: 2 (two) years

Special Features:

- A special course of basic skills of computing is offered to all the Master of divinity candidates.
- Students are privilege to listen to some special paper presentation presented by the lecturers.
- As mentioned in the aim of the Seminary, we conduct a special gospel tour where both lecturers and students are actively involved in it.
- An educational tour is conducted every year.

For more details please do not hesitate to contact any one of us.

Avikato Sumi, Academic Dean

“The True purpose of Education is to cherish and unfold the seed of immortality already sown within us; to develop, to their fullest extent, the capacities of every kind with which the God who made us has endowed us”.

Anna Jameson

Sequence of Events

Faith theological Seminary is a small community but the inner circle is active with various activities and events which nourishes the body and soul along with the academic programme. Out of many, few significant events worth mentioning are as follows:

1. **Thanksgiving Day:** Morning shows the day! The first event ever celebrated since the inception of the Seminary was this thanksgiving service followed by a love feast. The Seminary had just begun by that time but we had enough to thank God and till date words are not enough to express our gratitude to our Almighty God.
2. **The First Gospel Tour:** Students were divided into three groups along with faculty guide and visited churches in Rengma and Angami area irrespective of denomination. This was an eye opener for the students because they experienced personally the field they would be working after their studies.

3. **First Literary cum Sport Day:** Literary day was held where students participated in Debate, Extempore Speech, Solo and Duet competition. It was indeed a great time of learning from one another. This was followed by some sports where all the students and faculty took part.
4. **Pre Christmas Celebration:** And then came the Festive Season! FTS celebrated its first Pre-Christmas programme very successfully where all our Donors, Well Wishers and Prayer Partners were invited.
5. **Seminary Educational cum Gospel Tour:** Seventeen students along with two faculty guide participated in this tour which was also similar to a missionary journey. During the tour the students conducted worship service (Good Friday and Easter Sunday) in two different churches. The itinerary of the tour was Siliguri-Ranipol-Gangtok-Darjeeling. The team had a meaningful time enjoying and admiring the beauty of the nature.
6. **FTS First Convocation:** The First convocation was successfully held on 2nd June 2009 where thirty (30) students altogether (Regular & Extension) were graduated. The function was graced by Dr. Shúrholielie, the Minister for Higher Education and Urban Development ,Kohima, Nagaland and Rev. Dr. Dozo delivered the convocation message. It was also attended by many dignitaries, distinguished guests, well wishers, church members and parents.
7. **IT Seminar:** A Seminar on IT and computing skills was conducted on 28th July 09 at Faith Theological Seminary and Mount Carmel School, Kohima with the theme “An Insight into Technologies involved in Building an Information System in the Digital Economy”. The resource person was Er. Teisovi Angami, Assistant Professor (I.T), School of Engineering & Technology, Nagaland University, Dimapur, Nagaland. With his outstanding skill in IT and computing, the resource person took the students to an entirely different world of computer and Information Technology. Few of the focal point of the seminar which the resource person stressed were like, classification and examples of Information system, modern computing environment, web-based system and managing information resources.
8. **Spiritual Re-awakening Programme:** Despite the tight academic programme and other co-curricular activities, time to time the Seminary also conducts spiritual re-awakening programme for the entire community as a time of refreshing and renewing our spiritual growth.
9. **Prayer and Fasting Programme:** Prayer is our Weapon! First Sunday of every month is kept aside for prayer and fasting where all the students and faculty takes part. It is a time of praying for one another, for the churches and its ministers, poor and needy, prayer partners, donors, well wishers etc. It is also a time of counting the blessings of God.

Congratulation to Mr & Mrs. Rokopra Mekro for their journey of life together
 - **From FTS & MCS family**

The Force of Prayer: “The spectacle of a nation praying is more awe-inspiring than the explosion of an atomic bomb. The force of prayer is greater than any possible combination of human-made controlled powers, because prayer is human’s greatest means of trapping the infinite resources of God”.

A Paragon of Generosity

In the Bible we see people who gave generously what they had for the Lord's work. For e.g. Mary of Bethany, Aquila and Priscilla, Joseph of Arimathea etc. Money minded people of that time might have thought it 'wastage'. But Jesus who knows the heart of all declared them a **Paragon of Generosity**.

Today we have many Marys, Aquila & Priscillas and Josephs who share their blessings and pray for us without which, FTS would not have come thus far. Few names which we would like to acknowledge this Semester are:

1. Dr. Shürhozelie, Minister for H.Edu & Urban Development Rs. 1,00,000 /-
2. Central CRC, Kohima Rs. 25,000/-
3. Er. Teisovi Visielie Rs. 12,000/-
4. Mr. Zhasalie Soliezuo Rs. 5,000/-
5. Ms. Mapula Jamir Rs. 2,800/-(Till date)
6. Ms. Pallavi Electronic Water Purifier

We acknowledge their generosity. We would also like to take the opportunity to acknowledge all our **Prayer Partners** and all **Well Wishers** who constantly pray for us and support us through different means. It is our prayer that our Almighty God would bless all abundantly for '*God loves a cheerful giver*'.

Financial Support

At the present time the Seminary would particularly welcome financial contribution in support of its library acquisition programme and sponsoring needy students.

You can make financial gifts to FTS in the following ways:

- By sending a cheque to **Faith Theological Seminary** posted to Faith Theological Seminary, P.O. Box-431, Kohima 797001, Nagaland.
- By direct transfer: **call our office for details**.

Prayer Request

There are number of areas in which we need your prayer support:

- For the staff of the Seminary. Their details are available on the '**Faculty Profile**' section.
- For the current students that the Lord would prepare them all for a lifetime of faithful and fruitful service for His kingdom, and also to strengthen them to serve as Godly women and men.
- For the graduated students that their ministry would be fruitful and successful.
- For our support networks; churches and individual Christians who support us and for different people and organizations which the Seminary comes in contact with.

"Let me say that no richer blessing can fill your own hearts than the consciousness on some bleak winter's night that your generosity has lighted the fire upon some family's hearth that otherwise would be black and cold, and has spread some family table with food where otherwise children would be wanting. I wish my last word to you to be the word 'give'". Herbert Clark