

Beschäftigung von Hanukh Minz doch auch im Advisory-Board besprechen sollten.

Lieber Bruder Horo, Sie wissen, daß ich den Brüdern im CC immer wieder gesagt habe: Gewiß, Ihr handelt korrekt; aber handelt Ihr weise? Dies möchte ich gerade auch im Falle von Hanukh Minz wiederholen. Gehen Sie, bitte, in diesem Punkte sehr behutsam vor. Es könnte sein, daß hier ein neuer Streitpunkt entsteht. Das muß unter allen Umständen vermieden werden.

8.) Relief-Work.

Hierzu muß ich Ihnen später mehr schreiben. Tatsache ist, daß von den letzten 9.000 DM, die an Bruder Kloß überwiesen wurden, 5.000 für die geplante ~~xx~~ technische Schule und 4.000 für Hilfe an Aussätzigen bestimmt sind. Es gehen aber bei uns immer wieder Beträge für die Hungernden in Indien ein. Viele Fragen werden an uns gerichtet, ob nicht bestimmte notleidende Kinder für eine Unterstützung namhaft gemacht werden könnten. Wir sind immer für den Grundsatz: möglichst nicht Geld oder Reis direkt verteilen, sondern immer erst Arbeit und dann Brot geben. Das kann auch für solche Notstandsarbeiten gelten, die für die Kirche von allgemeiner Bedeutung sind. Ich kann hier nur eins sagen: Bitte, werden Sie in dieser Frage erfinderisch. * Gründen Sie evtl. ein besonderes Kinderheim in Ranchi, für ganz arme Kinder unserer Kirche, denen auf diese Weise der Schulbesuch oder irgendeine Ausbildungsmöglichkeit ermöglicht wird. Gerade auch Hilfe für Waisen - Kinder soll mit diesen Mitteln geleistet werden. Ob Sie das für ^{es} die Aussätzigen bestimmte Geld nach Purulia schicken, oder ob Sie für diesen Zweck in den Gemeinden hin und her verwenden, das bleibt Ihnen überlassen. Bitte, aber denken Sie ja nach, was für Relief-Aufgaben die Kirche durchführen kann und gründen Sie für diesen Zweck ein besonderes Komitee, zu dem jetzt auch Bruder ^aKloß gehören muß.

So, das wäre alles. In der speziellen Frage der Einreisegenehmigung ^{en} schreibe ich an Präsident Tiga selbst. Sie erhalten davon Durchschläge.

Mit den herzlichsten Grüßen an Sie und auch an Ihre Familie, im besonderen auch von meiner Frau

Ihr

Anlage!

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Dear Brother Horo,

Thank you very much for your letters of 8th, 10th and 13. February. I was in West Germany when ~~your letters arrived~~ they arrived, and have not been able to answer before.

1.) Pastor Hanukh Minz' successor.

We are glad to hear that the CC has appointed Rev. D. Soreng as successor for Rev. Hanukh Minz and will give him, his wife and ~~the~~ ^{three} children a hearty welcome. I am enclosing an official invitation and a statement ~~for Rev. Soreng~~ that the Kuratorium will pay the expenses for Rev. Soreng and his ~~family's~~ family's travel to Germany and back and for their maintenance in Germany.

However I have an urgent request to the CC. It is a main concern of the Kuratorium that the brother the Gossner Church sends over takes on the obligation to remain here 5 years. I would be very grateful if Rev. Soreng sign a statement to this purpose and send it to us. Further, the Kuratorium ~~also~~ desires that Brother Soreng's coming to Germany also has the consent of the Advisory Board. I would therefore be obliged to you for letting me have a written statement that the Advisory Board gives its consent.

2.) Doctor for Amgaon

Thank you very much for all your efforts to gain an entry permit for Dr. Gründler. We ~~were~~ ^{are} very glad that our two nursing sisters Ursula von Lingen and Maria Schatz have been allowed to come to India. However we are in some anxiety about the two sisters who are now alone after the departure of Sister Ilse Martin X and the continuation of the work in the hospital in Amgaon. ~~If it is not possible to do so~~ Every possibility to avoid having to close the hospital even for a short time should be made use of to avoid bringing disturbance into the congregations and circles of friends who support the hospital in Amgaon with current gifts in money and material but if you find no other ~~solution~~ good solution, I suppose we would have to be content with this one. In any case, please do not over-tax our two young nurses who are not yet acquainted with Indian conditions. Dr. Gründler is already preparing himself here, and later on in England for his future work. *I hope that he can leave in June or July.*

3.) ~~As~~ ^{As} to Brothers Junghans and Thiel I am writing directly to President Tiga. In the meanwhile Brother Junghans has graduated as doctor of agriculture with the mark "good". Both men are still willing to follow the call of the Gossner Church.

4.) Students for Germany In this matter I am waiting till I ~~have~~ ^{know} the decision of the Board

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Missionsdirektor D. Lokies

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~~pre-education and pre-exams of Indians xxx~~ // of Indian students //

Concerning the questions as to the conditions for reception/into German universities in respect to pre-education and pre-exams, I have already sent Pastor Kloss a leaflet for the Freie Universität of Berlin. You will receive further ^{written} information from Dr. Junghans.

5) Bahalen and Seteng.

I am very glad that the CC has given its consent to let Bahalen and Seteng finish their course here in Germany before they return to India. I already wrote that they are expected to return in August. We are very pleased that you are doing everything to keep up work in the Tabita-School in the meanwhile.

Sisters Anny Diller and Hedwig Schmidt are returning for good to Germany as far as I have understood them.

6.) The Mahasabha

I thank you for letting us know the date the CC has arranged for the work of the ecumenical commission and the meeting of the Mahasabha. God grant His blessing on the work of the ecumenical council for the good of the Gossner Church and bring it to a good end. Above all I pray that God ~~send~~ ^{lay} His Spirit on ^{all} members of the Mahasabha in this meeting, which is the spirit of Truth and Love.

At the same time I thank the CC for their kind invitation to ~~me~~ to attend the certainly most important Mahasabha. I can unfortunately only repeat that it is impossible for me to ~~come~~ ^{go} to India ^{another} ~~a~~ second time.

As to the finances I can understand that the CC asks the Kuratorium to grant them a sum of 5000 rs for the carrying through of the Mahasabha. The costs of the last synod were borne by the LWF; therefore I do not think that the LWF would give a similar grant for this year's synod. The Kuratorium cannot take a resolution on this ~~motion of the~~ application of the CC before its next meeting. However I can already inform you that I ^{shall} ~~have~~ asked Pastor Kloss to give you the 5000 rs - for the time being as loan. This "loan" can be changed into a "grant" later on.

7. Work for Rev.H.Minz

From your remarks I gather that you are rather unhappy that ~~you have~~ the CC has not had much contact with Rev.H. Minz lately, otherwise you would know when and on what boat he is sailing from here, and when he is due to arrive in Ranchi. So I shall have to inform you. He is leaving Southampton on March 4th ~~with the~~ on the "Corfu" which arrives in Bombay on..... You can figure out when approximately he will be in Ranchi.

And now I want to ask you a favour for Brother Minz in the name of the Kuratorium.

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He has been in Germany 5 years and served the Gossner Church very faithfully. As time went on ~~xxx~~ he became a well-known and welcome guest in the congregations that pray ~~for~~ and sacrifice for the Gossner Church in India. People enjoyed his sermons and his reports. During the last three months he travelled alone from parish to parish. The work increased to such a degree that he was literally ~~on duty~~ on tour every day from the beginning of this year, sometimes together with his wife. He had ^{arranged} ~~organised~~ his journeys in such a way that he had no time left for us to have him in Berlin in order to celebrate his farewell here in the Kuratorium. So the Generalsuperintendent (bishop) of Ostfriesland took it on himself to celebrate a farewell for him in a church service in Riepe/Ostfriesland on Febr. 14th. My wife and I are going to Hamburg the end of this week, in order to say farewell to the Minz' at the station.

During these years in which he made himself acquainted with Germany, of course he had no real knowledge of what was going on in the Gossner Church, although his brother informed him regularly. In the end he was almost afraid to go back to India and would have greatly liked to stay in Germany because he rightly feared there would be many troubles awaiting him on his return to the Gossner Church. Finally however he took ^{courage} ~~confidence~~ and decided to return to his service in his mother church and to await the decision ~~taken for~~ ^{the CC would make concerning} him in calm and confidence. We are glad he has decided himself, although we would have liked to keep him here. And now ~~we have the following request to the CC~~ in the name of the Kuratorium I beg you to receive Brother Hanukh Minz with great wisdom and love. That would include that for a month you would leave him time to re-acustom himself to home. We are willing to pay ^{only} the salary for that month ~~which the CC has~~ to the amount the CC will ^{grant} ~~pay~~ him in India. Please do not send him ~~straight~~ ^{straight} to Govindpur ^{at once}. And now ^{another question} ~~I want to deal with this matter~~. The CC has decided to appoint ^{H.M.} ~~him~~ as teacher at the Pracharak-Seminary ^{school} College in Govindpur. Of course the CC has to decide alone in this matter, and I do not mean to interfere. On the other hand I feel I owe you a brotherly word. According to our knowledge of Brother Minz his faculties lie in a different direction than that of teaching. He is evangelist and missionary, and I know he would most prefer to receive a commission from his church in the evangelisation work no matter of what kind. I ~~xxx~~ ^{think} know also that the North Zone is very interested in ~~what~~ the question what Br. Minz is to do

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when he returns from Germany. I myself thought for a while that the CC could well need a second director of missions for its extensive mission area, ~~in the Union area~~. The Joint Mission Board would ~~be~~, I am sure, be willing to pay the salary for a second man. But that is only a private idea of mine. Maybe I am wrong in my suggestion, ~~and of course the CC alone has to decide.~~ ^{maybe I am overestimating both things} But I would suggest that you discuss the matter of the occupation of H..M.. with the Advisory Board.

Dear Brother Horo, you know how I always said that the brothers of the CC acted correctly, but do you always act wisely? I should like to repeat this in the case of Hanukh Minz. Please tread very lightly in this matter. Possibly a new quarreling point might arise here. That must be avoided under all circumstances.

8) Relief-Work

I shall write more about this later. The fact is that of the last 9000 rs ~~sent~~ ^{planned} to Pastor Kloß 5000 are meant for the technical school and 4000 for the aid for lepers. ~~But we are~~ ^{There is} constantly ~~receiving~~ ^{we are} money for the hungry in India, and we are always being asked, whether we couldn't name certain needy children ~~for~~ we could support directly. But it is our principle if possible not to distribute money or rice directly, but always to provide work first and then money. That can also be true for the ~~work-help~~ ^{act} ~~within the church~~ which is of general importance for the church. Please be imaginative in this matter. Couldn't you found a special children's home in Ranchi for very poor children in the church who in this way could go to school or be trained for a profession? These gifts are also specially given in view of the orphans. Whether you send the ~~money~~ ^{granted for lepers} to Purulia or distribute them for this cause in the parishes must be left to you. Please contemplate very earnestly what kind of relief-tasks could be carried through by the church and found a special committee to which ~~then~~ Pastor Kloß would have to belong.

So that's all. In the special matter of the entry permits I am writing directly to President Tiga You will receive copies.

With the best greetings to you and your family
also from my wife

yours sincerely,

P.S.

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(Brief Horð)

PS. I. Enclosed you will find a copy of my letter to Brother Panna ~~write me~~ concerning the personal affairs of Br. Joel Lakra. It is necessary that you should be informed about this correspondence. My suggestion in this matter is that Br. Lakra receives an official commission for literary work from the Church Council, and the Kuratorium pays the fees of 100.- Rs. monthly. The condition is, that Br. Joel Lakra retires on pension. Br. Panna suggested that a ~~committee~~ ^{appointed} should be ~~formed~~ ^{formed} which should ~~have~~ ^{with} responsibility for the work of Br. Lakra. Please consider whether the CC would give its consent to the formation of a committee of this kind. We on our part would ~~strongly~~ recommend it. I would suggest this committee charges Brother Lakra with the translation of the commentary to the Gospel of St. Matthew ^{Professor} by Schlatter into HINDI. That would be really a good ~~work~~ and necessary undertaking. The Kuratorium ~~recommends it and it~~ takes the responsibility for all the financially questions concerning the work.

II. Concerning the entry permits for Thiel and Jungmans it is important for you to know that the great amounts of money the CC will receive from Germany comes from the collection "Bread for the world" (~~it is~~ ^{about} c. 150.000.- DM in all ^{are} for the agricultural training school and the Hospital) and explicitly not for missionary purposes. If we should intend it for missionary purposes we would not get it. You can mention this stipulation in your negotiations with the Indian Government for entry permits for experts ^{now} in question. You see it is the German Church itself which has declared that the money is not to be used for missionary purposes.

One thing more. Very likely the 2 daughters of Mr. Thiel will not come over to India together with their parents. They are first going to relations in USA for further training (Kindergarten- and youthwork) so for the time being we shall need no entry permit for them.

Berlin-Friedenau, 29th February 1960

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P.D. Panna, Secretary
G.E.L. Church, N.Z.
23, Bandi Road, East
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Bihar - INDIA

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Thank you very much for your letter of 2. February. I was away when it arrived. I have only just read it on my return from West Germany, so could not answer you earlier.

I see it concerns Brother Joel LAKRA and his personal affairs.

1.) The matter of his dwelling was treated not only in the small, but also in the greater Commission. I have repeatedly begged the Church Council to leave the dwelling on the Gossner Compound as long as possible to Brother Joel Lakra, even after his retirement. To this matter the representatives of the Church Council only promised to leave the dwelling to Brother Lakra as long as other housing necessities do not make it necessary to give him notice. More was not to be gained in this matter.

2.) As concerns the pensioning of Brother Lakra it was understood by all, and also by him that he was to retire on 1. October 1959. That was the only reason why the question was ventilated whether the Kuratorium could help him in some way financially. At the time I made the suggestion that Br. Lakra was to be given a commission for literary work and receive a fee of 100.-Rs. a month from the Kuratorium. This Commission was to be given by the Church Council and not the Kuratorium of the Gossner Mission. This suggestion was made in his own interest. The idea was to make it clear that he was to be in working connection with the Church Council officially, even if he was no longer in active service. It was very regrettable that Br. Lakra wrote to me afterwards that he would not accept an assignment from the Church Council. I do not consider that wise, it also contradicts the suggestion you yourself make. I would therefore advise that you arrange the matter between yourselves and the Church Council to the point, that Br. Lakra accepts the commission for literary work from the Church Council.

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25, Bondi Road, East
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Dear Brother Church:

treasurer of the Gossner Church. They are corresponding. The result is now that the sum concerned amounts to a salary debt of 8000.- Rs.

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I only want to add the following: I have promised the Kuratorium that I will not take this money from what has been given as a gift for the Gossner - Mission or the Gossner Church. It derives from other, extra sources. I would be very grateful if you would let everybody who asks where the money comes from know this.

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Berlin-Friedenau, 29th February 1960

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G.E.L. Church, N.Z.
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Bihar - INDIA

Dear Brother Panna !

Thank you very much for your letter of 2. February. I was away when it arrived. I have only just read it on my return from West Germany, so could not answer you earlier.

I see it concerns Brother Joel LAKRA and his personal affairs.

1.) The matter of his dwelling was treated not only in the small, but also in the greater Commission. I have repeatedly begged the Church Council to leave the dwelling on the Gossner Compound as long as possible to Brother Joel Lakra, even after his retirement. To this matter the representatives of the Church Council only promised to leave the dwelling to Brother Lakra as long as other housing necessities do not make it necessary to give him notice. More was not to be gained in this matter.

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treasurer of the Gossner Church. They are corresponding. The result is now that the sum concerned amounts to a salary debt of 3000.- Rs.

The Kuratorium has declared its willingness to pay this money to Br. Joel Lakra. I have only asked Br. Lakra to allow me to pay the sum in two installments, which request I hereby repeat.

I only want to add the following: I have promised the Kuratorium that I will not take this money from what has been given as a gift for the Gossner - Mission or the Gossner Church. It derives from other, extra sources. I would be very grateful if you would let everybody who asks where the money comes from know this.

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Berlin-Friedenau, 23. Februar 1960

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Lieber Bruder Panna !

Herzlichen Dank für Ihren Brief vom 2. Februar. -

Ich war von Berlin abwesend, als er hier eintraf. Erst jetzt nach meiner Rückkehr aus Westdeutschland habe ich ihn gelesen und kann

Ihnen darum auch erst jetzt eine Antwort geben.

1.) Die Wohnungsfrage ist nicht nur in der ~~kleinen~~, sondern auch in der größeren Kommission besprochen worden.

Ich habe das Church Council wiederholt gebeten, Bruder Lakra die Wohnung auf dem Goßner Compound solange wie irgend möglich zu belassen - auch nach seiner Emeritierung. Zu diesem Punkte gaben die Vertreter des CC nur das Versprechen, Bruder Lakra die Wohnung zu belassen, wenn nicht andere Raumfragen es notwendig machten, ihm die Wohnung zu kündigen. Mehr war in diesem Punkte nicht zu erreichen.

2.) In der Frage der Pensionierung von Bruder LAKRA bestand auch seinerseits die einmütige Auffassung, daß er vom 1. Oktober 1959 ab in den Ruhestand treten sollte. Nur deshalb wurde ja auch die Frage erörtert, ob nicht das Kuratorium ihm nach seiner Pensionierung auf irgendeine Weise durch eine zusätzliche finanzielle Leistung helfen könne. Damals machte ich den Vorschlag, daß Bruder Lakra vom Kuratorium mit einer literarischen Arbeit beauftragt werden und dafür ein Honorar von 100.-Rs. monatlich erhalten solle. Den Auftrag dazu sollte er vom Church Council und nicht vom Kuratorium der Goßner-Mission erhalten. Dieser Vorschlag wurde gerade in seinem eigenen Interesse gemacht. Es sollte damit zum Ausdruck kommen, daß er auch während seines Ruhestandes in dienstlicher Verbindung zum CC bleiben solle, wenn auch nicht mehr im aktiven Dienst.

Es war nun sehr bedauerlich, daß Bruder Lakra hinterher auch in einem Brief an mich erklärte, daß er vom Church Council keinen Auftrag entgegennehmen wolle. Ich halte das nicht für klug; diese Haltung widerspricht ja auch den Vorschlägen, die Sie selbst ~~ge-~~ *machen*, ~~macht haben~~. Ich würde also raten, diese Frage zwischen sich und dem Church Council so zu klären, daß Bruder Joel Lakra den Auftrag für literarische Arbeit vom CC übernimmt.
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Ihrem Vorschlag, ~~dafür~~ ^{die geplante literarische Arbeit} eine Kommission von 3 Personen zu bilden (ein Vertreter des Kuratoriums, ein Vertreter des Church Council und ein Vertreter, der von der NORDZONE ~~bekannt~~ ^{bekannt} wird) stimme ich zu. Im übrigen haben wir jetzt hier auch das Problem gelöst, welche Schrift Bruder Lakra übersetzen soll. Es handelt sich um die Auslegung des Matthäus-Evangeliums von dem deutschen Professor Schlatter. Sie wird eben zum erstenmal ins Englische übersetzt, und zwar im Auftrage des Deutschen Evangelischen Missionsrates in Hamburg. Missionsdirektor ^{Dr.} Pörksen, der in dieser Frage eine entscheidende Rolle spielt, hat uns nun empfohlen, daß Bruder Lakra die englische Übersetzung ins Hindi überträgt. Das ist eine ganz große Sache, die nicht nur für die Goßnerkirche, sondern für ganz Indien wichtig ist. Ich werde das CC bitten, diesen Vorschlag anzunehmen.

3.) Nun die Frage des Gehaltsrückstandes für Bruder Joel Lakra.

In der Kleinen Kommission hat Br. Joel Lakra selbst auf einem kleinen Zettel einen Betrag von rund 8000.- Rs angegeben als ~~die~~ Gehaltssumme, ~~die~~ ihm das Church Council schuldet. Damals haben wir von einer offiziellen Feststellung der von Br. Joel Lakra gemachten Angaben nicht gesprochen. Aber als Verwaltungsfachmann werden Sie ja wissen, daß eine Behörde sich immer erst genaue Unterlagen verschaffen muß, um zu einem Beschluß kommen zu können. Dass wir also damals nicht davon gesprochen haben, hat für das, was jetzt das Kuratorium tut, überhaupt keine Bedeutung. Es ist selbstverständlich, daß das Kuratorium

sich die persönlichen Angaben von Bruder Lakra auf irgendeine offizielle Weise bestätigen läßt. Das ist nun durch das, was Br. Kloss getan hat, erreicht worden. Er hat die Angaben von Br. Lakra mit den Aufzeichnungen des Treasurers der Goßnerkirche verglichen und festgestellt, daß hier eine Übereinstimmung vorliegt. Das Ergebnis ist nun dieses, daß es sich um eine Gehaltsschuld von insgesamt 8.000.- Rs. handelt.

Das Kuratorium hat sich bereiterklärt, diesen Betrag an Br. Joel Lakra zu zahlen - und dabei bleibt es. Ich habe nur Br. Lakra gebeten, die Summe in zwei Raten zu je 4.000.- Rs. an ihn überweisen zu dürfen. Diese Bitte möchte ich wiederholen. Hinzufügen möchte ich nur noch folgendes : Ich selbst habe mich dem Kuratorium gegenüber verpflichtet, diesen Betrag nicht aus Geldern zu entnehmen, die für die Goßner-Mission oder für die Goßnerkirche gespendet worden sind. Es kommt aus anderen, zusätzlichen Quellen. Ich wäre dankbar, wenn Sie jedem, der danach fragt, woher das Geld kommt, eine entsprechende Antwort geben wollten.

4.) Endlich möchte ich doch noch einmal darauf hinweisen, daß das Kuratorium nur deswegen auf eine solche Erledigung dieser Angelegenheit eingegangen ist, weil es damit die Erwartung verbindet, daß Br. Joel Lakra sich loyal hinter die Goßnerkirche stellt und sich mit seinem ganzen Einfluß für den Frieden und die Einheit in der Goßnerkirche einsetzt. Wir wären natürlich besonders dankbar dafür, wenn Br. Lakra auch die politischen Möglichkeiten, die er hat, in diesem Sinne gebrauchte, z.B. in der Frage der Einreisegenehmigungen für deutsche Experten, die die Goßnerkirche anfordert. Ich kann ihm aber hier von ~~mir~~ aus keinen Auftrag dazu geben, gerade weil es sich um politische Dinge handelt. Das kann nur vom Church Council aus geschehen. Andererseits werde ich dafür sorgen, daß Br. Joel Lakra durch Br. Kloss voll informiert wird, damit er dann von sich aus tun kann, was er für

richtig hält.

Mit den herzlichsten brüderlichen Grüßen

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Gossnersche Missionsgesellschaft
Berlin-Friedenau, Handjerystraße 19/20

17. Juli 1956

Liebe Freunde,

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Kirchsaal des Missionshauses, Berlin-Friedenau,
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Indian congregation, I am enclosing the last year's resolution of the Department of World Missions referring to it. In this matter you must write indirectly to Geneva.

With best greetings, also from my wife to Mrs. Tige,

Yours sincerely

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W. L. Gossner

Dear Brother Tige,

Thank you very much for the two telegrams. I am enclosing for you a memorandum containing answers regarding the entry permit to India for Hermann Tige and Dr. Tige.

In regard to entry permits for these two brothers, we have a severe case to deal. We thank you for your intention to try to persuade the German authorities to change their mind. As on our part will also take steps, perhaps also with the German Government.

Thank you also for all your efforts concerning Hermann. I hope you will find a good solution. I also have in mind the two young nursing sisters who are still new to India and should not be overtaxed in the beginning. They should really always be together - whatever solution you find.

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ROURKELA Project

Director Hans LOKIES reported on the work in Rourkela.

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Vorschnunglich !

Berlin-Friedenau, 24. Februar 1960

Lo/Su.

President
Rev. J.J. T i g a , M.A., B.D., S.T.M.
R a n c h i / Bihar
INDIA

Lieber Bruder Tiga !

Haben Sie meinen herzlichsten Dank für die beiden Telegramme. -

/ Ich füge für Sie ein Memorandum bei mit Material über die Frage der Einreisegenehmigung nach Indien für die Brüder THIEL und Dr. JUNGHANS.

Die Ablehnung der Einreise für beide Brüder hat uns tief getroffen. Wir danken Ihnen, daß Sie noch einen Versuch machen wollen, die Regierung umzustimmen. Wir werden auch von uns aus geeignete Schritte evtl. auch bei der Deutschen Regierung, unternehmen

Vielen Dank für alle Ihre Bemühungen um Amgaon; hoffentlich finden Sie eine gute Lösung. Ich denke dabei auch an die beiden jungen Schwestern, die noch neu sind in Indien und nicht gleich am Anfang überfordert werden dürfen. Eigentlich müßten sie immer zusammen - bleiben, welch' eine Lösung Sie auch finden sollten.

/ Wegen der Gelder, die der Lutherische Weltbund für den Bau der Kapellen in Jalda und Jirpani und für die Kirche der indischen Gemeinde bestimmt hat, füge ich Ihnen den betreffenden Beschluß des Department of World Mission vom letzten Jahre bei. Sie müssen sich in dieser Frage schon direkt an Genf wenden.

Mit den herzlichsten Grüßen, auch von meiner Frau an Ihre liebe Frau,

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Anlage.

Tiga

Dear Brother Tiga,

Thank you very much for the two telegrams. I am enclosing for you a memorandum containing material concerning the entry permits to India for Brothers Junghans and Thiel.

The denial of entry permits for these two brothers was a severe blow to us. We thank ^{you} for ~~intending~~ ^{authorities} your intention to try to persuade the Government to change their mind. We on our part will also take steps, perhaps also with the German Government.

Thank you also for ~~your~~ all your efforts concerning Amgaon. I hope you will find a good solution. I also have in mind the two young nursing-sisters who are still new in India and should not be over-taxed in the beginning. They should really always be together - whatever solution you find.

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An
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in G r o s s - B e r l i n

Liebe Brüder und Schwestern!

Unseren diesjährigen R ü s t g o t t e s d i e n s t wollen wir mit Rücksicht auf das Kirchentagstreffen bereits am Sonnabend, dem 19.10.1957, halten, und zwar als Abendmahlsgottesdienst in der Sophienkirche. Der Gottesdienst soll um 17 Uhr beginnen; die Predigt hält Herr Präses D. Scharf. Beim Heiligen Abendmahl werden mehrere Geistliche amtieren.

Wiewohl wir wissen, dass mancher von Ihnen aus dienstlichen oder persönlichen Gründen zum Gottesdienst in der Sophienkirche nicht wird kommen können, möchten wir doch alle, denen es möglich ist, herzlich bitten, unsere Zusammengehörigkeit im kirchlichen Dienst über die Sektorengrenzen hinweg durch die Gemeinschaft am Tisch des Herrn sichtbar zu bekunden.

Wir sind uns dessen bewusst, dass wir einander in unserem Dienst von West zu Ost und Ost zu West nur wenig äussere Hilfe leisten können. Ein jeder von uns wird den Platz, an den er gestellt ist, nach besten Kräften auszufüllen suchen. Umsomehr sind wir uns gegenseitig den Dienst schuldig, zueinander zu stehen, auch wenn sich die Arbeitsbedingungen mehr und mehr auseinander entwickeln.

Gott der Herr segne uns die Gemeinschaft an Seinem Tisch.

In der Verbundenheit des Dienstes und der Verantwortung grüsst

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concerning the entry permits to India for Diplomlandwirt (agriculturist with Dr.Diploma) Dr.Heinz JUNGHANS and wife Lilly, née Jockschat and Building Engineer Werner THIEL, his wife Lucia née Ricken and daughters Hedy and Rita.

Both Dr.Junghans and Engineer Thiel have been invited officially by the Gossner-Church to India as experts.

Dr.Junghans whose wife has learnt orchading has been commissioned by the Gossner-Church in India to build up a school for agriculture and a model farm. He has very high qualifications for this task. He has been offered appointments in Asia for the same work, for salaries which are four to five times higher than what he is to receive in the Gossner-Church. He has however declined them in order to be free for the Gossner-Church. Study at the Technical University, West-Berlin.

Engineer Thiel studied at the Technical College in Breslau before the war (1933-35). From 1951-1957 he was Chief of the Building Section in the Post-Ministry of Addis-Abeba (Ethiopia), where he chiefly built schools. On commission of the Gossner-Church he is to be employed in building the school for agriculture and the model farm, as well as the planned technical school and the training school for Indian nurses in Amgaon. His wife is teacher for needlework and dressmaking. In Addis Abeba she was head of a flourishing school for craftsmen. It is planned that she should carry out similar project in India.

Should the reason for objection to Dr.Junghans and engineer Thiel be the fact that they come from Communist-ruled East-Germany, it must stressed that it is not their fault that they were born there. They are, in fact, both what we here call "political refugees". They had to leave their homes for the very reason that they were not Communists.

For the planned school for agriculture and the model farm within the district of the Gossner-Church Dr.Junghans is to bring with him from Germany a set of agricultural machines and teaching material worth appr. DM 80.000.- Beyond that he is to have a start-sum of about 30.000.-

Since December 1959 a collection is being held in all churches in Germany under the motto: "BREAD FOR THE WORLD". So far 15 Million DM have been given. Of this sum DM 100.000.- have been designated for the planned agricultural school and model farm in the Gossner-Church.

This "BREAD FOR THE WORLD" -action received the attention of the whole public in Germany. Also the plan to send Dr.Junghans to India in order to found a model farm has been made known to the public. Reports on this were given in the daily papers, magazines and also on the radio.

In one of our largest motorcar-works - the "VOLKSWAGENWERK" in Wolfsburg, the workmen - also men who do not belong to the church - made a collection for an ambulance-car for the hospital in Amgaon about 12.000.- DM. Beyond that they gave a further DM 12.000.- for the planned school for agriculture and technic in the area of the Gossner-Church.

In the largest cement-works of Germany the workmen collected money for a farm-tractor.

All this was done in full publicity !

Should the Indian Government now refuse the entry permits for Dr.Junghans and engineer Thiel that would be bad publicity for India in Germany. For this reason we have not yet made known that the Indian Government has refused entry permits for these two experts.

We beg the Gossner-Church to realise that it would be impossible to send her all these large donations if these few but absolutely necessary experts are not allowed to come to India. The donors have given their gifts only for the good of India and the best of the Gossner-Church. But they want to

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Memorandum

über

Die Frage der Einreisegenehmigungen nach Indien für den
Diplom-Landwirt Dr. Heinz Junghans und seine Frau Lilly,
geb. Jockschat und für den
Building-Engineer Werner Thiel, seine Frau Lucia, geb. Ricken
und seine beiden Töchter Hedy und Rita.

Sowohl Dr. Junghans wie Ingenieur Thiel sind von der Goßnerkirche
offiziell als Experten nach Indien eingeladen worden.

Dr. Junghans, dessen Frau eine gelernte Obstzüchterin ist, soll im
Auftrag der Goßnerkirche in Indien eine landwirtschaftliche Schule
und eine Musterfarm aufbauen. Er ist dazu hochqualifiziert. Angebote
mit 4-5fachem Gehalt als er im Dienste der Goßnerkirche erhalten soll,
sind ihm für gleiche Aufgaben in Asien angeboten worden. Er hat sie
abgelehnt, um der Goßnerkirche zur Verfügung zu stehen.

Ingenieur Werner Thiel hat vor dem Kriege auf dem Technical College
in Breslau studiert (1933-35). In den Jahren 1951 - 1957 war er als
Chief of building section im Postministerium von Addis Abeba (Äthiopien)
beschäftigt. ⁺ Er soll im Auftrage der Goßnerkirche sowohl beim Aufbau
der landwirtschaftlichen Schule und Musterfarm wie später einer techni-
schen Schule und einer Ausbildungsstätte für indische Krankenschwestern
in Amgaon mitwirken.

Seine Frau ist Handarbeitslehrerin und Schneidermeisterin. Sie hat in
Addis Abeba eine blühende Handwerkerschule geleitet. Es ist geplant,
daß sie ähnliche Arbeiten auch in Indien durchführt.

 Dr. Junghans soll für die geplante landwirtschaftliche Schule und die
Musterfarm im Raume der Goßnerkirche eine Ausrüstung von landwirtschaft-
lichen Maschinen und Lehrmaterial aus Deutschland mitnehmen: zusammen
im Werte von rund DM 80.000.- Darüber hinaus wird ihm eine Start-
hilfe von rund DM 30.000.- gewährt.

Seit Dezember 1959 ist in allen Kirchen Deutschlands eine große Sammlung unter der Losung " BROT FÜR DIE WELT " durchgeführt worden. Sie hat bisher 15 Millionen DMark eingebracht. Davon sind DM 100.000.- für die geplante landwirtschaftliche Schule und die Musterfarm im Raume der Goßnerkirche bereits zugeteilt worden.

Diese Sammlung hat unter stärkster Teilnahme der gesamten deutschen Öffentlichkeit stattgefunden. Auch der Plan, Dr. Junghans nach Indien auszusenden, um dort eine Musterfarm einzurichten, ist der Öffentlichkeit bekanntgegeben worden. Man hat davon in Zeitungen, Zeitschriften, selbst im Radio berichtet.

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s. Postskriptum !

In einer der größten deutschen Automobilfabriken, dem Volkswagenwerk in Wolfsburg, haben die Arbeiter - auch solche, die gar nicht zur Kirche gehören - für einen VW-Sanitätswagen für das Hospital in Amgaon gesammelt : rund DM 12.000.- Sie haben darüber hinaus weitere DM 12.000.- für die geplante landwirtschaftliche und technische Schule im Gebiet der Goßnerkirche gespendet.

In der größten Zementfabrik Deutschlands haben die Arbeiter das Geld für einen landwirtschaftlichen Traktor aufgebracht.

Und das alles in aller Öffentlichkeit !

Wenn jetzt die Indische Regierung die Einreisegenehmigung für Dr. JUNGHANS und Ingenieur THIEL verweigert, ist das eine " bad publicity " für Indien in Deutschland. Wir haben darum die Tatsache, daß die indische Regierung die Einreise für diese beiden Experten verweigert hat, noch nicht bekanntgegeben.

Die Goßnerkirche aber bitten wir, zu bedenken, daß es unmöglich ist, ihr alle die großen Spenden zuzuleiten, wenn nicht gleichzeitig

die für die Durchführung der geplanten Arbeiten notwendigen wenigen Experten nach Indien kommen dürfen; ~~das versteht sich von selbst;~~
~~denn~~ die Spender haben ihre Gaben nur zum Nutzen Indiens und zum Besten der Goßnerkirche gespendet. Sie wollen aber diese Gelder auch in die Hand von Experten legen, zu denen sie das Vertrauen haben, daß sie die Projekte, für die die Spenden bestimmt sind, sachgemäß durchführen können.

Ich möchte nur noch bemerken, daß solch' eine Sammlung, wie sie jetzt erstmalig in Deutschland durchgeführt worden ist, jedes Jahr wiederholt werden soll. Es wäre ein nicht wiedergutzumachender Schaden, wenn diese wohlgemeinte Hilfe, die ^{nicht direkt} ~~heute~~ ^{arbeit} ~~swegen~~ mit Missionszwecken verbunden ist, durch die Verweigerung der Visa für die beiden genannten Experten an der Goßnerkirche vorüberginge.

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In derselben Fabrik hat die Sammelaktion für die Goßnerkirche in Indien noch andere erfreuliche Nebenaktionen ausgelöst, die nicht nur auf die Christen und die christliche Kirche in Indien ausgerichtet sind. Es handelt sich da um Studienhilfe gerade auch für nicht-christliche Studenten.

Pastor DOHRMANN, der Beauftragte der Landeskirche Hannover für Industrie-Diakonie in Wolfsburg schreibt darüber folgendes :

" Unsere Aktion 'BROT FÜR DIE WELT' geht munter weiter. Im Augenblick bin ich bei der Finanzierung des Studiums für einen Inder.
" Das christliche Jugenddorf (120 Jungarbeiter) hat sich zuerst bereiterklärt, DM 800.- für das erste Semester, der Sozialkreis DM 800.- für das zweite, die Gewerkschaften für das dritte, die Volkshochschule für das vierte, der Rat der Stadt für das fünfte
24.2.60 und so hoffe ich noch einige andere Gruppen und Institutionen
Lo/Su. für die nächsten Semester zu gewinnen. Termin ist der 1. Advent.
~~~~~ Im Jugenddorf wurde mir außerdem der Freiplatz für einen indischen Facharbeiter zugesagt, der hier im Volkswagenwerk noch eine weitere Ausbildung oder überhaupt erst eine Ausbildung bekommen könnte. Und ein ganz raffinierter Plan ist aufgetaucht. Unter den Jungarbeitern im Jugenddorf würde sich evtl. ein TEAM von 3 Jungarbeitern bilden, das bereit wäre, in Verbindung mit einer deutschen Firma nach Indien zu gehen. ...."

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Wenn man gegen Dr.JUNGHANS und Ingenieur THIEL etwa einwenden sollte, daß sie aus dem unter kommunistischer Herrschaft stehenden deutschen Osten stammen, dann muß man zunächst sagen, daß sie nichts dafür können, wenn sie dort geboren sind. Andererseits sind sie beide Leute, die wir hier "politische Flüchtlinge" nennen. Sie sind aus ihrer Heimat ausgewiesen worden, weil sie k e i n e Kommunisten sind.

M e m o r a n d u m

concerning the entry permits to India for ~~Diplom~~<sup>with Dr. Diploma</sup> ~~Landwirt~~ (qualified agriculturist) Dr. Heinz JUNGHANS and wife Lilly, nee Jockschat, ~~and~~ Building Engineer Werner THIEL, his wife Lucia nee Ricken, and daughters Hedy and Rita.

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Dr. Junghans whose wife has learnt orchading. ~~xxxxxxxxxxx school for agriculturists and model farm~~ has been commissioned by the Gossner Church in India to ~~build up~~ a school for agriculture and a model farm. He has very high qualifications for this task. He has been offered appointments in Asia for the same work, for salaries which are four to five times higher than <sup>what</sup> he is to receive in the Gossner Church. He has however declined them in order to be free for the Gossner Church. *Study at the Technical University, West-Berlin.* Engineer Thiel studied at the the Technical College in Breslau before the war (1933-35). From 1951 - 1957 he was Chief of ~~Building~~ <sup>the</sup> Section in the Post- Ministry of Addis-Abeba (Ethiopia), where he chiefly built schools. On commission of the Gossner Church he is to be employed in ~~the~~ building of the school for agriculture and the model farm, as well as ~~the~~ <sup>the planned technical school and</sup> training school for Indian nurses in Amgaon. His wife is teacher for needlework and dressmaking. In Addis Abeba she was head of a flourishing school for ~~xxx~~ craftsmen. It is planned that she should ~~xxxxxxx work in India~~ carry out similar projects in India.

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Berlin, im Oktober 1957

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alle Katecheten und Lehrer im kirchlichen Dienst  
in G r o s s - B e r l i n

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All this was done in full publicity!

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We beg the Gossner Church to realise that it would be impossible to send her all these large donations if ~~ix~~ these few but absolutely necessary experts are not allowed to come to India. The donors have given their gifts only for the good of India and the best of the Gossner Church. But they want to ~~see~~ trust this money to the hands of experts in whom they have confidence that they will be able to carry out the projects ~~the money~~ it is meant for in an expert way.

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Diplomlandwirt Dr. Heins JUNGHANS und Bauingenieur Werner  
THIEL :

- 1/ 21.II.60 aus Ranchi :  
" Thiel and Junghans refused sorry - Tiga " .
- 2/ 22.II.60 nach Ranchi :  
" Concerning Junghans/Thiel bad publicity here for India  
" try again stop - Lokies "
- 3/ 23.II.60 aus Ranchi :  
"Planning fresh attempts for Thiel and Junghans - Tiga "

Anschrift von Präsident T i g a :

Rev. J.J.TIGA, M.A., B.D., S.T.M.  
President Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church  
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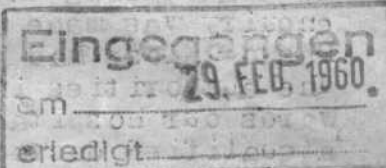
RANCHI, (BIHAR, INDIA)

Ref: 275/50

Dated the 23rd. Febr 19 60

PRESIDENT :  
REV. J. J. P. TIGA, M. A., B. D., S. T. M.

The Revd. Dr. Hans Lokies,  
Director, Gossner Mission Society,  
Berlin.



Dear Brother Lokies,

Today I received the following telegram from you : BAD PUBLISSITY HERE FOR INDIA TRY AGAIN STOP CONFIRMING HOSPITAL CONTACT TAUSCHER INSTANTLY FINANCIAL HELP FOR EVERY- EVEN FIRST SOLUTION AGREED -

LOKIES.

I believe you were in receipt of my letters of the 15th. 17th. and a telegram dated the 20th. inst. saying " Thiel and Junghans refused. Sorry. Tiga ".

I am sending you now the following telegram :  
NO CAUSE OF ANXIETY FOR HOSPITAL. PLANNING FRESH ATTEMPT FOR ~~EX~~ THIEL JUNGHANS. . TIGA

I thank you for the financial help you have promised for the hospital. The difficulties regarding the sisters, the two children and the hospital appear to have been solved.

a. The two sisters will go for study of Oriya in March either at Nawrangapur or at Rourkela, the latter is quite definite as I have stated in my letter to the sisters. In the months of April, May and June they will study at Nodaikanal.

b. Compounder Luther Minz will be in charge of the hospital during these four months when the sisters are on leave for language study.

The two children will go to Nawrangpur with Bina and Marie. This is the present understanding. In connection with Meena the little child I have to add that yesterday I had a talk with the Superintendent of the S.P.G. Blind School, Ranchi that this girl who is now at Amgaon in charge of the sisters has lost sight and is sick and asked her if she could take charge of her. She expressed her readiness to do so and told me to get her here. I have already written to Sister Ursula in this connection. They have to decide what they would like to do but let us thank God there are so many good alternatives.

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The Amgaon sisters can ~~can~~ choose any of these.

With this it looks as though the hospital will be almost closed for four months. But on the other hand when the sisters will return with ability to understand and talk in the Oriya language, the hospital will be very greatly benefited.

I have already sent in my application for Dr. and Mrs. Grundler and their daughter to the Home Department in New Delhi and the Home Department in Orissa. Rev. Kloss told me that during the time when I was in Rourkela and Amgaon an enquiry was made about Dr. Grundler and Secretary Moro and Pastor Kloss had gone to the D.C. to answer to the questions. The authorities in Orissa are very favourably inclined towards our hospital in Amgaon and they themselves realise that a qualified doctor is absolutely necessary to run the same. It is therefore my earnest hope that visas will be granted to Dr. Grundler. We are however very sorry to hear that he can not come out before ~~XXXX~~ May and we understand that it will be late in the year that he will be arriving if the visa is granted. Yet, we shall be very happy any time he can come.

I must say that I have not officially heard from the Home Department, New Delhi about the visas for Mr. Thiel and Dr. Jungnans. But I heard it from Bishop Modol who is in New Delhi and who having contacted the Home Department Secretary wrote to me. I am planning to submit an application to the Home Department to reopen the question of both of these experts and to reconsider their applications for visas. I'll do so as soon as I get an official letter from the Home Department on this matter.

May I inform you that we have invited the two sisters from Gwindpur and the two sisters ~~XXXXXX~~ from Amgaon to receive farewell and welcome respectively on the 1st. March. Dr. Peusch and his family have also been invited to join them. Rev. Kloss and Mrs. Kloss will no doubt be here to take part in the functions.

With best wishes,

Yours Sincerely,

cc to :

1. Secretary, G. E. L. C.
2. Rev. H. Kloss
3. Treasurer, G. E. L. C.

*Indira 23/2/60*

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Reverend T i g a

G.E.L. Church R a n c h i / Bihar

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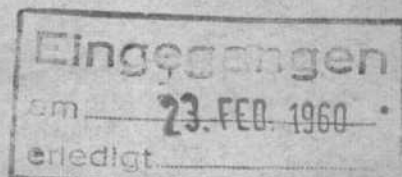
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PRESIDENT :  
REV. J. J. P. TIGA, M. A., B. D., S.T.M.

Director,  
Gossner Mission Society.



Dear Brother Iokies,

I came to Rourkela on the 11th. inst and on the 14th. went to Amgaon. We returned on the 15th. to Rourkela. Mrs. Tiga has come with me and also a girl who was to stay with Sister Ursula as a companion in case of her loneliness. Dr. and Mrs. Peusch are helping us all through. Now the situation is like this :  
On arrival of the two sisters Brother Kloss made the arrangement that Sister Schatz should go to Nowrangpur to learn Oriya and Sister Ursula to carry on the work of the hospital until she goes to the Language School. Sister Maria returned from Nowrangpur to Rourkela on the 12th. the day when we arrived at Rourkela. She told us that people at Nowrangpur were willing to take both of the sisters, the two children, Marie the cook and Bina their assistant, the two sisters to stay there for one month and then after some preliminary study of Oriya to proceed to the language school for three months and the rest to remain at Nowrangpur until their return from the language school. We all from Rourkela went to Amgaon on the 14th. and had a conference. We discussed from all possible angles and came to the decision that the best thing was for the sisters to go to Nowrangpur with the 2 children, Bina and Marie as suggested by friends in Nowrangpur through Sister Maria. As soon as we returned from Amgaon I wrote a letter to you. But as we were about to leave Rourkela a telegram came from Nowrangpur to say that the person who had agreed to take classes from an immediate date for these two Sisters has been transferred by the Church Council ( J.E.L.C. ) to Assam. They are sorry. This telegram completely upset us and the whole of yesterday we had been running to the nearby Roman Catholic neighbours for an Oriya tutor

(Beena, Marie,  
Peterson, Maria)

we tried to find

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and for a hospital where the two children could be kept. The Headmaster of the Roman school at Hamidpur assured us that he will find an Oriya teacher for the Sisters if they come and stay at Rourkela and we thought that that would be the best. Dr. & Mrs. Peusch most kindly agree, rather they offer to put them with themselves. But, we could not find any solution during the course of the whole day yesterday for the two children Peter and Meena. Today Mrs. Peusch is going to Hamidpur to find out if the Sister of the R.C. Dispensary there be willing to take charge of the children. Meanwhile we sent one Reply Paid Express Telegram to Nowrangpur asking them if they could take the children for four months even if the Sisters could not go there (as the tutor has been transferred). We are waiting for the answers. As these matters are very urgent and as, in case of uncertainties, Mrs. Tiga wants to take the boy Peter, and we must make some arrangements for the sisters to learn Oriya, I have been postponing our return to Ranchi. I hope the Lord will soon show us the way and that all the clouds will be clear.

I was too busy running about last few days and I was unable to post the application I had prepared to be sent to New Delhi and Bhuvaneshwar reg. Dr. Grundler and his family. Today I am sending my application to both of these places. I am sending copies for your ~~application~~ information. As it is a case of replacement I did not have to write much about the purpose of the invitation.

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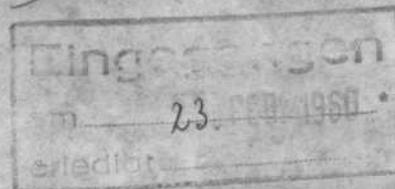
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J. L. Gossner 17/2/60

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18th, Feb. 60

Sisters Ursula and Maria.

Dear Sisters,

Mrs. Tiga and I are indeed very thankful to you for your kind hospitality when we were at Angaon. We came there all unexpected and yet our short stay there was most enjoyable.

On our arrival here Dr. Peusch got a telegram from Dr. Mollet saying that Rev. Prayog has been transferred by the Church Council to Angaon and that he was not available for teaching you Oriya. We got this letter at 8 p.m. on the 15th, and we were quite upset. On the 16th & 17th, we were busy trying to find solution to the whole problem of your studies and the care of the children. Mrs. Tiga offered to take Peter and Marie, Mrs. Peusch offered to take Meena and Beena. The Headmaster of the Roman Catholic High School offered to find a teacher here at Bourkela to teach you Oriya for the period until you go to Kodaikanal. Meanwhile we sent telegram to Nowrangpur to ask them if they would be willing to take Beena, Meena, Marie and Peter. Yesterday we got the reply telegram in which Dr. Mollet says that they are prepared to take Meena, Peter, Beena and Marie. As regards you it is now final that you come for one month to Bourkela, stay with Mrs. Peusch, take Oriya lessons from a teacher here one hour a day (Rs. 3/- per hour) and then go to Kodaikanal. But for the children there are these two alternatives as I have stated above. The final decision is left for you to make. All the four can be taken to Nowrangpur or they may be divided between Mrs. Tiga and Mr. Peusch.

I shall consult the two sisters at Govindpur and let you know about the final arrangements for the function of Reception and Farewell. With best wishes,

Yours Sincerely,

A. T. T. 18/2/60

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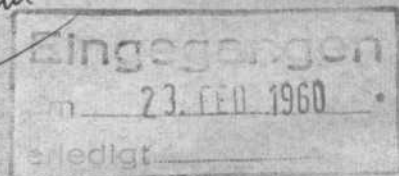
REV. J. J. P. TIGA, M.A., B.D., S.T.M.

Ref: 22/60/O.S.S.

Dated the 12th / 17th Feb 1960

To,  
The Secretary,  
Home Department,  
Government of India,  
New Delhi.

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Subject : Application for visa for Dr. Christoph Grundler and his family.

Sir,

I thank you very much for the grant of visas for the two German sisters Ursula von Lingen and Maria Schatz. They have arrived and they have started their work at Angson, P.S. Barkot, P.O. Barkot, District Sambalpur in Orissa.

I beg further most humbly and respectfully to state that we are in urgent need of a qualified medical doctor for this hospital. Ever since Dr. Bischoff left and returned to Germany, we have been trying to find a doctor but we were not successful. From the very beginning we have intended to establish the hospital with German equipments and German medicines as much as possible. For this reason we have been always trying to get the services of a German doctor to take the place of Dr. Bischoff. It has now been learnt that Dr. Christoph Grundler of Germany has very kindly offered himself to come to India for the purpose.

I earnestly pray that necessary visas for Dr. Ch. Grundler, Mrs. Grundler and their daughter Miss Grundler may kindly be granted. For this act of your kindness we shall remain ever grateful to you.

Yours Faithfully,

Encl:

The copies of three applications for visas.

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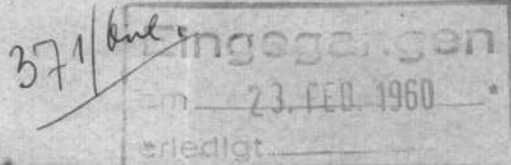
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Dated the ..... 19

12th/17th, Feb. 60

To,  
The Secretary,  
Home Department,  
Government of Orissa,  
Bhubaneswar, Orissa.



Subject : Application for visas for Dr. Christoph  
Grundler, Mrs. Grundler and Miss Grundler.

Sir,

I beg most humbly and respectfully to enclose herewith copies of applications for visas from Dr. Ch. Grundler, his wife and his daughter.

Dr. Grundler has been invited by the Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church to take the place of Dr. Bischoff who left for Germany in October, 1958.

I earnestly pray that visas may kindly be granted at your earliest convenience and for this act of your kindness we shall remain ever grateful to you.

Encl:

1. Copy of my application dated 12/17.2.1960
2. copies of three applications from those who have been invited.

*J. J. P. TIGA*  
President

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NO ENCLOSURES  
ALLOWED



The Rev. Dr. Theol. Hans Lokies,  
Director, Gossner Mission Society,  
Berlin-Friedenau,  
Handjerystrasse 19/20  
BERLIN, W. Germany.



Sender's name and address :-

Nawrangapur  
Office for...  
16 2 91

No. 245/60

My dear Brother Lokies,

Dr. Peusch and his family, my wife, one Miss Khalkho and I returned this morning from Amgaon. We had a good meeting last night regarding the present arrangements of the hospital. Sister Schatz had gone to Nawrangapur and brought the information that none from there can come to Amgaon. On the other hand they are prepared to take from our hospital as many as can go. We have decided to send the two sisters there for one month after a fortnight to get the elementary knowledge of Oriya and then to go to the language school for three months, namely April to June. In these four months they will learn enough of Oriya for the purpose of their work. Now it is impossible for them to do any work and it is simply waste of time if they remain at Amgaon. Moreover sister Schatz told us that next year there is no certainty that there will be a class for Oriya at the language school. So we have agreed that both the sister will go for four months' language study, first month in Nawrangapur and then to the language school at Kodalkamal. In the meantime compounder Luther will be in charge of the hospital. For this period the hospital will not fetch the same income as when the nurses are there. A sum of Rs. 1000/- is necessary to come from the Joint Mission Board and the sisters think that they can make it up when they take up work after June. Your approval is kindly requested.

Co to Secr. JMB, Secr. G.M.C., Sister Ursula

Yours Sincerely,

*J. H. Gossner*  
PRESIDENT

Camp Pourkela, 15.2.1960

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Ref: .....

Dated the ..... 1960

"Glory to God in the highest,  
Peace on earth good will toward all men"

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"Jehovah Will keep thy going out  
and thy coming in  
From this time forth and for ever more"

\* \* \* \*

"And let the favour of the Lord  
Our God be upon us;  
And establish thou the work  
of our hands upon us;  
Yea, the work of our hands  
establish thou it."

Dear brethren and fellow-labourers,

As we enter into the New Year I wish you all the re-assurance of the blessings and joy of the last Christmas and the renewed promises of our Everlasting God to keep us 'now and for evermore. We are aware of the fact that our dear Gossner Church is eagerly looking forward for a new constitution of the Church and above all for unity, good will and love among all the members of the Church. Keeping in mind all our problems and our great responsibility to make manifest the Light of Righteousness which has come to us and to our nation, I greet you in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ in the words of Micah 4:1-5.

"It shall come to pass in days to come, That the mountain of the Lord's house will be Established as the highest mountain; And elevated above the hills. Peoples will stream unto it, 2 And many nations will come, and say: 'Come, let us go up to the mount of the Lord, To the house of the God of Jacob: That he may instruct us in his ways, And that we may walk in his paths; For from Zion goes forth instruction, And the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.' 3 Then shall he judge between many peoples, Arbitrate for great nations, at a distance; And they shall beat their swords into plowshares, And their spears into pruning-hooks. Nation shall not lift up sword against nation. Nor shall they learn war any more. 4 And they shall sit each under his vine, And under his fig tree, with none to frighten them; For the mouth of the Lord of hosts has spoken. 5 For all the peoples walk, Each in the name of his god; But we will walk in the name of the Lord. Our God forever and ever."

RANCHI  
EPIPHANY  
6.1.1960

Yours in the Lord,  
J. J. P. TIGA  
President,  
G. E. L. Church.

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*Ranchi*  
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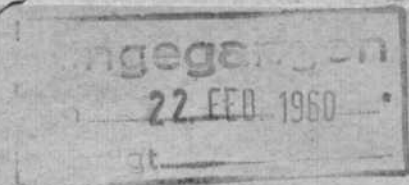
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Dated the 11th. Feb. 19 60

PRESIDENT :  
REV. J. J. P. TIGA, M. A., B. D., S. T. M.

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The Revd. Dr. Hans Lokies ,  
Director, Gossner Mission Society,  
Berlin.



Dear Brother Lokies,

Soon after I had despatched my letter ~~key~~ to you on the 9th. inst. I received your letter of the 28th. January. I thank you for the same and also for copies of the letters, one from Dr. Jones to Dr. Bhatti and another from Dr. Jones to Pastor Jaeckel. I am surprised that this time the letter took about ten days to come from Berlin to Ranchi, the double of the time it takes usually. From the postal seal I notice that it was mailed on 6.2.60 and therefore I take it that the despatch and delivery was alright.

Yesterday I called the Secretary and the Treasurer of the Church for a meeting of the officers and I invited Rev. Kloss to this meeting. I placed your letter before them and we all agreed to invite Pastor Jaeckel. We accepted all your proposals with some minor changes about the dates for the conference and the number of the people who will attend. If the list we have made is accepted, we shall be twelve to be supported by the Kuratorium among whom at least one will be local. If we meet at Bourkela Pastors Peusch and Minz will be local and if we meet at Jamshedpur Pastor Junul Topno will be local. Apart from this Pastor Kloss thinks that he can meet his expenses from the funds of the Joint Mission Board. In other words it can be worked out so that the Kuratorium will be obligated to meet the expenses of not more than 10 persons.

We suggest that Pastor Jaeckel should follow the suggestions given to him by Dr. Jones and Dr. Bhatti and that he should make some time to visit the industrial centres of the Gossner Church in order to give us his valuable guidance now and in future. We suggest that the conference be held at Jamshedpur on the 12th. to 14th. of July.

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With best wishes,

Go to Dr. H. Lokies, Dr. Bhatti and  
Mr. Horo Secr. GELC.

Yours Sincerely,  
*[Signature]*  
President. 11/2

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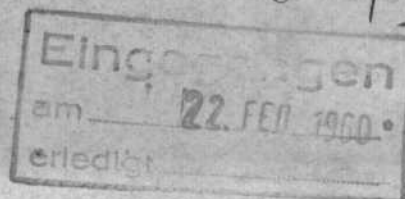
REV. J. J. P. TIGA, M. A., B. D., S. T. M.

Ref: 224/60/KUR

Dated the 11th. Febr. 19 60

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Anschrift von Pastor Theodor Jaeckel,  
Sassoon APT. House 4, Flat 129,  
Yamamoto -Dori 2 - Chome, Ikuta- Ku  
Kobe, Japan.



Dear Pastor, Jaeckel ,

On the 9th. inst. I received a letter from Director Hans Lokies with the information that you are on your way back to Germany arriving in India ( Calcutta ) on June 24/25th and will stay in India for 3-4 weeks. Dr. Lokies has proposed that I should make preparations for a Conference either at Fourkela or at Jamshedpur where 8 - 10 people could take part and that you would be available for leading us at the conference. You can visit the industrial districts of the Gossner Church , study our problems and give us your valuable suggestions for our work in such areas. The Gossner Mission is prepared to bear all the cost involved in this plan .

I have consulted the Secretary and the Treasurer of our Church , and also the Rev. H. Kloss the Secretary of the Joint Mission Board . In full agreement with these three I extend to you a very hearty welcome in our midst for as long as you can. We suggest that you follow the advice given to you by Dr. Henry D. Jones. I am taking into consultation Dr. B. C. Bhatti so that your being with us may be of utmost benefit for the whole Church here in India. We think that the conference should be held at Jamshedpur ( subject to the approval of Dr. Bhatti and others ) on the 12th to 14th. of July and that the following 10 be invited in addition to yourself and me :

Messrs. Dewey , Polston , Bhatti, Peusch , Kloss ,  
Bannerji , Junul Topno, P. C. Minz, Silas Kujur and  
Theodor Dungdung . The last four are from Jamshedpur,  
Fourkela, Gua and Birmitrapur and they are all pastors  
working in these industrial centres. All these four are  
from the Gossner Church.

Besides these we want to invite Rev. D. Hemrom of Chakradharpur ,

Rev. C.B.Aind of Rajgangpur, Rev. M.Khalkho of Purulia, Rev. N. Bhuinya of Bazaribagh and Rev. M.Hemrom of Tezpur ( Assam ). These five are Synod Presidents and they supervise the work of such pastors who are within the jurisdiction of their Synods. These five are to be invited at the cost of the Synods they will represent. This is by no means final. We want the advice of Dr. Bhatty in all these matters so that the conference be of benefit to as wide a circle as it could be possible. But we feel that the Gossner Church must not, in any case lose this rare opportunity when the Gossner Mission is making it possible for such a conference to be held.

Any suggestions from you will be greatly appreciated.

I once again, in the name of the Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church extend to you a very hearty welcome.

With all good wishes,

Yours Sincerely,

President

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Copy to :

1. Dr. Hans Iokies, Director, Gossner Mission,
2. Mr. N.E.Horo, Secretary, G.E.L.Church
3. Dr. E.C.Bhatty, Secretary, National Christian Council

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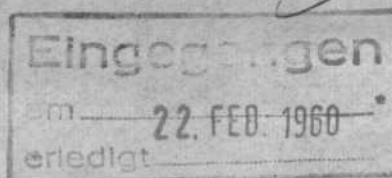
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PRESIDENT ;  
REV. J. J. P. TIGA, M. A., B. D., S. T. M.

Ref: 234/60

Dated the 11th. Febr. 19 60

Dr. E. C. Bhatta,  
Secretary, National Christian Council,  
Nagpur.



Dear Dr. Bhatta,

I hope you have received my P.C. telling you that the 7th. of March will suit me quite well for a conference with you and Bishop Hans here at Ranchi.

Please find enclosed copies of some correspondence between Dr. Lokies, Pastor Jaeckel, Dr. Jones and myself. You have received a letter from Dr. Jones already as I notice. Hence I think you are acquainted with the subject.

I am inviting Pastor Jaeckel to visit our Church and to hold a conference for three days. I request you to kindly take part in this conference and also guide me in organising the same to the best of the purpose for which it is intended to be.

We can talk more on this subject when we meet together here at Ranchi and at Pachambe after about a month.

With best wishes,

Yours Sincerely,

President

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Copies to :  
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Pastor Jaeckel—  
Secr. GELC.

Secretary,  
G. E. L. CHURCH,  
Chotanagpur & Assam.

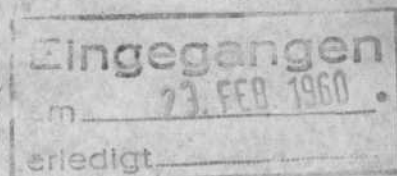
GOSSNER EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH  
RANCHI BIHAR.

No 196/60.

Ranchi the 13 th. February,  
1960.

Dr. Hans Lokies,  
Director,  
Gossner Mission Society,  
Berlin-Friedenau,  
Handjerystr- 19/20/  
GERMANY.

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Dear Brother Lokies,

Your kind letter of 30 th. January reached me to-day in the afternoon. This morning Brother Kloss and myself had been to a government officer here in connection with Bro. Grundler's applications for his visa. He wanted to know the particulars regarding Bro. Grundler, as to why he wants to come to India. I believe, his applications will be disposed of favourably. At least let us hope for the best.

Two days ago I have sent you several letters, among which is the Church Council's official invitation to Bro. Grundler and family. Also there is an information that the Church Council has selected Rev. Prabhudayal Soreng (at present Synod President of Khutitoly Synod) to be the successor to Rev. Hanukh Minz. Kindly send him and his wife and children (three of them) an invitation to come to Germany. As you know this document will be needed by him for obtaining his travel documents. Also send me an assurance that their travel costs etc. will be borne by the Gossner Mission.

Rev. Hanukh Minz has been appointed a teacher for the Pracharaks' Training School at Govindpur. At the moment the Church Council could not think of any other work. May be after he has come to the field, his future work could be more fully considered. We have already allotted a building for him at Govindpur. This appointment will come in to effect the day he reaches Ranchi.

As to your proposal for granting him a furlough for six months, I need not comment here, since it raises a vital question which may affect the service conditions of other workers of the church. However, the Church Council has to say on this.

they/ Now I know that the two Sister Diller and Schmidt will finally go back to Germany in end of April. As far as I know we had asked you to send back Bahalen and Seteng earlier, but as you say that/cannot leave Germany before August. We have somehow to make an arrangement for the smooth running of the school. The Church Council will take care of it.

Regarding the new arrangements made for helping Sister Ursula, Bro. Kloss must have informed you that a young girl from Ranchi has been sent to Amgaon to help her converse with the patients. In the meantime Sister Maria has gone to Nowrangpur for language work. An Indian doctor is being searched for the hospital by the JMB, so I learn. It seems the Jeypore church is not able to spare any doctor or missionary nurse for Amgaon. Bro. Kloss will tell you more about this.

Please note that the GEL Church Council has extended an invitation to you for attending our ensuing Mahasabha to be held from April 24 th to 29 th. Please make it a point to come and be present in the sabha personally. This is going to be a historic one!

Looking forward to meeting you once again,

Yishushay to you, your dear wife and other of the Gossner Haus.

Yours sincerely,  
Hans Minz

GOSSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CHOTANAGPUR & ASSAM  
(Secretary: MR.N.E.HORO)

No. 174 / 60-CC-78.

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G.E.L.Church, Ranchi.

The 10.2.1960.

To,

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Dr. Hans Lokies,  
Director, Gossner Mission Society,  
Handjerystr - 19/20.  
WEST GERMANY

Dear Brother Lokies,

In a previous letter I have informed you of the selection of Rev. Prabhudayal Soreng to be the successor to Rev. Hanukh Minz for mission work (deputation work) in Germany under the guidance and control of the Gossner Mission Society. He has accepted his selection for the work. Besides his wife Mrs. SUBANI SORENG, two of his daughters LORONGB' and HARSHIT RUTH aged 5 years and 2½ years respectively and one son SUMRAY aged one year will accompany him to Germany. I have asked Rev. Soreng to apply for obtaining his Passports etc. Would you kindly send for him and his family a letter of invitation on behalf of the Kuratorium along with a letter of financial guarantee that the Gossner Mission Society will bear the cost of their journey from India to Germany, the cost of their stay in Germany and also the cost of their return journey. Thanks.

Please let us know when is Rev. Hanukh Minz leaving Germany for India. He has been appointed to be a teacher in the Pracharaks' Training School.

Yishushy to you.

Yours sincerely,

*W. E. Horo* 10.2.60.  
Secretary,  
G.E.L.Church, Ranchi.

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GOSSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CHOT NAGPUR & ASSAM  
(Secretary: Mr.N.E.Horo).

No. 173 /60-cc-130

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G.E.L.CHURCH, RANCHI.

Dated 10.2.1960.

To,

Rev.P.D. Soreng,  
G.E.L. Church Khutitoli, P.O. Simdega, Ranchi.

Dear Rev.Soreng,

As you are aware that the Rev. Hanukh Minz who is now in Germany doing Mission work is returning back to the Gossner Church in India permanently by March or April 1960, we were anxious to find out a suitable candidate who could be sent to Germany in his place. The Gossner Mission Society, Berlin-Friedenau with whose co-operation such an Indian worker is to be sent has expressed that the successor to Rev. H.Minz should be immediately selected and sent within this summer. Accordingly the G.E.L.Church Council in its meeting held at Ranchi from January 12th/to 16th ,1960 has decided to select you to be the successor of Rev. Hanukh Minz for deputation work in West Germany. I am giving an excerpt from the minutes of the Church Council in this respect.

"Item No.XIV Successor to Rev. Hanukh Minz: The three names recommended by the Executive Committee were taken for consideration. Out of these three, two names of Rev. Junul Topno and Rev. P.D.Soreng were proposed and seconded.

41:60 - By 12 votes against 11 it was decided that Rev.P.D. Soreng be selected to be the successor to Rev.Hanukh Minz for deputation work in West Germany."

Dr. Hans Lokies, Director, Gossner Mission Society, Berlin-Fredenau has been informed about your selection. He is being requested to send you an invitation on behalf of the Kuratorium of the Gossner Mission. As was already explained to you that the Gossner Mission Society will be willing to your taking your wife and Children if you decide to that effect. This matter is left wholly to your decision, the Kuratorium in principle has nothing to say against a family with children coming over to Germany.

Kindly therefore let me know if you would like to be accompanied by your wife and Chrildren, so that Dr. Lokies is informed accordingly.

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Please submit your applications to the Regional  
Passport Officer, Calcutta through the Deputy Commissioner,  
Ranchi in prescribed form for obtaining your Passports.

For other details about your passage etc please  
contact me.

Congratulations for your selection. Wish you a successful  
life in Germany.

Yours Sincerely,

*W. E. L. Church* 10.2.60.  
Secretary,  
G.E.L.Church, Ranchi.

CC. ✓ Dr. H.Lokies,  
Director G.M.Society,  
Rev. H.Kloss, Ranchi.

Dr. Hans Lokies,  
Director,  
Gossner Mission Society,  
Berlin-Friedenau.

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Dear Brother Lokies,

Your letter of December 21, 1959 was placed before the Full Church Council meeting in its session from January 12-16. I am giving you below in brief the actions taken by the CC.

1. Pastor Hanukh Minz's successor : Now at last long the Church Council has by a majority vote decided to send the Rev. Prabhudayal Soreng to Germany to replace Rev. Minz. He will be accompanied by his wife Mrs. SUBANI and two daughters LORONGB' AND HARSHIT RUTH aged 5 and 2.1/2 years and a son SUMRAY aged 1 year. Rev. Soreng is at present in charge of the Khutitoly Synod as its President. He is a young Pastor, and I believe you must be remembering him.
2. Doctor for Amgaon : The Council has resolved to invite Dr. GRUNDLER to be in charge of the Amgaon Hospital. He is being invited in place of former doctor Dr. Amndt Bischoff, who returned back to Germany permanently. Through Bro. Kloss we learnt that the two German Nurses Ursula and Maria have reached Amgaon and have relieved Sister Ilse Martin, who has left on furlough. We hope, that Dr. Grundler will be able to get his entry-permit without much trouble. He is being invited with his wife and daughter, as will be evident from the resolution which is being enclosed herewith.
3. Co-workers : We have not yet heard what happened to the applications of Brs. JUNGHANS and THIEL. Let us hope that they both will get their entry permits in due course. You have enquired about the bungalow at Chaibassa. That has been kept reserved for the THIELS. They will in any case be stationed in Chaibassa. The JUNGHANS are to stay at Govindpur in the beginning until a final site selection is complete for the establishment of the proposed Agricultural institute.
4. Students for Germany : We have published the information you gave us last time that about five students will be selected and sent to Germany for further training in different subjects. We have received more than 75 applications for various subjects; the final selection will be made by the Selection Board appointed for the purpose. The Board would have started its work by now but the North Zone raised certain objections, which required disposal by the council. It is hoped that the Board will shortly meet and scrutinise the applications. We shall let you know when we have done some work. In the meantime kindly send me the required informations you promised me to send in your last letter.
5. Bahalen and Seteng : You will kindly inform us when can the two sisters leave Germany for home back. Sisters Diller and Schmidt will be leaving India early this year. We do not know the exact dates since we do not get any communications from them these days. We shall have to arrange for the running of the institution during the absence of Sisters Diller & Schmidt and Bahalen and Seteng. In our previous letter we have requested the Kuratorium to send them as early as possible.
6. The Mahasabha : The Church Council has now refixed the dates of the Mahasabha and the Ecumenical Commission as follows in order that the dates are suitable to all the foreign members of the Ecumenical Commission:  
Ecumenical Commission meetings : April 6 to April 23.  
Ecumenical Comm submits its report to the CC : 23<sup>rd</sup> April.  
p.t.o.

Church Council meetings: April 20 - 23 rd. in between  
the meetings of the Ecumenical Commission.  
Mahasabha session : April 24 th till 29 th.

There is a proposal to convene the next meeting of the Ecumenical Commission this month from 22 nd to 27 th, at Ranchi. Much depends upon the availability of the Chairman who has several engagements in the country and outside.

The Church Council has decided that as this mahasabha is going to be a very important one, you should be personally present in the session. I am desired, therefore, by the Council of the G.E.L.Church to extend you an invitation to attend this mahasabha of the G.E.L.Church on the dates mentioned above. Please therefore accept this invitation and let us know when you are arriving in India for the occasion.

payment of/ The Church Council has made another request to the Kuratorium. The mahasabha this time will be a special one and will cost the Church Council about Rs.5000/- towards/travelling bills of the delegates. The Council has no provision for this item in its budget. It is requested, therefore, that the Kuratorium of the Gossner Mission Society may kindly grant a sum of Rs.5000/- and thus enable the Church Council to convene the meeting of the Mahasabha. Please receive this matter for your personal care and inform us, if this grant is forthcoming.

7. Work for Rev. H.Minz: The Church Council has appointed Rev. Minz to be a teacher in the Pracharaks Training School at Govindpur, which will come in to force from the date he arrives at Ranchi. Please therefore inform Bro. Minz of this decision of the Church Council. We are looking forward to his coming. Although we have not heard from him all these several months, we believe he is preparing himself to coming back to the mother church to serve the Lord. Rev. Minz, at Govindpur will be accommodated in the portion of the bungalow now occupied by another teacher Rev. Markas Sanga, who has recently been transferred to the Burju Synod. It is expected that Rev. Minz will be able to join the school immediately after his arrival at Ranchi.

8. A word or two about the money you sent purported to have been meant for relief work. We have never understood exactly what has this money to do, since the arrangement we made according to your own suggestion ~~was~~ for distribution was altered later on. We do not know how this money is being utilised. At one time Rev. Kloss sent a cheque for a big amount to the Assam Christian Council for relief work, but that was politely refused. We want to be clear for what type of relief is this money meant for. Our people are poor and lots of relief work can be done among them with profit. Moreover relief is meant for tiding over certain difficulties over a certain period. It becomes of no proper use after the period is over. I would particularly want to know if this money can be available for some projects for public utility. Kindly clarify on this point.

I am enclosing two copies of Paul Lokies' baptismal certificates. The original ones were sent earlier. Once they were misplaced and after much searchings they were secured. I do not know if they will be of some use now or not.

All of us here are keeping well. Hope you all to be doing well with your health.  
Yishushays to all of you of the Gossner House at Berlin and Kastel.

Yours sincerely,

*W. Minz 8/2/60*  
Secretary Gossner Church.

*L. Hul,*

## GOSSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CHOTANAGPUR &amp; ASSAM

( Secretary: Mr. N.E.Horo. )

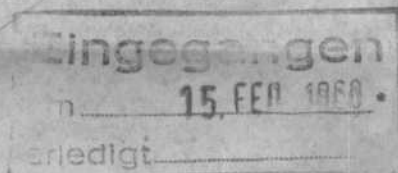
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Chotanagpur & Assam.

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GOSSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH.  
G.E.L.CHURCH COMPOUND  
R A N C H I.

Ranchi the 9 th.Feb '60.

Dr. Arne Sevik,  
Director,  
Department of World Mission,  
Lutheran World Federation,  
17 Route de Malagneu,  
Geneva.

No. 168/60

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15 FEB. 1960  
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Dear Dr. Sevik,

As desired by you in your letter of January 4, the Church Council has now appointed Pastor Nirmal Minz as a Professor in the Lutheran Theological College, Ranchi, which he has joined with effect from 25 th. January. This appointment has been made with the understanding that if and when a visa for Indonesia comes through, his work could be terminated on not more than two months notice. Pastor Minz will continue to receive his stipend from the L.W.F. during this period, has been noted. The one request you made regarding his housing cost came up for discussion. The Church Council opined that the L.W.F. should continue to grant this item of expenditure too for Pastor Minz. It is therefore requested that the L.W.F. continue to give Pastor Minz his housing costs during this period.

In this connection I have in my file a copy of a letter of Pastor Minz addressed to you which is dated the 24 th. January. We have explained to Pastor Minz the situation the Church Council is faced with regarding accomodation in our compound. It is not denied that church workers should get residential quarters to live in, but we do not have sufficient bungalows or houses within the compound to put them in. This problem of accomodation is very acute and the trouble of our church has aggravated it more. There are already several buildings which the North Zone is sitting with. Not only Pastor Minz but many of our permanent staff of the church council office, the local congregation and the educational institutions are without houses. They have taken houses outside the compound on rents, which they themselves pay. We do not even pay our workers their housing costs; this is due to our lack of finances. Even the officers who occupy church buildings have to pay their rents. Already the President is sharing his bungalow with Rev. H. Kloss and the church council office rooms have been converted in to class rooms of the Theological college. I am holding my offices in the verandah of my residence after that has been enclosed. It is therefore under pressure that we have not been able to provide our workers with residential quarters including Pastor Minz. The Church Council is in no way denying him a house. It is therefore with regret that we learn that Pastor Minz has given you an impression as if the Church Council is not caring to give him a house. Pastor Minz is very specific in his demand. He does not want house rent; he demands a house. I do not know how we can oblige him under the difficult circumstances we are faced with; unless of course one of the officers or staff is forced to vacate his residence. This step cannot be out of point since under similar circumstances the ex-Treasurer Mr. Z. Horo had to vacate his residence, a few years ago, in order that a person should be accomodated who returned from abroad.

I am separately enclosing excerpts from the minutes of the Church Council on the 1960 budget of the North Zone, which are self explanatory.

Yours sincerely,

No. 169/60  
cc : The Rt. Rev. Dr. R. B. Manikam,  
President Rev. J. J. P. Tiga.  
Rev. Nirmal Minz.  
✓ Dr. Hans Lokies.

Secretary,  
G.E.L. Church in Chotanagpur  
and Assam, Ranchi.

# Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church

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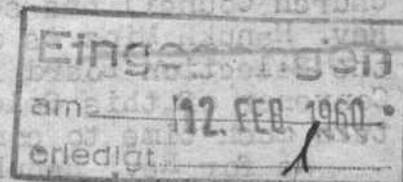
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RANCHI, (BIHAR, INDIA)

Ref: 210/60/GMS

Dated the 8th. Febr. 1960



PRESIDENT:  
REV. J. J. P. TIGA, M. A., S. D., S. T. M.

The Rev. Dr. Theol Hans Lokies,  
Director, Gossner Mission Society,  
Berlin,

Dear Brother Lokies,

It is a great pleasure to know that the two sisters have arrived and that one of them has gone to the Jeypore field to learn Oria and that the other is at Amgaon trying to take care of the patients. We are searching for a suitable girl to go from here to Amgaon and be a companion, interpreter and held to her.

I wonder if you got some of my letters I sent to you, about three of them last year. I am particularly anxious to hear about the request for money for the two chapels at Jolda and Jhirpani. We laid the foundation for them both on the 8th. of December and in this Dr. Peusch, Rev. P. C. Minz, Rev. Z. Khalkho, Rev. J. A. Kujur and I took part and members of the congregation were also present. I took a loan of Rs. 1,000/- from Rev. Kloss and gave it to Dr. Peusch in order to get the work of construction started. I request you to kindly advise the Director of the D. W. M. / L. W. F. to send the money sanctioned for this purpose. The money may be sent to Treasurer C. M. Horo with information to me. We shall refund the loan of Rs. 1,000/- to Rev. Kloss and sent the balance to Dr. Peusch. We have applied for a piece of land in the Rourkela itself for a chapel common to all protestants. We have not yet heard about the progress. These days it is very important that some one always pays visits to the officer concerned otherwise papers are either lying in the files or some times lost.

I am sorry Mr. Thiel and Dr. Junghans have not yet been granted their visas. As soon as I returned

from Assam on the 24th. Dec. I contacted the local Deputy Commissioner and I was told that all connected papers were sent back from Ranchi. They are not pending here at Ranchi. I am of opinion that the whole matter is now with the Home Department in New Delhi. I am sending my request to Bishop Mondol, one of my good friends ( copy enclosed ) asking him to do something in this connection.

I think you have already heard from Secretary Horo that the Church Council has selected Rev. Prabhudayal Soreng to replace Rev. Hanukh Minz. As desired by you, this decision has to go to the Selection Board for consultation and as Mr. N.E. Horo is the Convener of this Selection Board himself I think it should not take much time to come to a final decision.

As for Rev. Hanukh Minz the Church Council decided to place him on the staff of the Pracharak Training School which is also one of our most important institutions and we want to strengthen it both in quality and quantity.

I hear that sisters Bage and Happadgara will not return until the end of this year. Sisters Diller and Schmidt are, however, decided to leave in April this year. The Tabita School will be in difficulty when they go away. But with Miss Santoshi Horo, Miss D. Hemrom as full time members of the staff and with Mr. Martin Tete and Rev. H. Minz ( when he comes ) it looks as though the work can be carried on somehow or other until Sisters Bage and Happadgara come back. I hope Rev. H. Minz will be happy to join the staff of the Pracharak Training School. We have not yet fixed his salary but as per rule and practice he will get his pay scale plus a Foreign experience allowance to be fixed.

I am indeed very sorry that on account of Bishop Manikam's inability to give time, as he is very busy in other very important engagements, the Commission is not meeting as frequently and as quickly as possible. We, of both groups, are anxious to have the Mahasabha either in the end of April or the first week of May. This Mahasabha should have on its hands the report of the Commission.

The Church Council which met in the middle of January decided to invite Dr. Grundler. I am waiting for Secretary Horo to prepare the letter of invitation and to send it under the joint signatures of the three officers.

With best wishes to you and Mrs. Lokies. Please remember me to Brother Stosch, Rev. Prehn, Rev. Kerschis and others.

Yours Sincerely,

*J. H. Gossner*  
President

Encl: 2 letters.

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PRESIDENT :

REV. J. J. P. TIGA, M. A. B. D. S.T.M.

Ref: 207/60/GMS

Dated the 8th. Febry 19 60.

The Rt. Rev. S.K.Mondol,  
Methodist Church, Delhi.

My dear Bishop Mondol,

Today I tried to contact you on the phone and I was informed that you are out of station. We are very much concerned about the visas of the two German experts for whom applications have been made. They are Mr. Warner Thiel an architect and Dr. Junghans an agriculturist. I had a talk with you about this matter in Bombay when we met on 10.12.59 and Rev. Kloss a German missionary, now with us, visited you in Delhi and told you about this. We have been waiting for them to get their visas but so far they have not got the same. We don't know what this delay is due to.

May I request you to kindly contact Mr. Chakravarty, Secretary to the Home Department and persuade him to expedite the matter. We are very hopeful that they will get their visas as they are planning to come, not as missionary personnel but as experts on two important aspects of economic development viz; Construction of buildings and agriculture.

With best wishes,

Yours Sincerely,

*J. J. P. Tiga*  
President.

CC to : Rev. H. Kloss,  
✓ and Dr. H. Lokies.

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RANCHI, (BIHAR, INDIA)

PRESIDENT :  
REV. J. J. P. TIGA, M.A., B.D., S.T.M.

Ref: 191/60.

Dated the 4th February 1960.

## A LETTER OF INVITATION.

TO MR. WERNER THIEL AND HIS FAMILY.

The Council of the G.E.L. Church in Chotanagpur and Assam working in Assam, Bengal, Bihar, Orissa and Madhya Pradesh in India has about 100 buildings, many of which were built before the First World War by the German missionaries. These buildings are now in dilapidation. More than half of these buildings are used either as places of public worship or as centres of educational and other philanthropic activities. The Church Council and the Board of Management of the G.E.L. Church Properties have resolved to renovate all these buildings and construct new ones, in order to cope with the ever increasing demands for more schools and welfare institutions on the lines of the Five Year Plan of our country including a Technical school for benefit of all classes of the people. In order to direct and guide this whole plan of construction of buildings for medical, educational, technical and other activities, at least one expert is needed by this Church. In view of the fact that for this very important purpose the Gossner Mission in Berlin, the founder of the G.E.L. Church, generously wants to finance the travel and full support of such an architect who will not only advise, guide and direct the work of renovation and new constructions but will also train others, namely the Indian young men, the Church Council desires that immediate steps be taken to avail of such an expert from Germany through the good office of the Gossner Mission Society in Berlin.

It has been a very great pleasure to know from Dr. Hans Lokies, Director of the Gossner Mission Society, Berlin, Germany that one layman Mr. Werner Thiel, well qualified for the task mentioned above has very kindly offered himself to come to India along with his wife Mrs. Lucia Thiel, and two daughters Hedy and Rita Thiel. Mrs. Lucia Thiel is a qualified teacher and Model Dress-maker, Miss Hedy Thiel is a translator and technical assistant, and Miss Rita Thiel is a Kindergarten nurse. The wife and the two daughters are going to be very useful in their various departments. Mr. Thiel himself is a very highly qualified architect with long experience. He is prepared to come, not as a missionary, but as a technical expert. Mr. Thiel has been qualified to be an engineer and architect from the Technical College at Breslau where he studied for three years from 1933 to 1935. Apart from other fields of experience he has served for over seven years (1951 - 1958) as technical adviser to the Ethiopian Government in Addis Ababa.

Under the circumstances, on behalf of the Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church I extend cordial invitation to Mr. Werner Thiel, an architect and engineer to advise, help, guide and instruct in the art of construction of new buildings for technical, educational and medical institutions, to renovate the old buildings and to establish an institute for technical training of young men of all castes and creeds and thereby to help us raise the economic standard of living of our people as we are offered opportunities for such services, I also extend cordial invitations to Mrs. Thiel and the two daughters Miss Hedy Thiel and Miss Rita Thiel to come and help us through their service for which they are so well qualified.

Ranchi,  
The 4th February, 1960.



Vorgesehener Wohnsitz:

Thiel — Chartesa

Jüngling — Gossner

GOSSNERSCHE MISSIONSGESELLSCHAFT  
Berlin-Friedenau  
Handjerystr. 19/20

12. Dezember 1958

Liebe Missionsgemeinde!

Wir können Ihnen auch in diesem Jahr wieder einen guten Verlauf unseres Missionsbasars melden. Der Reinertrag beläuft sich auf rund

DM 3.000.--.

Das ist eine große Freude für uns und wir danken von ganzem Herzen jedem einzelnen, der mit Sach-, Geld- und Kuchenspenden, als eifriger Käufer oder unermüdlicher Helfer dazu beigetragen hat.

Wir haben es gespürt, daß Sie in diesem Jahre alle mit besonderer Liebe und Opferbereitschaft unsere Verkaufstische gefüllt haben und jeder einzelne im Hause an seinem Platze stand, um trotz der Abwesenheit unserer lieben Hauseltern dem nun schon traditionellen Weihnachtsbasar im Berliner Goßnerhaus zu einem guten Gelingen zu verhelfen.

Die schönen indischen Sachen, die von den Missionsgeschwistern gespendet wurden, die hübschen volkstümlichen Handarbeiten, die uns aus Paraguay geschickt worden waren, fanden großes Interesse und schnell entschlossene Käufer. Aber auch an den anderen Verkaufstischen herrschte reges Kommen

30 JAN. 1960

Mr  
N.E. H o r o, B.A.  
Secretary  
Church Council of the Gossner  
Ev. Lutheran Church in Chota Nagpur and Assam  
R a n c h i / Bihar  
India

Dear Brother Horo,

The synod of the "Evangelische Kirche Berlin-Brandenburg has just come to an end. It was a synod full of tensions; it reminded me very much of our last synod in Ranchi. With us the problem was which attitude the Church in the Communist Russian occupied Zone should take towards a State which is anti-Church, and above all makes Christian education impossible. In the centre of the debate stood Bishop Dibelius whose church politics are rejected by part of the clergy. You should only have heard how heated were the debates, also here in the German synod - sometimes even worse than in the Gossner Church. But I do not tell you this to excuse the Gossner Church, or to encourage her to begin the quarrels again with a good conscience.

Tomorrow my wife and I are going to Tübingen, where at last we must undergo our medical examination; for we have not had time to have it done since we have been back from India. After that I am going to tour our parishes in Westfalia for a week and hold services and lectures.

Now I have the following things at heart which I want to write to you about:

1.) Brother Hanukh MINZ and his wife are now returning to India. They are to leave Southampton on March 4th, and then to remain in India in the service of the Gossner Church. He would very much like to do evangelisation and missionary work, and I believe he really has a gift for such work.

The Kuratorium has now resolved to give him furlough, as it were, after 5 years faithful work; but that of course depends on the resolutions of the Church Council. We would, however, be grateful if you would allow the couple a period of rest, until Brother Hinz is assigned a new post. For this reason the Kuratorium offers the Church Council to pay Pastor Hanukh a salary of 200 rs monthly for 6 months after his return. We would, however, always send the money through the Treasury of the Gossner Church.

2) As you know, our two sisters Anny Diller and Hedwig Schmidt intend to leave Govindpur in the last April-week, and to return to Germany for good. I hope they have conferred with the Church Council in this matter.

I regret to have to tell you that the two India sisters Bahalan Bage and Seteng Hapadgra must prolong there stay in Germany for

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a bit, i.e. till August. They are in the middle of a training course which will not end before August, and without a proper finish, they would not benefit from the course. I therefore urgently beg the Church Council to let the sisters remain in Germany for that period. As soon as the course has finished they are to return to India in September.

We are somewhat worried about the Tabita-school, and urgently beg the Church Council to see that it receives a good management so that the work which in our opinion is very important and fruitful can be continued.

We were very glad to hear that the two young nursing-sisters Ursula von Lingen and Maria Schatz have arrived safely in Amgaon and came in time to meet Sister Ilse Martin. We very much hope to receive the entry permit for Dr. Gründler. He will however not be able to be in India before the hot season. We would therefore be very glad if you could manage to get a German lady-doctor or missionary nurse from the Jeypur Church to fill the vacancy for about 3 months. We are very willing to bear the ensuing extra costs.

With cordial greetings, also from my wife

yours sincerely,

Berlin-Friedenau, 30. Januar 1960

Lo/Su.

Lieber Bruder Horo !

Eben ist die Synode der Evangelischen Kirche Berlin-Brandenburg zuende gegangen. Es war eine Synode voller Spannungen; ich wurde sehr an unsere letzte Synode in Ranchi erinnert.

Hier ging es um die Frage, wie sich die Kirche im russisch besetzten kommunistischen Gebiet gegen den Staat verhalten solle, der antikirchlich ist und vor allem die christliche Erziehung der Jugend unmöglich macht. Im Mittelpunkt der Spannungen stand Bischof DIBELIUS, dessen Kirchenpolitik von einem Teil der Pastoren mißbilligt wird.

Sie hätten sich nur anhören sollen, wie heftig auch hier in der deutschen Synode gestritten wurde - manchmal viel schlimmer als in der Goßner-Kirche. Aber, damit will ich die Goßnerkirche nicht entschuldigen und etwa Ihnen allen Mut machen und ein gutes Gewissen geben, wieder mit dem Streit anzufangen.

Morgen fahren meine Frau und ich nach Tübingen, wo wir uns endlich ärztlich untersuchen lassen müssen. Seit unserer Rückkehr aus Indien sind wir noch nicht dazu gekommen.

Dann fahre ich noch für eine ganze Woche durch Westfalen, um in den Gemeinden Missionsgottesdienste und -Vorträge zu halten.

Es liegt mir nun am Herzen, Ihnen noch folgendes zu schreiben:

1.) Bruder Hanukh M i n z und seine Frau kehren nun nach

Indien zurück. Sie werden am 4. März von Southampton abreisen, um dann in Indien zu bleiben und einen Dienst in der Goßnerkirche zu tun. Er möchte am liebsten evangelistisch-missionarische Arbeit treiben, und ich glaube, daß er dazu auch wirklich eine Gabe hat.

Das Kuratorium hat nun beschlossen, ihm nach 5 Jahren schweren und treuen Dienstes gewissermaßen einen Urlaub in Indien zu ermöglichen. Das hängt natürlich ganz von den Beschlüssen des Church Council ab. Wir wären aber doch sehr dankbar, wenn Sie beiden eine Ruhezeit gönnen könnten, bis Bruder Minz eine Arbeitsstelle angewiesen bekommen hat. Aus diesem Grunde bietet

das Kuratorium dem Church Council an, das Gehalt für Pastor Hanukh Minz in Höhe von 200.-Rs. pro Monat für 6 Monate nach seiner Rückkehr zu übernehmen. Wir würden dieses Gehalt aber immer über den Treasurer der Goßnerkirche leiten.

2./ Wie Sie wissen, haben die beiden Schwestern Anny DILLER und Hedwig SCHMIDT die Absicht, in der letzten Aprilwoche von Govindpur abzureisen, um endgültig nach Deutschland zurückzukehren. Ich hoffe doch sehr, daß sie sich in dieser Frage mit dem Church Council verständigt haben.

Leider muß ich Ihnen nun mitteilen, daß die beiden indischen Schwestern, Bahalen BAGE und Seteng HAPADGARA noch etwas länger in Deutschland bleiben müssen, nämlich bis zum August ds.Js.- Sie befinden sich in einem laufenden Kursus, der erst im August zum Abschluß kommt. Ohne einen richtigen Abschluß würden sie aber keinen Gewinn von ihrem Lehrgang haben. Darum bitten wir das Church Council sehr herzlich, die beiden Schwestern noch solange hier in Deutschland zu belassen. Sie sollen gleich nach dem Kursus im September d.J. nach Deutschland zurückkehren.

Mit etwas Sorge blicken wir nun auf die Tabjtaschule und bitten das Church Council herzlich, ihr eine gute Leitung zu geben, damit die nach unserem Urteil wichtigen und fruchtbaren Aufgaben weitergehen.

Mit großer Freude haben wir gehört, daß die beiden jungen Schwestern Ursula von Lingen und Maria Schatz wohlbehalten in Amgaon angelangt sind und Schwester Ilse Martin noch vorgefunden haben. Wir hoffen sehr, daß wir auch die Einreiseerlaubnis für den neuen Missionsarzt Dr.Gründler erhalten werden. Er wird aber nicht früher als nach der heißen Zeit in Indien eintreffen können. Es wäre darum für uns eine große Freude, wenn es Ihnen gelingen könnte, eine deutsche Schwester Ärztin oder Missionsschwester aus der Jeypurkirche für eine etwa 3-monatige Vertretung zu erhalten. Die dadurch entstehenden zusätzlichen Kosten übernehmen wir gerne.

Mit den herzlichsten Grüßen, auch von meiner Frau an Sie und die Ihren

Ihr



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Berlin-Friedenau, January 28th, 1960

President

Rev. J.J. TIGA, M.A., B.D., S.T.M.

RANCHI / BiharINDIA

Lo/Su.

Dear Brother Tiga,

Let me thank you in the name of the Kuratorium for your letter of Jan. 6th, especially for the news that our two nursing-sisters Ursula von Lingen and Maria Schatz have received entry permits and that the prospects for Dr. Junghans receiving an entry permit are also very good. Let us hope that the chances for Mr. THIEL getting a permit are regarded more hopefully in Delhi than in Ranchi. We, on our part, will approach the Indian Embassy in Bonn again with the object of obtaining an entry permit for him. Thank you also for your efforts concerning the new mission doctor for Amgaon - Dr. Gründler. Without him we would not be able to carry through our plans for Amgaon, which above all include a training-school for Indian nurses. In any case we are preparing the sending-out of our missionary farmer Dr. Junghans, whom we intend to equip with all sorts of agricultural machines. A tractor has already been given us as a present from the workers of the cement-factory Dykerhoff in Mainz-Kastel with which Brother Symanowski entertains very good relations. The so-called "Volkswagenwerk" in Wolfsburg/Hannover has also held a collection - for a large ambulance-car that Dr. Junghans is to take along to Amgaon. We have, as has never before happened in the history of our mission society, already received donations for the hospital, the agriculture-school and farm, the planned engineering-school and the training-school for Indian nurses, and we are allowed to expect more. If we had not already worked out plans with regard to these schemes since my return, we should have probably been passed by by the collection gathered within the entire Protestant Church of Germany for the action "Bread for the World". As it is we hope that e.g. for the school for agriculture and the model farm in Khutitoli we shall receive the necessary money at least for the start. I therefore beg you to consider the Khutitoli project very earnestly.

And now I have a very great request: In its last meeting of January 22nd the Kuratorium called as new fellow-worker the long-time Japan-Missionary Theodor JAECKEL who has closely studied the industry-mission problem in Japan. On his return journey to Germany he would like to visit the Gossner Church and study the problems connected with the industrialisation of our mission-area, and with the necessary change in agricultural methods. He is to arrive in Calcutta on June 24/25th, and will stay in India for 3-4 weeks, chiefly in the area of the Gossner Church. We shall pay for his journey and his stay in India; but we would be very grateful if you would send him an invitation from the Church Council, so that he could above all visit the industrial districts of our church (Rourkela and Jamshedpur).

His teacher and friend, the American Missionary Jones suggested we should invite prominent Indian industry missionaries to a 3-days conference either in Rourkela or Jamshedpur in order to discuss the social and economic problems within the Gossner Church on the spot. For this plan we would also bear the costs; but

the invitations and the arrangement of the conference would have to come from you and/or the Church Council. You yourself should lead the conference. As to the date, I should suggest around about the 10th of July. I am enclosing for your benefit copies of the two letters Mr. Jones wrote to Brother Jaeckel. You will therein also find the names of the Indian experts whose presence at the conference would be desirable. It would also be of advantage if besides yourself and the representatives of the Gossner Church, Dr. Peusch and Pastor Kloss could be invited. But there should not be more than 8-10 people, otherwise the affair would come to expensive; for we must also pay the travelling expenses for the guests who come from afar. I would be grateful if you could fulfil these two requests as soon as possible:

- 1) the invitation to Pastor JAECKEL to visit the Gossner Church
- 2) the preparations for the conference.

Now one more question concerning formalities:

Am I right, when, in official documents of the Kuratorium I direct everything to the Secretary of the CC, I can expect that everything is correctly handed on to you as the President. Till now I have always proceeded in this way, as I thought this was the rule. I would be very glad if you would let me know explicitly whether I deal correctly in this matter.

In connection with this I would like to know in which cases I would have to address myself directly to the President (or whether, e.g., in financial matters I would have to write directly to the Treasurer). By no means do I want to offend anybody: neither President, nor the Secretary, nor the Treasurer. Please let me know what I have to do.

With cordial greetings, also from my wife to Mrs Tiga, and best wishes for you and the whole Gossner Church

yours sincerely,

2 enclosures

*Mrs. P. Kloss (+ detent.)*

*P. Lyman oversteigt Gott Text  
Pfr. Dr. Peusch*

Berlin-Friedenau, 28. Januar 1960

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President  
Rev. J. J. T i g a , M.A., B.D., S.T.M.  
G.E.L. Church

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INDIA

Lieber Bruder Tiga !

Hiermit möchte ich Ihnen auch im Namen unseres Kuratoriums für Ihren lieben Brief vom 6. Januar d.J. danken, im besondern für die Mitteilung, - daß unsere beiden Schwester Ursula von Lingen und Maria Schatz die Einreisegenehmigung erhalten haben und auch unser Antrag auf Einreiseerlaubnis für Dr. J u n g h a n s gute Aussichten hat. Hoffen wir, daß man in Delhi

auch die Frage der Einreise für Herrn T h i e l positiver beurteilt als in Ranchi. Wir wollen auch von unserer Seite beim ~~der~~ <sup>Gossner</sup> indischen ~~Gene-~~  
<sup>in Bonn</sup> ~~ralconsulat~~ neue Schritte unternehmen, um die Aussendung von Herrn Thiel

nach Indien zu erreichen. Haben Sie auch herzlichsten Dank für Ihre Bemühungen um den neuen Missionsarzt für Amgaon - Dr. G b ü n d l e r .

Ohne ihn können wir unsere Pläne für Amgaon nicht durchführen. Dazu gehört vor allem eine Ausbildungsstätte für indische Krankenschwestern.

Wir bereiten nun auf jeden Fall die Aussendung des Missionslandwirts, Dr. J u n g h a n s , vor, den wir mit allen möglichen landwirtschaftlichen Maschinen ausrüsten wollen. Ein Traktor ist schon gespendet worden und zwar von den Arbeitern der Zementfabrik Dykerhoff in Mainz-Kastel, zu der Bruder Symanowski besonders gute Beziehungen hat.

Auch das sogenannte "Volkswagenwerk" in Wolfsburg/Hannover hat gesammelt und zwar für ein ~~großes~~ <sup>ein</sup> großes Sanitätsauto, das Dr. Junghans für Amgaon mitnehmen soll. Wir haben schon - wie noch nie in der Geschichte unserer Mission - Spenden bekommen und weitere Spenden zu erwarten, die für das Hospital, die landwirtschaftliche Schule nebst Farm, die geplante technische Schule und die Schule für indische Krankenschwestern bestimmt sind. Hätten wir nicht schon seit meiner Rückkehr einen solchen Arbeitsplan ausgearbeitet gehabt, wäre die von der ganzen deutschen Evangelischen Kirche durchgeführte Sammlung

" BROT FÜR DIE WELT " an uns vorübergegangen. So aber hoffen wir, daß wir z.B. für die landwirtschaftliche Schule und Musterfarm in Khutitoli wenigstens für den Anfang die erforderlichen Gelder erhalten werden. Ich bitte Sie nun sehr herzlich, sich auch von sich aus über dieses neue Unternehmen in Khutitoli ernsthafte Gedanken zu machen.

UND nun noch eine große Bitte. Das Kuratorium der Goßner-Mission hat in seiner Sitzung vom 22. Januar einen neuen Mitarbeiter berufen: Den lang-jährigen Japan-Missionar Theodor J a e c k e l , der sich in den letzten Jahren vor allem mit der Frage der japanischen Industriemission beschäftigt hat. Auf seiner Rückreise nach Deutschland will er auch die Goßner-Kirche besuchen und die Probleme studieren, die mit der Industrialisierung unseres Missionsgebietes und auch mit der notwendig gewordenen Umstellung der Landwirtschaft zusammenhängen. Er wird am 24./25. Juni in Calcutta eintreffen und sich 3-4 Wochen in Indien, im besonderen im Gebiet der Goßnerkirche aufhalten. Die Kosten für seine Reise und seinen Aufenthalt übernehmen wir. Wir wären Ihnen aber sehr dankbar, wenn Sie ihn vom Church Council aus einladen wollten, damit er vor allem das Industriegebiet in unserer Kirche besucht (Rourkela und Jamshedpur).

Sein Lehrer und Freund, der amerikanische Missionar JONES, hat uns empfohlen, bekannte indische Industrie-Missionare zu einer 3-tägigen Konferenz mit ihm nach Jamshedpur oder Rourkela einzuladen, um dort gerade auch die wirtschaftlichen und sozialen Probleme in der Goßner-Kirche zu besprechen. Auch die Kosten für diese Konferenz wollen wir gerne übernehmen.

Aber die Einladung und Leitung der Konferenz müßte von Ihnen resp. vom CC ausgehen. *Ans Dr. Lütkeberg in Frau Griesbachs Haus.* Was das Datum der Konferenz betrifft, so würde sich die Zeit

/ um den 10. Juli herum vorschlagen. Ich füge für Sie eine Abschrift der beiden Briefe bei, die Mr. JONES an Bruder JAECKEL geschrieben hat. Sie finden dort auch die Namen der indischen Experten, deren Anwesenheit auf der Konferenz wünschenswert ist. Es wäre auch gut, wenn außer Ihnen und

Vertretern der Goßner-Kirche auch Pastor Dr. PEUSCH und Pastor KLOSS dazu eingeladen werden könnten. Es sollten aber nicht mehr als insgesamt 8-10 Teilnehmer sein, sonst wird uns dieses Unternehmen zu teuer. Wir müssen ja für die von weithin kommenden Gäste auch die Reisekosten tragen. Ich wäre Ihnen dankbar, wenn Sie unsere beiden Bitten möglichst bald erfüllen könnten :

- 1./ Einladung von Pastor J a e c k e l zu einem Besuch der Goßner-Kirche,
- 2./ Vorbereitung der Konferenz. -

Und nun eine letzte formale Frage: Ist es richtig, wenn ich in offiziellen Angelegenheiten des Kuratoriums alles an den Sekretary des CC schreibe und erwarten darf, daß alles ordnungsgemäss an den Präsidenten der Kirche gelangt ? Ich habe das bisher so gehalten, weil ich glaubte, daß dies die Regel ist. Ich wäre Ihnen aber doch sehr dankbar, wenn Sie mir ausdrücklich mitteilen wollten, ob ich mich damit richtig verhalte.

Damit hängt die Frage zusammen, wann ich mich direkt an den Präsidenten oder z.B. in finanziellen Fragen, auch direkt an den Treasurer wenden muß. Ich möchte auf keinen Fall jemand verletzen, weder den Präsidenten, noch den Secretary, noch den Treasurer. Bitte, belehren Sie mich darüber.

Mit den herzlichsten Grüßen, auch von meiner Frau an Mrs. Tiga, und allen guten Wünschen für Sie und die ganze Goßner-Kirche

Ihr

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Du. P. Symanowski,  
P. Dr. Peusch  
Pastor Kloss

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RANCHI, (BIHAR INDIA)

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Dated the 6th January, 1960.

“Glory to God in the highest,  
Peace on earth good will toward all men”

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“Jehovah Will keep thy going out  
and thy coming in  
From this time forth and for ever more”

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“And let the favour of the Lord  
Our God be upon us;  
And establish thou the work  
of our hands upon us;  
Yea, the work of our hands  
establish thou it.”

Dear brethren and fellow-labourers,

As we enter into the New Year I wish you all the re-assurance of the blessings and joy of the last Christmas and the renewed promises of our Everlasting God to keep us 'now and for evermore. We are aware of the fact that our dear Gossner Church is eagerly looking forward for a new constitution of the Church and above all for unity, good will and love among all the members of the Church. Keeping in mind all our problems and our great responsibility to make manifest the Light of Righteousness which has come to us and to our nation, I greet you in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ in the words of Micah 4:1-5.

“It shall come to pass in days to come, That the mountain of the Lord's house will be Established as the highest mountain, And elevated above the hills. Peoples will stream unto it, 2 And many nations will come, and say: “Come, let us go up to the mount of the Lord, To the house of the God of Jacob: That he may instruct us in his ways, And that we may walk in his paths; For from Zion goes forth instruction, And the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.” 3 Then shall he judge between many peoples, Arbitrate for great nations, at a distance; And they shall beat their swords into plowshares, And their spears into pruning-hooks. Nation shall not lift up sword against nation. Nor shall they learn war any more. 4 And they shall sit each under his vine, And under his fig tree, with none to frighten them; For the mouth of the Lord of hosts has spoken. 5 For all the peoples walk, Each in the name of his god; But we will walk in the name of the Lord. Our God forever and ever.”

Dear Bro: Lokies,

On the 24th. Dec. I received a letter from the Under Secretary to the Government of India telling me that Sisters Lingen and Schatz have been granted visas.

Yours in the Lord,  
J.J P. TIGA  
President,  
G. E. L. Church.

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To,

Dr. Hans Lokies,  
Director Gossner Mission Society,  
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West Germany.



भेजे जाने का नाम और पता :-  
Rev. J. P. Piga  
Ranchi  
J. F. Church  
Ranchi, India

Note : I met the Deputy Commissioner of Ranchi yesterday and today. He told me that the papers in connection with Dr. Junghans and Mr. Thiel have been sent to New Delhi. Dr. Junghans has been recommended for visa but the case of Mr. Thiel is doubtful. This is the present position as far as Ranchi is concerned. Let us hope that New Delhi will grant visas for both of them.

Received a copy of the  
application of Dr. Christoph  
Grundler with a note from  
Secretary Hono "Former Resident  
File". I have kept it in my file.  
When I know what I have to do with  
it I shall take steps accordingly.

Yours Sincerely,  
J.J.P. Piga

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The Rev. J.J.P. Tiga, President  
Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Ranchi  
Bihar, North India

Dear Brother Tiga:

I have just received a letter from Pastor Nirmal Minz requesting our permission for him to serve in the Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church during the period while he is waiting for the way to open to Indonesia.

Writing in response to this letter, I wish to say that we would be very happy if the G.E.L.C. during this period has a task which may be assigned to Pastor Minz, with the understanding that if and when a visa for Indonesia comes through the work could be terminated on not more than two months notice. We would be glad to have this authorization accepted from date of receipt.

During this period when he is under appointment of the L.W.F. we shall be prepared to continue his stipend of Rs. 185.00 per month, but we would expect the GELC to be responsible for housing costs.

Sincerely,

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CC: The Rt. Rev. Dr. R.B. Manikam  
Rev. N. Minz  
Rev. J.A. Kujur  
Mr. N.E. Horo  
Director H. Lokies

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