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their promises in the last Oct. '82.

In this last meeting major points was to pass the budget (1983) for the KSS and to arrange finance. Mr. S. Bhenra, the former Hd. accountant has been penalised in this meeting for mismanaging and misusing of the church money, till now this is only in reference to BEL amount. It goes to a tune of ca Rs.25000/- from BEL a/c of 1981/82. There are doubts that the amount may go higher if the KSS and P.F., Pen.F., Prop. Bod. a/c shall be checked.

I was very sorry not to ^{be} able to go to Mahabalipuram, not so much to miss the meeting but to miss a discussion with regarding some matters postponed for that time. Actually I wanted to discuss with you for any better pattern of BEL work with the Anchals, specially to avoid certain misappropriation of BEL-Fund by some persons concerned in the centre as well as in the Anchals. As the days are passing, we are becoming less serious in our BEL works, sometimes even politicalising the BEL work also. Thus BEL fund seems to be utilised for other purposes than it is really destined.

As the days are nearing to the end of the year we all are busy in various programmes. This time we could ~~not~~ conduct Refresher Course in Khunti only for three areas (of SE Anchal, OA, and Madhya Anchal), altogether 83 participants were present. For Surguja and Udaipur Supervisors of these areas requested me to postpone it for next Feb. 1983.

We all doing well, and send you our seasonal Greetings of Christ's Advent.

With best regards,

Yours Sincerely

C. K. Paul Singh
(Rev. Dr. C. K. Paul Singh)

Director, BEL

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Chairman, Kuratorium, GM.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING BOD. OF
EVANGELISM AND LITERATURE RANCHI,
THE 9TH DEC. '82

I - Prayer : The meeting started by singing SB 101/231 and a short prayer led by the Chairman Rev.Dr.M.Bage.

II - Attendance : Following members were present :

1. Rev.Dr.M.Bage
2. Rev. S.Mohan M.G.
3. Rev.CSR Topno
4. Rev.S.Toppo
5. Rev.J.Bage
6. Rev.O.Toppo
7. Rev.H.M.Bage
8. Rev.I.Guria
9. Rev. Dr.C.K.Paul Singh

III - Confirmation of the previous minutes: The minutes was read and confirmed.

IV - Matters from the Minutes:

A. Assam matters : It was reported that an bank a/c to be operated jointly by Anchal Treasurer and m/f Supervisor has been opened in Dimapur. It was also reported that the students from Karbi m/f did not go to PTS Govindpur.

V - Budget (1983):

The budget amount submitted to the BEL office is as follows (M.Anchal did not submit any budget):

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|---------------------------|--------------|
| 1. BEL Central Office | Rs.61840=48 |
| 2. NW Anchal Surguja m/f | Rs.288219=84 |
| 3. SE Anchal m/f | Rs.218193=00 |
| 4. NW Anchal Udaipur M/f | Rs.101000=00 |
| 5. Orissa Anchal M/F | Rs.141432=00 |
| 6. Assam Anchal Karbi M/F | Rs.63230=00 |
| 7. Madhya Anchal Baghima | Rs.27000=00 |

Total - Rs.900921=32

It was reported that available amount as per budget of GM is ca. Rs.570000=00 only (Exchange @ 3.80). Thus there is a deficit of Rs.330921=32.

After a prolonged discussion it was decided to approve the central BEL amount and the Salary amounts (as per pay scale + allowance + P.F. & Pen.F.) of the M/Fs. as follows:

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|--------------------|----------------|---------------------|
| BEL Central Office | | Rs. 61840=48 |
| NWA Surguja M/F | -- | Rs. 288219=84 |
| SEA | -- M/F | Rs. 154329=60 |
| NWA | -- Udaipur M/F | Rs. 75239=76 |
| Orissa Anchal M/F | -- | Rs. 60637=92 |
| Assam Anchal M/F | -- | Rs. 19516=00 |
| | Students | Rs. 13520=00 |
| Madhya Anchal M/F | -- | Rs. 15260=00 |
| | | <hr/> Rs. 688563=60 |

Add new pay increment of Rs.

50=00 per head of 208 workers Rs. 124800=00

Rs. 813363=60

Deficit at this stage on the basis of available amount Rs.

570000=00 = 243363=60

After a good deal of discussion it was resolved that, For meeting the total deficit only the salary of M/Fs and the full Budget of BEL Central is approved. Miscellaneous bill budget be met from the M/Fs incomes.

Further it was resolved that (1) From available amount the allotment to M/F be made on percentage basis.

(II) Full salary of M/Fs be given only for three months from their allotted amount and the rest amount be equally divided for other months as per allotments.


(III) After working out the allotment Anchals be informed to support their respective fields for paying out salary deficit, miscellaneous bills and project works.

(IV) Students of Karbi Anglong be given @ Rs. 60=00 P.M. for Hostel and the Assam Anchal be requested to take other sources for supporting the hostel, (Tribal support Schemes of Government, agricultural income etc.).

VI - Reading Rooms Project :

It was reported that project may face financial difficulties. It was expressed that project be carried out as planned and the request be sent to DCC. This matter be fully discussed in the KSS in light with finance and property.

VII - Meeting was closed with a prayer led by the Chairman.


 (Rev. Dr. C.K. Paul Singh)
 Director, Sec. BEL.

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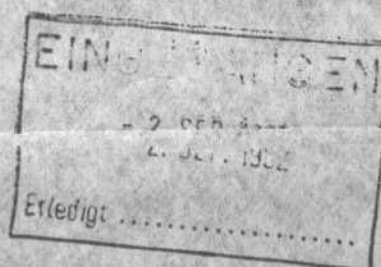
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Ref. Memo. No. 67/82/BEL - 2

The 25-8-82

Pastor Siegwart Kriebel
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Dear Siegwart,

Thank you very much for your kind letter of 18.8.82. I would like to clarify some of your questions in the letter.

Durang Puthi : This is an Hymnal Book used in the congregation of Mundari speaking people. It has ca 520 pages containing nearly 500 songs indigenous and translations of some Western songs.

Certificates for Correspondence Course: This year we have prepared lessons of 14 parts through which Christian teachings can be learnt by correspondence. This course is prepared by me for Christian youth, as well for enquirers. On completing 14 lessons we award certificate for the people.

College Day: This has been started newly with a view to make the Xtian people of GELC conscious of their responsibility towards this Theological College - both the College for sending students and for supporting the college financially.

Certificate for Theol. Students: Last year (1981) due to disturbance in the College, students (including 14 final years') could not appear for the Senate Examination. Hence they appeared this year (1982) and the 8 students (final year) of this current year appeared and also completed the courses, so they were awarded certificates together.

Last year 1981/82 though 14 students completed ~~the~~ courses their courses and were no longer in the College, due to disturbances in the College (closed in April sine die) it opened again on 15 Sep. 1981 with tensions and uncertainties.

Though this year eight students completed we could not admit more students but due to financial difficulties few students could be admitted. College council decided with the approval of KSS that we can admit only those students who will be recommended and stipend paid by the Ilakas. So the Ilakas could not recommended all the applicants as they would not be able to pay stipend for them.

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Only few Ilakas re-commended some of the applicants (Two have been admitted to the College on their own expenses, one is from the NELC (Santhal Church) - no new students were sent from NELC in M.P.) Thus there are some desiring and deserving ^{students} left out. NELC church politics is in continuation. We hope Assam would be in the ensuing KSS meetings including the Kalisha Sangh in Oct. As far as Assam is concerned it seems to be the matter of communication. But even other wise they are almost aloof, for many joint responsibilities and adventures, perhaps because the situation in Assam is politically also different.

We hope, when you will be here in Ranchi during the meetings in Oct. '82 many things will be cleared.

With greetings to you all.

Yours Sincerely

(Rev. Dr. C. K. Paul Singh)

Director, BEL.

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Lieber Siegwart!

Du hast vielleicht inzwischen einen Brief aus Ranchi erhalten, der Brief ist im Namen einer Musik Gruppe. Als Pastor Seeborg u. Frau Friederici were noch in Gossner, hatten sehr often an solcher Gruppe gedacht, die irgendman Deutschland besuchen könnte. Mit solchem Gespräch im Hintergrund bin ich bereit die Gruppe zu begleiten. Dr. Bage hat auch diesen Wunsch an Euch weiter gegeben.

Miss Minz, A. hat sich geäußert, daß sie nochmal ca. Rs. 2000/- (rupees zwei thousand) für Missionsarbeit außerhalb Indiens geben. Ich werde diese nochmal mitteilen.
Paul

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18.8.1982

Dear Paul,

I am too lazy in answering letters. Soory for that. Thank you very much for Nos. 40, 61, 152, Minutes of BEL meeting on 20.7., and half yearly report.

I was very glad about all the successful seminars for post matric youths, for church workers, for mission workers etc. It is good that the Theol. College is serving not only the theol. students but also the whole church by adult education and staff improvement programmes. I fully understand that students and staff would like to know what is going to happen after the end of this year.

You might have to press for a timely decision. Perhaps I can talk to Dr. Bage here.

What is Durang Puthi? In your reports you often mention certain publications which are unknown to me. A short explanation would help me in such cases.

College Day is also a good idea. Was it celebrated in the past as well or is it a new thing started just now?

I was not completely clear about the certificates of GTC. You mentioned 14 Students and 8 students of two years. Were there no certificates last year, or no examinations last year? Did you refer to certificates for students who had completed all 4 years? If 22 left, why could only 8 be taken in? were there no suitable applicants? Are not so many pastors needed in the church? We can talk about the situation in October.

I am a bit puzzled about Assam Anchal, of course. I could somehow understand, why the Madhya people try to make trouble. But why Assam? Is it merely communication problems over the long distance, or is there more behind it. This may also be discussed in October. I am looking forward to meet you again.

These days we transfer second instalments for BEL. I hope that it will not be delayed too much. It is DM 115.000.00.

Dr. Bage wrote that BEL money was used for his ticket to Germany last year. We had sent the amount by telegramme to Ranchi even before he left India for Germany. But strangely the telegraphic transfer did not work at all. We shall never do it again. It was very expensive. But we wanted to avoid difficulties, for GELC.

Greetings to you and to your family,
yours in Christ,

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Siegwart Kriebel

p.s.: Die Rechnung für Int. Bull. for Miss. Research haben wir für die nächsten drei Jahre bezahlt.

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The 23-7-82



Dear Siegwart,

Recently I sent a letter from Theological College in which I mentioned about my next letter from BEL.

Today I have a little time before going to college so I started this letter. With this letter I am sending Half Yearly report (June '82) and minutes of BEL meeting so that you may have atleast some idea how things are going on. Specially finance matter (BEL) is very serious not only of Anchals but also in our KSS. Amounts of BEL have been used for other purposes and are not reimbursed in BEL a/c. But for KSS it has been promised that it will be rectified soon. Another point is that some of the Anchals are interested utilising their authority but not understanding their responsibility, and due to my involvement in College I am unable to do the work of BEL properly and fairly. During next October meet we may again discuss all these matters. As scheduled KSS has its meeting still going on without Madhya Anchal and Assam. Madhya Anchal still boycotts the KSS and Assam is still hard to its demand of semi-autonomy. Situation in KSS as well as congregation in terms of its work and life is deteriorating.

The situation in the whole country, specially in Bihar is also not so bright, among various difficulties, drought has affected the country including our area very badly. The danger of famine is looming all over the country and specially in Bihar.

Amidst all these situation we are pulling on some how, atleast families and children are doing well.

With greetings to you and your family.

Yours Sincerely

C. K. P. Singh
(Rev. Dr. C. K. Paul Singh)

Director, BEL

Minutes of the Meeting of Board of
Evangelism and Literature
Ranchi, The 20th July 1982

I Prayer : The Meeting started with a prayer offered by the Chairman
Rev. Dr. M. Bage.

II Attendance : Following members were present :-

- 1, Rev. Dr. M. Bage, Chairman
- 2, Rev. S. Mohan, MG
- 3, Rev. C. S. R. Topno
- 4, Rev. I. Guria
- 5, Rev. S. Toppe
- 6, Rev. O. Toppe
- 7, Rev. Dr. C. K. Paul Singh (Sec. & Director).

The attendance fulfills the requirement of quorum and the meeting was put in order.

III Confirmation of previous minutes: The minutes were read and confirmed.

IV Matters from the Minutes :

A. item (V) (A) of last minutes, Assam Anchal :

A letter from Anchal Adhyaksh, AA was read out in which it has been expressed that amount for Karbi Anglong m/f be given through the Anchal.

After prolonged discussions it was resolved that: The amount of Karbi Anglong be transferred to a Bank Account to be opened in Tezpur and be operated jointly with any of the Anchal officers and the Supervisor Rev. R. Timung. Assam Anchal be requested such account immediately.

B. Item V (B) NW Anchal :- Request for amount for Palamau and Khuria work:- Looking into the matter from various points it was resolved that the amount requested for i.e. (Rs. 500/- per month) be given for the year 1982 only. The principle of submitting of financial statement be followed, however on humanitarian ground an exception be made for Khuria, from where the statement be submitted within a date promised by the Anchal.

V Half Yearly (June '82) Report:

Written half yearly (June '82) Report was read out by the Director. The report was accepted with appreciation.

VI Matters from the Report.

(a) Relationship between Anchal and the m/f:- Specially in regard with finance, i.e. budget, regulations of payment was raised. As it is a general policy that m/fs belong to the Anchals adjacent to respective Anchals so also the financial right and responsibility is with the Anchals - Budget be made with the Anchals.

- (b) Reading Rooms Project :- The Chairman referred to a letter from DCC/LWF in which it has been recorded about the general agreed policy for the project - including the Reading Rooms project.

VII Finance:

The Director drew the attention of the seriousness in regard with finance of BEL, its use, resources etc. The Chairman reported the steps being taken for proper utilisation of the fund.

It was resolved that :-

All Anchals be requested to take steps for finding out resources within the Anchal and joint efforts be made for their respective m/fs.

VIII Other Matters:

(A) Letter from supervisor Rev.R.Timung:

Gossner Theol. Coll.
The Supervisor has requested that a Matric passed student Barnabas Terrang be admitted in the GTC considering the special case - situation m/f, language etc. it was resolved that that:

- Pradharak Train. School* (a) The student be sent to PTS for improving Hindi and other general Church matters of the Congregation.
(b) Next year 1983/84 he may be admitted to the GTC in due time.
(c) As special case finance be found out for his training.
(d) Assam Anchal be requested to support the student as a token of their concern for the field.

(B) Rev. S.Dungdung:

It is a long standing problem that Rev.S.Dungdung is not accepted by M.Anchal as the worker/Supervisor in Baghima m/f where as Rev.Dungdung claims just the opposite.

The KSS is requested to clarify the point.

(C) Office Work Concern :

The Director expressed the difficulties and inconveniences in various day to day work due to the deteriorating atmosphere in KSS office situation. The concern was noted and Chairman assured to look into the matter.

IX There being no further business the meeting was closed with prayer led by the Chairman.

C.K.P. Singh
(Rev. Dr. C.K. Paul Singh)
Sec. & Director, BEL

The various situations in the church and its institutions have affected the works of BEL. The Director, BEL, has been assigned to take responsibilities of Acting Principal and teaching in Theological College. This has also affected the works of BEL to a great extent. However, we thankfully submit the following report.

1. TOUR PROGRAMMES:- Due to various responsibilities at Ranchi long tour programmes were not possible. But on different occasions, Director, BEL happened to visit some congregations in the m/fs, i.e. Singhbhum and Baghima. In some congregations Director was present for Bible Class programmes Church dedications, laying down of foundation stone, visit with guests.

2. PRINTING and PUBLICATIONS:- As some of the students of correspondence course (run by BEL) are completing, certificates have been printed and issued to some of them. Durang Puthi is being printed by the BEL. It was expected that Durang Puthi would be ready for distribution by May, '82, but due to unavoidable reasons it has been delayed.

3. SEMINAR and Training Camps:- In this first half of the Year BEL has organised various classes/seminars in co-operation with the Theological College. For the first time a Bible class was organised for the matric appeared (and post matric) youths at Ranchi from May 5-10, 82. Although participants were not many (only 25) but it was evaluated as 'useful' and 'encouraging'. It was expressed that such classes be organised in future also.

From June 2 - 14, '82, Training cum Work Camp was arranged for the volunteers or would volunteers of the m/fs. There were altogether 22 participants from all m/fs except from Baghima and Karbi Anglong. From June 22 - 25, '82 a seminar on ' Christian Stewardship and Work of Panch in the Church ' was conducted in the Gossner Theological College. There were altogether 60 participants including 25 participants from different Ilakas and Parishes on their own expenses. This, was also adjudged as very useful and was expressed that such seminars be conducted as often as possible in various places.

4. READING ROOMS:- No much progress has been made in the project though many activities have been related to it. There are many friends and welwishers, who are interested in the project and are doing their best to co-operate with the project. Church politics and the total chaotic situation in GELC compound Ranchi as well as in all various urban areas may, lead to much disappointment in making the project a success and a great asset for the life and work of our church.

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5. FINANCE :- We have encouraging support from our friends and welwishers. But the financial situation is very alarming; we may face a certain crisis in very near future if we are not alert, careful and faithful.

6. REPORTS FROM M/FS :- As it has been mostly reported that reports are not sent in time, this time also we summarise some of the reports which were sent to us. They are in statistical form attached as appendix I .


7. Some Recommendations with Remarks:-

- (a) The BEL has to be very alert for its financial resources and its uses. Anchals and concerned authorities have to plan and carry out them with seriousness.
- (b) Supervisors be helped with a committee to plan out the work/ activities and financial resources carefully.
- (c) Personnel engaged in m/fs works be made free as far as possible from organisational and institutional responsibilities, so that they may be fully and freely involved in the work assigned to them with up to date possibilities.

Thankfully submitted.

Ranchi,

The 15th July, '82.


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Director, BEL

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Ref. Memo. No. 40/82/B.E.L. - 2

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The 19.5.82

Dear Siegwart,

After a long silence I am writing to you. Meanwhile many things have taken place in the Gossner Church. Though they are not so important so as to be alarming but they may be of some interest for you and for the friends in Germany.

On 16th April we have closed Gossner Theological College for summer vocation till 22nd June 82. From 22-25 June we have announced a seminar on 'Christian Stewardship and the work of the Mandli Panch.' For this all Ilaka chairman with their Treasurer or secretary have been invited; all the members of Hd. Qrtrs. Cong, Mandli Panch, Ranchi and the laymen are also invited. This programme is co-ordinated by the College and BEL staff-members.

On 16th April 82 we gave away certificates to 14 students who finished their courses in 1980/82 session and 8 students who finished their courses in 1981/82 session. This new session July 1982/83 we have selected eight students (out of 12) for new admission, we may select some two or three more students. From the side of the staff and students seem to go well, but we have many difficulties. On the one hand side we have quarters difficulties for our staff members and on the other side we have financial problems too, which seem to be still in dark. Many resolutions with this effects have been made already in Feb. 9-11, but they are still in files. Though we have good co-operation among the staff members and the students we can not ^{solve} all these problems. Many of us have still the question what's next after 31st Dec. 1982?

In the second week of May the KSS was scheduled to meet, but there was the problem of quorum. So half of the meeting was in Chaibasa. This time also Madhya Anchal did not join and at the same time Assam Anchal requested for a mini-KSS in Assam, so they did not come. Thus there are certain problems which give constitutional dead-lock and among others, financial problem of the centre is still continuing. In addition to Mr.

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Bhengra there are three persons working the finance department but we are still in dark so as to say actually how much money we have, for KSS, BEL or Theological College etc. Office is still grappling with the problems.

For this May-June we have many programmes by the Youths of different Ilakas and Parishes. I should have gone out for the programmes. But our BEL jeep has been requisitioned by the government for some bye-elections work in the state. Our programmes for Matric (and above) students in Ranchi was interesting, though few attended (22-24 participants) but it was encouraging that all have expressed that such programmes should be held as often as possible. June 2-14, has been scheduled for the volunteers Training from m/fs. This is to help the fields towards their self-support. We have planned to make this a regular feature.

We all are doing well and send our greetings to you and all other friends.

Yours Sincerely

C. K. Paul Singh
(Dr. C. K. Paul Singh)

Director, BEL

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Prof. Dr. Hans Grothaus
Chairman, GM

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| Surguja | - Dist. Surguja Madhya Pradesh | 8 - 69 - X - X | May be in Very near future- | X | - No Mention |
| S.E.A. | - Singhbhum, Midnapur Mayurbhanj, Keonjhar | 7 - 42 - X - 9 - X | - | X | - 116 |
| Udaipur | - Raigarh, M.P. | 2 - 29 - 1 - X - X | - | X | - 45 |
| Orissa | - Sundargarh Sambalpur | 4 - 17 - X - X - X | - | X | - 166 - Ad. 126 Child 40 |
| M.A. | - Baghima | X - 3 - X - X - X | - | X | - 1 |

Assam Anchal - Karbi Anglong

Khuria

Palamau

REPORT FROM M/Fs ANEX. - IT

| | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
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| | Construction | Land Purchase | Night Schools | Sunday Schools | New Programme | Problems | Request Demand | Incomes |
| urguja | 2 Comp 1 under cont.-X Repairs | - | - No Mention | - No Mention | - Approaching New Places churches etc. | - Yes | - X | Rs.18,096.40 |
| S.E.A. | 7 (Constr.-Repair) | Some places | - Yes, no numbers | - X | - X | - X | - More salary | Up to May Rs.6932=11 |
| daipur | Under constr. 3 places | - X | 12 | - Yes | - X | - X | - Financial help | - X |
| Orissa | No Mention | - X | - No Mention | - Night prayer Women " meetings X | - X | - X | - X | - Rs.4,775.03 |
| .A. | No Mention | - X | - " | - X | - X | - Church Building and Dispensari | - X | - X |
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12.2.1982

Dear Paul,

Many thanks for your letter No. 106 of 18.12.81, with all the interesting information. Propst Winter had told us a bit after his return. You missed him when you were on refresher courses. He told that the Theological College is functioning and that Rev. Albert Minz is a very good man. About the appeals to the Church Court of Constitution I learned from the correspondence to Hans Grothaus, whose comments were translated by me into English. On the case of KSS Secretary and Treasurer I was not of his opinion, but I had only to translate. Anyway, I hope, that all the three problems have been decided by now and that everybody accepts and honours the decision. It is, of course, clear to me, that any development at the Theological College will take time, many years. But I took the occasion to write down some of my ideas in order to inform our constituency about the questions we are trying to answer in our partnership with GELC. It was not at all meant to put pressure upon you.

These days we shall transfer 1st instalment of DM 50.000,- für BEL plus DM 166,- a donation for spreading bibles in India. There will also be DM 15.000,- for Theological education (Theol. College, Bible School, Serampore) plus some other donations for Theol. College. I hope that we can discuss some more small items when I am in Ranchi together with Mrs. Barteczko in the beginning of March. I am looking forward to see you. There is still some money left for the deaf daughter of a pastor, and some money for the Theological College library. Let us talk about that in March.

Many greetings, also to Mrs. Singh and
Auf Wiedersehen,
Yours in Christ,

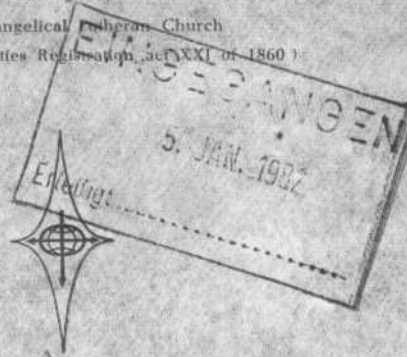
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West - Germany

Dear Siegwart,

After long silence I am writing this letter, May be the last letter for this year. You might have been already informed about the formation of the new KSS. We have still some problems for electing the treasurer and the Secretary for KSS, so Dr.M.Bage is functioning as the only officer along with the Up.Pramukh Adhyaksh Rev.Surendra Mohan, MG, who is the Anchal Adhyaksh from Orissa. Cases of election of officers as well as of Rev.M.Tete as Anchal Adhyaksh are pending in the court of Election Tribunal(of the church).

The problem of the Gossner Theological College is not yet solved. Rev.Tete has appealed in the High Court against all unders in the Lower Courts as well as in the KSS. Thus I am still not certain whether I continue as Acting Principal of GTC. But any how College is functioning.

In the meanwhile I had to conduct Refresher Courses for m/f workers in two places, one in Kuchinda for Orissa and SE Anchal areas, m/f workers and another at ambikapur for Udaipur and Surguja areas. We had good attendance. This time we spoke and discussed various problems in our work of Evangelism and Diakonia with a view to make and prepare the new congregations self support and autonomous. Before and after these Refresher Courses I had short tour Programmes also of the fields.

In these days Pastor Bruno Schotstud is here at Ranchi. We have busy programmes for him within the church area, both in urban and Rural.

I have just read the information given in 'Gossner Mission' (Blatt) about the Gossner Theological College. I am aware of those requirements, but I am not quite sure whether these can be really worked out in and through our College. In the last College Council meeting I have already given hints for those points.

With seasonal Greetings and good wishes for the Christmas.

Copy
Dr. Grothaus
Chairman Kuratorium.

Your Sincerely
(Dr.C.K.Paul Singh)
Director, BEL

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Ref. Memo No. 96/81/BEL - 2

The 18.9.81

Pastor Siegwart

Director GM

Handjery Str. 19/20

Dear Siegwart,

By this letter I wanted to inform you about some recent developments in the situation of our Church.

It was good that Dr. Bage came immediately and contacted the officers KSS and others for necessary steps to be taken. KSS has been scheduled to meet on 25+26 Sept. to discuss the situation which is arisen by the resignation of the Pramukh Adhyaksh, meanwhile Mr. Lakra the Secretary has withdrawn his resignation and he himself has issued notice for the KSS meetings. Now the bank a/cs are again functioning.

After much hitch and tensions caused by hunger strike of GTC students Resignation by the Pramukh Adhyaksh, I assumed charge of Acting Principalship of GTC on 1st Sep. 1981 in pursuance of the letter of the Pramukh Adhyaksh.

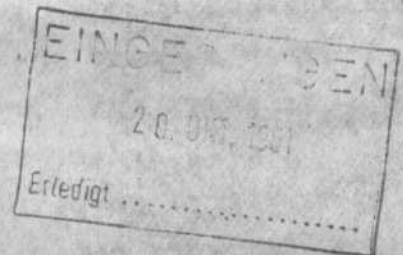
We started the classes on 15th Sep. 81. But on the same day Rev. Martin Tete Instituted a case against me (and other four students)

Under section 144 Cr.P.C. in the Court of Subdivisional Magistrate, Sadar Ranchi. By this section of the case I have been retrained from going over or near Gossner Theological College Campus for a period of sixty days. This may be absolute (permanent) if we do not give show cause by 29.9.81.

At present I do not know what to do, but KSS is at the door, it will, I hope, do the right thing for the college. I presume a great 'chaos' is knocking at the door. This 'chaos' may be still after everything is ruined, (spiritually, financially and administratively).

With greetings to all,

Director, BEL



*Situation in the church is again changed, Rev. P. D. Singh and Mr. Lakra have stopped the bank operation. KSS accepted the resignation of Yours Sincerely
Rev. P. D. Singh and Dr. Bage was made Acting Pramukh
but Rev. Singh does not agree saying that KSS (Dr. C. K. Paul Singh)
was illegal and therefore we no right to accept
his resignation.
Rev. P. D. Singh has filed another case in the court against me praying for
injunction, so the situation in college as well in church is quite uncertain. P. D. Singh*

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Ref. Memo. No. 82/81/BEL - 2

Pastor Siegwart Kriebel

Missiondirector, GM

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1000. Berlin 41 (Friedenau)

W. Germany



The 2.9.81

Dear Siegwart,

You might have heard many things happening in the GELC as told by Dr. Bage. I am sending some of my letters and of Pramukh Adhyaksh, so that you may be informed about some developments in the College.

Earlier I was blamed that I was not willing to take over charge of the College, though the point was just the opposite. But as the situation was very grave (hunger strike of students etc.), on 29.8.81 Pramukh Adhyaksh directed M. Tete to hand over the charge to me. But he did not hand over it to me, so, on 1.9.81 I assumed the charge of Principal GTC. On the day I was sitting in the empty room before the empty table, (there were no files, a/c books, nothing) of the Principal's office.

Meanwhile Pramukh has postponed his resignation (though all circulations, letters etc. are ready with him self) and has blocked the withdrawal of money even from BEL account No. So we are on the verge of collapse. I still do not know what to do about the College, when I do not get any money how to open and run it. In due course some one may be sent to the court against me.

Under such circumstances, I think, it will be better if Dr. Bage would return to India at his earliest possibilities, that is up to him. I knew that treasurer Topno has sent a telegraph with this effect.

Before these situation arose Mr. Bhengra has also been relieved of his Hd. Accountantship.

Other things are o.k with greetings,

Inzwischen hast Du vielleicht einen Brief von 'Freunde' Club bekommen, der gegen mich geschickt ist. Ginnert hat Pank Seeburg auch solchen Brief bekommen, dieser hat auch die selbe Quelle, d.h. Herr Tete hat ihn schreiben lassen. Du kannst Herr Seeburg fragen.

Yours Sincerely
C. K. Paul Singh
(Dr. C. K. Paul Singh)
Director, BEL.

Wir sind in finanzielle Krise geraten, Herr Pramukh hat die Bank operation gestoppt. Ich hoffe Ihr könnt uns irgendwie helfen wollen. Dr. Bage muss so bald wie möglich unbedingt zurück kommen. Bis dahin darf er die Präsidentschaft übernehmen wir werden dann Geld bekommen, keine Gehälter bekommen.

25.8.1981

RANCHI-BIHAR
P.O. HINOO,
FRIENDS' CLUB
SECRETARY,

The Rev. Dr. G. K. P. Singh.
Director,
B. E. L. / Gossner Church, Ranchi.

Dear Sir,

Many many thanks for your circular letter. With reference to your letter we have to write the following words of warning:-

That you have failed in your mission to Rautiya. Have/baptised you/baptised a single Rautiya in the tenure of your service as mission director.

That you are presenting a false reports to the Government of India. You say that you have started a development programme in Gossner Church. Where is your development programme? In the name of Gossner Church you are telling a lie (development work) to Indian Government and to Gossner Mission. In fact you are using mission money for conversion. Why don't you tell the truth?

In the district of Midnapore, WestBengal, one of the Baptists pastors was ousted by the Baptist Mission Board there for committing adultery. He applied to you for acceptance. You accepted him because he brought some congregations to you along with him. You declared that pastor as a missionary there and the congregations as mission fields. You applied for funds to Gossner Mission through Gossner Church. You got the fund, because you are expert in fishing troubled water. in

You started teaching German to Theological teachers of G. T.C. But in fact you taught the teachers concerned to go against the principal and the authority. You finaced the students to continue strike against the principal. You provoked the youth and mahila(women) to shout for the ousting the principal. You know how to fish in the troubled water to become principal.

That you have started evening service to collect extra money for petrol to run your zeep. You have paid a huge amount to the Inspector of Improvement Trust to hide your illegal construction around your residence. You say that B. E. L. office will be shifted to your residence, but when? Some times you say that you have spent your own money in building up your own residence, therefore.. I shall not leave the quarter occupied by me as long as the church will not repay me back.

What are you doing Dr Singh? Mend your ways..lest we report to the Government of India.

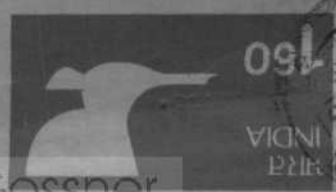
C.C.: The Pramukh Adhyaks.
Gossner Church
Gossner Mission Director.
Rev. S. Kriebel

Frer Friends and Wellwishers

BK Singh
Sincerely yours.
(SECRETARY)

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The 11.8.81

Ref. Memo. No 67/81/BEL -2

Pastor Siegwart Kriebel

Gossner Mission

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1000 BERLIN 41

Dear Siegwart,

After a long silence I am writing this letter to ^{you} enclosing the half-Yearly report of BEL. Due to various reasons we could not prepare the report earlier.

I hope you might have heard many reports from the Pramukh Adhyaksh about the situation of our church. It is almost the same, here and there fighting among the two groups, court cases etc. The theological college is still closed, and we are not sure when and if the same will be reopened in near future. Rev. Tete is still the principal according to the latest letter of the Pramukh Adhyaksh. The KSS members as well as public are left in dark what is done and what to be done to reopen the college. From my part I am quite sure that Rev. Tete has no intention to leave the college as well as the principalship, otherwise his accounts of finances since years will be made open by the successor.

The monsoon is quite good this year atleast for Ranchi district we have no problems of floods in this area, whereas most of the northern India has been very badly affected. So indirectly we are also affected specially price-rise is menacing the whole country, but specially the poor people in under which we include our church members also, specially those paid according to the church payscale.

In GELChurch preparations are in full swing for the church elections. In lower level it has been already started.

We all are doing well and hope for all the same.

With greetings and regard,

Yours Sincerely

P.S.: just after typing this letter your letter has been received in our office. Sorry Encl. 3 am not yet the principal and no hope to get that position due to As stated above.

Dr. C. K. Paul Singh

Director, BEL

The politics played by the Pramukh Adhyaksh. I hope the Pramukh Adhyaksh would give Mr. Tete and their group a proper reply. P.S.

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Ref. Memo. No 40/81/BEL - 2

The 18.5.81

Pastor Siegwart Kriebel
Mission Director, GM
Handjery Str. 19/20
1000 Berlin 41

Dear Siegwart,

This is just to avail the opportunity when two co-workers of the Mission fields are going to Germany. I am very glad that these two Pastors can give you first hand report of our church as well as (specially) of the mission work in the fields.

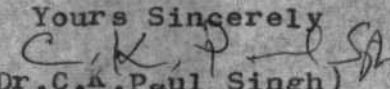
At this point I would like to mention about the financial point of the BEL. After my repeated request and reminder I could not get the information from Mr. Bhengra about the actual balance of the BEL.,. But through other sources I could gather that fund is almost coming short.

The amount of balance was due to the fact that even after my recommendation the construction works were not distributed and the P.F./Pen.F. of Surguja (1980) is still with out account, so we could pullⁱⁿ with that money till now. But by the payment of May we shall be in need of more amount therefore, as I have earlier requested you, I request again that an installment be sent as soon as possible, so that payments can be made without difficulties.

By now you have heard the situation in the church, we could not have our KSS meetings, it was cancelled. So the situation specially in Ranchi is becoming very tense and it may affect the whole future course of GELC life-style. Uncertainties are turning almost in parts of our Boards, Anchals KSS spheres.

In these days we are very busy with youth Bible Classes and witness campaign programmes, inspite of heat wave even in our areas.

With many greetings to all the Kuratoren.

Yours Sincerely

(Dr. C. K. Paul Singh)
Director, BEL.

Dr. C.K. Paul Singh
G.E.L. Church
Main Road
Ranchi - 834 001
Bihar, India

11.5.1981

Dear Paul,

Many thanks for your letter of 10.4.81. I remembered from our talks in Ranchi that BEL needed a first instalment for 1981 soon. But unfortunately Gossner Mission did not have enough money available, so that we had to wait until there was sufficient money on the bank account. Even such things can happen.

But now we have transferred DM 50.000,- as first instalment. I have doubts that the DM will recover much against the Dollar. It seems that the USA are going to continue with their policy of high interest rates and FRG are not going to copy this policy. The DM therefore will remain weak. Sorry for you.

But on the other hand this is another reason for BEL to put more emphasis on establishing more mission congregations and to decrease dependency on foreign funds, as you have mentioned again in your last annual report.

Those Rs 38,000.00 were meant for Bokaro Pastor's parsonage, as mentioned in a letter to Rev. P.D. Soreng. But by mistake our office has sent the money to BEL account. It should have gone to KSS account. Sorry.

We are so sorry that the situation at the college is even more difficult since students are stopped to enter the college. I can understand you well that you want some guarantee before you agree to become principal. One month leave of the present principal seems not to be very much. This month is over soon and what then? There is perhaps only one good thing in all this trouble. The students may become more mature and self-conscious by experiencing these difficulties. And perhaps also the teachers may wake up and play a more active role in the college.

We hope that a good solution for the college can be found soon.

How are you and how is your family? All you all well? Good wishes for your tour of Youth Bible Classes and Rallies. May it be a blessed time.

Greetings to you, your wife and the children,
yours in Christ,



Siegwart Kriebel

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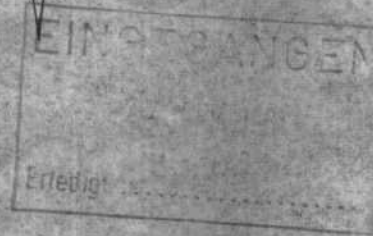
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The 10-4-81

Pastor S. Kriebel
Director Gossner Mission
Handjery Str. 19/20

1000 Berlin 41
(Germany W.)



Dear Siegwart,

According to the news received here that the DM is not yet in good exchange. However it is very urgent that we need some amount for our account. Today I was told that Rs. 38,000 has been transferred to our bank a/c of the BEL, If this is for the BEL, it is alright, please confirm the same. If it is for other work, please send an instalment for BEL too.

Dr. Grothaus might have reported to you about the later development of the situation here at Ranchi. We shall have our KSS meetings May 13-15, 1981 to discuss and decide some of the issues very urgent at present, Theological College has been reopened for further classes, but examinations could not be held due to the very tense situation. As Dr. Bage is in-charge of the College and Rev. M. Tete is on one month leave.

Due^{to} such situations in Ranchi and the other church situation it is not possible to arrange for long tours, however I am programming for short tours in different areas. Specially in second half of May we shall have long tour programmes for Youth Bible Classes and Rallies.

We are all doing well and wish you all the same.

With greetings,

Yours Sincerely

C. K. Paul Singh
(Dr. C. K. Paul Singh)

Director, BEL

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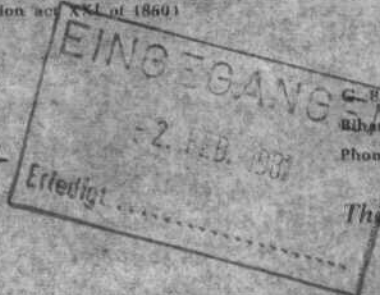
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Ref. Memo. No.



C. K. Paul Singh, Ranchi,
Bihar, India
Phone 23358

The 20.1.81

Pastor Siegwart Kriebel
Mission Director, Gossner Mission
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1000 BERLIN 41

Dear Siegwart,

This is my first letter to you this year. First of all I would like to thank you all on behalf of the BEL and the m/fs workers for supporting us in our work and wish you for a prosperous and successful year 1981. Herewith I am sending the Yearly report (1980) for your information and needful actions. I am sorry to say that field reports could not be included, as we have not yet received them. However I would try to consolidate them when they are in our office and circulate them.

The church -situation seems to be very calm, but that may be a lull before the big storm would come. Now every one is pointing towards the Round-Table Conference. I personally have no great hope of any definite solution of the crisis in our church, unless our friends give much time, energy and patience. It may be a postponement of crisis with certain restrictions or may be beginning for more complications and bitterness. That depends how the friends would take the course and side of the problems in back-ground of their deep understanding of the problems (based on the nature and culture of the people) pinpointing without favouring one or the other side.

At present we all are very much hampered by the price in almost all commodities, specially in petrol products; which hits very badly the tour programmes of the Director. Therefore we have to rethink for the mode of our ministry in this context. We have our BEL and KSS meetings from 20th Feb. We may be able to take out some of the policies and programmes with this respect for the future. The KSS has announced Refresher Course for all Pastors in the 2nd week of lent season. I don't know the particulars, but I think you may be ~~visited~~ invited to stay up to that time for the classes.

With greetings to all,

CC: Dr. H. Grothaus.

Yours Sincerely

Dr. C. K. Paul Singh
Director, BEL

Gossner
Mission

Rev. Dr. Nirmal Minz
N.W.G.E.L.Church Compound
Main Road
Ranchi - 834 001
Bihar, India

16.12.1980

Dear Dr. Minz,

Let me come back to your letter No. 226/80/F-48 C of 10.9.80 with the budget for the NW-GELC Udaipur missinaries.

As you know I had hoped that the matter of payment could have been settled in November, 1980, ~~durxh~~ during the visit of Dr. Grothaus. As he reported after his return from India, an instalment was paid from BEL for the time up to June, 1980. But direct payment was postponed until the conference which is planned for February/March, 1981.

I just want to let you know that we have received this information, and that we put our hope now to that conference, which hopefully will bring a solution acceptable to all involved.

We also learned that no major decisions will be taken until that conference, so that the matter of Gossner College will also be postponed once more. We heard that you announced your resignation as Principal for the end of November, 1980. Thereby the founder era of the college has come to an end, and we pray that God may guide protect and bless the college also in its next phase. We praise him for the way in which he has blessed that institution so far and what he has done for it through you.

Yours sincerely,

les
Siegwart Kriebel

Many greetings also to Mrs. Minz

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Ref. Memo. No.

The 27.10.80

Pastor Siegwart Kriebel

Director, GM

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1000 B E R L I N 41



Dear Siegwart,

This to inform you that after long discussions we came to an agreement to give Rev. S. Tirkey, Supervisor, NWGELC a sum of Rs. 48,000.00 (forty eight thousand Rupees) for the m/f workers of Udaipur who are with " NWGELC ". This amount covers the salaries of 17 workers with NWGELC up to June 1980. Now it is the responsibility of the GM to realise from 'NWGELC' the P.F. and Pen.F. of our workers. Many of the Pracharaks and Pastors have applied for loan from their P.F. a/c, generally they apply for purchasing land which is now available in favourable prices, and earlier many of them have been granted. But at present this a/c and amount is with the 'NWGELC', so it is very urgent to settle these amounts as early as possible. I think it will be better to realise and settle the a/c and amounts before any further amount will be paid to them. As far as I can understand 'NWGELC' owes such amount to our workers which may come to ca Rs. 80,000.00 (Eighty thousand rupees). This is accumulated with them from the beginning of Udaipur as well as Surguja.

We had our Refresher Course at Ranchi as scheduled and more than, 200 co-workers participated in the Classes, including many other participants.

The Study Tour Group from Flensburg are still here and enjoying the days. We all are doing well and send you hearty greetings.

With thanks,

Yours Sincerely

C. K. Paul Singh
(Dr. C. K. Paul Singh)

Director, BEL

Copy:-

The Chairman

Kuratorium GM.

16 - 10 - 80 at Ranchi.

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12. NOV. 1980

I Prayer: The meeting started with a word of prayer led by Chairman Rev. P.D. Soreng.

II Attendance: The following members were present:

1. Rev. P.D. Soreng, Chairman
2. Rev. M. Tete, member MA
3. Rev. Dr. M. Bage, " SEA
4. Rev. J. Bage, " OA
5. Rev. S. Ekka, " NWA
6. Mr. S. Bage, " SEA

III Confirmation of the previous minutes:

The minute was read and confirmed.

IV Matters from the minutes:

1. Refresher Course: Reported that Refresher Course is being conducted at Ranchi as scheduled, 200 participants are attending the classes.
2. Project (RRs/SCC): Reported that the construction of Boundary wall is being completed EW and NS (West). On the East boundary wall will be barbed, and on Club Road the wall shall be raised. It was also reported that ca 200 trees have been planted. A gardener is appointed to work on the place.

Further the house was informed that for fund raising campaign has been started within the Church.

3. General Policy of the BEL for its work:

The subject was again discussed in view of the present day situation in the church as well as in the Country.

(a) The house expressed its concern in regard with limited finance on the one hand and the increase of work and amount of payment on the other hand.

(I) After raising various points it was agreed that those congregations be made self-support in which there are no more scope, of further work and results. Time may be given for a year.

(II) It was also agreed that to make the work effective and extensive projects works (schools and dispensaries) be started. KSS be requested to train such workers through its training institutions. Anchals be requested to appoint such personnel in the m/fs. Survey for suitable places be made by the Director with the help of the Supervisors.

V Budget (1981): After going through the budgets of different fields and discussing them, it was found that the total amount is still too high than the expected Grant. The Director is advised

to discuss the points with the supervisors (about the 'Miscellaneous') headings. The subject be taken in the next meeting.

VI Other matters:

- (A) Letter from NW Anchal: A letter of NW Anchal was placed in the house. It is a request for further grant for Plamau. After long discussion it was resolved:
- (a) It be found out whether amount is available.
 - (b) Exact amount be ascertained, without the allowances.
 - (c) It be ascertained, about the future plan.

The subject be then taken in the BEL-Exe. .

- (B) LWF - Programmes: After good deal of discussions it was resolved:

Request be made to the LWF/DCC

- (a) For consolidation of the m/f, training of some local leaders for alround work.
 - (b) For correspondence Course.
- (C) GELC, V "NWGELC" situation:

It was reported that in the m/f of NWA is becoming very tense due to the unchristianlike activities of the workers of "NWGELC". It is mostly alleged that whatever is not in favour of "NWGELC" is due to the fault of KSS people. Thus the workers of KSS are very much troubled. In Pathalgaon Pastor Dh. Tigga was twice locked inside his room by "NWGELC" followers. Similarly we hear reports, How our people are persecuted and troubled by those m/f workers. This has taken worse Course after they knew that GM is now already giving them their dues and other grants. BEL understands that GM has no confidence in BEL including its director.

- (a) There it was resolved that:

As the GM is an independent and therefore it may do whatever seems to be good, and can not be stopped giving any person or institution directly. GM be requested to give other fields also directly.

- (b) EM be made responsible for all politics disgracing our workers and therefore it be further requested that GM takes such steps that incidents as narrated above do not repeat.
- (D) Baghima m/f: On request from the chair it was reported that Rev. S.Dungdung is still in Baghima and charges have not been taken over. It was resolved that:
- Anchal Adhyaksh (MA) be requested to audit all the accounts of Baghima m/f as soon as possible and till that all amounts/ grants to the m/f be withheld withheld. Only the regular salary bill of the workers be paid.

VI Closing Prayer: The meeting was closed with a word of prayer led by Rev. J. Bage.

C.K. Paul Singh, Director

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HALF YEARLY REPORT (JAN-JUNE 1980)

Dear friends,

We are very thankful and glad to give you the following report for your information, record and necessary actions. God has upheld us in the last six months also, inspite of many hardship, adverse situations, problems and clamities. Thus we could do our best, though not up to the mark, we should have done.

I. TOUR PROGRAMME OF THE DIRECTOR, BEL:

A one week tour programme in the first half of Jan.'80 had been made for Orissa Anchal m/f area to be followed after a Mission festival in Madhupur. But due to nonavailability of petrol during those days in Orissa the programme had to be cancelled after consultations with the Adhyaksh in Rajgangpur. Thereafter the Director visited the Plamau area during a special occasion of Bible Class for the m/f area.

After the KSS meetings in Feb. an extensive tour programme had been planned for Duars (Northern part of W. Bengal) and Assam. Due to postponement of KSS the programmes suffered minor upsets, however the order of visit was changed and chances to visit many congregations in Assam including the Karbi Anglong m/f was possible. In some congregations we felt that mini-Dharam Sabha was present, though unfortunately we could participate in only one Dharam Sabha, a big church Rally, well organised and arranged for matterial as well as spiritual food. The "Assam situation" disturbed the gatherings also. On the way back from Assam some congregations in Duars were also planned in the visit. It was a great encouraging for the guests as well as for the hosts to find one-self among many christians, friends, co-students of school days etc. The whole tour programme took $5\frac{1}{2}$ weeks and more than four thousand KM was covered. This was the first trip of its kind, i.e. by Jeep from Ranchi to Assam and back.

While in Duars we had a one day visit to Nepal crossing the Boarder from extreme East. The Duars Ilaka has started its work in this area also. In the later half of May and 1st half of June Director went to follow programmes of Bible, Classes, seminars, church dedications. During one of such programmes Director visited the m/f of Madhya Anchal, Baghima. Similarly Director visited Nepal also to participate in the UMN meetings. Short reports of these last two visits have been already submitted to the Pramuks Adhyaksh, for further actions.

II. PUBLICATIONS:-

As per decision of the BEL a Bhaj nawali; 'Nihil Nihar' for Assam Anchal has been printed and is on circulation. Most of the copies were disposed during the visit of Assam. The Sakshibani has also gone to the press for printing and we hope that by the end of this year, it will be available for use.

III. PROJECT OF THE BEL AT RANCHI:-

As announced earlier a project at Ranchi has been started, provisionally it is known as "Reading Rooms"/"Study and Cultural Centre". The land has been allotted for the purpose, general information is being circulated to raise the interest of the project GELC christians as well as to see the need and importance of the project. First of all a boundary wall has been planned. It is expected that all GELC members will show their keen interest and join in hands to give witness in this way to Christ in present day India.

IV. FINANCE:-

In spite of many transactions, difficulties, we are grateful and happy that fund was available for payments of salaries to all workers in the m/fs.

V. REPORTS FROM THE M/FS:-

Very few reports reached to our office in time. This is one of the most neglected responsibility of the Supervisors towards the BEL. The reports submitted are given hereunder:-

A) M/F in the SE Anchal Area:-

This m/f covers the districts of Bihar, Orissa and Bengal. There are altogether 62 coworkers in June, which includes Pastors, Evangelists (part and full timer) teacher and one trainee. Altogether 73 Catechumens have been baptised during the last six months. The situation in the field is very critical, due to the severe draught last year life of the christian members have become wretched. Many have gone away in search of work and food. Thus the spiritual ministry has become ineffective. It would had been very helpful if relief work by the church could have been done in the m/f areas also, as it was done in the area of the established congregations. Night schools are conducted in most of the m/f congregations. In such night schools in addition to the reading-writing, learning various other things are also being taught and discussed, which are useful for their daily social, economical life. For the spiritual awakening and ministry in the field Bible Classes had been arranged in three places for the area.

The construction and repair works amounts have been paid, in two places plots have been also arranged.

The congregations collected Rs. 3837.78 as income. Here allotment to Anchal is also included.

The Court case against the evangelist has been dropped. For economic developments some of the workers are engaged for showing examples of poultry, piggery, gardening and handicrafts in their possible ways and means.

B) Karbi Anglong, Assam Anchal:-

There are altogether 8 workers (including one pastor and a pracharika) in the field. The work is being carried out under and by the leadership of the Karbi Anglong people themselves. Two schools are run by themselves. A hostel has been constructed and managed through BEL. At present there are 10 boys and girls at Rangagora Hostel, which is being modified and reconstructed for KNH Hostel recognition. After the going of the Karbi Anglong Pastor, the church life (confirmation, child baptism etc.) is being consolidated. Adults have been also baptised within these last six months. Ring well, addition bath and latrine rooms are also being constructed at Rangagora.

C) M/F in the Orissa Anchal Area:-

The m/f covers two districts (Sundargarh and Sambalpur) of Orissa. There are altogether 22 workers (including three pastors and 19 evangelists). In last May a great change and transfer has been started made. The whole parish congregations of the m/f has been declared as established congregations and new work has been started in Rairakhol district. In the last six months 49 catechumen have been baptised. The construction work in Kuchinda is almost completed. The field collected Rs. 4278.39 as income including the Anchal Allotments.

D) Surguja m/f (NW Anchal):

No report has been received till now. There are altogether 77 workers including 8 pastors 69 evangelists and none pracharika. This field has been very much affected by the present crisis of the church. The coworkers, specially the supervisor is directly involved. The payments for the workers have been regularised.

E) Udaipur m/f (NW Anchal):

No reports have been received. The field is the most affected one by the church politics. It has become the arena for the same as if the fall and stand of the so called "NWGELC" depends on the the fall or stand of the field. Altogether there are 54 workers including four pastors, a pracharika and others all are the evangelists. Payment of the workers are still as advance Payments

F) Baghima m/f (Madhya Anchal):-

No report has been received. The post of a Supervisor is 'vacant' since last year, but the transferred pastor is still in the station. Thus the mini-politics in the field has affected the area very much. BEL amount is being given as a lumpsum or part payments for Khuria and Plamau m/fs . No reports have been received from these fields.


SOME REMARKS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:-

1. The church politics has affected the m/fs very much. This is not the case with the total present crisis in the church only which affects the m/fields, but there are mini-church politics which are hampering the work in the m/f areas, proper co-operation between m/f workers and the Anchals are jeopardized.
2. The transfers of m/f congregation into or to be established congregation could not be done by this time except in Orissa Anchal. Many of the congregations in m/fs are not growing, the worker in such congregation is just guard but it is still considered as m/f congregation.
3. Many pastors are parish pastors, without much effort and therefore without much fruits. Some of the Ilakas are doing more successfully for the fruit, but are unable to cop-up with the workers due to finance.
4. As the reports are coming very irregular it is not quite clear where are the slacknesses or the difficulties lying. Though in certain cases no attention is being given to the reports and to the requests and needs shown in the reports.
5. It is therefore, very urgent to rethink the policy and strategy of the work of the BEL. Should we expect proportionate success and fruits from m/fs, where the amounts are ~~exp~~ spent or should we go as usual ?
6. What and how far can the Anchal use their authority and means to shoulder their responsibilities towards the m/fs, i.e. proper arrangements, appointments, regular visits etc.
7. All who are interested in m/w should shun church politics in the m/fs. If this is not done, I think, we are not true to our christian responsibilities. Thus our 'mission work' will be first a way of earning our daily bread.

We express our sincere thanks to all friends and well wishers who upheld us with their prayers and helps.

Thankfully submitted,

Ranchi,
The 19th July 1980.


Dr. C.K. Paul Singh
Director, BEL.

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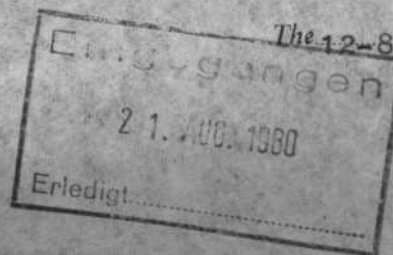
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Ref. Memo. No. 84/80/BEL - 2

Pastor Siegwart Kriebel, Director
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The 12-8-80

Dear Siegwart,

Thank you very much for your kind letter dt. 25.7.80. I shall be ready to negotiate regarding Udaipur m/f with Dr. Minz in the presence of Dr. Grothaus, when he comes during next Oct. I shall be very glad and thankful if Dr. Grothaus will be able to spare time for this long standing hitch to be solved in his presence, and it will be, great relief for me.

Today I am sending the half yearly report as prepared by me on the BEL-W Work. I am sorry that I am sending it very late. But I hope it will help you for your information and further thinking.

Day before yesterday, the 10 th Au. the Ex-Pramukh Adhyaksh Rev. S. Barla expired at Ranchi after a short illness. He was buried in Ranchi cemetery.

Due to my ill health my assignment in Serampore College has been cancelled. This was done in consultation with Dr. Bage. So I am at Ranchi preparing for our Refresher Course of all the workers from m/fs at Ranchi. It shall be held from Oct. 15-21, 1980 at Ranchi. Although it is rather expensive, but we are encouraged by workers themselves, that they are ready to bear a one way fare. Many of them have not seen Ranchi. So they are eager to visit Ranchi, as if they are visiting any foreign country, we have selected the main subject 'Pray and Work: Eat and Sing' Our task in the m/f'. Some of the staff members in the Theological College are ready to help me. The KSS had decided to hold Refresher Course for all the Pastors of the GELC, but it seems it will not be held due to financial limits. The LWF suggested that the church should apply in time, so it is postponed for next year.

We all are doing well, wishing for you all our best.

Encl;

As stated above

Yours Sincerely

C. K. Paul Singh
(Dr. C. K. Paul Singh)
Director, BEL.

Dr. C.K. Paul Singh
G.E.L.Church - BEL
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25.7.1980

Dear Paul,

These days we are transferring another instalment for missionaries' salaries for 1980, amounting to DM 50.000,-. Hopefully this money will reach the BEL account without much delay. It looks to me that some banks are making a fortune by keeping money at their own disposal for quite some time. I wonder how one can stop this illegal practice.

Concerning bills from NW-GELC, I confess that the matter of claims of unsettled payments and deductions is too complicated for me from the distance. I hope that you and Dr. Minz can sit together with Dr. Grothaus when he will be in Ranchi later this year in order to clarify the situation and come to a solution.

For the meantime I hope that you will be able to do your best in order to get the salaries to the missionaries be it via the Superintendent or via NW-GELC authorities. I can understand that this is not a pleasant job for you. Nevertheless I trust in your and in KSS's co-operation.

Yours in Christ,

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Siegwart Kriebel

copy to: Rev. B.D. Soreng, Ranchi

Dear Rev. Soreng,

For your information may I add, that we also transferred DM 3.000,- to Takarma dispensary so that they can complete their building programme there: To ward and repair of doctor's bungalow.

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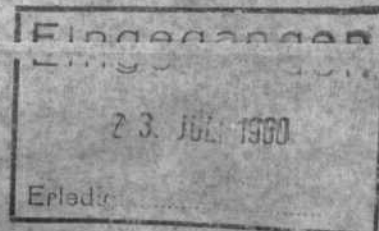
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The 16.7.80

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Dear Siegwart,

Thank you very much for your information about the transfer of the amount lost Dec. 1979. However our Hd. Accountant Mr. Bhengra has not yet got, confirmed this from our Bank here.

Meanwhile you might have received my letter dt. 19.6.80 Ref.No. 48/80/BEL- 2 and like-wise the letters from "the Bishop" of "NWGELC" and also from Mr. Bhengra. Just yesterday I received copy a letter from "the Bishop" addressed to you. This is no surprise for me. That's why in my last letter said so called "agreement", because it is not at all an agreement which would be kept though accepted even by the "Bishop" himself as it was reported to me. According to the "agreement" the amount should go direct to the "workers" and not to any via media, that too countersigned by a Bishop, which is not at all acceptable to us and to many, specially who do not accept a self-made-Bishop.

The deductions made in the bills may be said arbitrary by an authority which has no legal stand, but to me it is regular. We have requested the supervisor for explanations, financial statements of earlier payments, like medical amounts, constructions, P.F. and Pension a/cs etc. Which are still with the supervisor Rev. Turkey and also with the present "NWGELC". If all the amount be paid without any financial statements, I think we encourage embezzlements of the money and we may have no moral right to ask for any financial statements and accounts from other supervisors or "church workers". If the friends have new names "new church" and "new Bishop" and by this they can escape the submission of statements then a heavy amount of P.F. and Pensions of our workers will be lost, that too under the leadership of "the Bishop".

Therefore if you will be interested in paying the "NWGELC" directly, the amounts due to our workers be settled, this may go back to the early seventies, since they have the P.F. and Pen.F. of our workers from that time too.

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As I have already written earlier, I am personally not interested in direct or via media payment, but my concern goes 1) about the settlement of the previous accounts and amounts 2) about the fact whether the direct paid amount will fulfill your interest for 'mission work', the later cannot be even controlled or established if that is paid through BEL, this I have already mentioned in my letter dt. 19.6.80, whether money is paid directly or indirectly, it will be a cause for the church politics which one or the other party will interpret for its own gain. The interest is not so much in the work of the field but to get the strongfoot hold against the other.

Therefore you have the right and the choice to do one way or the other. There is no neutrality here. I hope, I have made my points clear.

With greetings,

Yours Sincerely

Paul
(Dr. C. K. Paul Singh)

Director, BEL.

CC:

"The Bishop" SC,

SC "NWGELC".

*Es wurde gerade mitgeteilt, dass die Summe schon zu
unserem Bank Konto überwiesen ist. Morgen, den 17. Juli
werde ich nach Serampore fahren um Lehrsitzung
für diesen Semester aufzunehmen. Inzwischen werde
ich wieder kommen, in 1. Woche Aug. um die Bills usw zu
erledigen, dies ist nach unserer Vereinbarung
zwischen AELC und Serampore.*

Mit herzlichsten Grüßen.

Dr. C. K. Paul Singh

Rev. Dr. C.K. Paul Singh
G.E.L.Church
Ranchi - 834 001
India

14.7.1980

Dear Paul,

Many thanks for your letter dated 19.6., No. 48/80/BEL - 2.
Did I thank you already for your previous letter No. 45, dated 9.6.80,
with the Nepal report and the Baghima report? Many thanks for them as
well.

Concerning your last letter, I discussed the situation with Dr. Grothaus
and we two are sure, that we did not agree with KSS that KSS should again
have to decide whether payments are made or not. The agreement with KSS
clearly was, that Gossner Mission instructs you to pay, and KSS would
not interfere, but you would act as Gossner Mission's agent. If this
again does not work, then direct payment will be unavoidable. But this
is exactly what KSS wanted to prevent. KSS agreed to payment through
BEL because they did not want direct payment. If they now boycott the
arrangement, then direct payment will be the result.

Concerning your remarks that you cannot check the proper use of the
money, my answer is, that certainly we do not expect you to check
NW-GELC's books whether they have spent the money correctly or not.
This would put you into an impossible situation, because NW-GELC would
not allow you to do so. You are quite right there.
But what I hope from you, is, that you confirm to us whether the number
of missionaries, NW-GELC includes in their bills, is correct. This you
can judge very easily, because you know, how many and who of the
missionaries are with BEL and who are not. You know exactly whom you
are paying and whom you are not paying, because they get their money
from NW-GELC.

I need you to confirm the number, because the arrangement with Gossner
Mission has never been, that we pay all missionaries, whether they are
200 or 400 in number. We were paying for about 200, and we have to
stick to this ceiling, because we do not have more money. I therefore
have to make sure that NW-GELC and BEL do not include many new missionaries
in their bills so that the number by far exceeds 200. I have to know
how many missionaries of the old number of 200 are with NW-GELC and
how many of them are with BEL. This is the only request I have to you
concerning checking the bills from NW-GELC.

If, however you have reason to suggest that the money is not paid to
the missionaries by NW-GELC, then please let me know. We shall then
take up the matter with NW-GELC.

Best wishes for you,
yours in Christ

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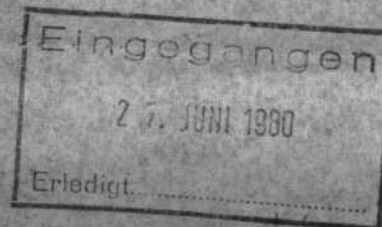
The 19.6.80

Pastor Siegwart Kriebel

Director, G.M.

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Dear Siegwart,

Yesterday we received bills Nov. & Dec. '78 from the "Udaipur Mission" field prepared by the "Supervisor" Rev. S. Tirkey & checked by the "Finance Office" and countersigned by the "Bishop" of the "NW-GELC". According to the "agreement" and your instructions in your letter dt. 13.5.80. I have recommended the bills to the treasurer, KSS, who along with the Pramukh Adhyaksh shall pay the amount. I hope by this way of payment Gossner Mission will be satisfied that its amount is paid for the "work". So do I, if the workers, who engage themselves in Mission work are paid their dues. However I have some doubts and reservation that I be satisfied. In your letter dt. 13.5.80 to Rev. N. Ekka you have mentioned that in Germany you could never establish whether bills (submitted by NW-GELC) are correct or not, therefore you would take the services of the BEL to pay the salaries on your behalf. I confess that in the present situation, I can not control or establish, whether the amounts in the bills are correct or are given to the "Mission-workers". Because I have no right to demand for any vouchers, or receipts or a/c books. I could not see even in the earlier days. When I demanded that the P.F. and Pen.F., ^{Providence Funds} ^{Pension} Medical and construction Funds be used as per regular, i.e. P.F. and Pen.F. be deposited in right way and medical and construction Funds be used with proper receipts and account be submitted to me for verification but this was not done. Now these amounts are again in the bills. I can not deny to pay, because of the "agreement", otherwise at the Funds amount would not have been paid unless they submit the account and statements of the already given amounts.

At present situation I am also doubtful whether the amount meant for Mission work would really go to the "workers", it would go to the persons who are very much involved in church politics, in fighting only to occupy the property. How the amount of the G.M. is helping to do the "Missionwork", I am unable to understand. One can say about other workers

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also including me. But that is up to the GM to judge how far its money is going for the work, the GM is interested.

As the "Supervisor" Rev. S. Tirkey is under "NWGELC", we can not deduct any amount from their bills even if we have some receivable amounts from him. Our authority to deduct will be questioned. The "Supervisor" as well as the "NW-GELC" owe us (the workers of the fields who are with the KSS) the P.F. and Pen.F. of the past which are still with them. This is the only social security for our workers and so they are requesting and appealing to the "NWGELC" authorities for their dues, but till now they have been denied. As far as I know the NWGELC will request again for direct payment. As the "agreement" of payment through BEL is not agreeable to them, I think you would be convinced to pay them directly, as you are interested that all the 'mission workers' be paid. However I would plead with you to settle the Provident and Pension Funds of the workers of the fields, but are with loss. I hope you would be interested for the social security of all workers.

Your sentence in your letter dt. 13.5.80. to Rev. Ekka saying 'If a missionary changes from GELC to NW-GELC etc.,' is an encouraging sentence for changing group and for fighting against one another. I think it is a dangerous attitude, for not only GELC but for "NW-GELC", i.e. we are thrown into an arena of fighting. I think personally to be far better if you will pay them directly - as they would now demand (after the solution of College problems through "guided agreements"), so that all "Oraon Mission Workers" would join the "NW-GELC", and also no problems of P.F. and Pen.F. adjustment would arise. Though I am not quite convinced that the amount so given by the GM would be used for the work GM is interested in, that up to the GM, how it is convinced.

I wanted to inform you all this so that you may realise the ongoing fight in the future of the church and how the GM is actively involved in it, although it is said or written that GM or the visitors from GM are not influencing the discussions in regard with the "agreement"

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or that need of a new church do arise on the arguments given by the "NW-GELC leaders", As you say that you do not recognise the "new church", in action it is not the fact. Your actions and arguments encourage the "NWGELO", which are coming out in forms of violence and troubles in many places. I, therefore, see that your report in "Gossner Mission" May 1980 is misleading. Thus the problems are made worse than ever, and are going to worst, even after the money meant for all workers would be given.

I hope I have made the points clear, how the GM is helping us- both groups, or making more troubles among us by "half-doing" or "half -not-doing",. I am sorry that I am expressing some of my these feelings.

With greetings

Yours Sincerely

C. K. Paul Singh
(Dr. C. K. Paul Singh)
Director, BEL.

PS It may be said that in the "agreement" that amount be paid to the Udaipur 'Mission' workers, KSS members did not envisage that bills have to be signed by the "Bishop" of its "NW-GELC", so on his countersignature it may be interpreted by KSS officer that "agreement" is violated. KSS officers may hesitate to allow payment on the countersignature of the "Bishop" as it may be taken as a recognition. But I personally do think like that when the Principal is accepting the Principal (Dr. C. K. Paul Singh) even after his becoming "Bishop", his countersignature does not hinder the procedure.

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The Director

Pastor, Siegwart Kriebel

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Dear Siegwart,

Thank you very much for your kind letter dt. 13.5.1980. As I was very busy in some of the Bible classes and other meetings I could not reply your letter earlier. Herewith I am enclosing two reports of my short visits to Nepal and to the Mission field of Madhya Anchal. I prepared these reports, so that our church leaders and Anchal Adhyakshes may take up the matters seriously, though I know that they very rarely read such reports.

In the meanwhile "NW-GELC" has installed its "Bishop" through its Pramukh Adhyaksh, I hope you might have already received reports, pictures etc. with this regard. I knew, now the 'Bishop' was installed though not consecrated. Now the main point would be, how a principal of the College would be accepted in two posts. However I have no special comments or opinion with this regard. I have told my friends here that the present church - situation is a great challenge to the church leaders as well as to the common christian members of our church. What positive steps are being taken in the future to strengthen the GELC ? Or are we only thinking of the negative aspects ?

Till now I have not received any bill from the Udaipur area of Rev. S. Tirkey's group.

For the proposed project at Ranchi, through BEL, we are discussing the positive and necessary steps to be taken in the work. The plot has been demarkated by the Bd. of properties, now we have to take possession of the same, because there may some objections etc. by or "others".

I have my tour programmes till the last week of June. During July-Sept. I shall have hours of teaching in Serampore College as 'Part-Timer'.



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Now the temprature is cooling down as we are having some showers of rain occasionally, though monsoon has not yet started.

With greetings,

Encls:

As stated above

Yours Sincerely

C. K. Paul Singh
(Dr. C. K. Paul Singh)

Director, BEL.

Dr. C.K. Paul Singh
GEL Church - BEL
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Bihar, India

13.5.1980

Dear Paul,

Many thanks for your letter 33/80/BEL-2 of 24.4.80. I am glad to hear that you returned home safe and sound, and that you had an interesting Sunday in Kathmandu after our departure.

It is good to know that at least our money, which was sent in January, has been credited to the BEL account. We have now made a formal request to our bank, to trace the money of December. We shall see, what they will find out.

I am looking forward to receive your short Nepal report. We have made a report on India and one on Nepal. They were completed just in time for the Kuratorium meeting. We shall now translate them into English and then send them to India as well. This may take some more days.

I can see that your summer programme may be hampered by the requisition of the jeep. But what can we do??

From Dr. Bage and from Rev. Soreng we heard of excessive heat in your area. We hope that you do not suffer too much and that the weather will return to normal soon. May all the bible classes be held in a good mood and may the participants be richly blessed.

Greetings to you and to your family,
yours,

to BEL

p.s. Please find attached the copy of a letter to Rev. Ekka. I hope, that the problem is now solved. Dr. Minz had asked to have the arrangement in writing, when we met on the morning of our departure from Ranchi to Takarma, and I promised to put it in writing.

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blind: Dr. Bage ✓

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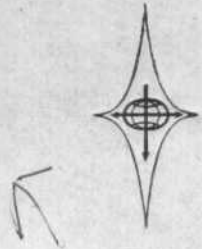
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Ref. Memo. No. 33/80/BEL - 2



The 25 - 4 - 80

To
The Director, GM
Pastor S. Kriebel
Handjery Str. 19/20
1000 BERLIN 41
Dear Pastor Kriebel,

Iron Holm:

Wo sind die DM 30.000 - die
wir im Dec. 79 an Dr. Singh, BEL-konto
geschickt haben? Bitte nachforschen!
ks.

After a Sunday stay at Kathmandu I came back to Ranchi safe and sound. On Sunday I attended the Nepal Church service at Jnaneswar, Kathmandu and I had a nice talk with some of Flemming Guest House went to attend to attend the church service of an Indian Congregation (Syrian church in character) on the Putli Road Kathmandu. When now I am in Ranchi I still do not find any bill from the Udaipur M/F Rev. Sunil Tirkey group, I wonder how it would go. Now the KNH hostel money has been withheld for some of the hostels of the "NW-GELC" and this may lead to another new turn.

For my Summer programmes I would like to participate in some of the Youth Bible Classes (Conventions) but as the assembly elections of nine states (including Bihar) has been announced our Jeep may be requisitioned by the Government so it will be difficult to move from one Bible Class to the other, as such programmes are not well organised there are much overlapping and inconveniences arise. We are discussing, how I can participate in the Maximum Classes.

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50.000,-
for BEL has
been transferred.
Will you please
ascertain where
and the amount transferred
according to your
letter of 12.12.79 is
staying. C.K. Paul Singh

From other sources I can collect that GM grant transferred in last December has been credited to our BEL a/c, but the Hd accountant is not here so I have not yet ascertained the same. No, the amount mentioned in the letter of 14.12.79, DM 30.000.- is not yet credited to our a/c, only the amount of 20.000.- Thank you very much that my participation in U M N Bd. Meeting was made possible by you. I am grateful for all assistances extended to me. I shall write a short report on my visit to Nepal and shall forward a copy to you also.

With thanks and greetings.

Yours Sincerely

(Dr. C.K. Paul Singh)

Director, BEL.

Miss
Anugrahit Minz
c/o Dr. C.K. Paul Singh
G.E.L. Church
Ranchi, 834001
Bihar, India

20.2.1980

Dear Miss Minz,

Yishusahai,

From Miss Friederici, from yourself, and officially also from Dr. Singh I have been informed of your donation of Rs. 10,000,-- towards the mission work of Gossner Mission.

I confess that I was deeply moved when I heard of your plan and of the amount involved. I am sure that it was God himself who has opened your heart and your hands so that you would contribute towards God's mission all over the world, after the good news of Jesus Christ has been brought to your people in Chotanagpur.

It was only after a long time, in fact after many centuries, that we European Christians started spreading the gospel to other continents. For many centuries we enjoyed it just for ourselves. You Indian friends are now teaching us a lesson, joining world mission together with us. And we are full of thanks to God. Moreover we are very much encouraged by your example.

My proposal is that we channel your donation to the Christians in Nepal. They really need it and can use it for their mission work in Nepal which is very difficult and dangerous. I hope that finally Christian sisters from Nepal will visit Ranchi and that they can tell you everything about their Christian fellowship and their witness.

Now I am looking forward to visit G.E.L. Church again, and also to meet you in Ranchi, sometime in March.

Until then God's blessings for you and many greetings,
yours in Christ,

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Siegwart Kriebel

copy to: Dr. Paul Singh, Ranchi

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Pastor S. Kriebel
Mission Director
Gossner Mission.



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G. E. L. Church, Ranchi
Phone 23358

Dear Brother Pastor Kriebel,

With this letter I would like to give you a copy of our Yearly Report (1979) for your information and record.

Further I would like to inform you that the last transferred amount mentioned in your letter of Dec. (14th ?) is not yet credited to our a/c. We are still in search of explanation, why the amount is not yet credited. Somehow we are pulling on with the balance amount not yet cleared due to non-submissions of accounts, but they shall be given when this would be submitted. We have also received informations that last installment (1979) and first of 1980 has been also transferred, we hope in due time they will be credited to our a/c and we shall have no difficulty.

Our KSS meeting has been postponed from 12th Feb. onwards to 20th Feb. onwards, so as scheduled, I am not going to Assam, now when the Assam Adhyaksh would come for the meeting then only we can finalise the trip. In Assam there is still riots and other unhappy incidents and there is a great scarcity of petrol, I do not know yet whether I have to cancell the tour.

Through Pramukh Adhyaksh I came to know that you are coming with Dr. Grothaus the new chairman of the Kuratorium. He also told me about the date. If my tour to Assam will be cancelled you may see us at Ranchi. However I would like to say ^{few} somethings for your information which I have also wrote to Dr. Grothaus in my friendly letter to him.

The groups, their leaders and congregations have mixed, expectations from you, Specially the "NW-GELC" congregations are being told by their leaders that the Director and Chairman are coming to finally divide and settle the present waring groups. By March/April "NW-GELC" will get full recognition and support by Gossner Mission. So those who wanted to join KSS-told are stopped. So also is the case in Udaipur m/f. The former Supervisor is claiming and holding some workers with himself and asking

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Them to wait till March '80. By the time they will get full recognition. Accordingly the groups leader and also congregation members are not quite happy, that your visit would cement the division of the church, congregation and many families. While other are anxious to finalise the whole matter in your presence so that the double policy would not hang the people in the air.

By this I do not mean to say that you should not come,- though many would prefer - I only wanted to say that you have to get prepared with this respect.

With greetings,

Yours Sincerely

C. K. Paul Singh
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Director, BEL.

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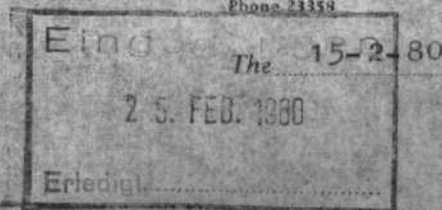
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Ref. Memo. No 16/80/BEL - 2



Pastor S. Kriebel
Director, Gossner Mission
1 Berlin 41

Dear Brother Pastor Kriebel,

In my hurry I left out some points which should have written. On 5th Feb. two ladies from Nepal Christian Fellowship came to Ranchi and they left this morning for Nepal via Patna. This was in accordance with the agreement of Gossner Mission (Through Frau Friederici and the then Mission director) that the GM would pay the travel cost. This was being tried since years. Thus I was involved in this time, though the ladies were invited by the Mahila Samiti of Ranchi GELC. Thus I have Nepal to Ranchi including their miscellaneous expenses, total Rs. 1400/- (Rupees fourteen hundred) only and I request you to kindly reimburse the same to me. You may give me the amount when you are at Ranchi.

Yesterday Rev. J. Topno, Assam Anchal Adhyaksh came, and we arranged my visit to Assam. We shall ~~leave~~ leave Ranchi on 23rd Feb. and I shall return from tour on 19/20 March. Thus it will be possible to meet you and Dr. Grothaus before you would leave Ranchi for home ward journey.

For my Nepal trip I am not quite clear. If my visitor membership is confirmed, I may be ready to join you for Nepal. I came to know that you have written a letter to the Pramukh Adhyaksh with this regard. But I did not enquire of the reply so that there should not be any misunderstanding that the letter was written on my request and I am pressing to give positive answer. So by this you may understand my situation in connection with Nepal trip. I hope it may be made clear, when you are here.

Thanking you with greetings,

Yours Sincerely

C. K. Paul Singh
Dr. C. K. Paul Singh

Director, BEL.

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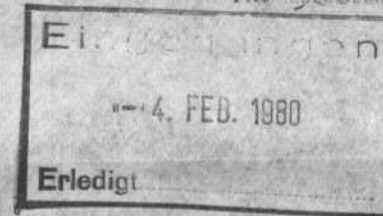
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The 30th Jan. 1980

Herrn Missionsdirector
Pastor S. Kriebel
Gossner Mission
BERLIN



Lieber Pastor Kriebel!

Heute schreibe ich diesen Brief auf besonderen Anlaß. Gestern hat Miss Anu grahit Minz, eine alte Lehrerin und sehr aktive Mitarbeiterin im Frauen Kreis unserer Kirche seit Jahrzehnte, zehn Tausend Rupees zur BEL Konto überwiesen für die Missionsarbeit als Ihr Beitrag zur Gossner Mission. Wegen Umtausch Schwierigkeiten durfte sie das Geld direkt zu Gossner Mission nicht überweisen. So ist es gemeint, daß sie die Summe an die Gossner Mission gezahlt so möchte sie eine Quittung von der Gossner Mission erhalten und die Summe soll die Gossner Mission von ihrer Überweisung zur BEL account abziehen.. Weiter möchte Miss Minz in Geheimnis bleiben, daß sie nirgendwo mit Namen erwähnt, ich habe ihr versprochen so zu tun, und möchte auch Sie dafür bitten. Ich möchte auch bitten daß Sie an sie einen Dankbrief schreiben.

Bis jetzt haben wir noch nicht gehört, ob Sie die von KSS vorgeschlagenen besuchs daten akzeptieren wollen und nach Ranchi später kommen können um an den Pasors' Refresher Course teilnehmen wollen. Wir haben unsere KSS-Sitzung von 12. Feb. auf 20. Feb. verlegt. Nach genaueren Reise pläne werde ich Ende März nach Ranchi zurück kommen., so hoffe ich Sie in Ranchi zu sehen. Wegen verschiedenen Gründe habe ich die geplante "Project" in Ranchi noch so weit gebracht wie ich es haben wollte. Aber jetzt als wir für Ihr Besuch planen wollten, i.e. mit Refresher Course usw., haben die KSS Mitglieder eingesehen, wie wir ein Rest u. Guest Haus brauchen. So hoffe ich, daß wir mit eigenen resources etwas auf diese Richtung tun wollen und können.

Ich hoffe, in unserer nächsten BEL meeting können wir einigen der grund Policies für BEL Arbeit unseren weg erklären.

So werde ich auch in meinem Jährlichem Bericht auf diese Richtung wieder andeuten.

Mit herzlichen Grüßen,

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(Dr. C. K. Paul Singh, Director: BEL)

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The 15-1-80

Dear Pastor Kriebel,

This is my first letter to you in the Year 1980. Meanwhile you might have received news and views from the Pramukh Adhyaksh Rev. Soreng and may be also from Rev. N. Ekka.

Our KSS meeting is scheduled for 16-18 Feb. 1980. We had our meetings in Dec. 79. We were told about your coming to Ranchi and its dates. I am scheduled for Assam, only if the situation in Assam worsens, I may have to cancel the programme. But till now I am in plan, Feb.-March. The KSS is thinking to have a Refresher Course in Ranchi for the month of April 80. I was trying to explain how it may be possible to have you.

In the last month we had Refresher Course for the field workers, but due to bad health I could not go. I sent my assistant and a field pastor from SEA Area. In the Refresher Course in Surguja field workers from Surguja, Udaipur and Khuria were present, altogether there were 102 participants. Some workers from Udaipur did not go, as they heard that you are giving them money directly, some of them were planning to separate themselves again from the KSS group. In some centres some of the workers who received the money from us were maltreated, some of them were driven out physically. We have paid money for all workers, but some of them do not like to take from us - our representative. We hope that this problem will be quickly solved. Rev. Tirkey, who is also the member of "NW-GELC" council was asked by me to submit the statement and a/c for the amount he has received from us, but till now he had not done. He has all the P.F. and Pen.F. money of the field workers, in addition he had not distributed medical work grants for the workers, similarly he has the construction amount. I am still trying to solve the matter amicably.

In your last letter you had asked about the increased family member in our family. We got her baptised on 30th Dec. 79 and she was named "Christ Renate Swasti". At present all are doing well.

By this time you might have already known about the political development in our country. We all are very much surprised by the Land Slide victory of Mrs. Gandhi and her party.

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I was thinking on that line but not with such a vast majority. Any how we hope that she will do better. From our area Mr. N.E.Horo, of our church is also elected to Lok Sabha.

With best of my regards,

Yours Sincerely

C.K. Paul Singh
(Dr. C.K. Paul Singh)

Director, BEL.

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The 8.12.79

Ref. Memo. No 91/79/BEL - 2

Dear Pastor Kriebel,

Thank you for your kind letters, and also the copy of the letter to Rev. N. Ekka.

I was out of the station for 'Refresher Course' for the m/fs workers of SEA, OA and M. Anchal in Tokad beyond Khunti. There were 74 participants from the Ilaka. We had a nice time and serious thoughts about the future of our work in our given situation, - politically, socially, economically and otherwise. For a short period two from Surguja and Udaipur were also present.

From Dec. 10-16 we have 'Refresher-Course' in Ambikapur for Udaipur, Surguja and Khuria m/fs. We are expecting nearly 150 participants, according to the calculation given by Rev. O. Toppo. Since 25th Nov. I am not doing well, I have boils and pimples round-around my mouth, it is giving much trouble. Some how I carried on the 'Refresher-Course' in Tokad, but for Ambikapur it seems quite impossible. So I am arranging with my assistant two more pastors to go and help in the Classes. But if they prefer, they may close the same and we may conduct the same sometimes next year, but this time we have to pay the Travelling expenses.

You have asked me about my trip to Nepal to visit Ampipal and other places. If the membership in UMN about me is settled I may be ready to go for the meeting and the visit.

My Assam trip is almost sure, and I shall try to enquire into the project, but actually I do not know the main points of enquiring, will you please let me know the same. By the last weeks of March I may come back and be able to meet you. I was at the same time thinking to conduct a 'Refresher-Course' of the field workers at one place, so that you may have a chance to meet the field workers. I can do this if I am in possession of your detail tour programmes etc.

Now regarding the touchy matter of your transferring of money for Rev. N. Ekka, i.e. for Udaipur m/f. The pramukh Adhyaksh has written a letter with this effect and

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thus you know the reaction. I would like to express my feeling, that by transferring money to them the problem is not solved. Now the field would be divided into two groups and there will be fighting and quarreling in the fields also. Rev.S.Tirkey is keeping the P.F. and Pen,F. fund of the m/fs workers, and it will be now difficult for the workers to get their money from him. I would not say that you should not give them any money, only my point is that by this action you have made another knot in the church problem. I accept this action as other actions.-Like you are donating money for Zambia or Nepal, where GELC has nothing to say.

In our family by the coming of the new babe we have also new troubles. Mrs. Singh is also still sick, we have not been able to baptise the child, and till that actual names are kept secret.

With all good wishes and greetings,

Yours Sincerely

C. K. Paul Singh
(Dr.C.K.Paul Singh)

Director, BEL.

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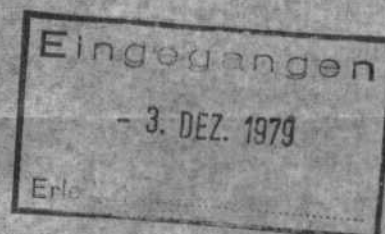
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Ref. Memo. No 80/79/BEL - 2

The 16.11.79



The Mission Director
Gossner Mission
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Dear Rev. Kriebel,

Just in this week I wrote a letter to you regarding many points, but today I would like to inform you that the matter of Udaipur for payment is solved. Now we will be able to pay them immediately.

We could have paid today itself, but unfortunately Treasurer is in Madras for a meeting. So, workers in Udaipur Madhya Pradesh would be paid in the next week when treasurer would come and Pastor-in-charge of Udaipur would come.

Rev. O. Toppo of Ambikapur has played a great role to negotiate in this matter. Now we have to clear up the funds which are with the field, revolving funds, P.F. and Pen.F. and construction fund. But we shall pay the workers as advance for the rest months as they have been already paid up to June '79.

I hope this news will be appreciated by you, and you can answer Rev. N. Ekka and other that now we are to pay all workers immediately.

With best of my regards.

Yours Sincerely,
C.K. Paul Singh
(Dr. C.K. Paul Singh)
Director, BEL.

Rev. Dr. Paul Singh
GELC - BEL
Ranchi
Bihar, India

27.11.1979

Dear Dr. Singh,

Some more points, which I forgot in my last letter:
First of all I have to apologize for not remembering that you are already a proud and happy father of another child, the name of which my wife did not yet know. God's blessing for the baby and the parents and the whole family!

Secondly, Rev. Linn in East Berlin has asked me for a Hindi Grammar so that he can learn a bit before his first trip to India. I am using a grammar which I am satisfied with,

Outline of Hindi Grammar with exercises, by R.S.McGregor,
Delhi Oxford University Press, 2nd Edition 1977, 25 Rs.

Could you perhaps try to get this one or an equivalent one and send it to me one day? That would be very kind.

Thirdly I would be very thankful, if on your trip to Assam you could try to visit Bhaithabhang and Rangagora in order to check on the proposed projects there (agricultural use of church land, and a handicraft cooperative society), get as many details of planning and inform me about them. You know from copies my correspondence with Rev. Soreng, but not much further information has been forthcoming. I would be very glad, if some of my questions could be answered by your investigations on your next visit to Assam.

Most probably we shall not meet in March, if you are in Assam then. Pity. Remembering, that you always preferred to come to Germany in May, I have proposed the same to Dr. Bage.

Many greetings,
yours

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Siegwart Kriebel

Rev. Dr. C.K. Paul Singh
G.E.L.C. - BEL
Ranchi
Bihar, India

23.11.1979

Dear Dr. Singh,

Many thanks for your letter dated 12.11.79 (78/79/BEL - 2), which arrived today. I am acting on it immediately. You find enclosed a copy of my letter to Rev. N. Ekka. You can see from it, that for 1979 we shall deduct the Udaipur money from what we send to you, and send the Udaipur money to NW-GELC. You will agree that I waited as long as I could. But the year is now nearly over, and our deadline for paying all missionaries was already in June.

But you can also see that I did not commit Gossner Mission with regard to next year. This means that you are still free either to try to pay Udaipur missionaries in 1980, or to give up these efforts and accept the fact that they are with NW-GELC. We are open for new developments with regard to this problem. And I would be very thankful to you, if you would keep me informed.

I hear that Dr. Minz is now Bishop, but I did not get any official information about it. My wife told me something like that. I saw Dr. Neudoerffer in Geneva, but he strictly denied that LCA is paying money to NW-GELC. How sure is KSS that he pays?

I am, of course dissappointed to hear about the dispute in NW-Anchal. What a shame, that it should not be enough to have one split in the Oraon area but that there must be two (or even more?).

May I comment personally on your considerations re. membership in UMN and FTC (= Farm Training Centre?), I shall put this question to the Indien-Ausschuß of the Kuratorium. But personally I think, that you should continue to be a Gossner Mission delegate in UMN Board, since this is a pure mission affair, and you are Mission Director in GELC, and also some continuity will be appreciated in UMN. This does not exclude that Dr. Bage some day may also visit Nepal for his information.

For FTC (?) Dr. Bage may be nominated.

Thanks for the informations about Board meetings and Am Sabha. I wonder how it will go on in Madhya Anchal.

The visitors enjoyed their stay in Ranchi. But my wife told me some funny news, for example that somebody had sold the printing machines of the church press. What about that? The members of the group were, as usual, very much impressed. The visit was good for the relationship between Christians here and in India. But in future we shall try to make the visits more effective by preparing the group members better and, perhaps, organise a "Schwerpunktprogramm" rather than visiting too many places.

You think, that somebody took out a letter for you? I am not sure that I always included a letter addressed to you, maybe, sometimes I send only copies of letters to other people.

My last letters to you were dated 20.9.79 (about missionaries in NW-GELC area and the election of Dr. Bage), and 19.10.(which you got).

Confirmation of Lothar will now be on 27.4.80. Therefore I can stick to my original timing, coming to India in March (after 9th) and proceeding to Nepal in April. You are welcome to come along to visit Else Furthmüller in Amp Pipal, Mr.&Mrs. Dietz in Artkhala, and Melody Koch in Tansen. Please write, whether you will join this tour of about two weeks before the Board meeting (18./19.4.80).

Thanks also for the your report (minutes) and the budget 1980. You have included Udaipur again. Does this mean that you hope to pay the missionaries there next year? What chance do you see for this?


We shall soon transfer the rest for 1979 after having deducted Udaipur money.

Re. salaries for missionaries it seems to be disappointing that less than 10% of BEL budget are raised by the mission fields themselves. Let us discuss, whether it is possible to increase this percentage steadily over the years to come. My idea is, that in 1980 the 10% should be reached, and then 10% more every year, so that after 10 years BEL should stand on its own feet.

I do not mean to decrease Gossner Mission contribution at the same rate. The money which will be saved in BEL can be used for income generating projects, so that the population is helped and can spend (give) more in future.

It would be nice if you could consider this proposal and if we could reach a formal agreement on this procedure.

With much surprise we got the news of your wife's pregnancy. Best wishes for her and for your whole family,
yours,


Siegwart Kriebel

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The 12-11-79

Dear Pastor Kriebel,

Thank you very much for your kind letter (dt. 19.10.79). Before this, a letter written by you and sent along with the copies of letters written to Rev. M. Tete, and Mr. B. Topno (Lita Bhai) seemed to be taken out from the envelop cut with a blade, only the copies were inside. I suppose, someone might have taken the letter out. Thank you for the letters.

The recommendations of the Kalisha Sangh and Boards are still pending.

First of all I would like to tell you something about the KSS is again scheduled for 17th Dec. 79.
big meetings :-

- 1) The General Meeting (Am Sabha) was attended by some 120-130 Christians from all Anchals and Ranchi Hd. Qtrs. Cong, from Assam only the Adhyaksh was present. Specially the present crisis of the church was discussed after some detail informations and lectures on church unity. The Meeting was meant specially for informing the people about the actual position of "NW-GELC" and how almost in all Ilakas congregations are coming back after they knew that "NW-GELC" is going to form a new church with Bishop and relationship with America.
 - 2) This General Meeting was followed by the Kalisha Sangh - a constitutional meeting in which representatives from all Anchals, Ilakas etc. were present. Reports from KSS officers, Boards, Central Institutions and Anchals were received and discussed. Certain recommendations were made to the KSS for actions. But as I have seen many of these recommendations would remain on papers only - as in past times.
 - 3) KSS meetings :- As per schedule central Boards had their meetings. As the Madhya Anchal has given negative votes to the elections of the different chairman of the Boards, the Pra. Adhyaksh has to chair all the Boards. In Boards meeting itself started about the representation of NW Anchal - Dr. Tigga and other Rev. Toppo. But after hide and seek situation the Bds meetings were conducted.
- Thereafter KSS meeting, like two Boards meetings, were to be conducted in Bethesada Training College. In the agenda of attendance representation from Madhya Anchal was questioned. Rev. Tete, who did not go to Khutitoli when he was elected Anchal Adhyaksh; he is again elected as "Honorary Anchal Adhyaksh". This was said to be unconstitutional and it soon became a subject of hot discussion. It seems that Rev. M. Tete would be elect

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ed every two months as Anchal Adhyaksh, because he would not go to Khuti-
toli and automatically after two months election would be invalid,- So, this
this will be replaced again and again till the term of Rev. Soreng is fini-
shed and goes back to Khutitoli. In this way no KSS meeting was held and
the recommendations of the Kalisha Sangh and Boards are still pending.

KSS is again Scheduled for 17th Dec, 79.

Last week I was told that information has come about the
transfer of the amount for the BEL. But it is not quite clear whether we
can pay Udaipur workers also, The decision taken by the KSS officers "that
all bills for BEL payment have to go through Anchal Adhyakshes- i.e. An-
chal Adhyaksh must countersign on this bills". Seems to me very difficult
and also hindrance for payment to all workers. I am still negotiating for
the payment to all workers. But the conditions by the KSS officers is ra-
ther very difficult.

The Guests, under the leadership of Frau Friederici; were
here and I hope they have enjoyed the visit as we also did. We were facing
some difficulties as the "NW-GELC" friends had informed the local and the
higher police officers warning them of break of peace. But nothing serious
happened.

Your intended visit to Nepal and also to India in March/
April/May 1980 may be better to finish latest by the 2nd week of April.
Lent season may be good to meet people and to talk with other leaders,
because in lent season we do not have other programmes. It would be good
if you would write to the Pramukh Adhyaksh for such possibilities.

Yours Sincerely

Now regarding DrBage's membership in FTC and UMN. I wou-
ld like to say that as far as my knowledge goes there is no official arra-
ngement. That was a mutual arrangement on mutual confidence and understand-
ing with the former Mission director of Gossner Mission and myself - co-
incidentally I happened to be the Mission director as well as the Kurator-
to the Kuratorium gave its silence approval. But due to my past experience
I think it will be better for me as well as for Dr. Bage, that he would

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Dear Pastor Kriebel,

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be made member in FTC and UMN. I am finding difficulty in attending the FTC meetings which is held very regularly, because now-a-days I am more out of station. For general information and to follow the policy etc. of UMN it will be good for Dr. Bage to be guest member in UMN, so that he can understand the whole discussion and reports on UMN letters.

I have chalked out programmes for my work for next months. In Nov/Dece. I have two Refresher Courses for the m/f workers. In Jan I am to tour Orossa, while in Feb./March I shall be in Assam. In April I am to visit m/f of SE Anchal. In May we have various Retreats, Bible classes etc. Especially the present crisis of the church was discussed

after some detail informations and lectures on church unity. The meeting was meant specially for informing the people about the work of "NW-CELC" and how almost in all Indian congregations are going after they know that "NW-CELC" is going to form a new church and relationship with America. In the last Kalisha Sangh I have been requested to take the responsibility of printing useful and urgently needed books for the church. At present I am busy with Panjika 1980 (The church Calendar). My planned activities in Ranchi are also going on in the initial stage, as we could not had our KSS meetings usual course can not be taken out. As 2) This General Meeting was followed by the Kalisha Sangh - a national meeting in which representatives from all Anchals were present. Reports from KSS officers, Boards, Central Institutions and Anchals were received and discussed. Certain recommendations were made to actions. But As I have seen many of these recommendations would remain on papers only - as in past times.

I am herewith sending a copy of the minutes of the last BEL meeting.

With greetings,
3) KSS meetings :- As per schedule central Boards had their meetings. As the Madhya Anchal has given negative votes to the elections of the different chairman of the Boards, the Pra. Adhyaksh has to chair all the Boards. In Boards meeting itself started about the representation of NW Anchal - Dr. Tigga and other Rev. Toppe. But the Bds meetings were conducted.

Yours Sincerely
C. K. Paul Singh
(Dr. C. K. Paul Singh)

Director, BEL.

Thereafter KSS meeting like two Boards meetings to be conducted in Bethesda Training College. In the agenda of attendance representation from Madhya Anchal was questioned. Rev. Tete, who did not go to Khutitoli when he was elected Anchal Adhyaksh; he is again elected as "Honorary Anchal Adhyaksh". This was said to be unconstitutional and it soon became a subject of hot discussion. It seems that Rev. M. Tete would be elected

Minutes of the Full-BEL Meeting
held on 20.10.1979 at Ranchi.

1. Devotion :- The meeting was started with SB 101 and short prayer offered by the Chairman.

II. Attendance :- Following members were present :

1. Rev.P.D.Soreng , Chairman
2. Rev.Dr.M.Bage
3. Rev.M.Tete
4. Rev.S.Ekka
5. Rev.J. Tagao
6. Rev.J.Bage
7. Mr. S.Bage
8. Rev.Dr.C.K.Paul Singh, (Sec. & Director).

III. Confirmation of the previous minutes :

The minutes were read and confirmed.

IV. Matters from the Minutes :

a) Karbi Anglong : It was reported that an amount of Rs. 5000/- (rupees five thousand) has been given to the field for improvement of hostel and other constructions. It was also reported that a co-operative has been started for bamboo, cane and weaving works. For the favour of the field it was resolved that :

I. Available amount for construction work specially at present for hostel at Rangagora be sent directly to the field account,

II. The hostel in Rangagora be started from 1st Jan. 1980. All students of Karbi Anglong be kept in Rangagora hostel and their amounts also sent to field a/c from Jan.'80.

b) A/c for BEL : This point was raised by the members and enquired whether BEL money has been all transferred to that a/c. The information was given by the Hd. accountant. Thereupon it was strongly felt that the said amount be transferred as soon as possible.

c) Projects of the BEL : It was reported that the Director did submit the plan and estimates. But no further steps could be taken recommended; a general discussion and decision be taken on this subject.

d) Church Politics in the Field : The situation in the church affects the fields very much to avoid this it was resolved that , " That the field supervisors

Pastors and Catechists be not be made incharge of other institutions and units like Anchal, Ilaka, Parish etc.

V. REPORTS :

A) Half Yearly Report :- was presented by the Director. It was ~~discussed~~ received for discussion.

Following points were raised and decided .

A) Diaspora work - Congregations :

This was in the previous minutes also. It was discussed and resolved that :

I) The Director, BEL the supervisor and the Anchal Adhyaksh jointly discuss and find out the Congregation for handing over to the Ilaka or declaring as established parish.

II) Director, BEL be invited to attend the Anchal Samiti meetings for such advices.

b) Nepal Work : Further attempts be made to send personnel to Nepal under UMN.

E) Short Report of Germany visit :-

This whole report be sent to the KSS for detail study and actions.

VI. BUDGET: 1981 :

The Budgets of BEL centre, and all fields were presented. As submitted budgets from the centre and the fields came to a total of Rs. 10,26,276.32 after deducted the proposed incomes. The BEL recommends the amounts for Centre and the Fields.

| Places | Proposed | After Cuts. | Income | Net Budget requested. |
|---------------|----------------|-------------|-----------|-----------------------|
| Central | Rs.43,390.12 | 43,390.12 | | Rs. 43,390.12 |
| Orissa | Rs.1,64,261.76 | 89,261.76 | 5,000.00 | Rs. 84,261.76 |
| S E A | Rs.1,64,400.48 | 1,64,400.48 | 9,000.00 | Rs. 1,55,400.00 |
| Madhya An. | Rs. 24,935.00 | 24,935.00 | 1,100.00 | Rs. 23,835.00 |
| Karbi Anglong | | | | |
| Assam An. | Rs. 71,988.00 | 42,438.00 | 3,000.00 | Rs. 39,488.00 |
| NWA - Surguja | 2,97,949.00 | 2,70,000.00 | 20,000.00 | Rs. 2,50,000.00 |
| NWA - Udaipur | 1,60,000.00 | 1,60,000.00 | 10,000.00 | Rs. 1,50,000.00 |
| NWA - Sanna | Rs. 13,904.00 | 16,200.00 | 1,200.00 | Rs. 15,000.00 |
| Total | Rs.9,40,828.88 | 8,10,525.35 | 49,300.00 | Rs. 7,61,375.36 |

It was recommended that, Rs. 7,61,375.36 (Rupees seven hundred sixty one thousand three hundred seventy five and paise thirty six only, be requested for grant from the GM.

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It was resolved that : - the Director BEL be requested to get the required books printed and distributed (sold) and that the CCPH, Ranchi shall be made main distributing agency.

b) Request letters from Anchal / Ilakas etc. for church constructions etc.

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II. Such requests be made to the Pramukh Adhyaksh.

III. Such requests be included as projects addressed to the Pramukh Adhyaksh.

VIII. Closing :- Here being no business the meeting was closed with prayer led by Rev. J.Bage.

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C.K.P. Singh

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Director, BEL, Ranchi.

Dr. C.K. Paul Singh
G.E.L.Church
Ranchi

19.10.1979

Dear Dr. Singh,

This is a good and quick chance to answer your letter since my wife is leaving for India and Nepal tomorrow. Many thanks for your letter 66/79/BEL-2 dated 10.10.79.

I am very happy that Surguja problem is solved now. Hopefully you can report the same about Udaipur soon, because Rev. Ekka is pressing me about Udaipur and therefore I am waiting anxiously about news, that all missionaries are paid there by BEL. Otherwise I would have to do something about it fairly soon.

I did not know that there was an official arrangement that the Indian member of our Kuratorium is ex officio member on FTC Trust and guest member of UMN Board without regard to the person. I shall have to check on that.

May I ask for your advice concerning weather conditions in March to May. Since Lothar, our eldest, will be confirmed in church next year in March or April, I have the choice either to go to India in March and to Nepal in the first half of April, or to go to Nepal in the first half of April and then for about three weeks to India, which would bring me to the first week in May. What is your advice? Which time is more suitable for talks in GELC and other institutions, how is the weather at the end of April and in the beginning of May?

At the end of this month Rev. Peters and I shall fly to Geneva for 3 days and meet people of LWF, WCC and also Dr. Neudoerffer of LCA. We hope to discuss matters of GELC among other things.

I am now, of course, keen to hear some information about your big meetings in GELC in October, and also about your ongoing mission work on all the fields, as well as your planned activities in Ranchi.

Greetings for your family and best wishes,
yours sincerely,

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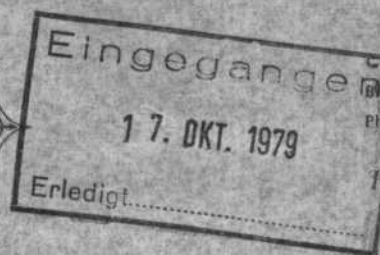
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G. E. L. Church, Ranchi
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Date 10-10-79

Dear Pastor Kriebel,

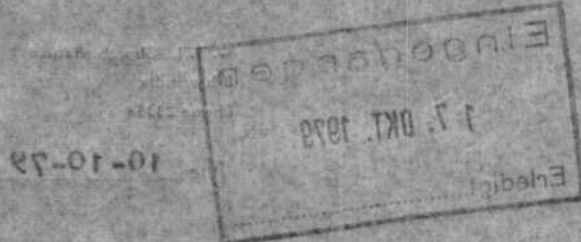
Thank you very much for your kind letter dt.20.9.79 along with blind copies of other letters.

As you have mentioned in some letters and also in the "Gossner Mission" (BIENE) about my not candidating for membership in the Kuratorium, I would like to clarify my stand and principle, so that you may have note of my position for any membership in any committee or board. I feel myself responsible to be member or officer in any committee, I do not understand it as my privilege or chance, therefore where ever there is a competition or voting for taking one of the other, I voluntarily withdraw myself. Till now I have been able to keep this principle, and I have accepted only those posts, which have been unanimously decided. In reference to our particular case, I thought it to be fitting not to candidate, when the director himself has proposed another's name with good reasons and also the KSS decided to elect its own representatives perhaps with evil intention !

But I am happy that Dr. Bage has been elected and I do hope, he will accept the membership to serve the purpose on both ends. At this point I would like to say that as 'Kurator' he will automatically get the membership in the FTC Trust and also visitor membership in the UMN, Please inform him and the concerned officers with this regard.

I hope by this time the Pramukh Adhyaksh Rev.Soreng has informed you about the ~~new~~ new Bank a/c No for BEL. In my one letter I have already informed you about the same. I am not quite clear whether I can pay all the workers even with this facility of new Bank a/c .Because the KSS has decided in its meeting that all bills must be signed by the Anchal Adhyaksh for payment by the BEL, i.e, if any field would directly submit its bills - like "NW, GELC", such field would not get the payment. By now all workers in Surguja are being paid up to date and it is very likely that workers of Udaipur also shall be paid very soon. The workers of Udaipur field have been paid up to June 79 - ca Rs.50,000/- from the workers' P.F. and Pen.F. account kept by the field itself. This amount

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has to be accounted for when the payment from BEL will be made.

It is not true that I have ever forced the superintendents to sign any paper of loyalty to Rev. Soreng before they would get their pay, on the contrary I had always tried that they should get their salaries. With this intention only I wanted to visit the fields, but they denied even my authority. The truth is that the KSS has decided that all bills should come with the signature of Anchal Adhyaksh, and accordingly I am unable to do any procedure. Meanwhile some of the workers of Surguja came to know that they have been kept under "NW - GELC" and therefore they were not getting the salaries, so along with pastors they applied for payments and also expressed their loyalty to KSS, so Rev. Toppe Superintendent, joined with all workers ^{and} gets payments. This all was done when I was in Serampore. Now the workers of Udaipur are also trying to do the same - except Rev. S. Tirkey, Superintendent and some other. Rev. O. Toppe told me last week that workers of Udaipur met him for advice and it seems that they are ready to do the same as the workers of Surguja.

The whole matter is not yet quite clear. But from 15th Oct. we have the Am-Sabha- the general meeting - in which every one can participate of his own and may be allowed to put questions, specially about the "NW - GELC" and GELC matters, thereafter is the Kalisha Sangh (according to the constitution) - where the laymen have the voice. These two ^{meeting} may recommend certain things- also in regard with the "NW - GELC" matters and the KSS is to sit for this first after these two conferences to take necessary decision and I hope, BEL as well KSS has to take specific decisions in regard with payments and future policies, because I have also certain plans for the mode of work of the BEL. One of them bring the use and importance of a Separate Bank a/c for BEL. Certainly this new a/c shall help to guard the BEL money so far very often used also for other purpose.

After my teaching time in Serampore I had 14 students with me in Chakra-
dharpur, area Mission field and there ~~from~~ after in Ranchi also for the

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practical Training. In this way I was busy with the students, so I could not discuss many things with the Pramukh Adhyaksh. He is also mostly out of Ranchi since 2nd Oct. he is in New Delhi. Thus I have no idea about the programmes for the German Guests. When I left for Serampore I requested Dr. Bage and Rev. Soreng to make the programme, since then I was unable to talk about the Programmes. I hope by now Frau Friederici has sent the list and names of the guests including the actual date of their stay at Ranchi. I had also written one letter to her, but till now I have not received any letter. We expect that one of the guests would give sermon on the 2nd Nov. 79 during the Mission festival worship.

From this week onward I shall be staying in Ranchi for meetings and its preparation (reports etc.), then for the German guests. In between I have to go for two or three days for Bible class, dedication of new constructed houses. For this I have also fixed two ^{Refresher Courses} representatives for the field workers. One in Ambikapur and another in Tokad, ca. 50 Km away from Ranchi. The preparation is going on for these classes. Thus the programmes are till 17th Dec. 1979.

After our meetings at Ranchi, I hope, I can give some reports on the decisions in the meetings.

With thanks and greetings,

Yours Sincerely,

C. K. Paul Singh
(Dr. C. K. Paul Singh)

Director, BEL Ranchi.

GELC, allg.

Rev. Dr. C.K. Paul Singh
G.E.L. Church
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Bihar, India

5.10.1979

Dear Dr. Singh,

As you can see from the attached letter, somebody is planning to publish prayers from other continents here in Germany. I welcome this idea and I am sure, that Christians here can find much encouragement for their faith and for their own prayers by sharing prayers with Christians in other continents.

I therefore gladly convey the request to you in G.E.L.C. and I think that you are the right person, to whom I should write.

You see from the letter, that the publishers are not interested in getting such prayers which have been translated from European prayers anyway in the past, but they are interested in genuinely Indian, that means spontaneous prayers. I know the difficulty, that spontaneous praying is never written down, but perhaps you and other friends are interested to write down prayers and translate them if not into German, than at least into English. We can then do the rest.


Moreover, we think, that the texts of genius songs, that means in your case: bhajans, are of equal interest. And on this field, I know, you are an expert, even writing bhajans yourself. So I am sure, that you will be able, so send us quite a big number of bhajan texts, including stories of the whole bible and other spiritual subjects.

As deadline we have set

31st March, 1980

This should give you sufficient time to consider this request, to contact other friends in the church, and to send us the results of your efforts.

Hoping, that you also find this project interesting and challenging,
yours sincerely,


Siegwart Kriebel

GELC, Mission

Dr. C.K. Paul Singh
G.E.L.Church
Ranchi
Bihar, India

2.10.1979

Dear Dr. Singh,

Many thanks for your letter 56/79/BEL-2 dated 10.9.1979, in which you have given us the correct name and number of the new BEL a/c.

We are now transferring the second instalment for missionaries' salaries, understanding that all missionaries in all mission fields will be paid.

The amount of this instalment is DM 80.000,-.

We have heard about the poor rainy season in Bihar and other areas. And we hope, that the necessary help can be offered by your government and by other organisations. In such years you feel even stronger the need of good development projects in all villages, so that the people could be in a better position to help themselves.

With greetings and best wishes
yours sincerely,

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Siegwart Kriebel

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The 10.9.79



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Dear Brother P. Kriebel,

After a month long stay in Serampore College I am again back in Ranchi but after a week stay I shall go for two-weeks- practical-training with the students, the programme has been agreed for our mission field in Singhbhum district- with a camp in Chakradharpur.

The situation in our church is still almost the same. After long this and that now it seems clear that Surguja and other fields will be paid their salaries. Yesterday Rev. Toppe from Ambikapur came to me and told that he had fulfilled the conditions and shall get the amounts. I hope with same conditions Udaipur can also be paid.

Meanwhile a new Bank Account has been opened. It will be good you you would transfer the amount for BEL to this Account, it is in the same United Bank of India, its No and name is : "G.E.L. Church Gospel & Development Fund " CD A/C NO 3589 (United Bank, Ranchi.)

Please transfer the 2nd Installment at your earliest conveniences. Inspite of my several letters to treasurer and other officers, the amounts still with Church Bank Account is not yet transferred to the new Bank a/c. I hope that now by Surguja and Udaipur the total amount will be paid.

The political situation in India became very uncertain after the dissolution of the Parliament. Election has been announced but its not quite clear whether any party would come out with absolute majority. In Bihar the present Government seems to continue. We in Southern part of Bihar - Chotangpur are facing a severe draught, no rain, little rain, paddy is almost destroyed, thus severe famine and scarcity of essential commodities are threatening the area. However the area has not yet been declared as 'famine area' although Central is promising all possible helps for such states.

With greetings,

Yours sincerely,
C. K. Paul Singh
Dr. C. K. Paul Singh

Dr. C.K. Paul Singh
G.E.L.Church
Ranchi
Bihar, India

3.9.1979

Dear Dr. Singh,

Again we hear about heavily fighting in Jamshedpur. Poor people there. Your letters have all arrived here, but I was not in the office for four weeks, and therefore I can acknowledge receipt and thank you very much only now.

I got your letter 36/79/BEL-2 of 11.7., your letter from Ranchi Serampore of 7.8., your letter 47/79/BEL-2 of 30.7., a copy of your letter to KSS of the same day and your two reports on East and West Germany as well as your Half Yearly Report.

That was a lot of mail. Thank you very much. I was glad to hear that finally you got your separate account. Hopefully payments will not create any more difficulties. In the meantime you should be back from Serampore so that I can write to Ranchi.

We had very nice holidays high up in the Alps, nearly like in Nepal.

I am very thankful for your tour reports. What a pity that we could not discuss your comments in Mainz. Anyway, your comments are very valuable for us and for planning future programmes. We shall try to do better next time. I am discussing some of your points in our next "Biene" as you shall see.

I have noted that you do not want to stand for election for Kuratorium once more. I was not aware that we had agreed on that, I was of the opinion that you simply did not raise objections against Dr. Bage being proposed as well, and then leave it to the Kuratorium to elect one of you two. But now I have cancelled your name on the list of candidates according to your wishes. Let me thank you very much for the good co-operation we have had in the Kuratorium, and I shall always be looking forward to meet you again in Ranchi or elsewhere.

The report on East Germany has been passed on.

Your letter of 30.7. arrived just in time to stop the transfer of the next instalment. Before going on leave I had instructed Miss Hohmann to send the next instalment, but then your letter came just in time. Please instruct us when you want the money.

You were right when you wrote: We do not know how long our present government will last. It lasted for three weeks only. But what now? There will be elections, and Mrs. Gandhi will return to power?

Greetings and best wishes for you, and for your family, and for your work in the church,
yours sincerely,

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13. AUG. 1979

Serampore College
Serampore (Po)
Dist Hooghly, WB
7.8.79

Dear Brother Kriebel,

As part time teacher I have started my assignment in this college. I came here on 5th Aug and shall remain till the 6th of Sep 79. Thereafter I have to conduct a practical training with the final year students of this college in the mission. We are planning that the practical training will be somewhere in SE Area perhaps in Nakti - near Chakradharpur. I have requested Dr. Bage for the arrangements in co-operation with the Supervisor of the field.

I hope by the time this letter reaches you, you might have received a Registered Post Letter sent from Ranchi, along with reports etc. Please pass the other letters and reports to Posters Linn and Schottstadt in East Berlin.

This time I was not quite prepared to come here but this was already decided by the LKS office and I was in plan of this college, so I had to come. I wanted to clarify the matter of payment to Surguja and Udaipur. I am very sorry and quite surprised that I have not been able to talk with Rev. Popo (Amalokapur) and Rev. Turkey (Udaipur). I wanted to talk to them and clarify the matter as soon as possible, they come in the office but it seems they want to avoid me - just in the last minutes they would come to me and when we fixed the time for our next meeting on the same day or on the next day, they do not come.

Meanwhile these are dissatisfactions and murmuring among the workers in those fields - this is natural. But there are also

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भेजने वाले का नाम और पता:-
Sender's Name and Address:-

Dr. C. K. Paul Singh
Serampore College
Serampore (P.O.)
Dist Hooghly, W.B.

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That account is not being used.
New Separate account for the past installment.
dissatisfaction, due to the fact that the Supervisors have not kept proper accounts of the Provident and Pension Funds. They have neither deposited in the LSS treasury nor in the Anchal. It is not quite sure whether they have anywhere in another Bank account. It is also said that workers are not paid from this Fund.
In the last letter I had also requested you not to transfer any BCR amount till the end of Sep. 29. Because of the Non payment to Surgyat Udaipur we have 86/11 of the money and I fear if you transfer earlier the amount may be used for other purposes. Now we have a new Bank a/c for BCR. But Mr. Bhargava did not tell me of the balance. It is also not yet transferred. Please ask the Branch for the

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G. E. L. Church, Ranchi
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The 30-7-79

Dear Brother Kriebel,

Thank you very much for your kind letters, along with many photos of my visit to Germany. It seems that letters I sent from here is not received by you. In that letter I had informed you about my safe arrival in Ranchi and also concerning the payment to NW Anchal Missionfields in Madhya Pradesh.

Herewith I am sending three reports : (1) A short Report on my visit to FRG (2) A short Report on my visit to GDR and (3) Half Yearly Report (Jan.-June) 1979 of BEL. I am also enclosing letters and Reports for friends in GDR. Please pass them as to those friends. In these reports I have made some remarks and proposals, these are meant for our church members and leaders as well as for the friends in FRG and GDR.

I am very much concerned about the work is done in the missionfields as well as in many Anchals and Ilakas including in the Hd.Qrtrs. Ranchi. I have the fear that the BEL money is used very leisurely by the responsible persons in the Centre. Although it has been decided long ago that a separate Bank a/c be opened and all BEL amount be transferred to that a/c, but till now they have not yet done. Therefore, I would like to request you to withhold the next installment till the end of Sep. 79. So that the present amount, including the balance of 78, by non-payment to Surguja and Udaipur. The next installment be sent by the last week of Sep. and direct to the new bank a/c for BEL.

As informed in my last letter I am to go to Serampore next week for the part time teaching till the middle of Sep. 79. The problem of payment to the Surguja and Udaipur is not yet solved though an advance has been paid to Surguja. The situation in Hd. Qrts. Ranchi and in NW Anchal is very much uncertain, Dr.J.J.P.Tiga has filed a case against the new Anchal Adhyaksh and other officers of NW Anchal along with the Pramukh Adhyaksh and Mr. N.E.Horo. There are

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There are still more court cases specially in NW Anchal area including the old cases in the Centre.

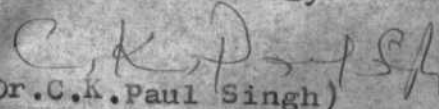
General political situation in India is also very much uncertain. After the resignation of the former Prime Minister Mr. Desai a new Prime Minister has been installed. Accordingly the Freedom of Religion Bill in the Centre falls out automatically. The new government may be very much friendly for the minorities, so also for the Christians, and accordingly the said Bill may not come. But we are not quite sure whether the present new government would last long. The similar chaotic situation is prevailing with the political situation in Bihar.

The monsoon in this part is not yet quite regular many parts of the country are deluged with floods, so also in Bihar. In our area rain is not sufficient, farmers are finding difficulties in transplanting rice and in other work.

In my last letter I had also informed that I am not willing to contest for the membership to the Kuratorium. This I had already expressed, when you were last time in India. That's why I did not send my short life sketch.

With kind regards and greetings,

Yours Sincerely


(Dr. C. K. Paul Singh)

Director, BEL.

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The 30-7-79



TO

The officers, KSS

The Pramukh Adhyaksh, Rev. P. D. Sorong

The Up-Pramukh Adhyaksh, Rev. Dr. M. Bage

The Treasurer, Mr. P. Topno

The Secretary, Mr. A. Lakra.

Dear Sirs,

I am very sorry to write this letter to you all, but in the interest of the BEL work I am compelled to do so. As you know, the BEL has expressed and requested for a separate Bank a/c for the BEL amount, and all amounts be transferred to this a/c, this was approved by the KSS in its meeting in Feb. 1979. I am very sorry that this has not been done inspite of my written and verbal request. I am afraid that amount of the BEL is being used for other purposes for which KSS has no right to do so. If this is the fact and due to this fact if the BEL work will suffer you will be held responsible for such irregularities and difficulties, of non payment to the workers.

Therefore, it is my humble request to do the needful to avoid such situation in the future.

Thanking you,

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✓ Director, GM

Yours Sincerely

C.K.P. Singh
(Dr. C.K. Paul Singh)

Director, BEL.

- 6. AUG. 1979

Half Yearly Report - (Jan-June) 1979.

This report is being prepared very late. I was waiting for the reports from the fields, till now only two supervisors have sent their reports.

The crisis in the church has affected the mission fields in various ways. Some of the workers are actively involved in it while others are taking advantage with a pretext to this situation, but are self lethargic. Two fields in NW Anchal area declared themselves to be the so called "NWGELC". On this declaration KSS stopped all payments to the said ^{mission fields} m/fs. By the end of June 79 Surguja field has taken a reverse steps declaring their loyalty to the KSS. But the situation is not quite clear. Advance amount has been already released for them. For Udaipur it is still uncertain, In this half of the year workers in Khuria area are also being paid as subsidy.

The following report is given in short :-

A, Tour Programme of the Director, BEL :-

Due to various meetings after few changes and postponements for which director has to stay back, usual tour programme in Jan/Feb. for Orissa m/f was to be cancelled. Generally lent season programme was thought for m/fs in Madhya Pradesh. But this also could not be carried out, due to above stated reasons.

The director visited Nepal as co-opted members of the UMN to participate in the 25th years Jubilee and Boards meeting in Kathmandu. This time he also took the chance along with other friends from GM to visit some of the projects started and run by the UMN. The Scheduled itinerary took the visitors to see hospitals, public health programmes, industries and technical centres, power projects-(electrical and Bio-gas), Schools and hostels. These projects are planned so as to help the government in Nepal for its development. From GM there are two workers and a couple undergoing Language course.

In the Bds. meetings special stress has been given for the involvement of Asian church in the UMN projects and for this Home Boards has been requested to co-operate. GM has taken already positive steps, only the GELC has to find out such co-workers who are fit for UMN projects.

Coming back from Nepal the Director BEL visited Germany for attending the Kuratorium meetings and the programmes as prepared by the GM.

A report has been also prepared on this visit :.

2. Publication : In this first half of the year the third enlarged edition of the Susmacharak Bhajanawali has been published and is ready for distribution and use. This time except some new Bhajans in various languages, some devotional songs are also added.

3. Projects : A project Reading Room/ Study and Cultural Centre by the BEL had been taken to Germany and with an advance copy discussed with the Director GM. There are some questions raised with this connection has been mentioned in the report on my visit to Germany. These questions have to be clarified and satisfactorily answered before we expect any assistance for the project, BEL and KSS along with the Bd. of properties have to take positive steps to implement the project .

4. Reports from the Fields :- The reports in the office are as follows :-

A. Kuchinda Area m/f : Orissa Anchal

The m/f covering the districts of Sundargarh and Sambalpur had 20 workers including two pastors till April ' 79. In the month of May the Anchal has appointed two more workers for the area. The mission work in the area was very much routinal one, as in previous year. The work was very much directed to consolidate the congregations. Much time was spent for construction works, in addition to the Sunday School, Night School and other regular features of the regular work.

The major construction work and repair work are being done in Kuchinda, the centre of the area. There were also other places where construction and repair works were carried out. In one place the pracharak took the initiative to dig a well and taking some loan and help from others he completed the work. Similarly the left out construction work in Kulpal has been again restarted. Some of these also need some financial help and to this effect request has been made.

Although there are hopes that the area would flourish in near future, there were no adult baptisms in this half year. In some places there are Catechumen but due to some of the known reasons in the state they have not been baptised. The m/f centralised a total field income of Rs.3775.50 being adjusted to the payments of Rs. 46805.75 for the field.

B. SE Area m/f : SE Anchal

The m/f covering the districts of Midnapure (Bengal) Mayurbhanj (Orissa) and Singhbhum of Bihar has altogether 58 workers

including seven pastors.

The field adopted and continued the same means and ways of work to preach the Gospel which were used in the previous years, - individual and group approach, prayer meetings and campaign, helping the sick etc. In this half year there were 66 adult baptisms in the area. To consolidate the congregations, there were routinal programmes: like Sunday School, night schools, prayer-meetings, Bible Classes, monthly meetings, the programme of night schools is not quite successful.

In some places (Jagnathpur, Hessapi, Udalkom) new constructions have been done, in other places (Nakti, Shishibaha, Kanpur) repair works were carried out. Land plots have been also purchased during these months. The field income of Rs. 50559.59 has been adjusted from the field towards its payment of Rs. 78745.34 for salaries etc.

Some remarks and proposals

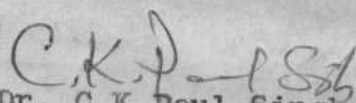
1. The amount meant for the evangelistic work is being made instrument for the church politics and for personal revenge. Many of the workers and authorities have involved them-selves so much in the church politics that they have much less time to think of mission work. It will be good and helpful for the m/fs if such things are not continued in the evangelistic work.
2. The Anchals who are direct responsible and authority for the m/fs have very often only claimed their authority, but did not care for the responsibility they have for the areas. There should be more co-operation and co-ordination between the fields and the Anchals.
3. In this first half of the ^{year} ~~area~~ many congregations and Ilaka have approached the director that they be accepted as mission-fields- perhaps to get the money. These are diaspora work or are the missionfields of the Ilakas. The Anchals should take active interest to involve the Christians and congregations of the Ilakas and Anchals to take part in the mission work. It is unfair to go away from the agreed policy of taking over mission congregation into Ilaka and not the other way to take the congregations of the Ilakas as mission congregations.
4. It has been requested by the BEL and also approved by the KSS that a separate Bank ^{account} a/c be opened for BEL and whole amount of BEL be transferred to the same. It is almost six months passed, but this has not yet been done; On reminder and request to this effect it has been always answered ; it is being done,

Is it an irresponsible attitudes towards the BEL work or is there a selfish motive or is it only a negligence can be answered by the persons concerned only. There can be no better reminder or request than to ask them to implement the decision without further delay.

Thankfully submitted,

Ranchi,

The 25 July, 1979.


Dr. C.K. Paul Singh
Director, BEL

Dr. Paul Singh
G.E.L.Church
Ranchi, Bihar
India

17.7.1979

Dear Dr. Singh,

Please, find enclosed some photos for you and some for Rev. Tete, which should remind you of your visit to Germany in 1979.

I would be very thankful if you could give the letter and the pictures to Rev. Tete.

Did you arrive safe and sound? We were a bit worried by the news from Flensburg that there may be something wrong with your health. But later we were informed that it had been nothing serious. I do hope, that you are well and that you will go on to feel well.

But we were so sorry that you could not join us in Mainz. We had a very interesting meeting at the end of the tour, discussing many questions of the life and of christianity in Germany. Actually, we could have gone on discussing after the two days.

From my comments to the various project proposals you can see that I try to discuss some basic questions of community development. I hope that my comments and questions are received in a good mood and that they are understood as contributions in a discussion, and not as some sort of interference or pressurising.

We are now keen to hear more about Indian politics. What about the Freedom of Religion Act? We are also keen to hear more about the churches in North India.

Best wishes for you in your work and many greetings to your family,

yours sincerely,



Siegwart Kriebel

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The 11 - 7 - 79



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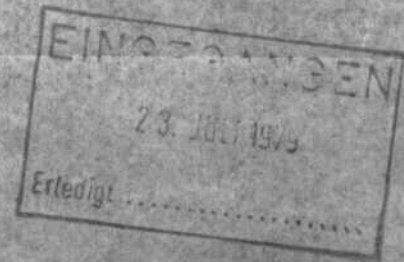
Pastor S. Kriebel

Director, GM

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Dear Brother Kriebel,

Today I received back some of my letters sent from here and also some letters addressed to Mainz. Thank you very much for the same.

I arrived here at Ranchi on the 1st July 1979 and I am doing well with my family and other co-workers in the office. I am very sorry that we could not talk before I left Germany for home. I wanted to discuss with you many things also about my membership in the Kuratorium. The letter sent by you - dt. 21-6-79 shows that I am to candidate for the same, but as I have already communicated you verbally when you were in India. I have no more wish for the membership, so I am not sending any short life sketch.

Meanwhile you might have received a letter from the Pramukh Adhyaksh that we are in process to pay the other workers in the area of so called NWGELC. An amount as Advance has been already paid to them. But till now not quite sure of the solution. With this payment made to them the problems are not solved. Some more problems are coming up - but that is our problem. I do not know whether you have already made any arrangement to pay them directly because it is already middle of July.

A separate account for BEL is not yet opened, I do not know where lies the difficulty, I am always asking for the same, but it is not yet done. I have the fear that ASS may use the BEL amount for other purposes.

I have been again asked to go to Serampore, but due to various inconveniences and also ~~my~~ due to Surguja and other matters I am not yet ready to go. Here it is still like summer monsoon has started but very little rain has fallen.

With best of my regards,

Yours Sincerely,

C. K. Paul Singh
Dr. C. K. P. Singh
Director, BEL.



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Date 5.4.79

Lieber Bruder Kriebel,

Sie haben vielleicht schon von Dr. Runge telefonisch erfahren, dass wir in Nepal einigen Projekten gemeinsam beschäftigt haben. Jetzt ist schon so weit, dass wir uns auf den Rückweg finden möchten, ~~obwohl~~ obwohl mir noch einen Tag haben bis die Sitzung zur Ende kommt.

Inzwischen haben wir auch einigen Punkten über Gossner Kirche und deren Lage diskutiert. Wir könnten hier auch den Amerikaner Dr. Neudoerfer helfen, von dessen Kirche 'der Missionar' zur NW-CELL nach Ranchi gekommen ist. Sie werden ja in Einzelheiten von dem Gespräch durch Frau Friederici sicher hören.

Frau Friederici hat auch erzählt, dass sie die Flugkarte für Rev. Tete und für mitgebracht — ich habe die Karte noch nicht bekommen, obwohl ich das Geld für beiden — je DM 50. — bekommen. Wie ich habe, dass ich diesmal mit Aero-Post fliegen werde, habe ich etwas Sorge, ob ich rechtzeitig mein 'P' Form clearance bekommen kann, so dass ich an dem gegebenen Tage mit O.K. fliegen kann. Weil ich schon die Flugkarte bekomme, werden die AIR INDIA Vertreter in Ranchi oder irgend welcher Reisebüro mir helfen werden, um 'P' Form clearance zu bekommen. Ich weiß nicht, ob ich später mit der selben Flugkarte fliegen darf, wenn ich einmal den O.K. verpasst habe, und ob es nötig ist, nach der Kuratoriumssitzung später nach Deutschland zu kommen.

Da ich das Geld habe, — DM. kann ich ohne weiteres vom Flughafen zum Haus der Mission kommen. So werde ich auf meiner Seite versuchen, doch rechtzeitig in Berlin anzukommen.

Mit herzlichen Grüßen,

Paul Sp

Berlin, April 2nd, 1979

Dear Dr. Singh,

Herr Kriebel would be very thankful if you could bring with you when coming to Germany the following two books:

1. Karokaran, Anto, "Evangelisation and Diakonia: A Study in the Indian Perspective", Bangalore, (Dharmaram Publications) 1978, pp. 285, Rs. 19.-
2. Rajaratnam, K. and Sitompul, A.A. (eds.) "Theological Education in Today's Asia", Madras (CLS) 1979, Rs. 12.-.

If your luggage should become too heavy by these books Herr Kriebel begs to ask Mr. Tete to bring them to Germany on occasion of his flight.

Thanking you in advance,

with kind regards,
yours,

Secretary

Rev. Dr. C.K. Paul Singh
GEL Church

Ranchi/Bihar

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Rev.
Dr.C.K.Paul Singh
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Berlin, March 21,1979

Dear Dr. Singh,

please be kind enough to bring with you when coming to Germany in April a small tin of mild curry powder. On occasion of your planned stay at Aurich this congregation intends to invite for an Indian meal and therefore needs this spice urgently.

Thanking you in advance, we remain,

with kind regards,
yours,



Secretary

Registered

March 9. 1979

Rev.Dr.C.K. Paul Singh
GEL Church


Ranchi / Bihar

India

Dear Dr. Singh,

enclosed please find bank draft TT/AN 464849 drawn on the United Bank of India, Ranchi, in favour of the GEL Church amounting to Rps 1,000.-.

With kind regards,
sincerely yours,


Secretary

Enclosure

Rev. Dr.C.K.Paul Singh
GEL Church

March 8, 1979

Ranchi/Bihar

India

Dear Dr.Singh,

enclosed please find a summary in english of Mr.Peters' and Mr. Kriebel's report on their visit to the GEL Church in November/December 1978.

A copy of the said summary was also mailed to:

Rev. Dr.Edward, UELCI
Rev.Ekka, Ranchi
Rev. Hecker, Karlsruhe,
Rev. Peters, Celle
Dr. Rajaratnam, LWF, Geneva
Rev. Soreng, Ranchi.

Kind regards, also to Mrs. Singh,
yours,

Secretary

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The 5.3.79



TO

Pastor S. Kriebel,
Director Gossner Mission
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Dear Brother Kriebel,

Thank you very much for your kind letter of 23.2.79.

As Rev. M. Tete is to travel after three years of time he would not require any 'P' form clearance. He can travel and FTS (Foreign Travel Scheme) for which he can travel without any exact indications of date and place.

Thank you very much also for the first installment and the additional grant. In the last BEL meeting itself I had requested the Board to decide that a separate bank account be opened for BEL and it has agreed and thereafter the KSS has also confirmed the same. I hope the treasurer KSS will have necessary steps to have open the bank account. The amount meant and sent for the sets of travelling equipments for the European guests remitted by Rev. Peters, can be transferred to our account only when we produce the receipt which is with you, the copy sent to me shows that it is a bank draft and not a money order.

So please send the same as soon as possible to collect the money hereby producing that bank draft in the bank here. Unless we produce that cheque, money shall not be transferred to our account.

I am very sorry that the matter in regard with "NW-GELC" is not yet clarified. The pramukh would write a letter with this regard

Thanking you,

Yours Sincerely,

C. K. P. - PS/b
Dr. C. K. Paul Singh (Director, BEL)

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Rev. Dr. C. K. Paul Singh
GEL Church

Ranchi/Bihar

February 27, 1979

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Dear Dr. Singh,

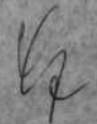
Herr Kriebel who just is in Western Germany kindly asks
you to buy for him the following publication

"The Church of South India after Thirty Years",
Christian Literature Society Madras, 1978,

and to bring it with you on occasion of your flight to
Berlin in April.

Thanking you in advance, and with best greetings from
the Berlin staff and compliments to Mrs. Singh,

yours,


secretary

The Church of South India after Thirty Years, Chr. Lit. Soc. Madras
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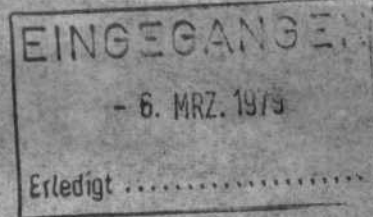
To

Pastor S. Kriebel

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Dear Brother Kriebel,

In the first half of this month I wrote a letter to you regarding my participation in the Kuratorium meetings. Please send the invitation letter and the PTA by the 25th of March 1979.

As you might be already informed, we had the KSS meetings on Feb. 15-20, 1979. I was expecting that some hard liner steps would be taken in regard with the "N.W.-GELC, but nothing of the kind has been taken.

It was decided that in Madhya Pradesh Anchal and NW Anchal new Adhyakshes be elected. As Rev. M. Tete did not go to Khutitoli he automatically ceases to be Adhyaksh and Rev. Dr. Tiga is a retired pastor he can not be the Adhyaksh- hence new elections.

This time I also participated in the KSS meetings as ~~an~~ co-opted for which I had resigned.

At present Pramukh Adhyaksh is out of station so I am also office in-charge. So I happened to read a letter from your office finance department in which transfer of amount have been informed.

In which DM 13,000.- has been indicated for "Theological College", I think it should have been meant for "Theological Education" or are you to send separate amount for Pracharak Training School and Serampore College Students? I think it will be good to explain to the Pramukh Adhyaksh to avoid any misconceptions.

With best of my regards,

Yours Sincerely

C. K. Paul Singh
Dr. C. K. Paul Singh, Director, BEL.

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Rev. Dr. Paul Singh
G.E.L.Church
Ranchi, Bihar
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23.2.1979

Dear Brother,

Many thanks for your letter dated 30.1.79 (7/79/BEL-2), for your Annual Report 1978 and for your letter re. your visit to Germany. You may know, that Rev. Martin Tete has been nominated by KSS to visit Germany in May and June, which is roughly the same time as your visit. Does he need the same sort of invitation letter as you do? Please, let us know. So far we have sent for him the same type as for you.


From the attached copy you can see that I have requested Rev. Soreng to release the money for all mission fields. Recently we sent a first instalment for 1979 of DM 50.000,- plus a last instalment for 1978 of DM 10.000,-, i.e. a total of DM 60.000,- for BEL. The DM 10.000,- for 1978 are meant to enable you to do some urgent building work or so. At the end of the year we suddenly were in a position to grant that extra money.

Rev. Ekka has requested that we should send the money for NW-GELC mission fields directly to him. For the time being we prefer to send all the money to BEL. But this will work only if the money is paid out regularly and if it is not used for church politics.

I heard that LWF and UELCI seem to plan to separate the two churches peacefully in April, 1979. If that should be the case, then the position of BEL will probably be completely different. If that attempt fails, then it may be wise to open a separate account for BEL. I have written to LWF and to UELCI that Gossner Mission will stick to the decision of our Kuratorium on its last meeting, i.e. that Gossner Mission will not participate in separating or re-uniting the two churches, but that we shall leave this problem entirely to our Indian friends. We shall therefore not join a meeting in April. But we shall acknowledge what ever solution may be mutually agreed upon between the two groups.

Please find also attached a copy of the money order, by which Rev. Peters has transferred the Rs 1.000,- to GELC account in Ranchi. I do hope that the money is traced soon.

So much this time.
Greetings to your wife and to your children.
Yours sincerely,


Siegwart Kriebel

In Ablichtung an
MD S. Kriebel. Ob Sie eine

Ranchi

22.12.79

Dear Rev Peters

Ablichtung der Ihnen zugesand-
ten Einzugsquittung an Dr. P. Singh senden?
'Er könnte dann vielleicht besser nachfor-
schen.
12.2.79

Thank you very much for your kind
Letter dt. 15th Jan. 1979 from Celle. I also
thankfully acknowledge your kind letter
dt 7th and 6th Dec. respectively in Delhi and Kathmandu.
I am very sorry to write this letter to
you so late.

I am happy to inform you that according
to your advice I have bought travel equip-
ments for two persons, as two guests from
East Germany were expected to visit our
Church. But unfortunately the two guests
did not come. I am still unable to find
out why the amount sent by you from
Delhi has not yet been transferred to
our account, i.e. we have not yet received
the amount sent by you. But then I bought
the equipments, because two guests were
to come.

'Die kleine Plastiktasche' has been already
sent through the Manager of Angam to your
daughter before the Christmas, and I hope
she might have already received the articles.
As the husband of Bahaleh is sick and is
in the hospital I am not able to see her.
But for the visit of Fr. Peters to Ranchi
I shall talk to the Pramuks Adhyaksh and
find whether she could be invited by us to
visit Ranchi.
With seasonal greetings, also from my family.

Yours sincerely
C. K. Paul

Gossner Mission

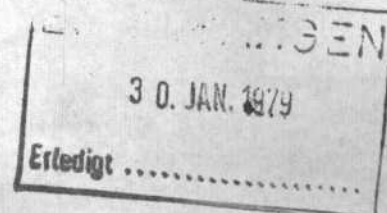
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25. 1. 1979
GM / Fr-K1

Dr. C.K. Paul Singh
Board of Evangelism and Literature
G.E.L. Church Ranchi

Bihar / India



Dear Dr. Singh,

thank you very much for your letter of January 9th. Yes, we are looking forward to also meet you in Nepal. Dr. Runge from Berlin, Mr. Vögeli from Geneva and myself are planning to visit Nepal. We hope to arrive at Kathmandu on March 13th and we plan to have a three week in-country trip, visiting some of the UMN projects. This includes some climbing and some very primitive night-stops. Please bring your bedding and good walking shoes!

Dr. Runge has to leave Nepal by the end of March, but we hope that you, Mr. Vögeli and myself can stay ~~still~~ until April 7th.

The UMN General Conference with all the 25th anniversary celebrations will be from April 2nd to April 4th, the UMN Board meeting on April 5th and 6th. It would be good if you could stay that long to attend all these meetings.

As soon as I know the agenda of the UMN meetings I will let you know. Also I will send you the necessary addresses etc. and also our detailed time-table as soon as possible.

Please may I ask you one other favour. As you know we hope to have a group of Gossner-friends coming to India in October. We hope to stay at Ranchi from 1.11. - 6.11. and have asked our travel agent to book rooms for us in the SE Railway Hotel. Funnyly we received the answer that there is no hotel by that name in Ranchi. We opposed this news. But to be on the safe side could you kindly contact the SER Hotel and ask if rooms for us are reserved? If not please book the rooms for us. We need about 10 single and 5 double rooms.

Concerning the programme for our visitors we will send some suggestions soon to the Pramukh Adhyaksh in a later letter.

Thank you very much for your kind help. My best wishes to you and your family.

Yours

(Dorothea Friederici)

Gossner Mission

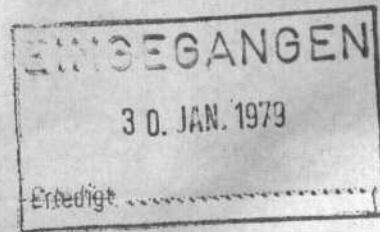
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25. Januar 1979
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Dr. C.K. Paul Singh
Board of Evangelism and Literature
G.E.L. Church Ranchi

Bihar / India



Lieber Dr. Singh,

mit der Einladung für Ihre Frau haben wir einige Schwierigkeiten. Grundsätzlich ist es ja so, dass kein offizieller Auftrag für Ihre Frau besteht, nach Nepal zu reisen. Wir haben in einem anderen Fall Dr. Minz abgelehnt, die Reisekosten für seine Frau zu übernehmen und es ist nun schwierig, die Reise Ihrer Frau zu begründen.

Ist es möglich

- a) dass Ihre Frau von den Gossner-Ladies beauftragt wird, Nepal zu besuchen? Dann könnten wir die Kosten übernehmen.

oder

- b) dass die Reise als Privatreise läuft. Für die Unterkunft etc. in Nepal würde ich natürlich sorgen.

Ich persönlich würde mich riesig freuen, wenn Ihre Frau auch nach Nepal kommen würde. Meine Frage ist nur, ob die Kletterei etc. nicht zu anstrengend für sie wäre. Mir würde es viel mehr Spass machen, auch eine weibliche Reisebegleitung zu haben und nicht nur Männer. Aber siehe oben.....

Bitte antworten sie bald, ob a) oder b) infrage kommen, damit ich dementsprechend nach Nepal schreiben kann.

Herzliche Grüsse an Sie und Ihre Frau und die Kinder,

Ihre

(Dorothea Friederici)

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Ref. Memo. No 7/79/BEL-2



G. E. L. Church, Ranchi
Bihar/India
Phone 23359

The 30.1.79

Dear Brother P. Kriebel,

Thank you very much for the reports of your visit to our GELC, at this point I am not making any comment, however, when time comes and if it will be necessary I shall make some observations. As Dr. Bage knows German and as he would my successor in the Kuratorium I have given the report to him that he may read and form his own opinion and guide the KSS and other committee members along with some suggestions acceptable to them. As you might have come to know that for the current KSS term in the pramukhship of Rev. P.D. Soreng I have withdrawn myself from KSS Bds, committee, except the BEL, so I have no time and platform to speak out some of your suggestion, though time and again I have pronounced some unofficial statements and my opinion.

The situation in the church is almost the same, except that the Missionfields in Madhya Pradesh; i.e. Udaipur and Surguja are gone to the NW GELC. I could not conduct the Refresher Course for them, they also have not received their amount due, I did not get Bills, or any letter concerning to their payment, they also did not come. I do not know what to do, however I may visit in the first week of February and try to find out their arrangements if any. I also not know, whether they get any help directly from other sources.

According to BEL account we have still the money with us of these fields. These last days I have asked the Pramukh Adhyaksh, the Treasurer and the Hd. Accountant Mr. S. Bhengra not to use the balance money for other purpose, as in past years Kss has once done. Therefore I would like to have the account and statements of the BEL money with the KSS but till now not done. Therefore I would like to request you if you have not yet transferred the BEL amount of GM grant, you may transfer the first instalment by the end of Feb. or beginning of March with a copy of information to me also. I would also like that the grant of GM for Mission Work be sent directly to a separate account to be opened and operated by the Kss itself so that such grants cannot be channelised for other KSS works and be a loss to the BEL. I shall bring this point in

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the next BEL meeting and then to KSS during the next meetings ~~exist~~ to be held from 15th - 18th Feb. 1979.

As I have not yet received reports I am unable to send the yearly report, though I have prepared the report for my part. In the beginning of the year I wrote a letter to Fran. Friederici about the exact date of programmes in Nepal, ~~and~~ i.e. when I have to ~~some~~ arrive in Nepal and join the GM-Group etc, but till now I have not yet received any information I would like to have the same in order to adjust with my programmes here.

As informed by the Vice-Chairman Rev. Peters that he is sending Rs. 1000/- for buying traveling back, with its other items, but as I was told by Mr. Bhengra that it has not yet been transferred to GELC account, but as two German guests from GDR were coming - who actually did not come, I bought the travelling bags with the required articles. After waiting some more weeks I shall write to Rev. Peters also so that he may enquire about the matter.

I hope you had a good meeting in Mainz and could make some useful decisions for the future programmes and works of the GM in Germany and out side Germany.

With best of my regards

Yours Sincerely,

C.K. Paul Singh
Dr. C.K. Paul Singh
Director, BEL.

Ps Please convey my greetings to Miss Martin, I have not yet written to her that her account is closed and the amount given through you could not be deposited. I may kindly be informed for its further use and purpose.

C.K. Paul Singh

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Ref. Memo No 70/78/BEL-2

The 26-10-78



Pastor S. Kriebel
Mission Director
Handjery Str. 19/20
1000 Berlin 41



Dear Brother Pastor Kriebel,

I hope that you have fully prepared yourself for the trip to India. We are also planning variously to make your visit of the GELC a good success.

Last week I visited the Mission Field in Assam and we had a four-days Refresher Course with the workers and the Bible class with the Christian congregations. It was a nice experience to have such programmes for the first time in that Mission Field and I hope that the Mission Field has been benefitted with the programme. They are also expecting your visit. I am glad that you would first go to Calcutta and apply for the permit. Dr. Bage may be able to help you if you can inform him by telegramme where you would stay etc. Herewith I would like to advise you to apply for permit as private person to see some interesting places (like Tejpur Usha Hills; Tinsikia, Jorhat, Kaziranga, National Park, etc, and also to visit some of personal friends like Messrs, G. Tiru Tezpur J. Topno in Tezpur, etc.

You may also ask the officer in-charge where you apply that he may also suggest some places.

With best of my regards,

Yours Sincerely

C. K. Paul Singh
(Dr. C. K. Paul Singh)
Director BEL.

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Phone 23358

Ref. Memo No 57/78/BEL-2

The 23 - 9 - 78.



Paster S. Kriebel
Mission Director
Handjery str. 19/20
1000 Berlin 41

Dear Brother Pastor Kriebel,

Though it is rather late I am herewith sending the budget for Evangelistic work 1980 for your consideration and actions. As the budget has been discussed in our Board I am sending the Minutes itself so that you can go through it and can understand the back ground of the recommendation of the total amount. There are also some notes for each item of the budget. Finally we have also mentioned that we would like to hear from you the policy of your work and grant for the GEL Church. Some of the questions are as follows:-

1. How much is the highest amount GM can give as grant or would the GM grant without limit? ie. according to our submitted amount or GM's own budget?
2. Would GM give grants for the fields even for the projects of School Development programmes like agriculture, dispensary etc.?
3. What about Palamau? For this we got in past years some special grants from GM and also individuals (P. Barutta etc.). In the past it has been said that the field seems to be a diaspora work there no regular budget was included what would be your policy?

Including myself some of us know the attitude and policy of your predecessor but our Board as well as KSS would like know your also. Therefore I am sending the budget and also some of these remarks so that you may be able to make yourself ready to have discussions with this regard.

Thanking you with many Greetings,

Encl. as stated above

PS Mr. J. Lakra was here for his mother's burial, he visited me also at my office, we could not discuss any thing due to shortness of time,
PS: jh

Yours Sincerely

C. K. Paul Singh
(Dr. C. K. Paul Singh)

Director, BEL.

Ref. Memo.No. 52/78/BEL-2

Date 12-9-78.

Pastor S.Kriebel
Mission Director, Gossner Mission
Handjery sstr. 19/20
1000 Berlin - 41



Dear brother Kriebel,

Thank you very much for your kind letters and also copies of some letters written to the church leaders. As I was for the most time in past month in Serampore I could not reply you. On 9.9.78 I came back from Serampore and shall be staying now here attending my duties. So this is the first letter I am writing after coming back. Yesterday I was quite busy to sign some of the bills and talking to various persons with the problems.

I had a nice time in Serampore and it was a quite different experience with some international and interdenominational teachers with students almost from all parts of India. As pastor Kloss, who is now in Berlin is unable to come for Oct. - Dec. term the College wanted to retain me for that term also, but as I have already set programmes for here I shall not be able to stay there. Of course College would be very glad to retain me for more years. This I could not say, as at the present situation of our church I do not like to leave the church. Any how the matter is still open. According to the programme you are also expected to visit Serampore on your way to Assam. The College is contacting different Missions for support. As we have planned for you to visit Assam but it will be necessary that you have to obtain permission to visit Assam. Pastor Seeberg can tell something more about this. I would like to suggest that it will be good if you can first go direct to Calcutta and apply for the permission and from Calcutta come to Ranchi. As per your advice we have agreed to conduct the Pastors Refresher Course from Nov. 5 (arrival) to 7, 1978. We have discussed the matter with the Pramukh Achyaksh and it has been agreed upon that the invitation would go to all the pastors, including that of the "NWA-GELC". But most probably they may not join us. As you have written to Rev. Ekka that you would like to have the Refresher Course with other pastors also, even separately. Of course they will be glad, and they may interpret it for their recognition by you (and the Gossner Mission) or their separate Church. At this point I am unable to suggest anything. As you have almost indicated that you would help them in future also even if separated. For us the matter is rather difficult for Court-Case purpose. If they will actually separate themselves from Gossner is,

we may not have any difficulty to correspond, sit and talk together, difficulty for us is that they are still crazy for GELC, they still attach themselves to GELC. They have prepared new constitution for themselves, but still now they do not dare to elect their officers on according to that new constitution, because they fear, with this action they may be totally out of GELC.

I hope when you will be here, you will get more clear picture.

During Nov. 19-25, 78 I have a programme in Madras, this may require me from Nov. 16-28, 78, and thus I may not be able to accompany you in your tour. Do you prefer that I should accompany you or you can manage with others also? I have a substitute also, who can go to Madras in my place, if you think that I have to accompany you in the tour programme. You may write either way after discussing with pastor Seeborg. According to the programme you are to stay only for few days, what is your opinion do you like to stay in any hotel or in Lal Bungalow? It will be good if would express your wish so that arrangements could be made accordingly.

We are really thankful for your visit and many are expecting that you will be able to settle the problems of our church. Though I have told the friends here that your visit has different purpose.

Herewith I am sending our Half Yearly Report 1978 (Jan. - June) for your information and record. At this point I would like to add if the 3rd instalment of the Grant for Mission work has not yet been sent to our account, please instruct your office to do the same. With many greetings to you all.

Yours Sincerely,

C. K. Paul Singh
(Dr. C. K. Paul Singh)

Director, BEL.

Enc!

As stated above .

P.S. Viele Grüße auch an Seeborg u. Familie und auch an Ihre Familie.

Jetzt versucht die andere Gruppe NWAndal ein Gerichtsverfahren zu einleiten - gegen die herausgehende Gruppe.

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C. E. L. Church, Ranchi
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Phone 23358

Ref. Memo. No 42/78/BEL-18

The 11th July, 1978.

TO

The Supervisor,
Rev. S. Tirkey,
G.E.L. Church M/F.,
Udaipur/M.P.



Dear Sir,

Our files and record show that you have not yet submitted your Yearly report(1977) and financial statement for that year. Similarly you have also not yet furnished the Mess A/C. of the last Refresher Course held in Lureg (Dec. 1977). You are very urgently requested to furnish the above mentioned items latest by the 1st August '78.

This is a gross negligence on your part and if so continues I may be compelled to withhold the total payment for the field. Therefore for the interest of the field please do the needful and oblige.

Thanking you,

Yours Sincerely,

C. K. Paul Singh
(Dr. C.K. Paul Singh)
Director, BEL.

- cc: 1. N.W.A. Office
2. Gossner Mission Berlin.

* At present only your allowance is being deducted, also for the months it has been already paid by mistake.

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Eingegangen

- 7. JULI 1978

Erledigt:

30th June 1978

Dr Paul Singh
4 GELC Compound
Ranchi
Bihar
INDIA

Zur Ablage

Aktenplan-Nr. 1123/2

Datum 14.7.78

Handzeichen P.

Dear Dr Singh

A letter from Miss Dorothea Friederici indicates that GELC may be interested in joining UMN as a member body. If this is so the procedure is as follows.

GELC officially should write a letter to me requesting such membership. I will refer it to the Board of Directors at its meetings in April 1979 - the Board takes action on such matters.

Membership implies, of course, acceptance of the UMN Constitution and Bye-Laws. It also implies contributing with full financial support one or two missionaries, who are called UMN Board Appointees or an annual grant of at least Nepali Rs.10,000 or both. This entitles the member body to appoint one representative on the Board of Directors. A member body contributing three or more Board Appointees will be entitled to two representatives on the Board.

With each Board Appointee, in addition to full financial support, an annual per capita grant of Nepali Rs.7,200.00 is expected from the member body. This money received for all UMN Board Appointees is the basic financial support for the on going programme of UMN, including expenses for housing and travel of Board Appointees.

If there is further information I can give to you please let me know.

Cordially yours

GMR
Gordon M Ruff
Executive Secretary

c.c Miss D. Friederici ✓
Gossner Mission.

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30. 6. 1978
GM - Fr/K1

Rev.
Dr. C.K. Paul Singh
GEL church

Ranchi / Bihar
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Dear Dr. Singh!

Thank you very much for your letter of June 13th. I hope this letter will come to you with the Heckers. Just in case the German post does not work I send a copy to you by mail.

Well, this is really bad that UMN can not accept the couple. If we would send the lady to New Delhi, knowing that she will not go to Nepal., I fear there will be 200 or more requests for scholarships quite soon. After talking to Siegwart Kriebel we both came to the resolution that we will wait for a next candidate or two who have a chance of going to Nepal. The offer of a scholarship for two nurses still stands. Sorry it can not be this one. I hope the lady will understand our reasons.

Please try to find one or two other nurses who are willing to serve in Nepal for about three years. -

I suppose the monsoon has come here. It rains a lot and is terrible. We wonder if summer forgot to drop in in Germany. But never the less we try to survive, even having to wear cardigans and sweaters all the time.

Please give my greetings to Mrs. Singh and to all friends.

Yours

Dorothea

(Dorothea Friederici)

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Ref. Memo. No. 29/78/BEL-28

The 13th June, 1978.



Frau D. Friederici,
Albert Schweitzer Str. 115/115
65 Mainz (a.B)
W. Germany.

Dear Frau Friederici,

It is to inform you that I arrived here without much difficulty. I had some troubles in Delhi, due to delay in customs clearance, though not personally.

It was very pleasant for me to be back in my country, that is in a very milder climate. In Delhi was much rain, so that temperature has come down to 24°. In Ranchi also it rains daily and the temperature has become very pleasant.

Meanwhile two letters have come to my office are from Delhi Nursing Training Centre informing me that our candidate can be admitted for the Public Health Nursing and the expense is ca. Rs. 300.- the initial expenses are extra - may come to Rs 1000.- we have to reply very soon, whether we would send our candidate for training or we would drop the matter.

Another letter I received is from UMN, in which they write that Nurse is well qualified and she can be taken but her husband is not up to the mark for appointment in Nepal. The UMN can only consider acceptance i.e. of any married worker provided husband and wife ~~wife~~ were equally suitable, were both offered as workers, and were able to be assigned to the same location. According to this letter it seems that the Nurse can not be send for training, because she would be able to go to Nepal. Your opinion to this matter will be highly appreciated. Because it is the Gossner Mission, who will pay her expenses. Please therefore advise me, whether to send her for higher training or not.

We all are doing well and send you hearty Greetings.

Yours sincerely,

C. K. Paul Singh

(Dr. C. K. Paul Singh)
Director, BEL.

Rev. Dr. C.K. Paul Singh
G.E.L. Church Compound
Ranchi, Bihar
India

15.6.1978

Dear Brother,

Many thanks for your letter from Frankfurt Airport. We do hope that you arrived at home safe and sound. Please convey our greetings to everyone in the GELChurch.

In the meantime I met Rev. Peters, and he is prepared to come to India together with me, in November this year, provided that he will be in good health at that time.

With regard to our programme in India, Rev. Peters has suggested a few points. He proposes that we should not miss the mission area to the West, and industrialised places like Jamshedpur, Rourkela, and the Bible School at Govindpur. But I am sure, that you would have planned a visit to those places anyway.

Rev. Peters and myself are both agreed that the purpose of our visit is not representation, neither do we want to represent any legal body in Germany, nor do we expect that you will arrange for official representative meetings, but rather for informal visits where we get to know each other. In this way we hope to encourage each other in the Christian witness for the Lord, to understand each other better, and perhaps to pave the way a bit for formal negotiations between the GELC and her German partners.

For your information I enclose a copy of a letter from Jan Jernaes.

With best regards
yours sincerely,

LS
Siegwart Kriebel

Sehr Verehrte Herr P. Knebel

AIR PORT
Frankfurt (AM)

Ich Frankfurt bin ich
rechtzeitig angekommen. Habe ich
mein Gepäck schon abgegeben. So habe ich
etwas Zeit um diesen Brief an Sie
zu schreiben.

Hiermit möchte ich Ihnen allen sehr
herzlichen Danken, für alles, was Sie
für mich gemacht haben. Auch

Ich möchte auch allen, die Offore
sind sehr herzlich danken.

Herr Lahra war noch mal in Det-
mund gekommen um mit mir zu
sprechen, aber er hat nichts neues ge-
sagt.

Ich möchte ich freuen wenn Sie mir
bald schreiben können, wer mit Ihnen
nach Indien fährt - so bald das festge-
stellt ist.

Mit herzlichen Grüßen,
Ihr
Paul S.

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Ref. Memo. No 29/78/BEL-2

The 14th June, 1978.



To

The Mission Director,
Pastor S. Kriebel,
Handjerystr. 19/20,
1 Berlin 41,
W. GERMANY.

Dear Brother P. Kriebel,

Herewith I would like to inform you that I reached here without much problems. I had some difficulties at Delhi, due to customs formalities - but not personally involved.

As there was more than 1½ hrs time to catch my plane on the same day for Ranchi the AIR INDIA representative argued that I shall not have Nighthalt facilities on AIR INDIA cost. They also said that they had no information from Berlin, so I had to arrange by myself. I stayed in YMCA International Guest House.

When I arrived at Delhi the climate has already become cooler, because it already started raining. In Ranchi also it is almost raining every day since I arrived here.

I have already given my oral report to the Pramukh Adhyaksh about my visit and talk in Germany. I hope he will write very soon as reply to your letter.

The training of a nurse for services in Nepal under UMN is almost failed. The UMN wrote to me that her husband can not be appointed in Nepal with his present qualification. As such wife (Nurse) also cannot be taken to UMN service. To this effect I also wrote a letter to Frau Friederici, Mainz. Only if she (Nurse) agreed to work in ~~our~~ our Church in any of the dispensaries she can be deputed for training with the help of Gossner Mission.

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Please convey my Greetings and thanks to Seebergs family.

With thanks and Greetings to you all,

Yours sincerely,

(Dr. C.K. Paul Singh)

Director, BEL.

No. 178

From - Sri Basant Kumar Hemrom,
The Headmaster,
Plathpur High School, Koronjo,
At & P.O. Koronjo, Dist. Ranchi,
Pin-835226.

To

Rev. Dr. C.K. Paul Singh,
The Director, B.E.L.,
G.E.L. Church, Ranchi-1, &
Member of G.E.L. Church to Kuratorium,
West Germany, and
Chairman, Relief and Development Committee,
G.E.L. Church, Ranchi-1.

Subject: Plathpur High School Office was set on fire
on the 30th April, 1978 at midnight.

Dear Rev. Doctor,

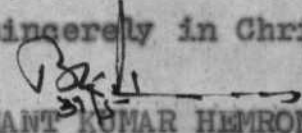
Myself and on behalf of my staff I extend to you
our Christian greeting and love. We pray for your good
health while you stay abroad and happy return to India and
the Church.

On 30th April, 1978 about midnight I suppose the
High School Office was set on fire. I was awoken with a
loud voice with my neighbour Assistant Teacher, Mr. Zechariah
Minj et about 1.00 A.M. on 1st May, '78 at night. I rushed
to the school and saw by the time the fire had taken a se-
rious turn. All of the school office building was burning.
I rushed to the door and found that the door was opened.
Some miscreants had broken through the door and set the school
office on fire. As a result of that school office along
with all valuable records burnt to ashes.

May I, therefore, at this time of trial and tribu-
lation pray your co-operation, help and sympathy. Please
pray for us.


Yours sincerely in Christ,

Encl. 6 Photos


(BASANT KUMAR HEMROM),
Headmaster,
Plathpur High School,
KORONJO

No. 12, Koronjo, dated the 31 May, 1978.

Copy forwarded to the Premukh Adhyaksha, G.E.L. Church,
Ranchi for information.


Headmaster,
Plathpur High School,
Koronjo.

Rev. Dr. Paul Singh
G.E.L.Church
Ranchi
Biahr, India

3rd March, 1978

Dear Brother Singh,

Many thanks for your letters dated 9th Feb., 1978, Nos. BEL/8&9/78, with the attached information and with your contribution to our "Gossner Mission". You will find it printed in our next issue. I thank you very much for that lively report.

We were all happy to learn that Sister Elisabeth has returned to Purnapani. This is good news, I think.


Your letter to Pastor Wassermann in East-Berlin will be forwarded on the usual way.

We were also happy to learn that there may be a couple prepared to join the United Mission to Nepal. Let us wait and hope.

You have asked me about the next Kuratorium meeting at the end of April in Mainz, actually on 27th and 28th April, 1978. As I can see from the various news of the last weeks, I suppose that the G.E.L.C. will provide important parts of the agenda of that meeting. Therefore I consider it to be not only desirable, but even necessary, that the Indian member of the Kuratorium should be present, if possible. That means, that I do encourage you to come. To make things easier, we include the necessary document as usual.

Let us hope for the best concerning the relationship between Christians and congregations and even churches in India and Germany, and let us pray that God may guide us all, not to follow our own desires but His will.

Yours sincerely,


Siegwart Kriebel

- The Chairman -

March 6, 1978

C e r t i f i c a t e

To whom it may concern

It is herewith certified that

Rev. Dr. C.K. Paul Singh,
GEL Church, Ranchi/Bihar,

has been invited to come to Germany from April 24th 1978 to July 5th 1978.

Rev. Dr. Singh represents in our Kuratorium (Board of Supervisors) the GEL Church, Ranchi. He is awaited to attend the Kuratorium's meeting from April 27th to April 28th 1978 in Mainz/Germany.

Further he is expected to represent the GEL Church at a Mission Festival of the Berlin Mission Works to be held from May 26th to May 28th 1978 in Berlin and on different meetings in Westfalia, Hannover and Flensburg.

We hope that this visit of our distinguished guest will contribute to deepen and strengthen the fellowship between the Protestant Churches of India and Germany.

Gossner Mission will meet his travelling costs as well as all the costs of his stay.

Kuff.
D. Kurt Scharf DD
Bishop
Chairman

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Ref. Memo. No. BEL/14/78

Herrn Missionsdirektor
Pastor S. Kriebel
Gossner Mission, BERLIN

Lieber Bruder Pastor Kriebel!

Letzte Woche ich einen Brief an Sie geschrieben und glaube, daß Sie den Brief

mit anderen eingefügten Briefe auch bekommen haben. Hiermit möchte ich heute einigen Informationen und "eugkeiten Ihnen mitteilen.

Letzte Woche hatten wir KSS-Sitzungen u. haben wir einigen Beshlüße befaßt. Es waren zwei Freunde von der UELCI, die wir um Vermittlung für die Krise in der Kirche gebeten hatten. Es war möglich für die Freunde daß sie die Gruppe

zu einem Tisch um Gespräche bringen konnten. Aber keine Fortschritt is gemacht. Die KSS hat auch eine Komitee gebildet, es ist nur eine Zeitgewinnung für die andere Freunde der "NWA" GELC, ich persönlich sehe keine Möglichkeit daß die Brüder zu einer GELC kommen wollen. Es wurde vereinbart, daß die Komitee wieder in April zusammenkommt.

In unserer Sitzung wir hatten viel Zeit genommen um die Punkte zu diskutieren wie wir mit der Gossner Mission unsere Beziehungen haben werden! Der Brief von dem Kuratorium wurde vorgelegt aber der Dokument, welcher von "Vertreter beider Seite" untergeschrieben wurde, auch vorgelegt. Es wurde vehemently argumentiert, daß die Gossner Mission in ihrer zehn jährigen Programm kein platz für Gossner Kirche, daher diese direkte Beziehung von Kirche zu Kirche ist eingeleitet; in letzten Jahren wurde es gesagt, daß die GELC direkte Beziehungen mit der Kirche haben durfte, aber die Gossner Mission verhinderte diese Möglichkeit und sogar verhinderte, daß die Projekte GELC nicht weiter kommen dürften.

Diese und noch andere wurde n erwähnt auf Grund der Mitteilung von Herrn R.J. Lakra, der z Zt in Köln arbeit und in Auftrag von D. Lokies und Borutta usw. Mitteilungen mitgebracht hatte. Sie argumentierten auch auf Grund verschiedene Briefe, die entweder von P. Borutta u. anderen an die Freunde geschrieben wurden! Daher wurde es gesagt, daß die Gossner Mission keine große Interesse an der Gossner Kirche hat; GM spricht von neue Beziehungen, aber das ist nur eine Zeitverzögerung. Auf diesem Hintergrund sind die Beschlüsse befaßt so sollte auch der Termin um solches Gespräch verstanden werden.

Ich habe eine Mitteilung von UMN bekommen, daß ich die nächste Sitzung in Kathmandu teilnehme und hat mir gefragt ob ich an die Informationsreise teilnehme. Nach einem Schreiben im Protokoll der NEPAL Komm. habe ich ähnlich vverstanden, Wollen Sie bitte mir schreiben wann u. wo ich eintreffe die ganze Programm mitmachen zu dürfen.

Wie steht mit der Sonder Sitzung des Kuratoriums, wo die die Programmen der Gossner Mission gründlich diskutiert werden sollte? Ich weiß nicht genau, ob ich an die nächste Sitzung des Kuratoriums teilnehmen soll. Besonders, wenn die Kuratoren selbst nicht so einigt sind, wie die Beziehungen mit der GELC in Zukunft sein soll. Daher möchte ich Sie bitten, um diese Punkte mir zu informieren und Rat zu geben.

Mit herzlichen Grüßen,

bleibe ich in Verbundenheit

C. K. Paul Singh
Dr. C. K. Paul Singh

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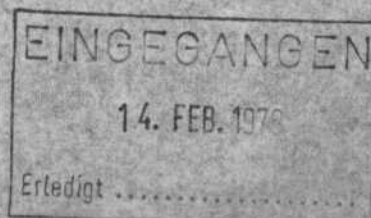


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Phone 23358

Ref. Memo. No. BEL/8/78

The 9th Feb. 1978.

Pastor M. Seeberg
bei Gossner Mission
1 Berlin 41
Handjerystr. 19/20
WEST GERMANY.



Dear Brother Seeberg,

Thank you very much for your letters, regarding (1) Sister Elisabeth and (2) an article for magazine.

I had enquired about the persons responsible for the Dispensary in Purnapani, but it took much time, meanwhile I received a letter from Elisabeth telling me that she had already joined the work in Purnapani. It seems that she has also written a letter to Germany. Sister Ilse Martin was also mentioning about the news. I hope you also have already heard about this.

Herewith I am sending my written article for the magazine in English. For the word Non-christian was rather confusing that's why I have mixed the points, I hope you will be able to use the same in any form.

The German guests have already left Ranchi for Amgaon. It may be possible that you shall be able to hear from them earlier than this letter will tell you. Almost all our programmes were successful. The guests could visit many congregations and also participate in the 125th year Jubilee of Bethesda Schools. Its Total time was very short.

With best of my regards and Greetings,

Yours sincerely,

C. K. Paul Singh
(Dr. C. K. Paul Singh)

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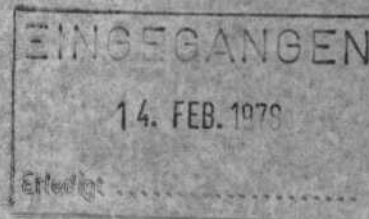
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Ref. Memo. NoBEL/9/78

The 9th Feb. 1978.



Pastor S. Kriebel
Mission Director, Gossner Mission,
1 Berlin 41
Handjerystr. 19/20
WEST GERMANY.

Dear Brother Kriebel,

First of all I would like to congratulate you being installed in the office of Mission Director of the Gossner Mission and wish you God's blessing and guidance in your work, and hope that our co-operation and working together shall be for His glory.

Herewith I am sending my yearly report to you for your information and for further information to the friends, congregations, and various groups.

X I am also sending as enclosure a letter addressed to Pastor Wasserman in Georgkirch str. Please pass on the same to the addressee.

Just today we received the information from Hamburg that the amount for Evangelistic work is on the way, but the letter of 25.I.78 has not yet been received. Thank you very much for the first installment of the grant sent to us.

After reading the minutes and decisions of the Kuratorium meeting held in January '78 I shall be able to make my programme whether I shall attend the next Kuratorium meeting in April '78.

Next week we are expecting some friends from other Lutheran Churches who would be coming here to help us for solving the ongoing crisis in the Church. We shall also have our KSS meetings in the same week. I shall let you know if any major decision shall be made and if any good outcome of the talks with friends from other Lutheran Church would be significant.

After the meeting I shall be out to visit three mission fields which shall last till the 21st March, 1978.

It is most probable that a nurse will be ready for a training in Delhi and thereafter to go to Nepal, her husband is Fudi trained youngman he would also like to accompany her. I have asked them to submit me their certificates so that I can send them to UMN and find out whether the youngman will be of any use for UMN. Frau Friederici had advised me

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advised me in that line. I hope if every thing will be cleared this couple from our Church may work in Nepal under UMN.

With best of my regards and Greetings,

Yours sincerely,


(Dr. C.K. Paul Singh)
Director, BEL.

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3. Januar 1978

Rev.Dr.C.K.Paul Singh
GEL Church

Ranchi/Bihar

Indien

Lieber Bruder Singh!

Herzliche und gute Wünsche für Sie und Ihre Mitarbeiter, dass das Jahr 1978 in der Gossnerkirche ein besseres werden möchte als das vorbeigegangene!

Elisabeth Pradhan, die im Sommer Purnapani verlassen hat, schrieb plötzlich aus Bombay. Sie sei krank gewesen und möchte gern nach Purnapani zurückkehren. Weder Schwester Ilse noch ich haben den Mut, ihr zu antworten, bevor wir wissen, was die Leute in Purnapani in dieser Angelegenheit denken und wünschen. Die Dispensary wird zur Zeit ja wohl geschlossen sein, und das ist sicher ein Ärgernis. Ob Elisabeth oder eine andere Schwester einen neuen Anfang macht, müssten die Verantwortlichen in Purnapani entscheiden. Bisher verantwortlich hat sich Mr.Hemrom gezeigt; jedoch ist dieser aus der Gemeinde ausgeschlossen worden. Wissen Sie jemand, mit dem Sie über dieses Problem sprechen können, - Pramukh Adhyaksh, Adhyaksh, Ilaka-Chairman?? Ob es in Purnapapi ein arbeitsfähiges Dispensary-Committee gibt, möchte ich bezweifeln. Was ist also zu tun?

Viele Grüße, auch an Ihre Frau, von

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Ref. Memo. No. BEL/61/77

The 20th September, 1977.

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To

The Missiondirector,
Pastor M. Seeberg,
Gossner Mission,
1 Berlin, 41.



Dear Brother Seeberg,

Thank you very much for your kind letter. As I had expressed not to attend the Kuratorium Meeting in October, I have already planned some programmes, Bible class, Refresher Course etc. Now as per desire and request I shall be attending the meeting. But have some requests and points as follows:-

That the invitation letter be rewritten with a date of visit begining in the second week of October sometimes on 8 or 9, till 8 or 9 Nov. '77 (definite date be given) and mention a clear purpose of journey either to attend the meetings - with a separate programme of meetings, date, place; you may give some thing like pre-consultation meeting on Berlin, Main Meetings in Lippe - follow up Meetings in Flensburg(?) - free days - conclusion Meetings in Hanover/Berlin etc. or to visit congregations in different places with dates. Last time I had trouble to get 'P' form clearance because in the invitation no purpose was mentioned. This can be added just in the first para after the given date.... to attend the meetings or to visit the congregations (programme attached in a separate sheet of paper with your signature).

Accordingly I need some time for 'P' form clearance, please book the route from your end and send the 'PTA' to AIR INDIA, MAIN Rd., Ranchi, so that it can be easier to handle the matter.

With many greetings,

Yours sincerely,

C.K. Paul Singh
(C.K. Paul Singh)
Director, BEL, GELC.

Ps, 'Court Case' is still pending today is one date may be Advocate of the opposition party (Dr. Meier) would present his argument. There are still some rumours that NWAAGLE would go to court against the U.S. Meetings in the last week of this month.

2. When you have booked the route and send the 'PTA' information I would glad to receive information per telegram.

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12. September 1977
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Rev.
Dr. C. K. Paul Singh
GEL Church

Ranchi/Bihar

Indien

Lieber Bruder Singh!

Haben Sie herzlichen Dank für Ihren offiziellen sowie für Ihren privaten Brief vom 23. bzw. 24. August d.J. Ihre Mitteilungen kamen noch so rechtzeitig, dass ich die Informationen dem Indien-Ausschuss zu seiner Sitzung weitergeben konnte.

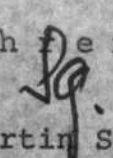
Ich kann Ihnen heute nicht ausführlich über den Sitzungsverlauf berichten, möchte Ihnen aber mitteilen, dass der Indienausschuss meiner Empfehlung, die finanziellen Zuwendungen an die Gossnerkirche im Laufe der nächsten Jahre zu vermindern, nicht gefolgt ist. Stattdessen wird dem Kuratorium auf der Sitzung im Oktober empfohlen werden, dass wegen aller anstehenden Fragen Konsultationen mit der Leitung der Gossnerkirche stattfinden sollen bevor das Kuratorium eine endgültige Entscheidung fällt. Diese Empfehlung besagt also, dass das Kuratorium noch etwas Zeit gewinnen möchte, um zu einer klaren Entscheidung zu kommen. Möglicherweise ist dies weise, möglicherweise auch nur Zeitverschwendung.

Ausführlich wurde besprochen, wie Ihre Entscheidung, nicht zur Kuratoriumssitzung zu kommen, zu beurteilen sei. Ich wurde ausdrücklich gebeten, Ihnen mitzuteilen, dass Ihre Teilnahme an der Kuratoriumssitzung ausserordentlich wünschenswert sei. Sie haben auf der Sitzung selbstverständlich das Recht, nicht nur im Namen des KSS zu sprechen, sondern auch Ihre abweichende Meinung dem Kuratorium darzulegen.

Ich füge also eine offizielle Einladung hier bei und bitte Sie, möglichst umgehend mitzuteilen, ob Sie auf Grund des Votums des Indien-Ausschusses doch noch nach Deutschland kommen wollen. In diesem Fall würden wir die Flugbuchung schnellstmöglich vornehmen.

Viele herzliche Grüsse von

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Martin Seeberg

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To whom it may concern

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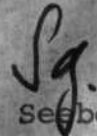
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India and Germany.

Gossner Mission will meet his travelling expenses as well as all the
costs of his stay.

Berlin, September 12th 1977


Martin Seeberg
Director

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The 24th Aug. 1977

Pastor M. Seeberg

Missionsdirektor, Gossner Mission

BERLIN

Lieber Bruder Seeberg!

Haben Sie herzlichen Dank auch für den 'Private Letter' und die Ratschläge, die Sie mir gegeben haben. Ich bin auch der Meinung, daß in jetzigen Lage der Kirche es zwecklos und harmvoll sei der Kirche noch mit größeren Summen zu unterstützen. Vielleicht wäre es so zu vereinbaren, daß für das nächsten Jahre (für BEL) nur die Gehälter zu zahlen, dan innächsten Jahren, jedes Jahr 50%.

Über meine Teilnahme an der Kuratoriumssitzung möchte ich sagen daß ich zu Oktober Sitzung d.J. nicht kommen. So wie ich sehe kann der KSS keinen bessern Ratschlag geben - auf ^{als} ihrem Sicht, daß ich hin fahren muß um das Geld für

nächsten Jahren zu bitten. So ist klar für mich daß ich nicht komme. In der selben KSS-Sitzung möchte ich ein paar meine eigene Pläne vorlegen, i.e. einige pläne für meine weitere Arbeit und sagen ob und wie ich noch in GELC mein Service geben kann oder ob ich meinen Weg gehen kann und darf. Für Oktober und November habe ich geplant daß in zwei Orten Refresher Course

für die Mitarbeiter in den Missionsfelder gehalten wird, aber ob das noch möglich sein kann ist sich noch nicht sehen. Das ist wegen Ortsfrage noch nicht klar. Die Lehrer- Lehrerinnen streiken seit etwa sechs Wochen gegen die Regierung im Bihar um ihre Gehälter. So ist es nicht klar ob sie in Freizeit ihre Ferien

haben können, oder wird es ihnen gesagt daß sie doch die Streikszeit während der Ferienszeit nachholen. In Bihar ist die Janta Partei zur Macht gekommen. einigen von unserer Leute haben in der Wahl verloren aber Mr. Horo ist jetzt zum Bihar Assembly gewählt. Die Situation im ganzen Land als solche ist nicht besser geworden. Weder zentral noch die State haben irgend etwas positives auf eigene neue pläne getan, bis jetzt wird meisten nur die ehemalige Regierung kritisiert, sehr viel von enquerries gesprochen.

Inzwischen hat Pastor Borutta einen Dankbrief an Rev. Surender Mohan M.G. (Har ser, Hatia) geschrieben und ihm gratuliert für das was er mit Rev. Tigga und die seinigern gegen die so called NWGELC tun. Es ist sehr möglich daß Rev. M.G. und seine Gruppe werden eine positive Wirkung in der NWAnchal haben aber das ist keine Hilfe zu einer Lösung. In Ranchi haben die Führer von "NWGELC" ihre eigene Gottesdienste aber die Beteiligung ist nicht ermutigend. So ist die Lösung des jetzigen Problem unvorstellbar, und keiner weiß wohin wie geführt werden.

Es scheint mir, daß der Court Case, welchen von Dr. Minz gegen den Pramukh Adhyak gebracht hat kann noch einmal sagen wo wir stehen. Aber das wird auch nicht helfen um aus der Krise heraus zu kommen.

Viele herzliche Grüsse von uns,

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C.K. Paul Singh

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Ref. Memo No. BE/44/77
The Missionsdirector

Pastor M. Seeberg
Gossner Mission, BERLIN



The 24th Aug. 1977

Dear Rev. Seeberg,

Thank you very much for your kind letter dt. 8th Aug, '77. I am also very much for your prompt action to the effect that the money has been transferred to our church account. We hope in some few days it will be credited to our a/c. On my repeated suggestions and requests the amount withheld is being paid to the fields concerned. The first qtrrs amount has been already paid to Surguja. I hope the next installments also shall be paid without any further complication.

Recently I received a letter and two photos from Mikir Hills that two buildings, for which you had laid down foundation during the visit, are nearing to completion. In the first week of Sep. 77 Dedication Programme has been fixed. I have been also invited for the function, but due to various reasons I shall not be able to go for the same. May be due to the flood situation in Assam all the programmes have to be cancelled.

The Situation in our Church has taken a step worse, the Principal of the Gossner College, Dr. Minz filed an Injunction case against the Pramukh Adhyaksha and other seven of the Governing Body, earlier the GB has terminated Dr. Minz's Principalship. Rev. Dr. Minz holds that Rev. Barla is an illegal Pramukh so he along with others cannot take actions against the Principal, etc.

In the last week some six American guests came in an Exchange Programme for a study tour, as LWF project. All of them were Pastors from LCA (Lutheran Church in America) which specially support the South Andhra Evang. Lutheran Church. But they did not visit that Church, as there are also same kind of troubles as in ours. As I was accompanying they asked various questions about the problems in our church and they were wondering the GM is still giving financial aids, whereas the LCA has stopped all sorts of aids till the situation in the SAELC is come to normal.

The letter sent by Frau Friederici to the Pramukh in regard with Guests had not yet arrived. I have already received it and shall talk over the matter when he is a step ahead in the court case business. Only one point is rather not suitable according to the tradition in GELC: During the lent Season we don't have feasts, dance etc. - so the question may be raised in the congregation how can we welcome our guests? But I hope we may find some way out. Or let the guests experience this part of life in our church. Or can it be changed that they visit us earlier?

Your sincerely

C. K. Paul Singh

With all good wishes and best of our regards

August 8, 1977
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Board of Evangelism and Literature
GEL Church
attn. Rev. Dr. C.K. Paul Singh

Ranchi/Bihar

India

Dear Rev. Dr. Singh,


thank you very much for your letter dated August 1st 1977 and for all information included.

I hurry to answer especially to the item regarding contributions from Gossner Mission to the Board of Evangelism and Literature, budget 1977. It is very unfortunate and regrettable that Gossner Mission has not sent in time the second and third instalment for the mission work of the GEL Church. It was due to your personal visit to Germany that we did not send the amounts early enough, and later it did not happen because I was on furlough. Please, inform your people that the delay is not at all a policy matter. It is quite sure that Gossner Mission will fulfill the duties and contribute to the evangelistic work in 1977 as promised. It is only in regard to the budget 1978 and the following years that Gossner Mission will make decisions which may alterate the situation.

Though you might have informed the KSS and the Pramukh Adhyaksh about the strong recommendation of the Kuratorium I again want to draw the attention of the responsible people in the GEL Church to the matter that we do not agree with the decision of the KSS to withheld the contribution for the evangelistic field in the Northwest Anchal of the GEL Church.

The so called NWGLC has asked Gossner Mission directly for these amounts. This is not in our mind and I have not answered this letter.

Sincerely yours,


Martin Seeberg

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Ref. Memo. No. BDL/35/77

The 1st August 1977.



Pastor M. Seeberg
Missionsdirektor
Gossner Mission
1 Berlin 41,
Handjerystr. 19/20
GERMANY(WEST).



Dear Pastor Seeberg,
Please excuse me that I am writing this letter after a long interval. A letter has been already sent to you giving some of the then current news.

First of all I would like to mention that I could not find trainees for Public Health Training in New Delhi. As the date was too late I had to give very short notice-circulation. However if you wish for next session 78/79 I may circulate the advertisement already in Nov./Dec. '77.

The situation of the church is becoming more complicated and crucial. Till now paper(pamphlet)-War is going on from various sides, you might have already received some of them. The declared "NWGELC" has also included the Dharam Pradesh Group(not all joined). In Ranchi Hd. Qrtrs. Congregation, there are four church services conducted, two are conducted by the NWGELC/Dharampradesh. It seems that all are hesitating to go to the public court against the other because by such actions, they fear, they would lose the public support.

As there has been no open fight or clash for property the matter seems to be involving the top leaders only. In very few places congregation members are wrongly guided and misguided.

The "NWGELC" has applied in many offices and places for recognition, but till now, it has been not possible to get the same. The UELCI, Madras has also expressed its concern for the GELC, but it has not taken any concrete proposal. They want to come and visit the 'parties', but no date is given. Some have expressed to invite LWF for mediation, while some laymen of Ranchi are trying by themselves for a constructive solution. But to me it seems that the cold war has taken such a turn that GELC of the time before Jan. 13, 1977 is difficult to visualise.

Some of the NW Anchal are trying in their way to form 'a legal' NWA of GELC, as other one has declared itself "NWGELC".

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Till now the institutions are being run in their utmost minimum, Financial position is insecure. As the BEL has also not got its 2nd and 3rd Installment, the payments for SEA, MA and OA field workers and central office have been also stopped after reserving the amount of payment to NWA field workers. I would like to know whether the 2nd and 3rd installments of your grants have been withheld in Berlin or is it some where wrong in Bank transaction. I would be glad for the information so that I can inform the concerned correctly.

With best of my regards and thanks,

Yours sincerely,

C. K. Paul Singh
(Dr. C. K. Paul Singh)
Director, BEL.

Ps. Today when for some payments cheques were issued to withdraw money from the Bank, it was found that some one had objected, but after a long hitch and on my personal appearance in the Bank the cheques were made valid. Since last month new officers are operating the Bank a/c.s. Ps.ph

8. August 1977
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Einschreiben

Rev. Dr.C.K.Paul Singh
GEL Church

Ranchi/Bihar

Indien

Lieber Bruder Singh!

Genau wie Sie, füge ich dem offiziellen einen persönlichen Brief bei. Den kalten Papierkrieg in Ranchi verfolge ich, weil die Parteien mir jeweils Durchschläge ihrer Pamphlete schicken. Sie wissen, dass mich diese Briefe immer trauriger stimmen. Ich weiss so wenig wie Sie, wie sich je wieder die verfahrenere Situation normalisieren kann. Ich habe keine Neigung, auf irgendeinen dieser Briefe überhaupt zu antworten. Deshalb ist zur Zeit mein Kontakt mit der Gossnerkirche auf Sie beschränkt.

Es tut mir wirklich leid, dass wir die Übersendung der Missionsgelder so verzögert haben.

Sie haben mich gebeten, zu dem Brief von Dr.Bage aus Serampore meine Meinung zu sagen. Mein Rat an Sie ist, dass Sie ein klares "Ja" sagen ~~sollten~~ die nächsten Jahre Ihr Arbeitsfeld von Ranchi nach Serampore verlegen sollten. Sie haben sich in den vergangenen 10 Jahren alle Mühe gegeben und Ihre ganze Arbeitskraft der Gossnerkirche geschenkt. Die augenblickliche Situation spricht nicht für Ihre weitere Anwesenheit. Im KSS braucht man offensichtlich keinen neutralen und unparteiischen Menschen, und die Missionsarbeit, der Sie sich bisher verschrieben haben, wird wohl kaum fortgesetzt werden können unter den augenblicklichen Umständen, auch erscheint es mir immerhin möglich, dass das Kuratorium beschliesst, die Zuschüsse der Gossner Mission in den nächsten Jahren zu vermindern und in absehbarer Zeit zu beenden.


Über Ihre Teilnahme an der Kuratoriumssitzung im Oktober und der Indienausschuss-Sitzung im September hatten wir ja schon während Ihres letzten Besuches diskutiert. Dass Sie zur September-Sitzung nicht kommen können, hatte ich erwartet und für die Teilnahme an der Kuratoriumssitzung im Oktober wäre die Tagesordnung dann wichtig genug, dass Sie sich sagten: Ich komme. Andererseits sind gerade bezüglich Indien so delicate Entscheidungen zu treffen, dass Sie sich möglicherweise nachher sagen würden, es wäre besser gewesen, man hätte diese Entscheidungen ohne mich getroffen. Sie wollen jedenfalls die KSS-Sitzung am 29.September abwarten, das ist sicher richtig. Ich rate Ihnen, den Brüdern im KSS ganz offen

und deutlich zu sagen, dass die Einstellung der finanziellen Unterstützung an die Gossnerkirche auf der Tagesordnung der Kuratoriumssitzung im Oktober steht und dass es nach den Erfahrungen in Ranchi dafür sehr gute Gründe gibt, die Sie selbst auch vertreten. Wenn das KSS das verhindern will, müsste es einleuchtende Beweise bringen, dass sich die Situation in der Gossnerkirche grundsätzlich veränderte, so dass die zu erwartenden Entscheidungen im Kuratorium gegenstandslos werden. Ein solches Wunder können aber auch wohl die KSS-Leute nicht vollbringen. Das KSS kann Sie wohl kaum zwingen, gegen Ihr Gewissen zu reden und abzustimmen; wenn man Sie trotzdem nach Deutschland schickt, sollte man in Ranchi wissen, dass ein positives Votum des indischen Mitglieds im Kuratorium die jetzigen Vorstellungen der Gossner Mission nur noch verstärken kann.

Wir sind eben dabei Entwürfe für die Sitzung der Indien-Kommission zu erarbeiten, ich werde Sie selbstverständlich über diese Pläne auf dem Laufenden halten sowie auch über andere, etwa in Bezug auf Mainz. Bei den Personalentscheidungen z.B. bezüglich meiner Nachfolge, sind wir noch nicht über das Stadium von Vorbereitungen hinausgekommen.

Viele herzliche Grüsse von

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Martin Seiberg

- P.S. 1. Niemand hat uns bisher geschrieben, wie eigentlich die Wahlen in Bihar im Juni ausgefallen sind.
2. Bitte machen Sie noch einmal bekannt, dass für 1978/79 die Möglichkeit besteht, ein Stipendium für das Public Health Training in Neu-Delhi zu erhalten.
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The 1st August 1977

Dear Brother Seeberg,

Please excuse me that I am writing this personal letter to you. In a separate letter I am writing more about the general situation of the church. Herewith I would like to put before you some personal matters for your suggestions and comments.

The situation in the church has become from bad to worst. Today I have stopped the BEL payments to other field workers including the central also. As the GM grants for Missionworks (1977) has been given to us only the first 1/4 of the budget, I had to reserve for the NWA-fieldworkers also, though not paid to them; others have received their payments for six months from this first installment of the budget sent by the GM. This non-payment may continue till we get 2nd and 3rd installments. Till now it is not quite clear whether 2nd and 3rd installments are not transferred by GM or the amount is somewhere lying on!

In my next point it is more personal matter. Dr. Bage Serampore has written to me asking whether I would be ready to accept any offer to come down to Serampore College as Staff Member there. I have written a letter to him, but I could not write direct 'yes' or 'no'. I have already expressed my plan of future work - 10yrs in GELC (probably as Missionsdirector), after that in Teaching Job probably in Theol. College Ranchi! Now my service in the GELC is 10yrs, but at the same time I am not willing to join our GTC in the present atmosphere of the College - on the other hand it may not be good to leave the church at present crisis, though I shall not head the church again - My request for your advice and comments.

My last point is about the coming Kuratorium Meeting and the Indian Committee. I have already told the Pramukh Adhyaksh, if the KSS gives me a definite mandate to be communicated for the Kuratorium, then I may be ready to go - the KSS shall be meeting on the 29th of Sep. 1977. Thus it seems that KSS may not be able to give me any Mandate before that day, i.e. it shall not be possible for me to attend the Indian Committee meeting. This time I do not wish to come on my own, because I may have to vote for that which I may not wish. But if my presence in the meetings will be helpful on the basis of other developments in GM, I may be ready to come. Therefore I request for your information and advice.

With Greetings, also from my wife and children, to you all,

Yours sincerely

C. K. Paul Singh

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21. Juli 1977
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Rev. Dr.C.K.Paul Singh
GEL Church

Ranchi/Bihar

Indien

Lieber Herr Dr.Singh!

Hoffentlich sind Sie und Ihre liebe Frau wohlbehalten wieder in Ranchi eingetroffen und empfinden es in der Heimat als nicht zu warm. Wir danken Ihrer Frau und Ihnen sehr herzlich für Ihren Besuch, der uns sehr erfreut hat. Ich sage dies auch im Namen meiner Mitarbeiter, bei denen Sie wahrscheinlich gespürt haben, wie herzlich willkommen Sie beide bei uns waren.

Zu Gesprächen über Einzelfragen der Gossnerkirche sind wir kaum gekommen, aber vielleicht haben Sie nach Rückkehr einige neue Nachrichten vorgefunden, die Sie uns bei Gelegenheit einmal mitteilen.

Eigentlicher Anlass dieses Briefes sind die Formulare für die Lady Reading Health School in Neu Delhi. Wir hatten Ihnen bereits mündlich gesagt, dass die Gossner Mission bereit ist, drei indischen Mädchen aus der Gossnerkirche ein Stipendium zu geben für diese zusätzliche Ausbildung in Neu Delhi. Wir hoffen dabei - ohne uns oder die Mädchen im voraus zu verpflichten - dass die Krankenschwestern nach Abschluss der Ausbildung für einen Dienst in unserem Auftrag in Nepal eingesetzt werden können.

Die Auswahl und Entsendung der drei Stipendiaten nach Neu Delhi möchten wir Ihnen überlassen. Alle anfallenden Kosten werden von der Gossner Mission übernommen.

Mit herzlichen Grüßen

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Martin Seeberg
(nach Diktat verreist)
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Ref. Memo. No. BEL/32/77

The July 8, '77.



To

The Missiondirector
Pastor M. Seeberg
Gossner Mission
Berlin.

Dear Brother Pastor Seeberg,

Thank you for the letter dt. 21st July '77 dictated by you and signed by Frau Schulz. Accordingly I have announced for the Training of two nurses in Delhi, but as the joining date is 15th July it may be difficult to find out candidates, however we may prepare them for the next batch. I shall let you know about this later on.

The situation in the church is deteriorating day by day, each and each group is trying in his own way to consolidate his own position. The NW Anchal is going to celebrate on 15th July the amalgamation of Dharampradesh with NWAnchal. This means that the NWAnchal is trying its utmost to bring all decident Uraons under its fold, but on the other hand there are others within the NWAnchal who are preparing for a walkout from the NWAnchal because they do not want to go out and join or create other new church. The recognition of NWGEL church by other bodies is still not visible, but even then NWAnchal seems to be determined to get separated.

Besides financial and administrative problem for all the immediate problems have come up in regard with Theological College and Gossner College - who is the Chairman? - or who is the real Proprietor of these institutions. With these questions of finance and recognition from their departments are also in question. I also happened to read the copy of the letter addressed to you by Rev. M. Tete. To this I would say that statements and arguments made to clarify the matters are incorrect and incomplete.

For 30th June Officers' Meeting was to be held, but officers from Khutitoli did not come. Thus many important matters could not be discussed. It seems that the two officers from Khutitoli would also like to go the way of NW Anchal, but the difficulties are that they have no support from the congregations. In that meeting I also wanted to raise the question of my attending the Kuratorium meeting in Oct. '77. I told the Pramukh Adhyaksh that I would go to attend the meeting only when KSS would give a definite line of thought or policy for the discussion in the meeting of the Kuratorium. I am not quite clear when is the Indian Committee meeting. I shall - if I would come - not be able to go to Germany in Sept. '77. Please convey your opinions with this regard.

With best of my regards,

Yours sincerely,

C. K. Paul Singh
(C.K. Paul Singh)

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Ref. Memo. No. BEL/16/77

The 18th April, 1977.



To,

Rev. M. Seeberg
Missiondirector
Gossner Mission
1 Berlin 41
Handjerystr 19/20
West Germany.



Dear Brother Rev. Seeberg,

Thank you very much for your kind letters dt. 25th and 29th March along with the enclosures; fresh invitation letters and cheques for our air tickets. As due to the general elections and the formation of the new Government in our country many things were quite uncertain, so it was quite delayed in getting travel documents for me and specially for my wife. But now we have obtained all necessary documents and have applied for purchasing tickets. My wife also got her passport and now 'P' form clearance and FTS (for my wife) have to be obtained. We have been assured by AIR INDIA Representative here that we would get all our documents and tickets back by 22nd of April, air travel has been scheduled as follows:

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| 25.4.77 | Dep. Ranchi | IC | afternoon |
| | Arr. Delhi | | |
| * 26.4.77 | Dep. Delhi | IA | 8.00 hrs. (local time) |
| 26.4.77 | Arr. Amst. | | 14.50 hrs. " |
| 26.4.77 | Dep. Amst. | LH | 19.30 hrs. " |
| 26.4.77 | Arr. Frank. | 087 | 19.35 hrs. " |

We hope that every thing will be O.K. and we shall be picked up on 26.4.77 in Frankfurt for further transport. My wife holds the Indian Passport No. L 093239 issued at Calcutta on 15.4.77. valid for five years. We hope to stay in Germany till Kirchentag in Berlin, therefore please make programme accordingly.

With greetings and best regards to you all,

Yours sincerely,

(C.K.P. and S.B.)
(Rev. C.K. Paul Singh)
Director, BEL.

* As we gain time and as we start on 26th early at 8 a.m. we shall be reaching on 26th itself in Amsterdam.

P.s. Our visit may kindly be arranged insofar as possible: Dr. Grottel, Dr. Lohies, may be also Dr. Hess.

March 17, 1976

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Rev. Dr.C.K. Paul Singh
Acting Pramukh Adhyaksh
GEL Church

Ranchi/Bihar

India

Dear Dr. Singh,

as your and Pastor Seeberg's letter concerning your coming to Germany for a Kuratoriumssitzung crossed on their way and we do not know whether you decide to come for the spring-time or the autumn meeting we prepared two certificates - one for April/May and one for October. In case you should decide to attend the springtime meeting in Mainz time would become short for your application procedures in India and we therefore enclose herewith the said two certificates.

The Heckers informed us that they urgently need Rps 1.500,-- for preparing the jeep for sale. Please be kind enough to pay to them from the BEL account this amount immediately, we ordered transfer of DM 500,-- in favor of the BEL account for settlement to-day.

Hoping you are well and with kind regards from all the Berlin staff,

yours,

Secretary

Enclosure

cc: Frau Meudt

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The 2nd Aug. 1975

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The Missiondirector
Pastor M. Seeberg
Gossner Mission, Berlin

attn: FRAU FRIEDERICI

Dear Brother Pastor Seeberg,

I received two letters from FRAU FRIEDERICI, but due to many work meetings and receiving people for their problems etc I could not write earlier. The letters are thankfully acknowledged and I be kindly excused for the delay.

Regarding the personal contact with the Pastor and congregation of Kanpur is a good idea, at present Rev. J. Aind is the pastor and in charge of that field. The place is not a town but merely a big village.

Regarding Bhajan competition we could not take necessary action and as the German Tourist guests are not coming this year it will be also good to postpone for the next year, i.e. we can already begin the competition during the summer season, that is during which generally Bible classes organised by youth groups are conducted and hundreds / thousands of Christians come together for the function. It will be good if the Bhajan Competition will be held in those days. *Fixed on 2nd Nov.*

On hearing about the postponement about the German Tourist guests I have a mixed reaction, on the one hand we were waiting eagerly to welcome the next group in our different congregations, but on the other hand it would have been a complicated thing to arrange programme during those days when we are to be very much busy in organising the Church in the centre with the new constitution!

With this last word I come to the subject of the new Constitution. On the 1st July 1975 we have adopted the new constitution to be implemented with effect from 1st Nov. 1975. But we are still doubting due to the case instituted against me in 1975. We are taking advice from many people a Christian district and sessions Judge from Madras, who is also the Treasurer of the UELC (I) is to come here on 25th Aug. 1975, till then we have postponed all the elections, due to be started on 18th Aug. We ourselves are now not clear what to do the next, some are even inclined to have elections according to the old constitution and let the next new KSS implement the new Constitution.

Due to all these uncertainties, in spite of my handicaps, I have to carry on different responsibilities, talks about my new assignments and about my successor for the Mission work seems to be very much hampered by vested interests of prominent figures in the centre. For the present also it was promised that I shall get assistants for my different works, but then no one is serious and as the money is becoming less, i.e. we are again heading towards the deficit account. I am also not pressing for the helpers, but rather to quit all these posts.

My sickness has been controlled, in my urine I have almost no sugar in the blood it is between 120 and 80 mg. I am getting injected by self and also taking some tablets as prescribed by the doctors. Dr. Horo was also here for talking. I had only personal talks, the KSS has decided to make their post permanent and that service rule for them be framed! we have to get their consent.

I am enclosing herewith also a copy of my letter addressed to all Anchal Adhy. etc. As I have already informed you that GELC has implemented a new pay scale according to which the BEL need Rs. 70,000.00 in addition to the budget 1975 and similarly we require Rs 140,000.- for 1976 in addition to our requested amount of Rs 475,343.68. Please advise me to announce for the current year and also for 1976.

Yours sincerely

C. K. Paul Singh

Thanking you

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Ref. Memo. No. **BBL/13/75**

The **2nd Aug. 1975**

**All Anchal Adhyakshas
Anchal Treasurers**

**All Supervisors and Missionfield Incharge
GEL Church**

Dear Sirs,

You might have already heard about or received the circulation about the implementation of the new pay scale with effect from July '75. It might have been received as a great relief during these days of hardship for food and clothing. But I as have told ready told some of you that the BEL has not so much amount about Rs 70,000/- for paying the enhanced salaries of the field workers up to Dec. 1975, accordingly about Rs. 140,000/- will be needed for 1976 in addition to our requested budget to Gossner Mission. I therefore request you to kindly prepare your bills according to the existing pay scale as we have been doing till June 1975. I have also already talk with some you, if the Anchals could give some remedy at this juncture it will be highly appreciated by the BEL, but this can be done by those Anchals only who have already created a reserved fund for this purpose, this has been repeatedly advised by me in the past years several times.

At present the payments shall be made according to the budget provision and possibility for 1975. I have also already informed the Gossner Mission about the enhanced amount of pay for 1975 and also for 1976. It has been already requested to the Gossner Mission to kindly take necessary steps to help us at this time of need. I hope that the Gossner Mission shall do its best to help us in this matter also.

Thanking you all and wishing God's blessings,

Yours sincerely

C.K. Paul Singh
C.K. Paul Singh

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The Director, Gossner Mission

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1654 Trennblatt mit Ösen

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From :- G.E.L. Church,
Surguja Mission Field,

To

The Rev. Dr. Cribel,
Director, Gossner Mission Berlin and
Bishop Peter,

Yesu Sahay,

Dear Sirs,

On behalf of the Surguja Mission Field

I wel come both of you with a great pleasure. Hearing about your comming to Surguja we have a great appetite to see your among us. May God bless you and keep you all well and help you in your visit and takling. To day realy we are very glad to see you among us.

Next, you want to know about the present situation of the field. You know that there is a great conflict and crics in our Church even then our Surguja - Mission fielf is growing ^{slowly} ~~glory~~ day and night. This year up to now 145 new convert members came in our church. And 8 members come in our congriagation from Roman Catholic and 13 members from other churches in this way this year new convert members are altogether 166 in our Church. So, at present there are 6681 Baptized members and 2436 confirmed members. They belong to 157 congriagations out of 1047 families.

The workers of the field :-

2. (a) Pracharks full day workers ... 69
(b) Pracharks honourrium ... 12
These Pracharks are paid by the workers contribu-
tion of the field.
(c) The Pastors (including Supdt.) ... 8
3. (a) There are four private mission Schools.
Three upper Primary and one lower Primary.
(b) Hostel .. 2, One at Anbikapur and 2nd at Sitepur.
(c) One Agricultural Farm. The Farm has altogether
23 acres of land at Anbikapur Centre. We are trying
our best to get income through this farm. But
we could not do so due to need of boundary walls.
We have already given a plan estimate for boundary
walls and a ready made farm of eighty acres which
is one lot, but it has not yet fullfilled.

Besides our above development and construction programmes we wish you to make acquainted with following programmes :-

(1) Firstly we want our education field to be extended up to High School Standard. This ^{necessitates up} High School building to be constructed. We expect you to extend your kind help in our construction programme.

Secondely, we wish to open a dispensary in our land hardly forty metres away from mission compound. We are not finding ourselves able to bring this land in our defeloping programme due to lack of boundary wall and capital.

After all we have a great hope at your coming that you to facour us with your kind prayer and help. ^{when} ~~when~~ you return please convey our love and hearty 'YESHUSAHAY' to Gossner Mission, your family members and people of Germany those are in our congriagation.

God bless you,

Dated 15th Nov. 1978

With love,

Yours sincerely,

Handwritten signature
15.11.78

Superintendent
Surgeja Mission Field
G. E. L. Church, Ambikapur (M. P.)

G. E. L. Surguja Mission Field
 Short Report.
 22-1-77.

To The Director, C. Berg,
 Gosner Mission.

Sir,

1) To-day we are very glad to give you the short report of our mission field, because in 1976 we Baptized 155 new members - 11 members came in our church from R.C. Church. 13 members returned again in our church, who had gone out again in their old religion. Thus 179 members joined in our church.

According to the census of 1976 there are 73 Christians from Hindu families.

22 members are from Mohamadan families

7 members are from Mundas

5,926 members are from Orasans.

21 members are from Keralians.

179 members are New Baptized.

Total Baptized members are 6,938. Confirmed members are 2,266. families are 1035. Congregations are altogether 187. Pastors are 7, Paracharaks 67 Paracharaks 2 honorary Paracharaks are 8. Middle Pans 47 68

1, worship houses 25 7 matric " 117
 At Centre is a Pucca Church building. 8, B.A " 17
 9 B.S.C " 6
 10 M.A. " 6

2, Paracharak quarters 45 11, Teachers 34

3, Pastors quarters are 7 12 Lady Teachers 21

4 School quarters is 1 13 Doctors - 0

5 Grave yards are 55 14 Nurses 20

15 Daroga - 1

16 Police 9

17 Military 10

18 Clerk 16

19 Gahzidar 1

2) Workers are divided into 6 Parts.
 The majority group is preaching the gospel.
 Seven workers are working in schools.

- ③ One of our workers is supervising of our farm. ~~④~~ being the part time worker.
④ Some workers are working in health department, ~~being~~ P. and P. preaching the gospel.
⑤ One of our workers is in account-section and teaching in school of Centre.
⑥ 2 workers are serving ^{to the} hostel and teaching the holy word ~~among~~ students of the centre.

③ Bank Account current joint account is, here and now money our salary is sent into it.

⑪ Day school : In sterfield there are 4 Private schools. At Centre is upper primary school and all rests are L.P. In 1976 our 11 students appeared for board examination. 9 Passed in 1st division and 2 Passed in 2nd division.

⑤ Monthly Donation - our field workers donate monthly 3 H.P per lb. from their salary to help the honory Parachutals we pay them \$15.00 only for each parachutal.

⑥ Night School :- Night schools are conducted by our Panchayats and at that place they teach the Holy word and lead them in our Bhajan also.

⑦
yearly
income
at least
\$1000
and capital
\$13000
⑧

⑩ Economic Condition: Personal and Congregational economic condition is not so good. This year our field is declared the drought. So day and night we are trying to solve it. Our main source of income is Chagazini mandly Parish and ^{yearly income is at least} ~~also~~ ^{from} our Sunday school. Sunday school is 60% of Congregational income.

⑨ K.H.H. Hostels :- In our field there are 2
K.H.H. Hostels. 115 students K.H.H. students
are studying in these hostels and others are

⑩ Case ⁵⁰ :- There is a case against us for a conversion of a young man.

(11) Political situation is not in our favour so
 pray for us so that we shall be able to
 preach the gospel and to develop the work of
 our mission field, yours faithfully, (E. S. S. S. S.)