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## ABSTRACT

The purpose of this study is to search the historical development of Wunpawng Christian Church (WCC) in Chiang Mai, Thailand. The research begins with the history, culture and religion of Kachin people in Kachin State from Myanmar and other countries such as India and China where Kachin people are living. The research clearly expresses the history of Kachin people in Thailand and how the Kachin people migrate to Thailand and spread to every city of Thailand especially in Chiang Mai and Bangkok as a migrant worker.

The researcher carefully expresses how the Kachin people in Chiang Mai started their Sunday worship service in the midst of difficulties. And how did they invest their time and energy in building and establishing the WCC Church. The researcher also covered all the religious activities of WCC and how the church involved in different activities of outside the church. It is examined that this study helps the Kachin people to realize the needs and changes of the church in mission work. The church was busy with other religious and culture activities and the church is lacking in doing mission works. Thus, the researcher examines the fulfillment of the great commission in the church by doing mission not only to Kachin people but also to other nationalities.

This study concludes with the mission plans of WCC church for the future which is one of the church's incomplete works. The researcher carefully draws the mission strategies to other nationalities which will start in the near future in Chiang Mai, Thailand. This study helps all the Kachin believers to understand that the main purpose of the church is to fulfill the great commission of Jesus Christ.