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**Theology of Mission: The Mizo Perspective**

The main concern in this paper is to reformulate the theology of mission for the churches in Mizoram so that the churches may be challenged and inspired critically to evaluate and redefine their understanding of the meaning of Christian mission. The word '*Mizo*' literally means 'Highlander' and '*Mizoram*' simply means the land of the Mizo people. Mizoram is one of the states of India and it shares a boundary with Myanmar in the east and Bangladesh in the west. Christianity was first preached amongst the Mizos in 1891 by a Welsh Calvinistic missionary. Revival that took place in Mizoram had exerted much influence on the Mizo Christianity and their mission. Starting from a small corner in Mizoram and spreading out through several parts of India and other parts of the world. However, the main aim of the Mizo mission is to make converts and plant churches. If one closely look at the Mizo mission, much serious thought and careful analysis seems to be needed as Christians constantly face different issues both inside and outside the church. A new understanding of ecumenical missiology, which unites all the religions through dialogue, cooperation and fellowship with the purpose of achieving love, peace and justice in the context of multi society. Therefore, the time has come to develop Mizo theology of mission that would squarely address the present reality by taking into account socio-religious, economic and political problems for the transformation of the society.

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