

Literary Conduit

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*"With freedom, Books, flowers, and the Moon,
who could not be happy?"*

— OSCAR WILDE.

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Editorial Note

Dear Readers

Greetings to you!

The editorial team is delighted to bring forth the 20th issue of *Literary Conduit*. We would like to take the readers on a journey, a journey of hope, education, inspiration and information.

The academic year is approaching to an end, the world require genuineness and ingenuity. The memories made, the laughters shared, the lesson learnt, you will find ways into abstract ideas, inspiring creativity and critical ability. Every line reflects a mind where inspiring thoughts take shape and the message of life is unquestionably voiced.

We present to all the readers an intimate and conscientious portrait of the department

Happy reading!



Chutatu Thurr, Lochumbeni K , Chomniu P, Guanglougai Gangmei.

My dear Munchkins !

Little did we know that we would come to the closure of a chapter this way. But nevertheless did you on the hindsight visualise how it should have ended? Every ending is unique and each leaves us with memories and lessons to pocket home. In the midst of so much unrest, I wish to remind ourselves that we are still on the winning side, that we are where we are today-alive and ready to confront life head-on. Life gives us so many unexpected turn of events but yet we decide what we want for ourselves. So instead of rueing about what cannot be changed, we can always salvage something rewarding for ourselves. A lot of thoughts came over me as I sat down to write this message to a class of soon-to-be graduates who have missed out the "societal norms" of a "load of good fun," which is sometimes considered a student's prerogative to expect from the institution. Yes! Definitely you deserve a fabulous send-off but you are also certainly not missing your "eternity!" Amongst the many thoughts that overwhelmed me, the one that came on as overpowering the many was that, if humanity has learned one thing out of this unprecedented pandemic, it is definitely, "a return to the basics." Lust for affluence in the contemporary society is psychotic. We have lost touch with reality and crave for things we desire rather than require. Most of what we have or want are just "add-ons." May we be reminded that we choose to have less so others may live." And if it is at all a possibility, can we practice voluntary minimalism and be able to say, "I not only own less but want less." Can we advocate for a lifestyle of room for generosity as we bend our pursuit towards things that matters rather than what we "WANT?" So on this note, I wish all a successful life that makes you happy as a person - the kind that reminds you, that each day is a beginning of endless possibilities where you choose to run the race no matter what as Jim Rohn says, "Either you run the day or the day runs you."

- All good wishes!
Dr. Sentinaro,
 HOD, Department of English

Congratulations:

To the following new members of Baptist College Fellowship, Kohima campus 2021-2022 tenure Ms. Sotsula A Yimchunger and Ms. Chimshe of 4th and 2nd semester respectively.

Congratulations to Mr. Machipiebo and Limatoshi Longkumer of 6th and 4th semester for securing 1st and 2nd position respectively in "Online Poetry Writing Competition" organised by the WOMEN'S FORUM, Baptist College, Kohima under the topic "Women Empowerment"

Departmental Activities of The Even Semester. (March - May 2021)

- Mentor-Mentee program conducted for the 6th Semester
- Outing program with the lecturers and the 6th Semester students organized at Zubza Campus (Inspirational Point) on 27th of March 2021.

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT OUTING TO ZUBZA

6th Semester English department of both the campuses held its departmental outing at Sechü campus, Zubza on the 27th March 2021. The program started at 10:30 A.m. led by Chomniu Shiu as the compere. The program commenced with a prayer and Bible reading by Esther. The students and lecturers had a meaningful time by participating in various activities such as singing, reading poetry, sharing experiences of their stay in Baptist College, their view point on every lecturers and playing various entertaining games. There was an unplanned surprise from the students for the lecturers where they had to showcase their talent, where Dr Tsenbeni and Sir James graced us with their melodious song. On the other hand, Dr Sentinaro, Miss Süvilü Venuh and Miss Loly Chophi pleased our ears with their original poems. All the lecturers encouraged us to shine wherever we go in future, to be ourselves and always be a dignified person. Further, an amazing time was spent on sharing food among the mates and lecturers. The program was a great success with lots of memories to cherish.

- Lemsemchila Lemtur
B. A 6th Semester

"INSTIGATION" an ideal aegis used by Sadist/cowards to conceal one's crooked integrity.. Behold...! Be descreet and sensible enough to eschew from being the scapegoat and elude from beleaguered times.

- Therali
B.A 2nd semester

From the offering of an unwanted torn note to somebody, to the choice of contributing the least amount from one's pocket in the charity box, to the public display of one's artificial love for mankind in the society- TRUTH no longer walks in, rather masks seem to mask the real intentions. "Humans are made for more than this, says the little voice inside of me."

- Chimshe
B.A 2nd semester

" LIFE DESTINY "

This is life, but you never know sometimes, life hits you with its ups and downs, like tidal waves, that hits rocks to smoothen the surface. But never ever, the gone tide returns. This is life, but you never know life knocks you with lots of challenges and exams. Be the masterpiece yourself, to overcome challenges. Be a leader and not a follower. Life entertains you with lots of open rooms. The door on your left shuts, steadily still the door on your right opens. Why not grab it, be a key yourself? You are destined to design it. This is life, surrounded with motivated speakers and wrong doers, yet be the peacemaker and the flowing fountain, this is life you never know, you are the light of your life, master of your mind.

- Vetsoto Swuro
B.A 2nd Semester

"Be a Man"

They said, be strong and be a pillar;
Supporting the family
They said, be a man.
They said, don't cry or be emotional,
That's what a man should not be
They said, be a man.
Like men don't have feelings or emotions,
For they think men are only meant to be strong.
So, they said, be a man
But, after all he is a human too.

- **Viphreno Rote**

B. A 6th Semester

Seasons

Days passes by,
Winter is gone,
Summer is here
But spring will come
Tag along with winter.
The seasons will come and go each year,
With every New Year, we will grow older and weary
With every seasons there will be new
Responsibilities on our shoulders.
But our friendship bond will never change
It will remain constant;
Not like years and seasons
But it will grow stronger with the change in
Seasons and years,
That with every seasons will learn the
value of our friendship.
We will understand the true meaning of friendship.
TRUE friendship grows through the change
In every seasons and hurdle roads come in the midst
Of friendship,
Throughout this true friendship become
Stronger.

- **Khrieyanuo Mezhü**

B.A 6th Semester

TENTATIVE MUSINGS

Many summer nights ago
When I sat in a bamboo thatched house
And looked at the fireflies flitting about.
It felt like I knew the secrets of the universe.
They now seem like the manifestations of a
declining mind.
How do I properly remember the smell of the
Earth
After a torrential rainfall?
How do I remember that feeling in my chest
As I gaze at a star falling?
How do I now remember the novelties of my life
That made me who I am.
I don't remember me anymore.
Is it the nature of human beings
To have a brain that remembers
And at the same time get sad
Over memories ?
Memories that slowly fades yearly.
Until you can't differentiate
If it is the remnant of a dream
Or of wistful feelings.
The heart that wants to keep living
In the past even when
The future stares at it.
Is it okay for a human being to be this nostalgic?
Counting down the days when I'll let go
And stop romanticizing this reality I live in.
Darkness marks every step I take
And people around me makes it harder.
Changes are inevitable,
It is only right that we don't understand
How we change.
Who are we to blame ourselves
When we change and move on.
The days are a blur and I am trying,
Trying to be a better me
Even when my hands get tired from holding on
My feet is finding its way home.

- **Chonchibemo Ngullie**

B. A 6th semester

"My Choice"

To Jung Monica and Min Mharo.
All the choices you made;
All came to this.
This life you chose to live.
It's tiresome and harsh,
But rewarding, somehow.
The final chapter!
Don't give up!
Stumble and fall,
Just get up;
Accomplish it, somehow.
Pulled it off!!
Well done!
You'll rejoice with smiles and;
If God nods and go higher,
You'll save lives for sure!
A blessing indeed,
All I can say, THANK YOU!
For your life
For your efforts
And for your Choice!
- **Ecusile Haralu**
B.A 4th semester

How Life Is

While running around with full of joy and
happiness,
Why sorrows and sadness? What are they?
Books, pen and bags, one step we move ahead.
With questions, eagerness and wants.
Choosing one's path and goals, we focus on it.
With sorrows, sadness, stress and regrets?
That's how life is.
No matter how badly we want to turn back
time,
That's how life is.
We just have to live next half our life filled with
happiness and love
Because that's how life is and it is just the
beginning to our New Happy Life.
- **Sanglenungla A. Thang**
B.A 4th Semester

Longing Night

The night seems long,
The sky seems brighter.
Whispering my feelings through wind.
Can you hear my heart?
It's painful that heart can't be emptied.
Like a dropping raindrop on the window.
My mind getting stain by you.

It rain suddenly and I longed for you.
The night in eyes melt into rain.
Leaving love is harder than fallen love.
The silent agreement is painful to keep.
You left like a star, makes the sky sad.
The rain falls as the sky cries,
It's cruel that our love cannot live on.
World is turning yet I'm learning.
- **Vebülü Ringa**
BA 6th Semester

"i am the future"

Without I who will be the future.
Who will make dreams come true;
Who will make the world a better place;
Without I what is tomorrow;
Without I who are you,
With I there will be a better tomorrow.
With I there will be accomplishments,
I, yes, I am the future.
Change is constant and life is a journey,
We don't know what the future holds.
Take a leap of faith;
Look to the future with hope,
It's time to let go of the past,
Embrace with the future holds.
To win or lost
It's in my hand,
I, yes, I am the future.
- **Thujovelü Nyekha**
B.A 2nd Semester

She Stood Firm

There she stood firmly,
With invisible armor covering her;
Thousands of soul behind her;
She protected each with impregnability

There she stood again.
With invisible thought and strength;
Fighting her battle for a higher ticket
Hoping to see a better place.

There she stood again.
Like a tigerish woman
Ready to fight for her love ones,
Sacrificing her precious life.

She is as soft as cotton,
But when she put her mind in something
She is as tough as diamond,
Unable to break, there she stood firmly.

- **Monika Pradhan**
BA 2nd Semester

Nobody Knows

NOBODY knows
The pain I bore with me,
Insecurities I felt,
The loneliness I've experience
And how I longed to be Loved.

Nobody knows
How I regret being born,
How I cry when I hit the sack,
How I wish to have a Mom
And live a complete family as one.

Nobody knows
For I share with Him my pain,
For He stands beside me,
For He recognises my pain
And in Nobody, I trust.

- **Limatoshi Longkumer**
B.A 4th Semester

Anger Is Me

Is it fair to call an emotion negative
If it lead a positive change in you?
Anger is not bad.

My anger knows I am being treated unfairly.
My anger stands for me
My anger knows I deserve better to be treated
with kindness.

My anger is part of me, who stands by my side.
It's ok, if my anger is not being excessive to cause
problems.

My anger is an airy personality of mine.
My anger express the negative feelings and it
motives me to find solutions to problems.
Anger is not bad. Anger is me.

- **Nounelhounuo Dzüvichu**
B. A 4th Semester

Women Empowerment

This difficult stage of world ,
The voice is still strong and sweet,
Shiner than a star, brighter than a moonlight
There is nothing beautiful;
Than a woman with beautiful soul.

Woman, you are not immortal,
Do not be afraid; Do not stand in the back,
The world is hard, the world is cruel;
But fight for it; persist it.

Woman, you were born to desire with passion and to name
your throne,

You are more than you can see,
You were born to shine, and not to suffer,
Embrace your beauty, Embody your power;
Be strong and be courage.

Woman, remember the blood you bleed;
It is a sign of a Queen that fights in a battle,
It shows that you're stronger than any men,
Your power and grace can make a man kneel before you.

Woman, you are a delicate flower,
You deserve to be bloomed every season,
You deserve to be loved and cared,
Fight for your ashes, Fight for your throne
Brushed away your fear, and rule your kingdom with strong
heart.

- **ERIZU-U TSUHA**
BA 2nd Semester

Her Unique Self!

She is girl who is flawed yet worthy!
Lives a decent life and has an empathy.
She is admired by all as she is well
matured.

Her confidence is determined by nature.

Her beauty beyond compare.
And there is not more to compare!
She lives a quiet secluded life!
With the possibility of being useful.

Kalibo L Awomi

B. A 2nd Semester

Silent

Why is my heart not at ease?
The first time, There's no explanation
If your hope in me has shattered or so...
Unmentioned transformation have settled
Have my image calmed you or numbed you?
I promise, I wanted that
I have no notion what you craved for?
A thousand apology; For your dream isn't
mine.

But why is the moment silent?
Does that mean there's no hope?
Did you see that coming or a dream
provoked?

Well, I know my mother
Like 'Your Honour', like 'The Preacher'.
I appreciate the birth, appreciate the love.
And never was I blind to the direction:

That soft thought all was right
Indeed, all is right, but for you.
Why is there no sweet tongue?

Your call, ringing away
And it hurts, but I fear.

Which was the last of your hope?
A tree mother bears a unique taste of fruits
And it is normalized
And I am just a sour child.

- Zulotenla

B. A 2nd Semester

O father My Father

O father my father
Why do you wake up so early?
Butchering buffalo before the sunrises
Behind his smile, tension and sleepless hidden.
I'll never let you've any less
Than what your friends have.

O father my father
Why do you work in hot sun ?
Ploughing field in the hot summer sun
Behind his smile, fatigued and beared hidden.
I'll never let you've any less
Than what your friends have.

O father my father
What do you always pray for ?
Praying without ceasing when night fall
Behind his smile, despair and trouble mind
hidden.
I'll never let you've any less
Than what your friends have.

O father my father
Take rest and get some sleep
Reckoning how to keep his family happy.
Behind his smile, grief and worries hidden
I'll never let you've any less
Than what your friends have.

- Machipiebo

B.A 6th Semester

TIPS FROM THE SENIORS

To keep your brain in tip-top shape, do some reading.
- Rüngnunoveilie

Do not get lost in the crowd, unravel your true self and make it count
- Neisevono

No one and nothing will help you, until you help yourself.
- Kivika N Kiho

Be slow in choosing your goals in life. It is important to be who we want to be rather than what we want to be.
- Suliho Swu

Dear juniors, grab every opportunity that comes up and cherish every moment of your college life, as they would never come back again.
- Vebulu Ringa

Crush is temporary, CGPA is permanent. So, don't be distracted or it will result in backlogs.
- Viphreno Rote

Life is full of adventure and fun, but having the ability to choose the good friends for yourself is a long run wealth.
- Tolivi Shohe

Dear juniors, ' Always put God first in everything that you do, never give up or give in, you are meant to shine just the way you are, believe in yourself and you are worth more than anything. Live well and love well.'
- Pethese- ii Solo

Work hard, don't skip classes, take wise decisions and enjoy your college days.- Kerelugwamlie Diswang

Don't blame others for your failures. The sooner you stop blaming others, the sooner you'll learn to take full responsibility for your life. Good luck!
- Khrievotuonuo Liezietsu

Cherish the good ones and learn from the bad ones. Enrich your present with your full efforts full of best shots
- Dzuthotalu Chotso

The world is less interested in the person you're becoming but more interested in who you are. Be yourself.
- Machipeibo

WORDS FOR THE OUTGOING SENIORS

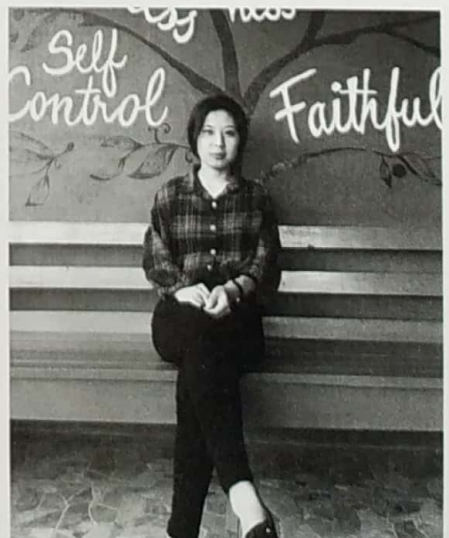
Dear Seniors, don't be afraid to make mistakes, to stumble and to fall because most of the times the greatest reward comes from doing the things that scare you the most. The road is long and every step of the journey is a destination in itself. Remember the great words by Rabindranath Tagore, ' Where the mind is without fear and the head is held high'. Be confident individuals where you are not scared to do the most uphill task. May you find the mountain that is right for you.

Most importantly learn to enjoy the journey you are about to embark on.

All the very best.

-Lochumbeni

B.A 4th semester



Art is chaos taking shape.

- PABLO PICASSO



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