# Uniter Baptist Churches Council (UBCC), Manipur




**Dear Partners in Christ,**

On May 10, I traveled to Lamka, Manipur, to attend the first assembly of the United Baptist Churches Council (UBCC). By God's grace, the meeting concluded on the evening of May 12, 2026.

The following day, delegates from the Thadou Baptist Association, India (TBAI), were traveling home in two vehicles when extremists ambushed them on a mountain road. Three pastors—**Rev. Vumthang Sitlhou**, President of TBAI; **Rev. Kaigoulun Lhouvum**, Finance Secretary; and **Pastor Paogoulen Sitlhou**, Superintendent—were struck by bullets and died at the scene. Four others were seriously injured.

Group pictures after the formation of the United Baptist Churches Council (UBCC), Manipur, by seven different Baptist associations who are from Manipur, India. I was elected as Executive Director for National (India). It was a joy to be part of the larger groups where I can be His use.

These three pastors gave their lives in service to Christ. So much persecution is taking place in India, and we humbly ask you to uphold us in your prayers.

Please also continue to pray for **The Journey Church** as we plan to start another church, **Delhi Baptist Church (DBC)**, in the northern part of Delhi.

## Praise Points

Even in the midst of death and persecution, God has been good and kind to us. He continues to strengthen us so that His work in India goes on, and the Gospel continues to be shared through our ministry and mission support in different parts of the country.

**"I have fought the good fight, I havefinished the race, I have kept the faith." (2 Timothy 4:7)**

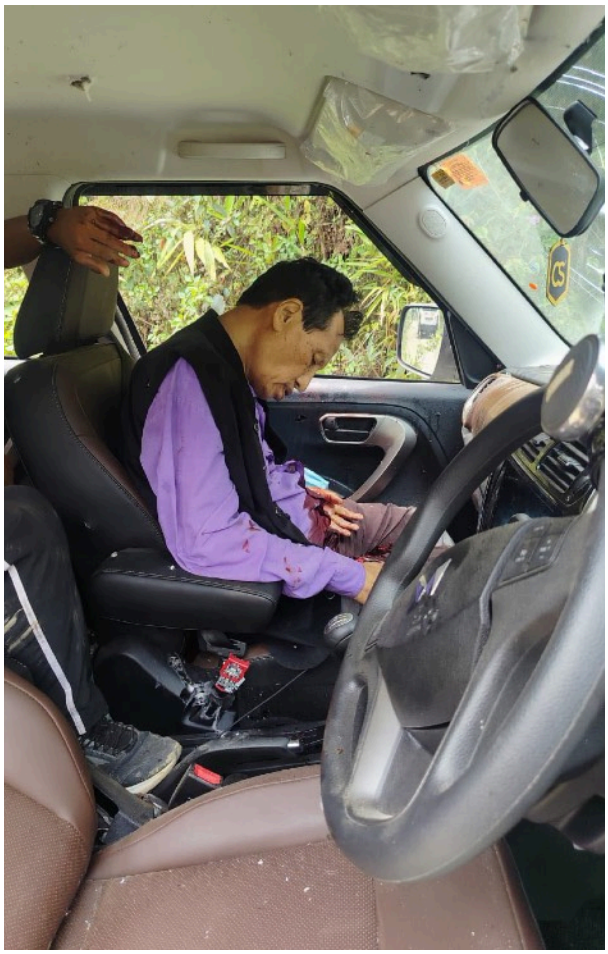
We praise God for the following:

1. By God's grace, the **United Baptist Churches Council (UBCC)** has been established with seven associations from Manipur.
2. My son, **Joel Kamminthang Haokip**, passed Class XII and will be going to college in July 2026.
3. We thank **Youngseong Church** for their willingness to support **Pastor Susanta Nath** of **The Journey Church, New Delhi**.
4. **The Journey Church** is able to support **10 mission workers** serving in different parts of India.
5. I am thankful for the opportunity God has given me to serve as a board member of **three organizations in India**, one of them being the **Baptist Union of North India (BUNI)**.

Thank you for your continued prayers, love, and partnership in the Gospel.

**In Christ,**

Pastor Letlal Haokip



**(L) Rev Dr Vumthang Sitlhou, who was ambushed and killed on the spot. This painful loss reminds us of the words of Jesus: "Blessed are those who are persecuted … (Matthew 5:10)**