ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Any accomplishment requires the effort of many people. With no exception this included the works of a multitude of eminent people and a series of outstanding people in the profession.

First and foremost my deepest sense of gratitude goes to God who graciously blessed me with good health and strength to successfully complete the research study.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to my guide Prof. Juanita War, Dean, School of Humanities, NEHU for her meticulous guidance, deep concern, constructive suggestions, continuous motivation and sincere and expert help day to day. Her guidance made the work go smoothly.

My sincere thanks go to Mrs. Barika Khyriem, my teacher who is like a sister to me. Her guidance, dedication and meticulous attention have inspired me throughout.

I am sincerely grateful to Dr. U. Pappuswamy, Head of Department, and to all my teachers in the Department of Linguistics, NEHU – Dr. S. K. Singh, Dr. S. A. Lyngdoh and Mr. B. L. Dhanwar for enriching my linguistic knowledge and encouraging me throughout.

I am also thankful to all non-teaching staffs of the Linguistics Department, NEHU for their valuable help.

I am indebted to all the informants for their untiring efforts in providing me with the necessary data. Thank you for your valuable time and willingness to help!

Words fail me in expressing my heartiest gratitude to my lovable and adorable husband, B. Nongtdu who had been supporting me with constant prayer, constant management of family affairs, blessings, care, unfailing love and concern throughout the endeavor. My little son too had been good and sweet and did not bother me throughout those busy days. He is my Angel!

I put in record my special thanks to my beloved brothers and sisters for their continuous encouragement which had helped me keep on track to complete the study.

I am also deeply thankful to Dr. L. Kharbuli for his inspiration, moral support and for his timely help.

Moreover, I express my deepest sense of gratitude to my dearest and wonderful friends, relatives and well wishers who have helped me in one way or the other.

Last but not the least, I would like to place my deepest gratitude to those whom I have not mentioned here but who had have helped me to bring the study into fruition.

May God bless them all abundantly!

Dated: Shillong

The 19th Oct. 2012

(Wandashisha Lyngdoh)