

## **Abstract**

The aim of writing this thesis is to bring greater awareness, both to the leadership and the members of St. Augustine's Church (SAC), Buntong concerning the current conditions in the church and to suggest an approach towards achieving qualitative and quantitative growth. Having been a member of SAC for more than twenty years and being given the opportunity to study about church growth, the writer feels that there is hope for growth in SAC. God had established the church and He has given sufficient resources for church growth.

The first part of the thesis seeks to critically examine current numerical growth especially Sunday Attendance. To accomplish this, relevant data will be analyzed to ascertain factors contributing to or hindering growth. Next, we will examine some healthy church models in order to determine some elements of a healthy church applicable to SAC. A questionnaire-cum-interview of church members will be conducted to understand the strengths and weaknesses in SAC in relation to the elements identified.

The study then focuses on giving suggestions to bring about improvements in SAC in each of the elements identified. These suggestions are made based on interviews of several local pastors as well as literature research. The final step is to propose a five-year plan to be adopted in SAC. In order to achieve greater numerical growth, there is a need to develop SAC into a healthy church.