

BUILDING TODAY FOR
THE LEADERS OF TOMORROW



NECU

NORTH EAST CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

TRUTH & LIBERTY



We Are Educating Tomorrow's Leaders... **Today**

Mirdom Terongpi stood at the podium of last year's Council of Baptist Churches in North East India convention addressing delegates on behalf of all North East Christian University (NECU) students.

A year before, this was a young woman with little hope of affording any education past grade 12 and limited prospects for a brighter future.

Now, friends from her hometown marveled at her confidence and clarity as she shared her experiences. Based on her academic record and family conditions, NECU offered free tuition and helped her find a scholarship that covered her books and hostel. It even provided a musical instrument she was interested in playing.

Now, she is receiving an excellent education that integrates faith and knowledge in a transformative way. Her academic record is exemplary. She has excelled both in community service and at internships in industry.

In every way, Mirdom is being prepared as the empowered, informed, and responsible leader North East India needs for the future – ethical, equipped, and committed to seeing her region thrive.



Mirdom Terongpi



Hers is just one story.

At North East Christian University, we are going to tell hundreds, even thousands, more of them. Stories of young men and women from every corner of North East India (NEI) who will graduate and go on to be the leaders we need for tomorrow. Leaders in business, finance, science, education, service, and more.



Leaders of integrity.

Leaders who will chart the course for the North East India that is to come.



We stand at a time of tremendous challenge and incredible opportunity in this region. We stand at a crossroad of cultures, countries, and philosophies. And we stand in need of an institution founded on Christian values, committed to excellence in liberal arts education, honoring regional culture and diversity, and equipped to educate the next generation.



And so, at North East Christian University, we have embarked on an exciting initiative to raise \$3 million to:

- More than triple the academic space at our current campus.
- Fund scholarships and financial aid.
- Attract and retain the best faculty.
- Position NECU for a sustainable, successful future.



It is vital to understand – there is very limited access to higher education, and there is no private liberal arts university like NECU in all of North East India. No place equally committed to a student’s character, culture, and education. No place where students are

taught to think critically and independently, rather than focus predominately on memorization as at the exam-centered colleges and universities in the region.

North East India needs such an institution of higher learning.

What we need . . . is you.

Join us in taking the next crucial steps on a journey that truly benefits us all.

With your support and partnership, we will build the university today to produce the leaders of tomorrow.

REAL NEED. REAL OPPORTUNITY.

Is there truly a need for an institution like North East Christian University?

A group of approximately 15 students, both men and women, are standing on a modern staircase with metal railings. They are all wearing white t-shirts. The students are looking in various directions, some towards the camera, some looking down, and some looking to the side. The background shows the architectural details of the building, including white columns and a curved ceiling.

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Clearly, yes.

A Drain of Resources and Potential

Today, with all the world visible from the phone in their hands, young people aspire to great things. Unfortunately, most feel they must leave North East India for the undergraduate or graduate education required to pursue those aspirations, because there is far too little opportunity for higher education within the region.

Ours is a developing region, and young people are attracted to more modern urban areas. In fact, each year, students from NEI spend \$300 million to study in other Indian states.

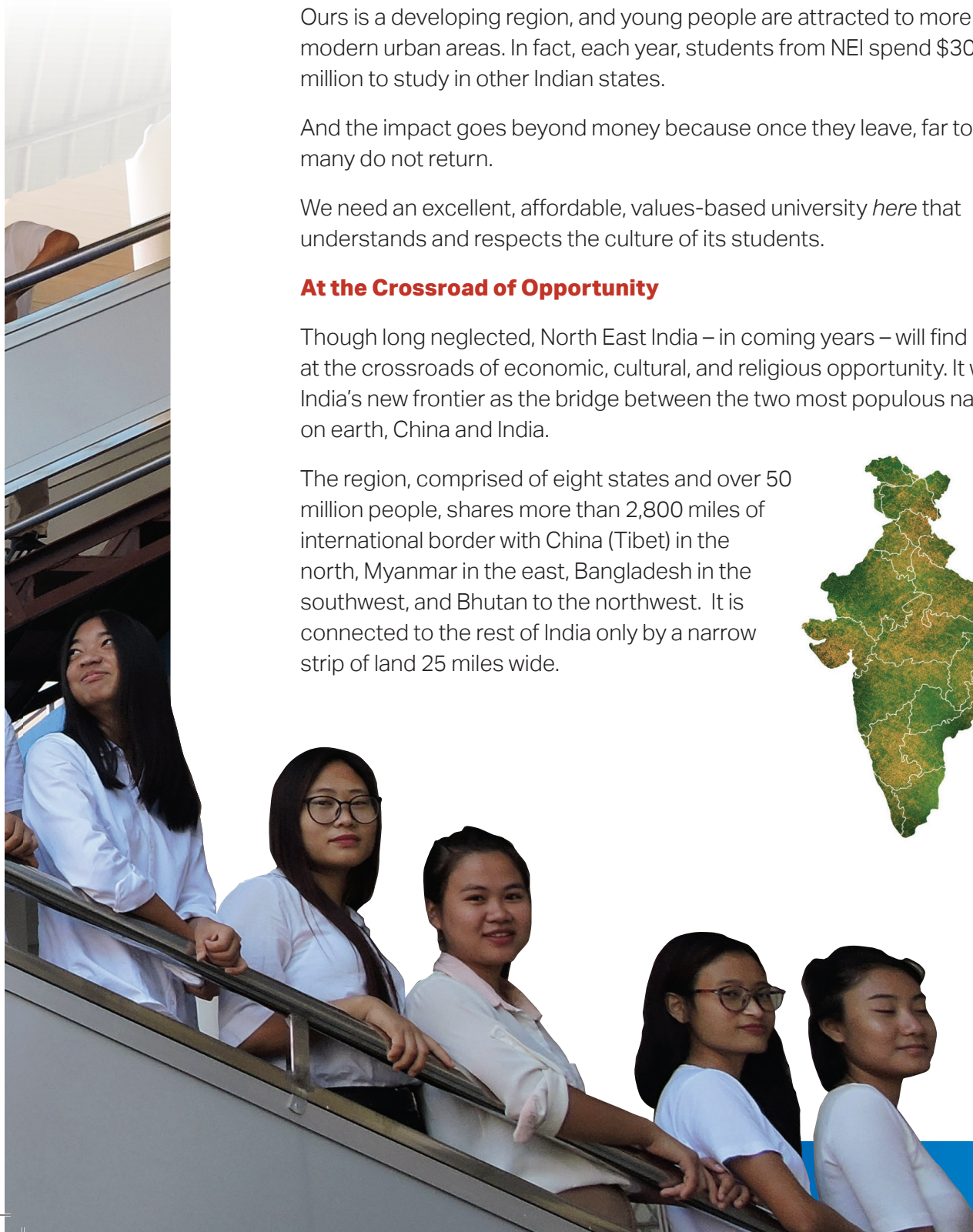
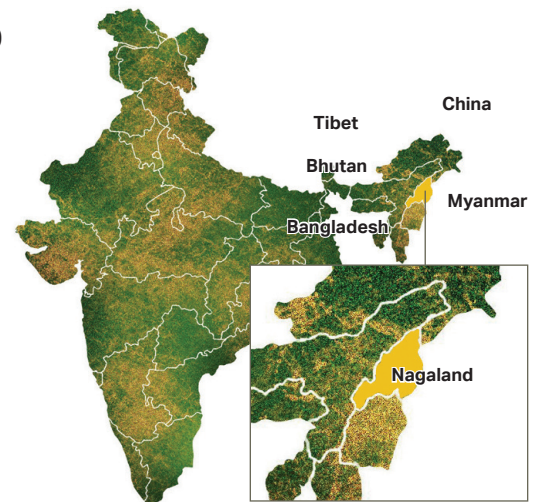
And the impact goes beyond money because once they leave, far too many do not return.

We need an excellent, affordable, values-based university *here* that understands and respects the culture of its students.

At the Crossroad of Opportunity

Though long neglected, North East India – in coming years – will find itself at the crossroads of economic, cultural, and religious opportunity. It will be India's new frontier as the bridge between the two most populous nations on earth, China and India.

The region, comprised of eight states and over 50 million people, shares more than 2,800 miles of international border with China (Tibet) in the north, Myanmar in the east, Bangladesh in the southwest, and Bhutan to the northwest. It is connected to the rest of India only by a narrow strip of land 25 miles wide.



Similarly, it is bordered by four of the world's major religions/philosophies: Communism in the North, Buddhism in the East, and Islam and Hinduism in the West.

China's Belt and Road initiative will make North East India the Gateway to Southeast Asia. That will bring with it a need for skilled workers and leaders in every area of life – politics, business, medicine, society, service. *And* it creates the need for leaders who are strongly grounded in their faith and can positively interact with those from other cultures and religions.

Planting Seeds for Abundant Growth

We have a grand – and achievable – vision of a university by and for the people of North East India founded on Christian values yet open to a variety of thoughts and supportive of an interchange of viewpoints.

A university that offers students a values-based liberal arts education and education for their professions.

A university that teaches students how to think critically and independently, to solve problems, to communicate effectively, and to be lifelong learners.

A university that prepares student to be good citizens, who are responsible persons that understand the ethical consequences of their actions.

A university that provides NEI communities the skilled professionals required for nation-building in the 21st century.

We have already planted the seeds that will grow into this vision in our Dimapur campus. Now we need to tend them, grow them.

290 MILLION
IN NEED OF
EDUCATION
AND SKILLS
TRAINING

The Council of Baptist Churches in North East India (CBCNEI) is comprised of six Conventions, 105 Associations, more than 8,000 Churches, and almost 1.5 *million* baptized members.

The CBCNEI seeks to increase access to and enhance the quality and character of higher education in the region.

By 2020, there will be 870 million working-age people in India, with 290 million of them in need of education and skills training.

Right now, today, we must plant the seeds that will grow into a thriving, sustainable, excellent, Christian liberal arts university for future generations of believers in North East India and to transform the region itself.



Smart classroom dedication.



A Carefully Considered Plan for Impact

Our vision for North East Christian University rises from a carefully developed plan years in the making and already being implemented.

We began with prayerful consultation among CBCNEI associations resulting in a joint commitment to create NECU.

In 2012, the Nagaland Legislative Assembly passed the NECU Act making the university a reality. We received a very favorable long-term lease on 250 acres outside of Dimapur. At the same time, we received a gift of buildings in the heart of the city so as to begin offering classes immediately.

The City Center campus in Dimapur has a very limited amount of smart classrooms and administrative space. It must be expanded to accommodate the anticipated enrollment during the next 10 years while the new campus is being constructed on the 250 acres.

In the future, we will continue to utilize the City Center campus for in-city classes and seminars for adult education and conferences.

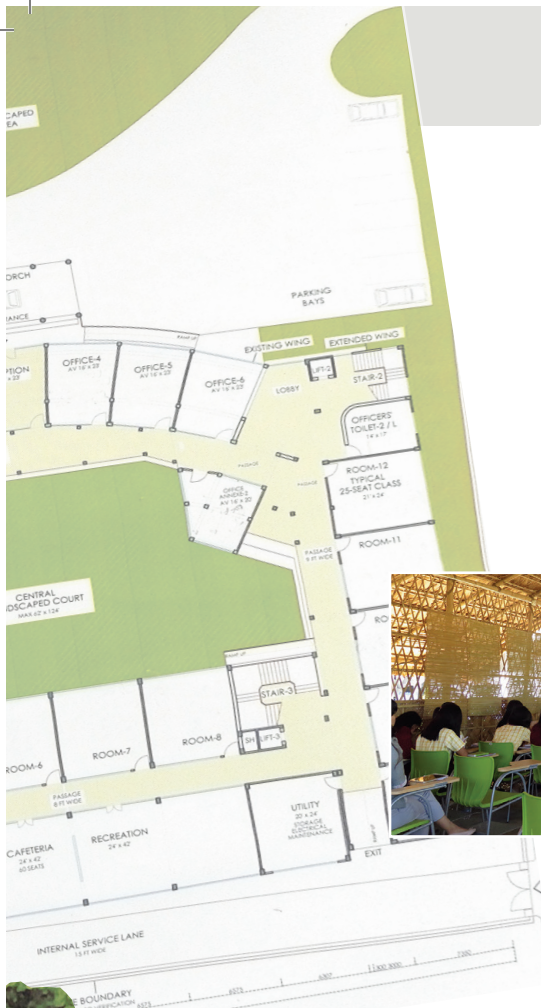
We have already raised \$550,000 for the addition. Now, with our \$3 million campaign, we will add to our facilities, enhance scholarships, and support our faculty.



Photo: Suduvelu Rhaikho

Location of New Campus outside of Dimapur the location of the City Center Campus.





WORLD-CLASS UNIVERSITY
AT INDIAN PRICES

Present Campus Building and Classrooms.

Scholarship

The limited access to higher education and the “brain drain” from North East India to other states is real. But for even more NEI young people, economic hardship puts higher education out of reach.

From the beginning, our commitment has been to create a world-class university available at Indian prices. Our \$3 million campaign allows for:

- Tuition waivers
- Scholarships
- Endowments, grants, and future scholarships.

As NECU grows in size and reputation, more students will have access to higher education and students leaving now will stay in North East India along with the money now following them. But we will always need scholarships and financial aid so that our institution can truly serve all those in the region who desire an excellent, values-based university education.





NECU Faculty and Administration with Rev. Ben Chan from the ABCUSA International Ministries.

Graduates of Teacher Certification Program.

Faculty

We are living in a competitive world. There is very intense competition for outstanding faculty members who have many employment opportunities. We must offer competitive salaries and benefits.

As a private Christian university offering competitive salaries, we will be able to attract faculty who are good scholars and teachers and who desire the very Christian principles, atmosphere, and environment we have.

Particularly at this initial stage of NECU's life, we must commit sufficient resources to recruit, support, and retain a top faculty. We similarly must position ourselves to attract and retain faculty as our enrollment increases and as we add new majors and concentrations.

Therefore, we must raise:

Scholarships	\$300,000
Faculty Salaries	225,000
Student Recruitment	10,000
Facilities	2,465,000
TOTAL	\$3,000,000

The Time Is Now

North East Christian University is a vital, growing center of higher education for North East India. Right now, we offer programs in English, Teacher Education, Computer Science, Management, International Relations, Political Science, Economics, Sociology, Psychology/Counseling, and History. Majors in the Sciences and Fine Arts will be added just as soon as our expanded facilities make it possible to do so.

We are one of only three organizations in the country that can certify Traditional Community Healthcare Providers. We offer intensive courses on finances for church workers. We train students to be Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) qualified.

But we are so much more.

We are the only private Christian liberal arts university in North East India. We respect the cultures and traditions of our diverse region. We are a place where ideas and beliefs can be examined and discussed.

We are committed to educating the next generation of leaders of North East India, equipping them with the knowledge they need, grounding them in the faith that sustains, and preparing them to be tomorrow's difference makers.

It is our vision to be:

***A distinctive center of excellence,
integrating faith and knowledge
in a transformative manner.***

The time is *now* to make this vision a reality.

Join us!

Together, what we build today, produces the leaders of tomorrow.



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