

## **SUNNY MAWIONG, Meghalaya, North East India**



**Sunny D Mawiong** is from Shillong, Meghalaya, North East India and is engaged fulltime with the work of IofC India.

While pursuing his studies in Law and Business Administration in Pune, he served as the Vice President of the North East Community Organization Pune (NECOP) and the Meghalaya Youth Association Pune (MYAP), which focused on activism for the rights of the North East India students studying in Pune.

Sunny is currently working under a five-year plan with the outreach team with a vision for bringing together communities in the North-East of India, organizing seminars and dialogues in areas of tension and conflict. Programmes are tailored to engage participants in becoming informed, ethical and productive citizens and leaders of the world. It is about freeing one's past for the sake of one's future.

'People from elsewhere in India and beyond have come to help us in this work,' he says, 'and this has strengthened our spirit. A lot of communities are looking for alternatives and are responding to the approach which Initiatives of Change brings. I have committed myself to work with leaders in North East India for a non-violent approach and I have found hope for the region.'