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JESUS-CHRIST'S CHURCH ON THE EARTH THROUGH THE PROPHET
SIMON KIMBANGU.

(Some impressions during a short visit of the church in the
second half of May 1971 in the Congo).

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

Till now much has been written about the origin and development of this church in the Congo known as L' Eglise de Jésus Christus sur la Terre, par le prophète Simon Kimbangu (E.J.C.S.K.). I was the first visitor from the East and thus also the first from among the Young Churches in Asia. I am here underlining specially those points which a young church or a newly autonomous church ought to know and may adopt as far as possible. Pastor M. Seeberg, Gossner Mission, Berlin, accompanied me in this visit, and I hope he will also give short report.

I. VISITORS ARE ACCEPTED AND WELCOMED :

My visit was arranged by the Gossner Mission as mediated by the Department of World Mission and Evangelism of the W.C.C. in Geneva. Although my exact arrival date was not known to His Eminence, the Spiritual Leader, due to the failure of the Postal Department once more, but the joy of the faithful knew no bounds, when I was introduced to the congregations. In my visit the church and her members saw fulfilment of the prophet's prophecy that people of all races from all four corners of the earth would come and worship Christ with his disciples. Thus in a visitor their faith is strengthened that they are on the right way and in right direction as revealed through the prophet. So I was accepted as one of the faithfuls, as a member of the Universal Church, and not as a foreigner.

II. THE ACTIVITIES OF THE CHURCH ARE THE OUT COME OF THEIR
CONVICTION :

The life and the work of the Church are based on the fact that the church must care not only for the soul but also for the bodies.

For The soul, i.e. for spiritual growth and strength church has strong faith, its Drama, Worship, Prayer, Singing and Catechumen group are so arranged and carried out that the members of the church are fully engaged in the life and work of the church. But by this the church never forgets or forgets that the faithfuls have to live in this world. So the church has to plan programmes for Education, Economics growth and Social Welfare of the members. Their institutions are not up to date, equipped with all modern machines, but the important thing is, that they have realised the need and thus taken the initiative to start such institutions. The equipments and buildings are being established through Voluntary collections and Voluntary Manual Works. I was very much impressed how the faithfuls of various age are helping like white ants in constructing the University Building of the church : "Though poor but very good beginning" was my remark. The Church is aware of the fact that they must take part in the "nation building" of the country as far as the church allows and guides for the same.

III. THE CHURCH/INDEGENEOUS :

E.J.C.S.K. is an indigenous church, the name itself shows that her beginning was through an indigenous man of God in the Congo. Its growth has a Universal Character, though means and resource are indigenous as that of the early church. The Church life, worship, music, etc are very indigenous. The Church is eager and is attempting to develop an indigenous theology, specially the Christology.

IV. THEIR FAITH IS STRONG :

The life and teaching of the prophet has a great value for the faith and life of the faithfuls. Their faith gives them

new courage, joy and enthusiasm in their daily life. During the 36 years of persecution and deportation (1921- 1959) their faith remained unshaken. Now through the visits by the christians from all directions strengthens their faith. Their faith, which is the full trust in God gives them courage to live faithfully even among the many difficulties and tribulations and for the growth of the church.

V. THE CHURCH SUPPORTS HERSELF :

The church is autonomous and is not dependent on any kind of board or organisation abroad or in the land. The Church is selfsupport in every sense. The voluntary offerings of and the offerings of the first sunday of the month is marvelous and worthy of note, and it will help any church which can follow such practices. They collect in such offerings, which is a kind of competition between groups, up to thousand dollars or more. Through such offerings the church is establishing her schools, hospitals, agriculture and technical centres. They have even started to build their own University. They need help, but they do not want to be dependent. They accept only those helps for only special projects and without any condition or obligation.

VI. THEOLOGICAL TRAINING IS IN STARTING :

The church has very few trained pastors, less to speak about theologians. Before the church has started a Theology Faculty for future pastors in their Universit(unfinished building), there was a three course training with a one year practical training, the students must have their secondary education. At present they have 50 students for five year training. There is a provision for very few stipends. The most of the student must earn their livelihood including their family through their own works and labour. So the classes are held only in evenings. There are only two teachers Dr. Marie-Luise Martin, theologian fromSwitzerland and a national pastor. Here also man and money assistance will help them immensely, but they are determined to go ahead without much help from abroad.

VII. THE GROWTH OF THE CHURCH IS BEYOND EXPECTATION :

The church is growing not only vertically but also horizontally, spreading even into the neighbouring countries of Angola, Uganda, Burgundi and Tansania. The Church is doing mission work without any foreign money or men. They have also "no missionary of their own". I was told, only those christians or churches appoint missionaries who or which themselves do not do missionary work, but this church, with its 3 million members itself is missionary".

VIII. THE CHURCH HAS A STRONG HIERARCHY :

The programmes and plans of the church are carried out under a strong administration and discipline enacted by the spiritual head of the church with a strong hierarchy. It must be said here that this hierarchy is not an imported one, it is indigeneous and and therefore it is natural and spontaneous. His Eminence, the Spiritual Head has not only good administrative and disciplinary power but has also the spiritual power, the charisma, to help and guide his people. It would had been perhaps a tragedy of the hierarchy were imported from abroad.

IX. THE CHURCH IS ECUMENICAL :

This church has been taken into membership in the World Council of Churches very recently. By this the church sees a great chance to ~~elect~~come closer with other churches. This church has once the chance to become a "state church" in the land, but she refused to the proposal. The church wanted to be free from all nationalism, tribalism and religiousism. In many ways the church co-operates with the state in national programmes but she cannot identifywith any particular party or party politics.

X. THE CHURCH FACES NEW AGE WITH COURAGE :

Through her membership in the W.C.C., the church widens her horizon ,visitors from all directions are coming to the church, so also the members of the church visit other christian countries. Though visitors from abroad come also new outlook, new form of behaviour etc. and they affect the life and practices of this church, so the faithfuls of the church may in future look for

more important ways of life in the church. The problems of youth, which is almost in all countries is not far away from the church. Both the faith in God which is a complete unconditional trust in God gives the church good courage to face these problems with her different plans and programmes in the life and work of the church. The simple words of His Eminence thrills me always. "We are not perfect ones, we are also weak but our faith is that God will see us through, He is with us".

The church is ready to learn from others, ready to be helped by others, but not at the cost of their indigenous character. I hope if the churches in Asia and Africa will learn at least some of the aspects programmes and plan of this church, they will be benefitted much.

Among the Indian Churches in Asia, I was here underlining specially those points which a young church or a newly autonomous church ought to have and may adopt as far as possible. Pastor J. Seshagiri, Gossner Mission, Berlin, accompanied me in India and I hope he will also give short report.

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

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Director,

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Ranchi, April 7, 1972

Mission Director,
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Dear Sir,

Herewith I am sending the News from the Gossner Church in India for the Churches in Germany for general circulation. I hope that in due time we shall also receive News from the Churches in Germany for Gossner Church.

Mean while I have planned my tour programme in the Singhbhum - Midnapur area for two weeks. I will start on the 8th April 1972 and shall come back on the 27th of the month. For the month of May I have full of Programmes in different Ilakas of different Anchals.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,

C.K.P. - S.A.
(C.K. Paul Singh)

Director,

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News From The Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church, India
For the Churches in Germany.

The Gossner Church stepped into the year 1972 with much ado and anxiety. The financial position of the Church Treasury seems to be very delicate. The so called "Ranchi Dharam Pradesh" is another wound giving trouble to whole church in general and the North West Anchal in particular the future of this communal splinter of the Gossner Church is quite uncertain, but on the other hand it is disturbing the financial as well as the spiritual life in either side.

THE VISIT OF THE MISSIONDIRECTOR Pastor Martin Seeberg, Gossner Mission, Berlin(March 1 - 22, 1972) was expected with great hope and anxiety. The New Missiondirector visited this church for the first time after taking the Office of the Director. It was hoped that the policy of the Gossner Mission towards the Gossner Church might be well clarified and revised and that a new turn might take place by the visit several Meetings and Conferences were arranged accordingly. The Missiondirector gave answers to many questions and problems by stating the fact that Gossner Church is grown up as brother and therefore Gossner Mission is ready to share responsibilities as brother.

THE SURGUJA Board meeting was held in the first week of March 1972 for its last sitting. The Board reviewed the works and plans of the Surguja Field for the year 1971. It was found out that the work of the field suffered much due to financial and personnel instability. The Board of World Mission, A.L.C/U.S.A and the Gossner Mission through their present representatives expressed their co-operation for the work, but the Gossner Church must come forward with proper plans and project and with much more responsibility. A planning Commission has been formed to take proper care of the Field.

DURING THE VISIT of the Missiondirector the Kendriya Salahkari Sabha(K.S.S. = Church Council) of the Gossner Church had its meetings. Specially the Budget for 1972 was made a working Budget. Plans were made to collect more money from the members of the Gossner Church for the running of the Central Office and the Central Institutions, specially the Theological College and the Training School at Govindpur. The plans included also the deficit budget for 1973. The envelop-Collection is still to be continued. There will be a levy of 25 Paise per confirmed member to be centralised in the KSS Treasury. The rent of the money fetching buildings in different places and a portion of Main Road Ranchi will go for the Theological Institutions. In the same KSS it was decided to send Rs.1000/- as donation for constructing a chapel in Nepal.

FROM MARCH 14 - 18 the Refresher Course for Pastors was held at Ranchi. Such class is usually to be held in alternate years for about two weeks. But due to financial difficulties it was not possible. This time the LWF gave grant for Refresher Course but this was the coupled with the Kalishiya Sangh. There were about 120 Pastors of the Gossner Church who participated in the class. Many useful subjects were taught in the class. The Missiondirector, Berlin also gave some lessons.

ON MARCH 19 & 20 The Kalishiya Sangh of the Gossner Church was held at Ranchi. This is a General Conference of the Church-Representatives from the Ilakas, Central Boards, Central Institutions and the KSS members. The Kalishāa Sangh is an advisory Body. The meeting is to be presided over by a Layman. There were about 164 representatives, who heard reports from the officers of the Church (KSS), Central Boards and Institutions and discussed on various points. There were six committees made by the Sangh which made

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recommendations to be acted upon by the KSS. These recommendations of the Committees on Finance, Property, Education, Theological Education, Evangelism and Spiritual Ministry were discussed in the Conference and after finalising they have been sent to the K.S.S.

IN THE KSS mentioned above it has been decided that for the year 1972 Dr. Walter Horo, G.E.L. Church Hospital Amgaon shall visit Churches in Germany. It is expected that by this visit the Gossner Church in India and the Churches in Germany shall come closer for better co-operation and mutual service. Dr. Walter Horo shall possibly have a short training on eye-operation in any Hospital in Germany.

IN THE SAME K.S.S. it was found that the New Draft Constitution has been voted negative by some Anchals and other Anchals have voted positive but with such comments and proposals which may be un-acceptable by other Anchals. Therefore Assam Anchal which also voted negatively has been advised by the K.S.S. to reconsider it again and to give comments and proposal in order to be considered by the K.S.S. Any how it seems that the New Constitution would not be quite ready to be implemented in the current year.

C.K.P.-PS:jh

The Director
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The Asiatic Secretary
Secretary LCA



Through - The Director, BEL, GELC Ranchi.

Dear Sir,

The following report of Surguja Mission Field (1973-1974 May) for your information and needful.

1. Regarding Field :-

The area consist of about 100 Sqr. Miles within four Tehshils in Madhya Pradesh. There are 6 Pastors, 1 Pracharika, One lady Teacher and 78 Catechists. We have to care for 148 congregations and Two Primary Schools. The total number of Baptised members are 7,449, confirmed members are 2,323, living in 1489 families. There are 38 churches (Buildings) and rest have no church buildings at all. 60 Catechists have no residential quarters.

2. Church Buildings :-

As there are 148 congregations we have only 38 church buildings. All the rest have no church buildings. Church service is being done in the houses of the brethren.

3. Supervision :-

The Superintendent of the Field is the Supervisor of the area. Every month the Pastors and the members of the area do come to Ambikapur for meeting and finding out means and ways for better Supervision and guiding the Catechists. The Supervisor goes from place to place timely and helping the workers and encouraging them.

4. Present Activities :-

Presently within last seven months we preached amongst Christians and non-Christians in the villages and among individuals with personal contact. Thus this time we have baptised 449 members altogether; 35 from Menonight Church, 17 from Disciples Church, 21 from Roman church and rest from Oraons. In this way now Surguja Field is growing day by day.

5. Finance :-

The field was started with the money of America. It is started with an another way. We have to teach the autonomous way as the Gossner church has. The time will come they will be self sufficiency. The collections are being centralised to the central office of our church. Presently 6 Pastors and 63 catechists are helped by the BEL. the other Catechists are financed by the local incomes.

6. Our needs :-

- 1) For Education :- We require one High School at Ambikapur and Middle School and Upper Primary Schools at Parish centres.
- 2) For Quaters :- Catechists' Quarters in the congregations.
- 3) More Pastors & Catechists are required in the field.
- 4) For better supervision :- A Motor Cycle is required for the Superintendent.

Here we conclude with great belief and hope that the Almighty will lead and guide us in this dark place to glorify His Holy Name for His sake alone.

Yours faithfully,

Obed Toppo
(Obed Toppo)

Superintendent,
Surguja Mission Field,
G.E.L. Church,
At & P.O. Ambikapur.
Dt. Surguja/M.P.

Ambikapur,

The April 1, 1974.

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G.E.L. CHURCH, RANCHI.

Report for the Kalishiya Sangh
Ranchi, March 18-20, 1972.

Honourable Representatives and Guests,

Our Yishusahay to you all. It is a great pleasure to us to presenting this report of our Board. God has given us this opportunity after a long time to put before you about our success and failure, our joy and sorrows, our problems and proposals so that you may know about them and help and guide us for His glory.

It is a well known fact that being an autonomus church our church has been doing things according to the threefold points of the declaration this is the reason that the Board has its place in the constitution of the Church. Not only this, in the Budget of the Church about 50% is accounted for the work in connection with this Board. The work of the Board can be seen as follows :-

I. ACTIVITIES IN THE CENTRE :-

In the past many times paid, half paid and unpaid Directors have been appointed by this Board. They were limited due to time and place. In 1967 the Board has appointed a full time paid Director and an Assistant to the Director in the Centre and has given terms of reference for the activities. Accordingly the Mission Work has to be directed in the Church, in the adjacent fields of the Anchals and in far away fields. For this all available means be adopted and be used for the whole church and the expenses be controlled according to the Budget of the Board for the mission work only. The report on the work of the Board given for the whole church through the Gharbandhu, the G.E.L.C. Press and the Chhotanagpur Christian Publishing House are under this Board are related to the Centre.

(1) ADJACENT FIELDS :- According to the arrangements the adjacent fields are administered by the concerning Anchals. In these fields tour programme are arranged by the centre so that the fields may be thoroughly visited and proper advice and help be given for different works. Through tour programmes co-workers and new christians are encouraged and they get new joy and guidance for further work. Refresher Course for the workers is arranged once in a year either in one place or different places. Inter-Field Refresher Courses have been already arranged. In refresher course Bible study and the sing-song are usual in the programmes but special teachings on Dogmatic, Christian Stewardship, Other Religions, Liturgy etc. are also given. But above all the exchange of experience, hearing report from one another is most important benefit during such classes.

(2) FIELDS IN THE ILAKAS/ANCHALS :- For such Fields the Director of the Board makes programmes on invitation, and thus he has co-operated and given helps in many witness-day programme, Mission Festivals, Evangelistic Meetings and Bible Classes etc. In such opportunities Christians of many Congregations have been encouraged and advised for mission work showing their responsibilities with this regard. Many Congregations and Parish centres have helped much and benifited abundantly.

(3) PUBLICATIONS :- In many occasions, not only letters, appeals, Forms, Reports, Mission Festival messages etc. have been circulated from centre, but many tracts, booklets have been published : 'Ap ke Bichararth (For your consideration)', 'Ap ko Christan Hona hi Chahiye/ Ap ko Christan Hona hi nahi chahiye (You should become Christian/You should not become Christian)', 'Kalishiya ka jiwan aur Samarth (Life and Strength of the Church)', 'Mai keon Masihi hua hun ? (Why have i become Christian)', 'Mukti kar dahar (The way of salvation)', 'Susamacharak Bhajna-wali (Evangelist's Song-Booklet) and Masihi Adhyatmik Shiksha (Christian Teaching)'. In addition to this Flannel Graph, Gospel Portions and other tracts are being also arranged by the centre as request.

(4) GHARBANDHU :- Since two years the only Church Magazine of the Gossner Church the GHARBANDHU is direct supervision of the Centre. Since then the Magazine is published regularly. Before this the condition of the Magazine was miserable. It was published irregularly and almost about to be stopped, but since it has come in our hand with the co-operation and help of some members the Magazine has been self-sufficient.

II. ACTIVITIES IN THE FIELD :-

At present there are two types of fields. Adjacent fields and the fields within the Anchals/Ilakas. All Anchals have adjacent fields except the Madhya Anchal and all Anchals have declared fields within the Anchal except Assam Anchal. Evangelistic Work is going on even in the areas which are not declared fields of the Ilakas.

A.(1) MIKIR HILLS FIELD :- This field is the Adjacent Field of Assam Anchal. This is a new and a small Mission Field. Work is being done among the Mikir Tribes of the area. At present there are three Catechists and one Pastor as missionary, along with them are two volunteer workers. In 1971 one an unprecedented success has been achieved. Three new centres have been established and 76 converts have been baptised. We have a big plot of land in Rangagora, but no projective step have been till now. No house has been constructed till now in the area. We still lack on planning, just recently we have been promised an amount for the field, and we are very glad and thankful for it.

(2) UDAIPUR FIELD :- This is the adjacent field of the North West Anchal in the Raigarh district(M.P.) and the work is being done among the URAONS. At present 46 workers(3 Pastors, 42 Catechists and 1 Bible Woman) are working in the area. There are 2,461 Baptised and 826 Confirmed christians and 73 new converts have been baptised in 1971. In four places new constructions have been completed and repair work have been carried out in some places. For making the field autonomus proposal have been made that land property be purchased and for continuing the work reserved fund be established in the Anchal. A committee for Evangelistic Work be formed in the Anchal. The income of the field was Rs.3,846.38 in 1971.

(3) SINGHBHUM-MIDNAPUR FIELD :- This is the adjacent field of South East Anchal scattered in four districts(Singhbhum, Keonjhar, Mayurbhanj and Midnapur). This was under the joint Mission Board, now under SEA. The work is being done specially among the Ho, Santal and Kora Munda Tribes. At present there are 41 workers(5 Pastors, 2 Candidates, 31 Catechists and 4 half-time workers). There are 1832 baptised and 624 confirmed christians, 88 converts were baptised in 1971, in eight places new constructions were completed. In some places constructions have been only started.

(4) BAMRA FIELD :- This is the adjacent field of Orissa Anchal. This field was earlier under the supervision of the Joint Mission Board. The area covers Sambalpur and Sundargarh districts. At present 14 workers(2 Pastors, and 12 Catechists) are working in the field. Till 1971 there were 12 half paid mission workers, now they are amalgamated in the Anchal, but are under the Sacramental Ministry of the field. Due to many internal and congregational difficulties and problems there was much obstacle in the Mission Work of the field, no fruitful steps could be taken in the direction. In the field there are 2,247 baptised, 1,097 confirmed christians and only two converts were baptised. Total income of the field was Rs.5,125.54.

(6) SURGUJA FIELD :- This is another adjacent field of the North West Anchal in the district of Surguja. The work is being done since 1948 among the Uraons. Previously it was under the supervision of FELC-I. through SAELC, supported specially by the WMB of LCA/USA financially. Since January 1971 the field has become a part of the Gossner Church and the NWA has taken it under its administration. At present there are 69 workers(Pastors 6 and Catechists 63). There are two hostels for boys and girls. There are 6,150 baptised and 1,735 confirmed christians in the field and 150 converts were baptised in 1971. There are many difficulties and problems in the field. Chapels and Quarters are to be constructed in many places. In some places repair-work seems

to be urgent. The biggest problem is that of money. The budget for 1972 is Rs.148,000.00 and the assured amount is only Rs.50,000.00. Above all planning and administration have become a must before anything could be done. The 13th Fe. 1972 had been declared Surguja Mission day through out the congregations of G.E.L. Church for prayer and thanks offering on the alter. It is expected that through this whole church will be involved for the Mission Work giving her co-operation.

B. FIELDS WITHIN THE ANCHALS :-

Except the Assam Anchal all other Anchals have declared mission fields and the total workers through out the Anchals are 130. Till last years there was a subsidy grant from the LWF. This has been reduced to nil @ 10% yearly. Now much fields are fully supported by the concerning Ilakas. They are in the responsibility of the Ilakas and the Anchals. there are other Ilakas which are continuing mission work without any help from others. According to the reports of last year from some Ilakas (Hazaribagh, Ranchi, Panisani, Marcha, Karimati, Sundargarh) the work is going **on very** fruitfully. But there are Ilakas where besides many possibilities nothing is done. Some Ilakas even do not care for Raj-Bridhi-Girja (or Mission-day or Mission Festival). In many Ilakas the Income meant for mission work is being used for other thing.

C. FIELDS IN FAR AWAY AREAS :-

Till now we have no such fields established in far away areas or countries. Gossner Mission has asked us to co-operate to work in Nepal. But till now we are unable to do so. Similarly we have received some proposals but we have been unable to materialise them.

III. G.E.L. CHURCH PRESS AND THE PUBLISHING HOUSE :

The Printing Press is very old institution but equipped with modern machines. Besides various kinds of printing works there is a training department of two types. One is directly from the press management and other is on Government stipends. As per account of the management the income is much but the expense is by no way less. Thus till now it is not serving in the maner it ought to serve the church. But still it seems to be the delicate child of the church.

Chhotanagpur Publishing House was a part of the Printing Press. But since 1967 it has its separate establishment. The responsibility of Publishing and Distributing of Books has been entrusted to it. Due to lack of funds the Institution is still limping.

Those two Institutions are under the Board and as a matter of fact they should be one means of work but till now not much have been done through them.

IV. PROBLEMS AND NEEDS :

Due to the internal needs and difficulties of the church co-operation and help in lacking for activities in centre, in the fields and in the Institutions, sometimes plans are left incomplete or plan itself is not being made. Due to the distance no way of help is visible for the workers in the field. New converts are mostly from poor families. So they also depend on the workers. Due to distance and language difficulties the workers are facing difficulties in sending their children to schools. New christians are pressed even tortured to give contributions for offering and collections for deities festivals and worship. In many places New Christians are dependent on other people so they are threatened to be cast out of the village, social activities, sometimes they do not even allowed to use water of wells and tanks of the village. Due to poverty and living from hand to mouth many new christians have to go on work on sundays, and thus they are deprived of not only christian fellowship but also of christian faith. Almost from all fields demand has come dispensaries, Schools and means of livelihood be provided for them. In some fields the "Freedom of Religion Bill" has caused great anxiety and fear among the workers and the new christians. The proposed bill demanding "Christian Adivasi shall loose the right and previledge" has almost stoped the progress of the work.

V. PROPOSALS :

According to the present day situation it is necessary that according to the autonomy of our church (Gossner Church) we have to make the work and activities of this Board as that of the whole Church, therefore, it is necessary that a revival in the church must precede, to carry out the work in the adjacent fields and the fields within the Anchal a committee for mission work be framed, which shall make programmes and plans, shall find out ways and means for establishing reserve fund, shall arrange seminars, prayer meetings etc., to revive and encourage the people for this great task. For this it is necessary that there should be proper relationship between the administration and the field workers. If congregations come forward to have relations with the new christians it will be highly welcomed and be graceful for both Parties.

In the end may I repeat the word of His Eminence the Spiritual Head of the Church in Congo named Jesus Christ's Church on Earth through the Prophet SIMON KIMBANGU. During the last days of my visit in Congo (Last year May 1971) I asked him, "How many missionaries the church has and how are they working without any foreign help so that the church has more than 3,000,000 (Thirty Lakhs) members within fifty years as our Gossner Church has only 250,000 members though she is more than Hundred Years old"? His answer was, "We have no missionary appointed, every member of the church is a missionary". He added, "Only those Christians groups or christian church appoint missionaries who want to put the responsibility of mission work on some few people and they themselves want to live happily and easily without bearing the heat and burden of the whole day".

Thankfully submitted.

Ranchi, the March 19, 1972.

(C.K. Paul Singh)

Director,

Board of Evangelism & Literature,

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Bericht für die Kirchensynode in Ranchi
am 18.-20. März 1972

von Missionsdirektor Dr. Paul Singh

Amt für Evangelisation und Literatur
der Gossnerkirche, Ranchi

Hochverehrte Synodale und Gäste!

Ihnen allen unser Yishusahay! Wir freuen uns sehr, den Bericht unseres Amts vorlegen zu können. Mit Gottes Hilfe ist es uns möglich, nach langer Zeit Ihnen diesen Bericht über unsere Erfolge und Fehlschläge, unsere Freuden und Leiden, unsere Probleme und Vorschläge vorzulegen, damit Sie über alles informiert sind und uns helfen können, unsere Arbeit zu SEINEM Ruhm zu leisten.

Es ist bekannt, dass unsere Kirche als autonome Kirche innerhalb der drei "selbst" zu wirken hat (eigene Verwaltung, eigene Finanzierung, eigene Verkündigung). Aus diesem Grunde hat das Amt seinen Platz innerhalb der Kirche. Nicht nur das, im Budget der Kirche sind etwa 50 % für die Arbeit bestimmt, die im Zusammenhang mit unserem Amt steht. Die Arbeit des Amts stellt sich wie folgt dar:

I. Aktivitäten der Zentrale

In der Vergangenheit wurden durch das Amt viele voll bezahlte, halb bezahlte und unbezahlte Direktoren berufen. Die Berufungen waren nach Zeit und Ort limitiert. 1967 berief das Amt einen voll bezahlten Direktor und einen Assistenten in die Zentrale und stellte Leitlinien für die Arbeit auf. Nach diesen Leitlinien wird die Missionstätigkeit innerhalb des Kirchengebiets, in den angrenzenden und in weit entfernten Gebieten durchgeführt. Für diese Arbeit müssen alle verfügbaren Mittel der gesamten Kirche vereinnahmt und genutzt werden und es muss kontrolliert werden, dass diese Mittel entsprechend dem Budget des Amts nur für die Missionsarbeit verwendet wurden. Der Arbeitsbericht des Amts wird für die gesamte Kirche im Gharbandhu (Kirchenblatt) veröffentlicht. Die Presse der Gossnerkirche und der Christliche Chotanagpur-Verlag unterstehen diesem Amt und sind der Zentrale zugeordnet.

(1) Angrenzende Missionsfelder

Den Vereinbarungen entsprechend werden die angrenzenden Felder durch die benachbarten Anchals verwaltet. Für diese Felder werden Reiseprogramme durch die Zentrale festgelegt, so dass alle Felder besucht und genaue Anweisungen und Unterstützungen für die verschiedenen Arbeiten gegeben werden können. Durch die Besuchsprogramme werden die neuen Mitarbeiter und die neuen Christen ermuntert und erhalten dadurch mehr Freude und Anleitung für ihre weitere Arbeit. Übungskurse werden für die Mitarbeiter einmal jährlich an einem oder mehreren Orten arrangiert. Übungskurse für alle Felder gemeinsam wurden bereits veranstaltet. Üblicherweise sind in den Übungskursen Bibelstudium und Gemeinschaftssingen enthalten, aber auch spezieller Unterricht in

Dogmatik, Christliche Haushalterschaft, anderen Religionen, Liturgie usw. wird erteilt. Aber vor allem sind der Erfahrungsaustausch und das Anhören gegenseitiger Berichte der wichtigste Gewinn solcher Kurse.

(2) Felder innerhalb des Kirchengebiets

Für solche Felder arbeitet der Missionsdirektor Einladungsprogramme aus. So arbeitet er an der Gestaltung von Missionsfesten, evangelistischen Treffen und Bibelstunden mit und unterstützt damit diese Arbeit. Christen vieler Gemeinden wurden auf diese Weise zur Missionsarbeit ermutigt und angeleitet, und es wurde ihnen ihre Verantwortung für diese Arbeit klar gemacht. Viele Gemeinden und Gemeindezentren unterstützten und förderten diese Aktivitäten.

(3) Veröffentlichungen

Aus verschiedenen Anlässen wurden nicht nur Briefe, Aufrufe, Formulare, Berichte veröffentlicht, sondern auch Traktate und Broschüren: Werden Sie Christ/werden Sie nicht Christ, Leben und Kraft der Kirche, Warum wurde ich Christ, Der Weg zum Heil, Evangelisches Gesangsbüchlein und Christliche Unterweisung. Als Ergänzung dazu Flanellbilder, Auszüge aus dem Evangelium und andere Traktate auf Anforderung der Zentrale.

(4) Gharbandhu

Seit zwei Jahren steht die einzige Kirchenzeitschrift der Gossnerkirche unter Aufsicht der Zentrale: seitdem wird sie regelmässig herausgegeben. Vor der Übernahme durch die Zentrale erschien die Zeitung unter ausserordentlich schlechten Bedingungen. Die Erscheinungstermine waren unregelmässig und das Blatt stand kurz vor seiner Einstellung. Seit der Übernahme durch uns unter Mitarbeit und Hilfe einiger unserer Mitglieder ist die Lage des Blattes zufriedenstellend.

II. Feld-Aktivitäten

Wir haben gegenwärtig zwei Arten von Feldern: An die Anchals/Ilakas* angrenzende und solche innerhalb der Anchals/Ilakas. Alle Anchals mit Ausnahme des Madhya-Anchals haben angrenzende und alle Anchals haben bestimmte Felder innerhalb ihrer Gebiete mit Ausnahme des Assam-Anchals. Die Evangelisationsarbeit geht auch in Gebieten weiter, die nicht erklärte Felder der Ilakas sind.

A (1) Mikir Hills Field

Das ist das an den Assam-Anchal angrenzende Feld. Es ist ein neues und kleines Missionsfeld. Gearbeitet wird unter den Mikir-Stämmen dieses Gebiets. Gegenwärtig sind dort ein Katechet und ein Pastor als Missionar zusammen mit zwei Mitarbeitern tätig. 1971 wurde ein ungewöhnlicher Erfolg erzielt. Drei neue Zentren wurden gebildet und 76 Bekehrte wurden getauft. Ein grosses Stück Land in Rangagora gehört uns, es wurde aber noch kein Projekt erarbeitet. Kein Haus wurde bisher in diesem Gebiet gebaut. Es fehlt die Planung. Gerade jetzt wurde uns ein Betrag für dieses Feld zugesagt, über den wir uns sehr freuen und für den wir sehr dankbar sind.

*Anchal=Kirchenbezirk
Ilaka=Kirchenkreis

(2) Udaipur-Feld

Das ist das an den Northwest-Anchal im Raigarh-Distrikt (M.P.) angrenzende Feld. Es wird unter den Uraons gearbeitet. Gegenwärtig sind in diesem Gebiet 46 Mitarbeiter (3 Pastoren, 42 Katecheten und eine Bibelfrau) tätig. Es gibt dort 2.461 getaufte und 826 konfirmierte Christen und 73 neu Bekehrte wurden 1971 getauft. An vier Stellen wurden Neubauten fertiggestellt und an einigen Orten wurden Reparaturarbeiten durchgeführt. Um das Feld selbständig zu machen, wurde vorgeschlagen, Grundstücke zu verkaufen und für die Weiterführung der Arbeit einen Reservefonds im Anchal zu bilden. Ein Komitee für die evangelistische Arbeit wird im Anchal gebildet. Die Einnahmen des Feldes betrugen Rps 3.846,38 im Jahr 1971.

(3) Singhbhum-Midnapur-Feld

Das ist das an den Südost-Anchal angrenzende Feld, das sich in vier Distrikte gliedert (Singhbhum, Keonjhar, Mayurbhanj und Midnapur). Es unterstand dem Vereinigten Missionsausschuss, jetzt dem Südost-Anchal. Gearbeitet wird hauptsächlich unter den Ho, Santal und Kora Munda-Stämmen. Gegenwärtig sind dort 41 Mitarbeiter (5 Pastoren, 2 Kandidaten, 31 Katecheten und vier Halbtagsmitarbeiter) tätig. Es gibt dort 1.832 getaufte und 624 konfirmierte Christen, 88 Bekehrte wurden 1971 getauft. An acht Stellen wurden Neubauten fertiggestellt. AN EINIGEN Orten wurden Bauten nur begonnen.

(4) Bamra-Feld

Das ist das an den Orissa-Anchal angrenzende Feld. Es unterstand früher dem Vereinigten Missionsausschuss. Das Gebiet umfasst die Distrikte Sambalpur und Sundargarh. Gegenwärtig arbeiten dort 14 Mitarbeiter (2 Pastoren und 12 Katecheten). Bis 1971 wirkten dort 12 halbbezahlte Missionsarbeiter, die jetzt zum Anchal gehören, aber unter eigener geistlichen Leitung. Auf Grund vieler interner Schwierigkeiten und Probleme in der Gemeinde gab es zahlreiche Hindernisse in der Missionsarbeit dieses Feldes. Fruchtbare Schritte konnten nicht unternommen werden. 2.247 getaufte und 1.097 konfirmierte Christen leben dort und nur zwei Bekehrte wurden getauft. Das Totaleinkommen des Feldes belief sich auf Rps 5.125,54.

(5) Surguja-Feld

Dies ist ein anderes, an den Northwest-Anchal angrenzendes Feld im Surguja-Distrikt. Gearbeitet wird seit 1948 unter den Uraons. Früher unterstand das Feld der Föderation lutherischer Kirchen Indiens, finanziell unterstützt insbes. durch die lutherische Kirche Amerikas. Im Januar 1971 wurde das Feld Teil der Gossnerkirche und der Northwest-Anchal übernahm die Verwaltung. Gegenwärtig sind dort 69 Mitarbeiter (6 Pastoren und 63 Katecheten) tätig. Es gibt zwei Heime für Jungen und Mädchen; 6.150 getaufte und 1.735 konfirmierte Christen leben dort, 150 Bekehrte wurden 1971 getauft. Es gibt viele Schwierigkeiten und Probleme. Kapellen und Unterkünfte müssen an vielen Orten errichtet werden. An einigen Orten scheinen Reparaturen dringend zu sein. Das grösste Problem ist das Geld. Das Budget für 1972 beläuft sich auf Rps 148.000,--, zugesichert sind aber nur Rps 50.000,--. Vor allem Planung und Verwaltung sind notwendig, bevor etwas getan werden kann. Der 13. Februar 1972 wurde zum Surguja

Missionstag mit Gebet und Dankopfer auf dem Altar in allen Gemeinden der Gossnerkirche erklärt. Es wird erwartet, dass dadurch die gesamte Kirche am Missionswerk mitarbeiten wird.

B. Felder innerhalb der Anchals

Mit Ausnahme des Assam-Anchals haben alle anderen Anchals bestimmte Missionsfelder und die Gesamt-Mitarbeiterzahl aller Anchals beläuft sich auf 130. Während der letzten Jahre wurde Unterstützung durch LWF gewährt. Diese wurde auf 10 % jährlich reduziert. Viele Felder werden jetzt völlig von den Ilakas unterhalten. Sie stehen unter der Verantwortung der Ilakas und Anchals. Es gibt Ilakas, die die Missionsarbeit ohne Hilfe anderer fortsetzen. Nach den letztjährigen Berichten einiger Ilakas (Hazaribagh, Ranchi, Panisani, Marcha, Karimati, Sudargarh) verläuft die Arbeit sehr fruchtbar. Es gibt aber Ilakas, die trotz aller Möglichkeiten nichts tun. Einige Ilakas kümmern sich nicht einmal um Raj-Bridhi-Girja (Missionstag oder Missionsfest). In manchen Ilakas werden die für die Missionsarbeit bestimmten Einnahmen für andere Zwecke verwandt.

C. Felder in weit entfernten Gebieten

Bis jetzt haben wir keine Felder in weit entfernten Gebieten oder Ländern begründet. Die Gossner Mission hat uns gebeten, in Nepal mitzuarbeiten. Bisher ist uns das aber nicht möglich. Wir haben einige Vorschläge erhalten, die wir aber nicht realisieren können.

III. GEL Church Druckerei und Verlagshaus

Die Druckerei ist eine sehr alte Institution, ausgestattet mit modernen Maschinen. Neben der Ausführung verschiedener Arten von Druckarbeiten werden zwei Lehrlingswerkstätten unterhalten. Eine wird durch das Management der Druckerei erhalten, die andere durch Regierungsstipendien. Nach Rechnungslegung des Managements sind die Einnahmen hoch, aber die Unkosten nicht weniger. Bis jetzt erfüllt sie nicht die Erwartungen der Kirche. Sie ist immer noch das schwächliche Kind der Kirche.

Das Chotanagpur-Verlagshaus war Teil der Druckerei. Aber seit 1967 ist es selbständig. Die Verantwortung für die Veröffentlichung und den Vertrieb von Büchern wurde dem Verlagshaus übertragen. Durch Geldmangel steht die Institution auf schwachen Füßen.

Diese beiden Institutionen unterstehen dem Amt, sie sollten in der Arbeit koordinieren, aber bisher wurde nicht viel erreicht.

IV. Probleme und Notwendigkeiten

Auf Grund der internen Erfordernisse und der Schwierigkeiten in der kirchlichen Zusammenarbeit und des Mangels an Unterstützung der Aktivitäten durch die Zentrale wird in den Feldern und Institutionen manchmal mangelhaft geplant oder überhaupt kein Plan aufgestellt. Durch die weite Entfernung zeichnet sich kein Weg zur Hilfe für die in den Feldern Arbeitenden ab. Neu Bekehrte sind meist aus armen Familien. Damit hängen sie auch von den Mitarbeitern in den Feldern ab. Wegen der Entfernungen und der Sprechschwierigkeiten sehen sich die Mitarbeiter mit der schwierigen Schulfrage für ihre Kinder konfrontiert. Ne-Christen werden unter Druck gesetzt, sogar gefoltert, damit sie für Götterfeste und -Riten Abgaben zahlen. An vielen Orten sind die

Neu-Christen von anderen Menschen abhängig, werden aus der Dorfgemeinschaft ausgestossen und somit von allem ausgeschlossen: manchmal wird es ihnen nicht erlaubt, Wasser aus den Quellen und Tanks des Dorfs zu zapfen. Durch ihre Armut und das Leben "von der Hand in den Mund" sind viele Christen gezwungen, sonntags zu arbeiten und sind damit nicht nur aus der christlichen Gemeinschaft ausgeschlossen, sondern auch aus dem christlichen Glauben. Fast alle Felder bitten um Dispensaries, Schulen und Mittel für den Lebensunterhalt.

In einigen Feldern hat die "Freedom of Religion Bill" grosse Aufregung und Angst unter den Mitarbeitern und Neu-Christen ausgelöst. Der Gesetzentwurf fordert, dass "christliche Adivasi Rechte und Privilegien verlieren sollen" und brachte fast den Fortschritt der Arbeit zum Stillstand.

V. Vorschläge

Die Lage erfordert, dass entsprechend der Autonomie unserer Kirche (Gossnerkirche) Arbeit und Aktivitäten dieses Amt zu denen der gesamten Kirche gemacht werden müssen; dem muss eine Erweckung in der Kirche vorangehen; für die Arbeit in den angrenzenden Feldern und den Feldern innerhalb der Anchals muss ein Komitee für die Missionsarbeit gebildet werden, das Programme und Pläne ausarbeitet und Wege und Mittel für die Errichtung eines Reservefonds findet, Seminare arrangiert und Pastorentreffen etc., um die Menschen für diese grosse Aufgabe aufzurütteln und zu ermutigen. Hierfür ist eine gute Zusammenarbeit zwischen Verwaltung und den Mitarbeitern auf dem Feld nötig. Wenn Gemeinden mit Neu-Christen Verbindungen aufnehmen, wird das sehr begrüsst und würde segensreich für die Partner sein.

Schliessen möchte ich mit einem Wort Sr. Eminenz, dem geistlichen Oberhaupt der Kirche im Kongo, genannt Kirche Jesu Christi auf Erden durch den Propheten Simon Kimbangu. Während der letzten Tage meines Besuchs im Kongo (vergangenes Jahr im Mai 1971) fragte ich ihn, wieviele Missionare die Kirche habe und wie sie ohne fremde Hilfe arbeite mit dem Erfolg, dass die Kirche mehr als 3. Mill. Mitglieder innerhalb von 50 Jahren erreichte und unsere Gossnerkirche obwohl sie über hundert Jahre alt ist nur 250.000 Glieder. Seine Antwort war: "Wir haben keine Missionare berufen, jedes Glied der Kirche ist ein Missionar". Er fügte hinzu: "Nur solche christlichen Gruppen oder christlichen Kirchen ernennen Missionare, die die Verantwortung für die Missionsarbeit einigen wenigen Leuten aufbürden, während sie selbst fröhlich und unbeschwert ohne Hetze und Last in den Tag leben."

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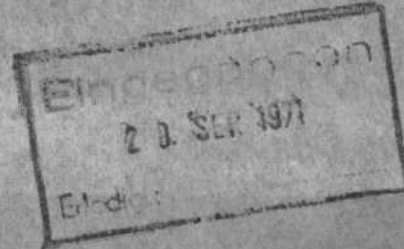
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Dear Sir,

Herewith I am sending the first part as news from the Gossner Church for the Churches in Germany. Please do the needful for its circulation in different congregations of Germany. I will be glad if you can give me a copy of the same for brother Schotstaedt.

We are doing well and hope also the same for you.

With greetings to all.

Encl: As stated above.

Yours sincerely,

C.K. Paul Singh
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NEWS FROM GOSSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH,
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NEW DRAFT CONSTITUTION OF THE G.E.L.C.:

In the history of the Church it is the first time that GELC has prepared a draft constitution through the constituent Body without any foreign help. The Body was appointed by the KSS. After two years long deliberations and discussions the Body could work out a draft Constitution. This was accepted and approved by the KSS in its full members meeting in June 1971. This draft constitution has been sent to the five Anchals for their corroborative votes with a fixed time, latest by the end of October 1971. The KSS executive will find out the ways and means in its next meeting sometime in November 1971 for the implementation of the constitution. If all the Anchals will give their YES vote, the constitution will be implemented with effect from the 1st January 1972. At present the public, the different dis-satisfied groups, leaders and responsible persons of the Church are waiting eagerly for the result of the corroborative votes.

THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION OF THE G.E.L.C.:

The two institutions under the Board of Theological Education are run by the church. Bible and Bunyadi Training Centre in Govindpur gives training for Pracharaks (Catechists) and Bible Women. At present there are 23 Boys and Girls and four Teachers in the Institution. The number of trainees has been reduced by half with the fact that one year there was no admission due to inavailability of stipends. The Gossner Theological College is being run through water and fire. At present there are 44 students including one girl student. There are 8 students from two sister Lutheran churches. Six Teachers are teaching in the College. There was one teacher from a sister Lutheran Church, but has been called back. The Rev. Dieter Hecker will be able to join the College after completing his Hindi Course, i.e. beginning in the next session, July 1972.

The church has a plan to raise Funds for the support of the theological studies in the church, but till now it has not been successful, and if not well executed the theological institutions will be the first which will be badly affected.

PASTOR DIETER HECKER'S ARRIVAL IN THE G.E.L.C.:

As negotiation was made by the Commission of the Churches in Germany and the GELC in India, Rev. Dieter Hecker with his family arrived in the month of July 1971 at Ranchi. He will join the Theological College, Ranchi after one year - Language School Course. He shall teach New-Testament in the College. This is the first time that the negotiation has been settled by two sister churches in Germany and India for a fraternal co-worker. Pastor Hecker has been sent by the Evangelical Church of Baden with full pay, etc. It is also a matter to note that Mrs Hecker is also an ordained Lady Pastor.

According to the negotiation Pastor Hecker shall work with the church for a first period of five years. This is a witness on the part of the churches in Germany, how the churches can co-operate and help in various field. Here is the beginning.

THE REFUGEE INFLUX FROM BANGLA DESH AFFECTS THE LIFE AND WORK OF THE GELC.

Now it is almost six months that a tragedy started in the East Bengal and the Refugee Influx many mouths from that part in to India to be fed by India, when there are already millions, who have to be fed and nurtured satisfactorily. As our congregations are scattered in the bordering states, where Refugees are taking "shelter", the church is not unaffected.

As appealed by the National Christian Council of India, the GELC also has contributed individually institutionally and on church basis a considerable help for the badly affected Refugees. As the help in cash and kind has been given through various channels, the exact amount and quantity cannot be said actually.

Besides this the GELC is being affected indirectly as a part of the citizens, which is affected politically and financially by the influx of Refugees.

MUCH RAIN IN THE YEAR HAS AFFECTED THE GELC DIRECTLY.

The unusual continuous rain has caused much havoc in the region where the congregations of the GELC are scattered. The flood disaster has affected many of our congregations, specially in Assam-Bengal. But the congregations in other provinces are also not less affected. In many villages and towns private houses and huts are collapsing, many church-Bungalows and Church-Buildings are also collapsing.

Due to heavy rain rice crops are very badly damaged, Similarly other crops, vegetables are also badly destroyed. The GELC christians are mostly farmers living in villages, the church is very badly affected. In such situation church has no resources to help the needy people. The prices are going up higher very steep. Thus the GELC shall face much difficulties in this regard with finance, specially depending on Sunday offerings and collections.

EVANGELISTIC BUDGET OF THE GELC FOR *(1971)*

As desired by the Gossner Mission in Berlin the Budget for 1972 was to be submitted by the Board of Evangelism & Literature by the end of August 1971. The Executive of the Board met on 17th August to discuss the Budgetary plan for the Evangelistic Work of the GELC. The amounts of different fields were taken itemwise. It was found that the amounts given in the budget show bare needs of the fields, and that it would be very difficult to run the work without the amount given. The increase in amounts is specially due to regular increments in the salaries; in two cases amount has increased in construction works, because the prices of labour and material have gone up considerably. The total amount of the Budget is Rs.372,107.56 (Rupees Three Hundred-Seventy-Two Thousands One Hundred-Seven and Paise Fifty-Six) only including the amounts of Surguja (Rs.148,940.00) and Mikir Hills (Rs.12,629.20) the delicate child of the Board and thus of the GELC is the Surguja field. The American Mission Board is ready to give only Rs.50,000.00. It is impossible for the GELC to carry out the work as planned by herself. The Mikir Hills Work is also not a less important work. The amount granted for the work has been exhausted.

Along with this budget submitted to the Gossner Mission, there is also a budget for evangelistic work of the Anchals through the Ilakas, the total amount is Rs.446,544.00. Till 1971 the LWF has granted a certain percent in the salary of such workers. This started with a full amount grant in 1963 reducing 10% each year and thus this year is the last year. From next year the church has to support these workers in such fields. So the church has to bear much burdens in regard with financial resources. The church has plans & programmes, but is unable to execute the same successfully, and in near future, it seems, it will be much difficult to do the same due to the facts arising in and around the Church.

C.K.P. Singh

**REPORT ON THE EVANGELISTIC WORK
OF THE
GOSSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Submitted to the Kuratorium,
of the
Gossner Mission, Berlin.

Dear Friends,

Thanks be to God, our Lord for His mercy and love that this written report could be presented to you personally by me. It is not only my privilege but also His favour and your kindness that this is so possible. The report on the Evangelistic Work of the G.E.L. Church is as follows :-

I. GENERAL INTRODUCTION :

The Gossner Church has shown her alertness and consciousness of the Evangelistic Work, even through its constitution as adopted in 1960. The constitution clearly shows that evangelistic work is one of her main tasks and responsibilities. Accordingly the Board of Evangelism and Literature (BEL) has been given due place. The Board has under its purview the Evangelistic Work of the Gossner Church in and around her areas, i.e. the areas around the established congregations and the areas in adjacent to the Anchals.

II. FIELDS FOR EVANGELISTIC WORK :

A. Declared Fields :- The Evangelistic Work is carried on in many areas either by individuals or families or congregations, for which there is no specification either by Anchal or the Board. But all Anchals have their declared fields for evangelistic work within their geographical boundaries, except the Assam Anchal and the Head Quarter's congregation at Ranchi. The Anchals have declared certain Panches and congregations with their pastors and catechists as evangelistic fields. For these workers the Anchal used to get certain percentage of Salaries from the LWF, which is now coming to an end. The Workers' Statistic is as follows :-

| | |
|-----------------------------|-----|
| Assam Anchal | Nil |
| Madhya Anchal (Khutitoli) | 15 |
| North-West Anchal | 41 |
| Orissa Anchal | 24 |
| South-East Anchal | 56 |
| Hd. Qrs Congregation Ranchi | Nil |

The yearly Budget for 1971 comes to an amount of Rs.14,830.20. The Assam Anchal has to close down its declared field in NEFA due to political reasons. The Head Quarter's Congregation has no such fields.

B. Evangelistic Fields in adjacent to Anchals :- All Anchals have Evangelistic Fields in adjacent to their geographical boundaries, except the Madhya (Khutitoli) Anchal and the Head Quarter's Congregation. In these fields as per earlier agreements, administrative arrangements, appointments, Transfers etc are under the respective Anchals. Finance is granted by the Gossner Mission, the work is directed and supervised by the Director of the Board. The Workers' Statistic is as follows :-

| Anchals. | Areas | Workers | | |
|------------------------------------|---|----------|-------------|-------|
| | | Pastors. | Catechists. | |
| Assam Anchal | Mikir Hills | 1 | 4 | = 5 |
| Madhya (Khutitoli) | Nil | - | - | - |
| North-West Anchal | (a) Udaipur | 3 | 42 | 45 |
| Orissa- | (b) Surguja | 8 | 57 | 65 |
| Orissa | Sambalpur, Sundargarh | 2 | 24 | 26 |
| South-East Anchal | Singhbhum, Midnapur, Keyonjhar & Mayurbhanj | 5 | 36 | 41 |
| Head Quarter's Congregation Ranchi | Nil | - | - | - |
| Total. | | 19 | 163 | = 182 |

The Budget of the adjacent fields along with the Central Office comes to Rs. 190,000.00. The Surguja field has the Budget of Rs.123,000.00. The Mikir Hills has separate amount for the work, but now no working Budget.

Madhya (Khutitoli) Anchal has not started work in the adjacent area, per-

Madhya(Khutitoli)Anchal has not started work in the adjacent area, possibly between Madhya Anchal boundry and that of the N.W.Ancal. So also the Head Quarter's Congregation has no such area.

Mikir Hills area has a great prospect for the work. After a new Missionar has been deputed the work is done more intensively and the result is encouraging. The Mikir Tribe in the area is ready to follow the sign banner of the Cross, but there are certain difficulties, which are still to be over thrown. The land settlement is still an half done work, construction work is not yet started, the demand of a dispensary has been placed, people want to see some visible sign. But inspite of these the new converts are being baptised, the flock is increasing rapidly. Spiritual guide as well as social uplift programme is needed.

The work in Singhbhum, Midnapur, Mayurbhanj and Keyonjhar district is going on among the Hos, Santhals and Kora Mundas. The area is scattered in four districts of three states. There is a difficulty of co-ordinating the work by one Supervisor. In some places congregations are established, but they cannot be incorporated in S.E. Anchal due to distance and other inconveniences. The construction works are still to be carried on. Except some few places only temporary huts have been erected. The sign of the progress has been hampered in the work in Sambalpur district (Bamra area), but there is a great hope in Sundargarh area, Oné the one hahd Freedom of Religion Bill has threatened the workers and the new Christians, On the other hand workers are very much involved in congregational works, except in some few places. Nearly ten congregations are to incorporated in the Orissa Anchal, so that the pastors and the Catechists can concentrate purly in evangelistic work.

The Udaipur evangelistic field is scattered in Raigarh district of M.P. The Freedom of Religion Bill has caused great anxiety among the workers as well as among the new converts. But the church is growing steadily. There are some congregations large enough for self suport but due to locality in remote distance, it does not seem wise to incorporate the congregation in the Anchal. The yearly construction programme is helping the field immensely, but more has to be done.

The Surguja newly taken over charge for administration and supervision beginning from January 1, 1971. The field is spread in remote places of Surguja district of M.P. Although the work is carried on in the area for twenty years, the field needs still much help to be incorporated in the Anchal. As all other fields do need House construction, school and Hostel programmes so does this field. some development programme are also to be organized. There is a demand of an High School and Hostel for the area. Hostel programme has been started in two places, where boys and girls of the field are granted help and shelter. The growth of the Church has become slow, but hopes are still greater.

It is very difficult to organise and sponse the work in all five provinces among people speaking different languages. But through yearly visits and occasional visits and inspections workers as well as Christians are encouraged and admonished for better work and faithful life. The Refresher Course for the workers of 1970 brought all workers from different areas at Ranchi. The fellowship and exchange of experiences of the workers have strengthened them immensely.

III. ACTIVITIES AND RESULT OF THE WORK :

The Census of different years shows that the result of success in different fields within the Anchal is varying. It depends upon the method and work ~~as~~ in the field and some times the environment affects the work and it results. The work is carried on in usual ways, only in some few congregations or Parishes and individuals have adopted new way of approach. The group approach is the common one and is arranged either by a Parish or a Congregation or a youth group. In "Witness Meeting" and Dharam Mela gospel is preached by word and action, by singing bhajans, showing pictures, flannel graphs, by distributing tracts, leaflets, gospel portions, most these are supplied by our office through such witness the work is started, then individual approach either by the Catechist or individual members of the church is made personally. People of other faiths are also invited to prayer meetings, festival programmes drama shows etc.

The result of such work are encouraging in some parts of the Church. In many places we have good number of converts from among the Adivasis,

in every rare cases we have one or two converts from Hindu and Muslim Communities. The following chart shows a varying graph of conversion :-

| | 1966 | 1967 | 1968 | 1969 | 1970 |
|-------------------------|------|------|------|---------------|----------------|
| Assam Anchal | 136 | 71 | 91 | Not available | Not available. |
| North West Anchal | 127 | 222 | 267 | " | " |
| Madhya(Khutitoli)Anchal | 66 | 22 | 52 | 26 | " |
| Orissa Anchal | 218 | 235 | 162 | 106 | " |
| South East Anchal | 421 | 294 | 306 | 392 | " |
| Hd.Qr's Cong. Ranchi | 1 | 25 | 7 | 10 | " |

In the adjacent areas the method of work is almost the same. The individual approach by the catechist is done more frequently than the group approach. In addition to the distribution of tracts, leaflets, gospel portions and the use of flannel graph, the most of the Catechists use alleopathic, Homeopathic and herbo-medicine; some catechists render prayer healing help. Some of these workers are provided with a medicine box, while other use only Herbo-medicine. In these fields Gospel is preached by ~~the~~ way and word and individual ministry of help. The result is not speedy, but slowly and steady. The reasons are various. The following numbers of converts show the conversion in the adjacent fields:

| | 1968 | 1969 | 1970 |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| Assam Mikir Hills | Not available | Not available | 13 |
| North West Anchal (1) Udaipur | " | " | 82 |
| (2) Surguja | " | " | Not available. |
| Orissa Anchal Sambalpur & Sundargarh | " | " | 15 |
| South East Anchal Singhbhum etc. | " | " | 116 |

IV. NEEDS FOR THE FIELD :

There is still a great need of faithful workers for the fields. The best one are to be deputed in the evangelistic field. It is urgently needed that the fields be free from church-politics therefore the workers with "problems" should not be sent there for experiment or for their punishment.

For the effective approach modern means and methods of evangelism are still to be applied. The workers in the fields are always demanding for tracts, flannel graphs, magic lantern, medicine boxes, etc. As far as our budget allows some of these articles are being supplied. In some areas ration supply has been demanded but they have been discouraged by the Centre, some individual arrangements have been made by the Supervisors of the fields.

The fields need land for construction purposes, in very few places permanent chaples and workers' quarter have been constructed. In half of the centres through out the fields the church service is done in own room or Verandah of the worker's Quarters. Only in two places we have landed property more than twenty acres; In Mikir Hills and Surguja. In some places we have 2 - 5 acres of land. In other places we have less than one acre, either purchased by the church or donated by new converts of the place. It is demanded that landed property be purchase at stations, supposed to be parish centres for the self support of the church as done in the areas of the Gossner Church established. There is also demands for dispensaries or small Hospitals in each areas.

Hostel for boys and girls are needed in all fields except in Mikir Hill where school itself is a rare case. Hostels in Jaganathpur(Singhbhum) Pathalgaon(Raigarh) and in Kuchinda(Sambalpur) is urgently needed. There are two hostels in Surguja, one more is still demanded for Sankargarh.

Except these major needs for the fields there are small things which are very urgently needed, i.e. bells, altercloths, etc. Some of these have been presented for some few congregations by one or other congregation or individuals of the Gossner Church.

V. SOME POSSIBLE FIELDS FOR THE WORK:

Inspite of regular programmes for the evangelistic fields there are some fields till now quite untouched. In these areas field is quite ready and the doors are still open, but due to lack of funds, hence lack of workers, they are left alone. In the South-East of Ranchi,

along the Ranchi-Jamshedpur National High Way and the Ranchi-Khunti-Chaibabasa Road, the area seems to be quite untouched. On the one side is an area of North West Anchal, Ranchi Ilaka on the other side is the area of South East Anchal Amlesa and Burju Ilaka. Similar untouched area is along the road sides of Ranchi-Hazaribagh Road and beyond it. The centre at Chutupalu seems to be quite good but due to lack of fund almost abandon. Another block of such area is between Ranchi-Lohardaga-Gumla Road and Ranchi-Bero-Gumla Road. The whole district of Palamau is ready for harvest, but no workers or very few workers are in the field. The area bordering Orissa (Sundargarh district) and Madhya-Pradesh (Raigarh district) is a possible future field for the evangelistic work. There are one or two workers from either side, but the field is very vast. The area between Madhya-Pradesh Anchal (West boarder) and North West Anchal there is another field for possible future plan, This can be put under the Madhya (Khutitoli) Anchal as its adjacent field. In all these indicated area Adibasi population is dominating, therefore the church is interested to do work in the area. But lack of fund and some other problems the work is not properly started or if started discontinued.

Besides these areas of major possible plan there is every possibility of evangelistic work in many village and town, where the Adibasi community is dominating. Very less or no work has been done among the Hindu as well as Muslim Communities. Reasons are various.

The plan for a joint effort for Nepal work is still to be worked out, The personnel contribution the part of Gossner Church is still a question mark. I hope that Gossner Church will not hesitate to send some of her well qualified persons.

VI. PROBLEMS AND DIFFICULTIES :

Hinderances in the work : - Almost in all places the door is open for the work, people are eager to hear the word of God. In many places they are calling for help: "Come over here and Help us". But in all places the Gospel cannot be preached openly, and if so allowed, it is not effective, the reasons are various.

A. PROBLEMS AND DIFFICULTIES COMING FROM OUT SIDE:

1. Taking into reference to some discussions decisions on state government level as well as on central government, e.g. "Freedom of Religion Bills" or "Kartik Uraon Bill" in many areas anti christian campaign is going on and workers as well as New Converts are threatened by local communal minded people. The government as such is not so much anti-christian-preaching.
2. The resurgence of the religions of Indian soil as well as modern religious and semi-socio-religious movements are challenging the furtherance of Christian faith. To meet such challenges the Christians, specially of our church are not yet ready.
3. Differences are created in the political party of the Adibasis, demand of justice and equal opportunity in the spheres of social, economic, and education, and employment have questioned the life and work of the church as a whole. The Government as well as private institutions or organisations are playing their own role with this respect, but what or how does the church do ? The church is quite unaware of the question !
4. The influence of materialism and modernism : Technology and Science have thrown the people in a melting pot, christians are themselves uncertain of their place of existence. Materialism is getting control in the life and work of the church, taking her away from her real goal.

B. PROBLEMS AND DIFFICULTIES COMING FROM WITHIN THE CHURCH :

1. The church is involved much in her own problems of leadership and discipline : Many of the activities, decision and resolutions are directed by and based on church politics; Evangelistic work is also not fully untouched by this.
2. The split and disturbances in the church on "Communal" and "Egoism" basis have given a deadly blow to the evangelistic work of the church.
3. Mismanagement and misuse of power, property and finance in the Church, an open secret, have not only created suspicion and indifference among the christians, but also made the voice of the church

ineffective for the non-christians, who very well know the open secret.

4. The outward appearance of the church compounds, schools, church buildings and bungalows are witness of inner life and work of the church, inner weaknesses of these are therefore no more outward attractions and this is well known to the christians as well as to the non-christians.

5. "Inferiority Complex" as well as "Christian Complex" is one of the secret problems in the life and work of the church in spreading the Gospel specially for Hindu and Muslims.

6. Ignorance or lack of education in christian faith, life and practice has made the evangelistic work unsuccessful. The christians have very little knowledge and conviction of christian faith to give the people of other faiths. If they do not know of their own, how can they be expected to know the faith and conviction of others, without which no effective preaching is possible.

At present a closer co-operation of the clergy and the laity is needed for this great task of God. No less importance is the role of Gossner Mission at present and in future with this regard. The leadership as well as the whole church has to be "evangelism-oriented". "The renewal of the church for her Mission" has to be implemented from top to bottom even for the Gossner Church.

I hope and do pray that through the help and co-operation of the Gossner Mission the Gossner Church will be a powerful hand of God for winning more souls for Him in His Obedience.

With hearty greetings from all co-workers and christian brethren in the Evangelistic Fields.

Thankfully submitted.

Mainz, the 23rd April, 1971.

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

Director/Secretary,
Board of Evangelism & Literature.

G.E.L. Church, Rajgaur

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G.E.L. Church, Rajgangpur
November 10, 1970

Dr. Ch. Berg, Director
Gossner Mission, Berlin
West Germany

Dear Dr. Berg,

Our K.S.S. meeting ended on Saturday, the 7th and thus I have come back from Ranchi. As some reference was made in the K.S.S. meeting about my possible joining the service of U.M.N., which you already know, I am writing this letter just to inform as well as to make personal enquiry about one or two matters.

Firstly, I want to inform that, my Nepal visit prior to my possible joining the service as per recommendation made by the joint consultation of Dr. Singh and U.M.N. is still pending. October was reserved ~~for this purpose~~ for this purpose according to my planning made earlier, but this was disturbed by other ~~unforeseen~~ unforeseen urgent engagements and meetings. Now again as I have been taken as one of the members of the K.S.S. team to visit some of the centres to talk with the people of surrounding congregations warning them against the approach expected from the so called Ranchi Dharma Pradesh, my visit to Nepal is not possible also in November. The only time possible seems to be early December. I am going to write to Dr. Lindell, the executive secretary of the UMN to know whether my visit in early December will suit him or not. After my visit I shall give to the K.S.S. or B.E.L. my final decision as to whether and when I could join the service of UMN.

Secondly, I want to express that my awaited decision in favour or against my possible joining the UMN service will depend on the following :-

(a) Possibility of my two sons admitted in any good high school in North Bihar which has a good christian hostel too, because the education of my boys seems to be one of my liabilities which should not be neglected ; (b) Possibility of getting a person or persons on whose hand I can confidently leave some of the incomplete works and programmes which have been started in Orissa Anchal on my initiative. If I have to leave them incomplete and without caring for their future I shall feel myself of having started them.

As I have expressed my concerns in the above paragraph, I would like to have a clear information about our Raurkela work. You have kindly advised me to express whether I would welcome the co-operation of the Kirchen Kreis of Dortmund in Germany if they decided to cooperate in the work of Raurkela. To this I had sent a reply in affirmative. Since then I have not heard as to what the Kirchen Kreis of

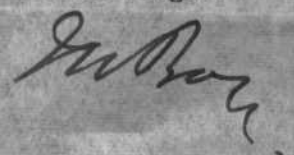
Dortmund has decided about the proposal. I had expected that during the last visit of our Pramukh Adhyaksh in Germany he might get some information about the matter, however as he returned he told me that he forgot to ask you about this during your discussions. I could understand this because you had so many things to discuss, but when Mr. Montag met me at Ranchi he told me that you had some information about the positive decision made by the Kirchen Kreis of Dortmund. I would be very thankful if you kindly inform me about this soon and if they have taken positive decision I would like to have your advice as to how I should move forward in this matter.

Thus you may feel that, I do have willingness to join the UMN service on behalf of the G.E.L.C & G.M. because I still remember how late Saban Surin and myself were commissioned by the Gossner Congregation at Berlin in the Gossner chapel when we were to return to India. On the otherhand, I feel myself connected with some of the programmes already started in Orissa Anchal after I have joined the service here. Any way I shall have to give my clear decision on the question of my joining the UMN service without much delay. This I shall do.

These days we are all well here. I hope that you too are well. I met Mr. Montag on last Saturday at Ranchi but as the K.S.S. was in session I could not have much talk with him. With all good wishes and Advent greetings

Yours sincerely,

(M. Bago)



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G.E.L. Church, Rajgangpur
June 3, 1970

~~Dr. Ch. Berg~~

Dr. Ch. Berg, Director
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Eingegangen

7/ - 9. JUN. 1970

Erledigt:

Dear Brother Berg,

Heartly thanks for your letter of May 13 which reached me just on the day when I was discussing with some representatives from our Rourkela congregation our future plan and programmes for Rourkela. This was also just a day before the Executive committee of the Orissa Anchal had to meet. Thus I could immediately discuss the question raised in your letter with the Rourkela representatives and a day later in the meeting of Anchal executive members.

We all - not only I - expressed appreciation for the move taken by the Synod of the Dortmund Kirchenkreis. Our congregation ~~in~~ at Rourkela is also very anxious to try to understand the existing problems at Rourkela on the background of which it has to fulfill its Lord-given task. They have however always been expressing that they ~~xxxx~~ lack leadership.

Thus, after having considered the need, the Executive committee (Anchal Samiti) authorised me to pass the following message to you and through you to all who may be concerned:-

- I. The Orissa Anchal of the G.E.L. Church and particularly its parish at Rourkela will highly appreciate and welcome if the Kirchenkreis of Dortmund be willing to join and co-operate in the Mission work at Rourkela, the largest industrial town of Orissa.
- II. In order to be able to give direct and regular help to Rourkela parish in its special kind of Mission work the Orissa Anchal Samiti has decided to shift its headquarters to Rourkela as soon as necessary quarters are erected.
- III. The Executive committee feels that a Lutheran Centre is an urgent and immediate need at Rourkela where the Children, Youths and Adults could be brought together and given necessary orientation and training.

The Rourkela Christian Council which is a combined body of the four different christian denominations formed to work together ~~for~~ in matters of common interest has already welcomed our plan to have a Lutheran Centre.

If the Kirchenkreis of Dortmund will desire to study our plan and programme for Rourkela in more detail I shall be glad to send ~~the~~ them such a statement.

Let us hope that the Lord shows us the right way in fulfilling the task given by Him for different places and different times.

With kind regards also to Mrs Berg

Yours sincerely,

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Ashyallish
Orissa Anchal

U. S. Church, Singapore
June 3, 1970

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Enclosed
- 9 JUN 1970

Director
U. S. Church, Singapore
Singapore 110000

Dear Brother Ray,

Enclosed for your review are two letters which reached me last on the 2nd when I was discussing with some representatives from our church in Singapore the future of the church in Singapore. This was also a day before the executive committee of the church met in your house. I could immediately discuss the question raised in your letter with the church representatives and a day later in the meeting of the executive committee.

We all - not only I - expressed appreciation for the move taken by the church of the Singapore church to try to understand the existing situation and to try to understand the existing situation. The church of the Singapore church has to fulfill its problems at Singapore on the background of which it has to fulfill its God-given task. They have however always been expressing that they have lack leadership.

Thus after having considered the need, the executive committee (Lambert Smith) authorized me to pass the following message to you and through you to all who may be concerned:-

I. The church of the U. S. Church and particularly its parish at Singapore will actively appreciate and welcome if the church of the Singapore church is willing to join and co-operate in the mission work at Singapore, the largest industrial town of the island.

II. In order to be able to give direct and regular help to the church of the Singapore church in its special kind of mission work the church of the Singapore church has decided to shift its headquarters to Singapore as soon as necessary changes are effected.

III. The executive committee feels that a Lutheran Centre is an urgent and immediate need at Singapore where the church of the Singapore church could be brought together and given necessary orientation and training.

The church of the Singapore church which is a combined body of the four different Christian denominations formed to work together may in matters of common interest have already welcomed our plan to have a Lutheran Centre.

IV. The church of the Singapore church will desire to study our plan and programme for the church in more detail. I shall be glad to send them such a statement.

Let us hope that the Lord shows us the right way in fulfilling the task given by Him for different places and different times.

With kind regards also to the very

Yours sincerely,

Dr. V. J. J. J.

S. Khan.

Gosner Mission

28 July
Singapore
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19th May, 1970

Director Dr. Arne Sovik
Mission Board of the
American Lutheran Church
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U.S.A.

Subject: Ambikapur Mission Field,
my letter of the 29th December, 1969.

Dear Arne Sovik,

I know that the KSS of the Gossner Church and particularly President Rev. B. Minz, are looking forward to an early decision of your Board concerning the future work in Ambikapur, India.

It would be appreciated, if my letter, which I wrote you in continuation of our conversation in Geneva, obtained an answer from you, from which we could learn here in Berlin your policy during the following years.

This is a very important matter for us, because the Gossner Church is hoping that a 6th Anchal can be formed of the congregations and mission fields in the Federal State of Madhya Pradesh in a near future and that this 6th Anchal will give the Church a better ~~axhatter~~ tribal balance.

With kindest regards,
yours,

(Director Dr. Berg)

Copy: President Minz, Ranchi.

G.E.L.C. Girls College
 Hostel Ranchi.
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J. P. Golke (230)
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Dear Dr. C. Berg and M. Seelberg,

After a long silence I have a mind to tell
 you both about Assam; Hope you would like it.

For two months in December '68 and January '69
 I was on tour in Assam and visited these places:-
 Tezpur, Bailthabharaga, Ghaghra Shantipur, Hullen
 North Lakhimpur, Tinsukia, Naya Ghaghra, Duania
 Raigan Raidang, Rajabhar, Gorajan, Hilldubi
 Gokrisauwa, Nagabat, Mokrom, Borhula, Dibrugarh
 and Bamanguria.

In all these places I was welcomed open heartedly all
 were very glad to hear and learn, the people are
 simple religious minded I could see they are hungry
 of God's words, men and women, young and old were
 ever ready to listen and learn, so it was easy for
 me to teach, guide and lead.

everywhere I could give them 3-5 Bible Lessons they were
 really very glad and did not get tired.


next I encouraged them by telling the women's
 works in Chotanagpur & how glad they
 were to do likewise!!

Most of them are uneducated so
 it was good for them to know:

- The use of precious Time God's gift
- The use of the wealth God's gift
- The use of the Health God's gift.

How attentively they use to hear!!
 May God be with them and guide them.

Thirdly I made them understand
 how to obey the Women's
 Constitution of G.E.L.C Mahila
 Sangh. Chotanagpur and
 Assam.



They all are willing to obey the Women's Constitution.
I was deeply moved of their love and care, I could hardly leave them and go to other place.
I spent Christmas at Gorajan it was the first Christmas I spent outside in my life. I spent ~~my~~ it with the Naga people in a Naga military camp, it was good that the nonchristians had a chance to hear good Christmas message. I had a chance to see the Mikir hills.
people on 29th Dec '68 five mikirs were confirmed we thank God for His grace and Love.

The R.C., the S.P.G and the Seventh day people were also eager to learn, was invited and they were very thankful and glad.

I visited two hospitals to see our ill people and thanked God.
I spent my birthday at Hildeubi at the foot of the Naga hills a small congregation.

I went round Lower and Upper Assam the six Districts of Assam, in those places which the Assam Anchal Adhyaksh in the course of five years service has not seen as yet!

From Ranchi I was about 2500 miles away the climate of Assam is not good the water is very very bad for health. where ever I went did house visiting one of the most important and found many ill people, mad and blind, they were very thankful for the visit though it was very tiring yet gave much pleasure to me and to them, as it was a new thing for them.

The Assam people are very simple it is not difficult to lead and guide; they get enough to eat and do not mind to help the poor and

For my Assam Tour K.S.S. gave me Rs 500/-
and I spent Rs 700/-

I must thank you for your kind help in
the aid of great success in Assam.

needy.

What about the pastors and the preachers?
most lazy, proud and greedy. Some of the preachers
are not at all fit to work yet they have to work
as the pastors are their masters.

The Adhyaksh is the most lazy and proud man he
has set free all the pastors under himself so that
he may be in their good books; likewise the pastors
have set free the preachers just to be in their good
books. Thus the poor poor Christians have to suffer
I do not want to blame any one but one who
pretends doing but does nothing they are being
paid for the work, where is the promise they
made and are condemned!

My journey of Assam was very very and very
difficult, dangerous & tiring and expensive.

The doctors in Assam said to me "It is a great
wonder for us that you could do such hard and
difficult work in your such age"

I had to walk ^{sometimes} twelve miles a day, at mid night after train.
early morning at 4 A.M in the cold, at noon etc. daily
6 miles it was much for me.

Daisy Hemson is not with her parents, some where Lady Clerk
does not want to be with parents. I met with her father-mother

I know Pastor M. Seeborg tried his best to put Rs 2000/-
in the Budget of 1969 for the women's work but K.S.S. is not
willing to give a single rupee. So in the Budget of 1970 you
will not even see the name of women's work.

The love of people and their spiritual hunger bends me
down, God is with me I know full well. Women Mahasabha
and Mahila Sangh Bible class will be held in May 1969.

Please kindly excuse me for anything written wrong.
This is the Report of Assam by a sacrificed lady your
Sister in His Love: Anugrahit Minz.

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SOCIAL WELFARE IN URBAN AND INDUSTRIAL AREA AND THE CHURCH

A Case Study of Jamshedpur

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1. Social Welfare and the Philosophy of Giving:

Today man has more wealth, more resources and more power at his disposal as a result of the development of science and technology. On par with his increased knowledge of human behaviour man is burdened with more responsibilities toward his fellow beings. The task ahead is enormous beyond the power of one single individual to tackle.

Organised collective effort for proper social functioning of the individual by achieving a workable harmony with his environment is becoming more and more significant in the new social milieu. Nearly two decades ago the Indian Constitution guaranteed "to promote... fraternity assuring the dignity of the individual and the unity of the nation"¹. India is evolving into a welfare state under a planned economy. The Planning Commission has recognised the place of social welfare and social services in the five year plans. State sponsored welfare, however, has not hindered voluntary social services and the government's concern for keeping alive private initiative has been proved by the establishment of Central Social Welfare Board which has a network of programmes and policies encouraging voluntary social service.

¹ Constitution of India, p.1.

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Freindlander in his book "Social Welfare" defines "Social welfare as the organised system of social services and institutions, designed to aid individuals and groups to attain satisfying standards of life and health, and personal and social relationships which permit them to develop their full capacities and to promote their well being in harmony with the needs of their families and the community"². This is a fairly comprehensive definition and includes in its orbit social service and social work which is "the professional service based on scientific knowledge and skill in human relations"³. Understood as above, social welfare is the community's concern for its members whereby is expressed a feeling of belonging and desire to help each other.

Social maladies such as destitution, poverty, physical and mental illness have existed before and will do so in future, with the difference that the intensity of the problems has called for a broader system of social services. The ancient church was one of the forerunners of organised charity which is the nucleus of modern social work. As charity was gradually being elevated from "alms giving" to restoration and rehabilitation of the individual", from "dependence to self sufficiency", it was the Christian priests and philosophers who did pioneering services in introducing individualisation and prevention as important components of social service. As early as 16th century the Spanish philosopher Juan Luis Vives propounded the idea of "providing aid through vocational training, employment and rehabilitation, instead of customary distribution of alms"⁴. Again, the Daughters of Charity - a group of women who devoted their life to charitable work under the guidance of Father Vincent De Paul of France in 17th century were the first social workers. Father Vincent De Paul emphasised the importance of investigation, interview and individual approach to help the needy.

Thus the root of social work lies in man's ability to feel for others. This humanistic base prevents the profession of social work being denuded of primary values of life which have their roots in religion. As a social discipline therefore it has to look up to religion for its inspiration. The basic values of social work practice revolve around the idea of sustaining the dignity of the individual. Man is a higher being than other animals because he is a moral being and has the ability to distinguish between ought and ought not - the good and evil, for he has the spark of the Divine in him and his essential goodness is temporarily overpowered by the struggle with the material environment. He then loses his perspective and his self respect and acts in a way neither conducive to his individual nor to the common good. Social work must restore his dignity by recognising his right of selfdetermination.

² & ³ "Introduction to Social Welfare", W. Freidlander, p. 4.

⁴ Ibid, p. 11.

2. Christian Church and Some Value Concepts of Social Work:

The conceptual system of scientific social work which mobilises the community's resources and enables the individual to utilise them, has much to do with Christian philosophy of the individual's worth as a human person. Individuals or groups require social service when they are under some stress situation. It is the social worker's obligation to help them use their inner resources i.e. their ego strength to gain insight into their problems to know and to understand and regain mastery over themselves. The client is at the centre of the picture and not the self aggrandisement of the social worker. If philanthropy degrades the human person instead of making him the master of his own self, this would be negation of social welfare. The whole gospel of Christ stands for such enabling process - which is the core of scientific social work.

a) Recognition of the individual:- The emphasis on the worth of each individual and acceptance of the person at his own level finds echo in the Bible. Social work crusades against the depersonalisation and dehumanising processes of a technological civilisation, against demands for conformity, and the frightening anonymity of group life, against total unconcern for our fellow beings and sacrifice of the individual to the machinations of group power. It recognises the need for individualisation and restores the individual to his rightful place saving him from being submerged in the "lonely crowd". As Christ said nearly 2000 years ago "about the joy of finding the single sheep which went astray amongst the ninety-nine that never strayed"⁵.

b) Acceptance:- Acceptance of the client with his shortcomings and strong points without any value judgment about his behaviour, is the social work practitioner's important tool in diagnostic process and treatment goal. The self-awareness of the social worker about his own limitations guards against "The holier than thou attitude". So did Christ admonish his followers "Judge not lest ye be judged".

c) Individual dynamics of self-development:- The most sustaining force for the social worker is his belief in man's capacity for growth and self-development, in the inherent good in him. The Bible cites the reclamation of Magdalene and the parable of the Prodigal son as proofs.

d) Understanding of and respect for the client:- Empathy, disinterested observation and patient listening are the three most important equipments of the social workers. These are not achievable without a spirit of self-sacrifice, humility and love. One who cannot give love and respect, cannot receive love and respect. These sentiments were not only expressed by Him in the following words, "if any one wants to be first he must make himself last of all and servant of all"⁶ but he translated these in actualities in His life, e.g. washing the feet of his disciples. In no uncertain term he said to his followers "Anyone who wishes to be the follower of Mine must leave self behind".⁷

⁵ The New English Bible, p.32.

⁶ The New English Bible, p.71

⁷ Ibid, p.70.

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Only if we leave self behind, then tolerance, accommodation and co-existence become something more than mere cliches in the life of groups and associations engaged in common task of social betterment with different operational methods. The study of welfare programme in Jamshedpur - an important industrial belt brings to light that the Christian churches there have lived up to the ideals enunciated above. They have cooperated with, and supplemented the efforts of others and plunged in new areas of social services and thus deserved the goodwill, trust, and respect of the town's people and of those in authority.

3. Social Services in Jamshedpur and the Church:

The appendices to this paper contain a descriptive summary of the social services carried out by three types of sponsors in the town: Now we shall focus on what the churches - as voluntary social service agencies - have done especially by cooperating with lay agencies - both governmental and non-governmental.

This portion of the paper will draw upon the material given in the appendices to explain the context in which the church sponsored welfare services are functioning in this city.

It was found that contrary to the expectations, important areas of social welfare such as health, housing, education, recreational and municipal amenities have been mostly taken care of not by the State but by the management of companies and other voluntary services. The church along with other non-management voluntary services has been encouraged to come forward to organise collective efforts in the various need areas and thus private initiative and self-help have been kept alive. It has been already seen that the company has extended help through financial grants, loans, land and advice, facilitating the church's involvement in community life along with other agencies. It encourages healthy competition amongst various groups by awarding prizes for best performance by social service organisations.

a) Education:- Amongst the 60,000 students in private schools nearly 4000 are in church managed schools. Two of the reputed high schools in the state are run by the Catholic Church. For education in Labour Welfare, Industrial Relations and Business Management, Post graduate studies are organised by another catholic educational institution.

b) Health:- The Sisters of Mercy have opened the Mercy Hospital - a general hospital. It is small compared to the 600 bed Tisco hospital or the 200 bed government hospital, but already it has become well known for its efficient administration and treatment, and those who are not entitled to medical care in the company hospital have found it a great source of solace.

Sir Ardeshir Dalal T.B. hospital is run by the management but foreign catholic nuns are lending their service for nursing and treatment.

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c) Leprosy Relief:- This is separately mentioned because of its social aspect, besides the medical. There are clinics sponsored by lay voluntary agencies for treatment of leprosy and there is a home for children of parents suffering from leprosy run by All India Women's conference. But here too the church has extended its help through the Sisters of Charity - a well known order of nuns founded by Mother Teresa. They take care of patients who are too crippled to attend the clinics or too lethargic. Medicine as well as food are given to these leper beggars. Their children are sent to Nirmal Niketan in Ranchi.

d) Economic aid to the sick and the poor:- Hundreds of destitutes are given food daily by the Catholic Church. During times of famine food is sent outside the city to those areas which are thus affected. Occasionally clothes too are distributed. Supplies are received from "Care". For several months during the famine time the Mercy Sisters have given a hot meal to a 1000 people each day.

e) Special services for Bustee children:- Jamshedpur does not have slums like Bombay or Calcutta but its bustees are inhabited by low income groups and are deprived of the many comforts of the developed housing areas of the city. The sisters dressed in white sarees are familiar figures there, holding classes for the school dropouts, the neglected, the orphans, under the trees with improvised educational apparatus. Free milk distribution is a part of the teaching programme. For a short period daily these unfortunate victims of circumstances experience a new kind of community life under benign and loving guidance.

f) Cultural and leisure time activities:- Church sponsored social agencies have promoted various types of these activities and thus helped in community relations.

g) Labour management relations:- About three years ago, under the auspices of the Ecumenical Social Institute, various denominations of the Protestant Church held a conference to discuss labour problems with management and trade union leaders.

h) Xavier Labour Relations Institute:- This institution has worked with the I.N.T.U.C. branch of the labour movement by organising short term courses for Trade Union leaders. It has done a pioneering job by developing constructive forces in the lower echelons of Trade Union movement. Rank and file leadership has thus developed from inside. Through this grassroot approach Trade Unions in India may gradually be freed from 'quacks' and 'politician labour leaders'. The management both of the public and private sector have shown appreciation by cooperating and granting leave to workers to join the course. Sometimes the Institute sends professors to the industry. Trade union members have come from Bokaro, Burnpur, Bhilai and Rourkela. Both capital and labour recognise the importance of intelligent and active cooperation as against armed truce. The most gratifying achievement is the trust and confidence of management and labour in the organising authorities.

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i) Some outstanding points regarding the quality of approach:

- i) The way the services have been catered and organised speaks for insight and strict sense of discipline.
- ii) The importance of establishing rapport between the giver and receiver through acceptance on a common cultural level has been recognised, as it is seen in Indianisation of the dress of the Sisters of Charity as against the usual habit of other orders.
- iii) A conscious attempt is being made for a spirit of accommodation by actually working within and through other agencies such as the case of nursing sisters in the T.B. hospital, the sisters in the Cheshire Home, for the physically handicapped children. This is an instance of readiness to extend cooperation by supplying special training and other services when required under the auspices of secular agencies.
- iv) Sharing of benefits with others is another instance of cooperation and goodwill. This particular action has a singular lesson for other social organisations. The large number of linguistic and communal agencies have sprung up around common needs of 'ingroups' and emotional in security in a cosmopolitan town. Sometime last year the Catholic church raised a large sum from a week long fete. The collection was distributed to many local social service agencies which were non-catholic and secular. The public wholeheartedly cooperated in making it a success and their sympathy was thus reciprocated through concrete aid by the church.

Not only this, the schools, medical aid and free distribution of food, benefit all who are in need irrespective of their religious beliefs.

4. Scope for further Development and opening new Horizons:

Under the present set up church activities cover fields like training leaders in community action and relations, youth welfare, volunteers, labour welfare, mental health programmes.

a) Community Relations:- This pervades the whole gamut of churches' welfare programmes. During social crisis like communal riots the help of the church is enlisted by the management in the disturbed areas.

b) Youth Welfare:- The youth of today, more so the urban youth, has three enemies: (1) He is the victim of skilful misuse of group power which is enslaving him for its own purpose. (2) Absence of an agency which will stimulate his full growth and apply his creative powers for the fulfilment of his potentialities and the healthy development of society. (3) Loss of his spiritual moorings.

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The priest as a social worker has the necessary equipment to be the youth's ideal to whom he can look up. He can provide the father image to the young adolescent and to whom he can meaningfully relate. By training and association, he can actualise dedication to duty and honesty of purpose so that to the young charge it becomes something living and inspiring and achievable.

c) The worker in a factory can establish a supportive relation with the priest more easily because he can afford to be a disinterested observer, patient listener and help a catharsis, so that after the worker pours out his heart about the many wrongs in his work life - genuine or imaginary - he goes back much relieved. The secret is safe with the priest because he does not have to belong to either management or labour and therefore does not have to oblige either.

As a counsellor the priest thus can save jobs, families and individuals, for modern social work still very much concerns itself with making love and not hostility, effective in human relationship.

d) Successful training of volunteers depends on personal motivation and teamwork, ability to overcome greed for recognition of services and deep sincerity to achieve results. A good training ground is close contact with the members of a religious order where such qualities are supposed to be imbibed in the personnel. Voluntary social services of this city owe their origin to the employees concern for each other's needs outside the factory walls. Getting together to look for some means to meet existing needs is refreshing and rewarding in terms of accomplishment and as a means to get away from the monotony of an impersonal work life. The source of such voluntary service has to be thoroughly tapped by the church for its manpower resources and also in view of training lay leaders. Social services deal with interrelationship of men in action enmeshed in cross currents of independence and dependence. Demands on the social work practitioner are high. More so in an urban and industrial area where strangers from heterogeneous socio-cultural backgrounds converge in search of a livelihood. In this uncoordinated mass a bond of "we" feeling around common ties has to be created. We can no longer afford to say like Cain "I do not know - am I my brother's keeper?". The whole world is at our door. We cannot pretend ignorance of the others' existence. He is in need of your help. You will have to stretch your hand. The church could make it doubly stronger however.

Today the church in India has to be the spearhead of a creative minority which is "neither a path of isolation nor that of adaptation but of participation in the life of the nation". With the coauthor of the book 'Bear One Another's Burden' I would say "The Christian way is not a way to do certain things but a certain way to do all things."⁸

⁸ Published by Church Women United, 475 Riverside Drive, N.Y., U.S.A.

APPENDICES

"Social Welfare"

(under the auspices of the State and Voluntary agencies in the urban areas.)

PART - I

This study is limited to the Steel city of Jamshedpur - the largest town in Singhbhum. Although Chaibasa is the District headquarters, the hub of the district's activities is in this city located in the heart of India's industrial belt. The bulk of the urban population is employed in Tisco or in one of the six subsidiary companies.

The paper has been divided into three parts -

- (1) Social Welfare by the government
- (2) " " by the company
- (3) " " by the voluntary agencies

1. Social Welfare Programmes by the Government:

- 1) Medical Service - There is a 200 bed government hospital where free outdoor and indoor treatment is provided to any citizen. However no company employee ever goes to this hospital because of the free medical facilities provided by Tisco and other companies.
- 2) Low Income Housing- This is a project in Adityapur area. The houses are built by the government and a certain percentage is allotted to the industrial workers, through the employer, on low rent.
- 3) Free Primary Education - There are a few primary schools run by the government with the help of voluntary agencies, the government paying the teachers' salary and stationary expenses, provided that the agency concerned can procure land and construct its own building. This last contract condition is a handicap because it is not easy for an agency to have its own building. Consequently the children under this free primary education scheme of the state are not many. However, the children of company employees are provided with education in the company run schools and for certain low income groups it is free.
- 4) Correction - Under the Probation of Offenders' Act 1958 the probation officer is put in charge of young first offenders. However, it is interesting to note that whereas there are three to four hundred such offenders brought to the court for trial during a year, the number of probationers with the probation officer at the time this paper was written was only four. This is a glaring

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instance of the judiciary not appreciating the social and psychological importance of probation as an important aspect of the new philosophy of criminology.

The offenders are either sent to jail or the borstal schools or acquitted after admonition (with every possibility of repeating the offence). The writer had made a survey of delinquency in Dhalbhum subdivision and it was found that peer groups and opportunity to break the law were the two most influencing factors in causing delinquency amongst the 75 cases under study.

Probation service in these cases would have been a tremendous force in channelising the energy of these misguided youths (Indian Nation dated - October 9, 1966 - article by the writer). But it has been found that the probation subcommittee which is composed of officials and non-officials does not function and has failed to publicise the importance of probation as a socialising force for the juvenile delinquent. The director of probation services is trying to do something about it.

- 5) Labour Welfare Centres (Bihar Government) - After the passage of the Factories Act of 1948 the government of Bihar started opening labour welfare centres in various industrial belts. Accordingly two model centres were started in Jamshedpur and K_athihar in 1949. Upto now the one in Jamshedpur is the only one in Singhbhum. By 1965 there were 25 centres in Bihar. Of these 10 are known as "A" class (for towns having more than five thousand workers). Jamshedpur has an "A" class centre.

The Welfare Centre is a part of the Labour Department of the Bihar Government. Its activities are concerned with certain welfare facilities which are non-statutory and the employer cannot be forced to provide. It is headed by a Labour Welfare Officer. There are assistant welfare officers and specialists in charge of health, education, entertainment and recreational programmes. It has a building which is shared by the conciliation officer under the Assistant Labour Commissioner and other officers enforcing various laws of the state. Besides the office of the Labour Welfare Officer, the activities of the centre are also carried on in the same premises. Services are free for anybody who wants to avail himself of them. These are the following:

- a. Library
- b. Social education and literary classes at night
- c. Handicraft
- d. Recreational and cultural
- e. Sports
- f. Health propaganda with a mobile medical van to go to the suburbs
- g. Maternity and child welfare
- h. Training-cum-production - cutting, tailoring, knitting
- i. Physical training

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A study of this centre by a student of Xavier Institute - 1965 revealed that library, reading room and social education facilities were mostly availed of by men and children. The women attended the craft class. However, the number of candidates for these facilities was not more than 10 or 15 at a time. In the vocational training cum production centre the total number of seats available are 25: 15 for women and 10 for men. The health and maternity clinic treats on an average 500 cases per month. The staff visit patients in the near-by villages

The centre has not enough space for outdoor games for which there is a demand by the young men and children living in the neighbourhood. The centre is located in a fairly congested bustee area.

Jamshedpur has got urban community centres run by Tisco providing more or less similar facilities, hence in different parts of the town many of the residents utilise these centres and the government welfare centre has its burden shared by Tisco run centres.

PART - II

2. Non-statutory Welfare Services (by Tata Iron & Steel Co. and other Companies)

There are 75,000 industrial workers in the steel town covering 25 sq.miles. Majority are employed by Tisco. The population is about 4 lakhs. The major burden of medical, school, housing facilities and various municipal amenities is borne by Tisco and supplemented by other smaller companies. The Tisco is the landlord-cum-town administrator.

Medical Services - There is a 600 bed general hospital, 100 bed T.B. hospital, 60 bed infectious diseases hospital. The company employees get free outdoor treatment and indoor treatment at a very nominal rate or free. The subsidiary companies have reserved beds in these hospitals for their employees. Some of them have their own small hospitals and dispensaries. The Tisco also has free dispensaries and six maternity and child welfare clinics, two family planning centres.

Education - There are 28 Tisco company managed schools with 28,000 children and 171 schools by voluntary agencies teaching 60,000 students aided by the company with recurring and non-recurring grants, land and loans. Primary and middle school education in the company run schools is free for the children of Tisco employees belonging to a lower income group. The other subsidiary companies run a few primary and middle schools and one high school. They subsidise the education of their respective employees when their children come for education in Tisco run school. There are six colleges of graduate and post graduate level run by private agencies but the company has leased out land to them, advanced loans for buildings, etc.

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Housing - There are 15,000 houses and 8,000 holdings in Bustees. In the latter case the houses are constructed by the workers. Besides these in other areas also the company has given land on lease and many private houses have been constructed by middle and high income group employees.

The subsidiary companies like Telco, Tinplate, Wire Products, Cable Co. have also built houses on a smaller scale to be rented out to the employees.

Municipal services, such as water, electricity, drainage and sanitary services etc. are provided by Tisco and other companies at nominal rates to the residents.

Urban Community Development by Tisco:

In 1958 Tisco started urban community development in the bustee areas. This consists of a neighbourhood centre where recreational and educational facilities are provided to the residents. One fifth of Jamshedpur population reside in the bustees. However these bustees are not slums. They are called bustees to distinguish them from the fully developed housing colonies of higher income groups. They are underdeveloped residential pockets where income is low, families are usually large and high rate of illiteracy prevails. The residents are Tisco employees as well as non-employees. The houses are owned by the residents, who have migrated from different parts of the country. Local and voluntary participation is encouraged by training youth leaders known as Yuvak Dal and community leaders known as Seva Dals. Activities in the centres are manifold such as social education, pre-school classes, craft schools for women and girls, libraries, cultural shows, shra'dan, games, co-operatives, kitchen gardening, vocational training such as typing, shorthand. A population of 64,000 is covered.

Telco (Tata Engineering and Locomotive Co.) has recently started similar community development schemes in two bustees and in the township.

Civic Centres - These are small clubs sponsored by Tisco in company quarters for the middle income group colonies. As the name suggests these are primarily meant for leisure time activities of the employees and their families.

Sports and Recreation:

- 1) Annual sports for employees and
- 2) For school children are organised
- 3) There are also inter club sports where the various local clubs and associations join
- 4) There are company's football, hockey and cricket teams.

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Markets, Garden and Parks:

There are two main shopping centres e.g. Bistupur and Sackchi. Besides these, all the important housing colonies have their respective market places.

Small parks and gardens are found in different locations but the pride of the city is the Jubilee Park a 300 acre show, inaugurated by Jawaharlal Nehru in 1958 to celebrate the golden jubilee of Tisco.

Employee Service Section:

This is an instance of the Tisco management's human interest in the welfare of the employees and significant in the light of trends in modern management to recognise the place of social work in industry through counselling as well as material relief.

Through this section the heavily indebted workers are helped to free themselves from the clutches of private usurious moneylenders, marital discords are settled, problems of succession and inheritances are handled, legal advice is made available. In short many extra rural welfare services are extended through the department.

PART - III

3. Social Welfare Under Voluntary Agencies in Jamshedpur:

Non-statutory activities of employees as well as independent collective efforts of employers are common enough in the various industrial centres of India. Since voluntary social service is a challenge to the conscience of the entire community regarding many unsavoury features of the industrial society, the role played by management is significant. But employees sponsored social services are even more revealing, since they spring from within the group itself and indicate community's response to the challenge. It is in the context of where the Steel Company is the chief employer, sole landowner, town administrator and major welfare sponsor, it will be interesting to find out the role of private non-management voluntary social services.

The following is a summary of the findings of a survey conducted by me in 1964. The pattern has not changed at all. A few more recreational agencies however have come into existence during the intervening period.

There were 107 agencies. Some characteristic features of the agencies have been summarised in the following lines. Most of the agencies, i.e. about 92%, were mutual aid type¹ and 8% were serving non-members who were under some stressful situation, economic or otherwise. These may be termed "aid to others" agencies.

¹ These were middle or lower middle income group social and recreational clubs.

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Majority were engaged in various kinds of activities. A few concentrated in one single programme. Primarily these were organised by linguistic and communal groups - for mutual service, and some by the better placed individuals for others, who were underprivileged such as backward classes and tribes, destitute women and handicapped children.

So far as membership pattern was concerned, 45% were exclusively for males, 19% were for females and the rest allowed both sexes as well as children, however the men and women had separate activities. The size varied from 50 members to 500. However, majority had on an average between 150 - 300 members. Those agencies which organised social service for non-members as beneficiaries were usually smaller in size, the members belonging to the executive body.

The earliest social service agency was started in 1910. The formation of the agencies followed the direction of the town development and as new housing colonies were started, there was a spate of agencies during the middle forties and fifties. The local residents were interested to find some organisations for leisure time activities for themselves and their families and hence these were recreational clubs and most of them started kindergarten schools for their children through these agencies because the Steel Company could not fully cope with increase in student population.

The agencies were mostly local in organisation (85.38%) and the rest of them were either local or district branches of national or international social organisations such as All India Women's Conference, National Council of Women in India, Rotary and Lions Clubs, Scheduled Caste Federation, Arya Samaj, etc. and the local branches of christian churches.

The mutual aid or self help agencies usually charged low membership fee, e.g. Rs. 3 or Rs. 5 annually. Some agencies charged extra fees for expensive games like tennis or badminton or billiard, library services, craft classes for women. None of the agencies charged any fee for services for the underprivileged.

For funds the agencies depended primarily upon subscription, occasional donations from the public minded people, fund raising activities like fetes, dramas, lottery etc. Only two agencies had business like flour mills, coke depots and cottage industries as sources of income. For those agencies which managed schools, tuition fee was a good source of finance. The state aided by giving grants to the schools. The company management subsidised expenses for schools, extended free medical treatment for institutions for the handicapped, leased out land for buildings.

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The programme of these agencies were manifold.

- a) Recreational and cultural, such as games, gymnastics, dramatics, library reading rooms, debates, literary and music conferences.
- b) Educational - primarily running schools.
- c) Leprosy relief work through medical and economic aid.
- d) Social action and social defence.
- e) Social action
- e) Cooperatives e.g. consumer and housing cooperatives.
- f) Institutional care for handicapped children. These were three in number, e.g. home for (1) strays and waifs, (2) children of parents suffering from leprosy, (3) orthopaedically handicapped children.
- g) Scouts and Guides.
- h) Work centres for destitute women (only one agency was engaged in this).
- i) Flour mills and coke depots (two agencies were running these).
- j) Economic aid to the sick and the poor.

Most of the agencies were engaged in activities mentioned in (a) and (b).

Two important social services had been added to the list during the last three years.

- a) The general hospital by the Sisters of Mercy - a Catholic Religious Order.
- b) Eye hospital by a group of private citizens aided by Tisco doctors.
- c) Blood Bank by A.I.W.C.

The above summary is a picture of organised voluntary services through mutual aid and concern for the less fortunates of the society by the residents of this industrial city.

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11. FEB. 1970

Erladigt:

HEAD OFFICE

G. E. L. Church, Ranchi

Bihar / India

Phone : 510

No. 93/70/RA-68

Ranchi Dated 7th Feb. 70.

To

Miss Christa Held
Secretary CDS/LWF
Geneva.

Sub:-CDS-27 Technical Training Centre Purulia.

Ref - your letter dt 26-1-70

Dear Miss Held,

On receipt of your letter dated 24th November '69, a commission for TTC Purulia, consisting of four members was set up by the KSS (Church Council) in January 12, 1970. The commission met at Purulia with the local members concerned on 25.1.70.

The Commission has arrived at the following decisions:-

1. That the Raksha Committee (Protecting Committee) of TTC Purulia be dissolved
2. After the dissolution of the Raksha Committee the machines and building be handed over to the local congregation members (Panches) by the President of the GELC.
3. The decision of the West Bengal Govt. regarding financing of the TTC. be intimated to the President GELC. who will further step on this matter.

When the above decision of the Commission will be put into action the matter will be finally settled and you will be intimated further development in due course.

Das "Raksha Committee" scheint die Standage
Belagerung gerade zu sein. Was die Übergabe an die
Panches betrifft, sollte man ein von diesen unter-
zeichnetes Dokument haben, weil sonst die Möglichkeit be-
steht, daß das Ganze nur ein Akt der Unklarheit ist. Wenn jedoch am
Ende (3.) andere Veranlassungen gegen die

cc; Dr. Berg, Berlin.

Zurückgabe der Regierung an die Panches

zurückgegeben werden, ist es klar, daß das dann nur ein

Prüfungspunkt werden?

Yours Sincerely

Pramukh Adhyaksh
(President)
GEL Church Ranchi.

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From: Mr. S.K.BARLA
G.E.L.Church:TEZPUR:
9th November 1969:(Assam)

To

The Director,
Gossner Mission Society, WEST GERMANY:

Respectable Sir,

Please accept our greetings in the name of our
Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ "Yisu Sahay".

During the august visit of Rev.Baruta and Rev &
Mrs. Golke to Assam we greatly realized the love face to face.
It is our believe that their visit to Assam have given them
a satisfactory realization of the activity of this area.
The only matter made them disapointed and dissatisfactory is
the division of the Church to Assam Lutheran. We believe God
will use us to understand the responsibilities of His Kingdom
and surely help us to bring these division into united aga-in.

During their visit to the Tezpur Congregation i.e.
Hq of Assam Anchal we the youth of this congregation had a
nice time to discuss about some projects in differente areas.
Among them came the question of Mikir Hills where they had
been and had a good observation of the place for some projects.
I believe they might have selected the place for certain such
projects. During the discussion with them we have expressed
our ideas and willingness about establishing a DISPENSARY
at Mikir Hills at the begining, the sketch of which is sent
herewith. We have a plan to establish a small hospital of
25 beds there the sketch of which is also enclosed together.
But the foremost and esential is the Dispensary because we
cannot effort a hospital of such expenditure at the begining.
For Dispensary, we have calculated a rough estimate which
reaches to Rs.55,000.00 (Rupees Fifty five thousand only).
Whether it requires more or less will be decided and submitted
lateron.

The reason we are pressing much in a Dispensary rather
than any other project is due to the ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ necessity of
Dispensary, on the other hand we have sufficient Medical Staff
as well as Office Staff to start and continue the project. We
may be able to get our own doctors within few years in future.
The understanding and realisation of such a plan has made us
able to submit our wills and ideas with great hope of your
kind decision and permission along with financial support by
the Gossner Mission Society. The most esential need is financial
support for the project.

With Christia-n love and greetings - "YISU SAHAY".

Yours in Chris,

S.K. Barla
(S K BARLA)

For and on behalf of the Youth of
the Tezpur Congregation:Tezpur
(Assam)

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December 9, 1974
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Rev. Dr. S i n g h
GEL Church Compound

R a n c h i / Bihar
India

Re.: Board of Evangelism and Literature - special grant for 1974

Dear brother Singh,

this means good news for you:

One congregation in Berlin (Pfarrer Scheffler, Evangelische Kirchengemeinde am Lietzensee, D 1 Berlin 19, Herbartstr. 4-6) collected a special contribution for mission work of the GEL Church amounting to DM 1.000,--, designated specially for 10 bicycles for catechists in mission work who need transportation facilities. A private friend added an amount of DM 500,-- for the same purpose. We totally transferred the counter value to DM 1.500,-- amounting appr. to Rps 4.500,-- to your account asking you to organize the purchase of 15 bicycles and to distribute them to those catechists you may select.

In this connection I would very much appreciate your comment whether in future we should encourage congregations to collect for such special purposes or better have to stop these activities for only special projects. From our point of view we are a little bit doubtful whether we are able to fulfil our budget estimates by such practice as possibly more congregations will prefer such special purposes and our general work would suffer under a gap of finance. Eventually would it be possible to combine both - contributions for special purposes and general work - if you deliver descriptions of special projects which can be included in the general budget.

With kind regards,

sincerely yours,

Sg.

D. Gossner Mendt.

G. E. L. CHURCH

BOARD OF EVANGELISM AND LITERATURE

Director & Secretary

C. K. Paul Singh, B. D., DR. THEOL. (BERLIN)

G. E. L. CHURCH
RANCHI, BIHAR/INDIA

Ref. Memo. No. BEL/191/74

EINGEGANGEN

31. AUG. 1974

Erledigt

26-8-74

Pastor M. Seeberg
Gossner Mission
1 Berlin 41
Handjery Str. 19/20
W. Germany.

Dear Brother Pastor Seeberg,

In addition to my previous letter herewith I am sending the Budget for Evangelistic Work as decided in our BEL Executive Meeting dt. 30.7.74 of which the minute is also enclosed. The Budget amount is higher than that of the current year. However we hope that you will consider the case generously, for your guidance and general information we are sending the detail Budget. Please do the favourable consideration for the same. The amount is as follows :-

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|----------------------------------|-----|-------------------|
| 1. Central Office | ... | Rs. 32,189.80 |
| 2. SEA (Former JMB Field) | ... | 101,588.62 |
| 3. Assam Anchal (Mikir Hills) | ... | 43,500.00 |
| 4. Orissa Anchal (Bamra Field) | ... | 44,442.64 |
| 5. Madhya Anchal (Baghima Field) | ... | 38,513.60 |
| 6. NWA (Udaipur Field) | ... | 79,712.76 |
| 7. Surguja Field (NWA) | ... | 134,217.08 |
| 8. Palamau Field (NWA) | ... | 22,213.60 |
| | | <u>238,947.42</u> |
| | | 156,430.68 |

Total. Rs. 396,378.10

There may be difference if Surguja Field will give its budget with corrected pay scale, may be with higher amount.

May I also request you to kindly arrange to send the remaining amount of the total grant for 1974 of Evangelistic work. Meantime in the Church a new arrangement has been made. I have been made the Acting Pramukh Adhyaksh again. I am now unable to say whether it has been a good step. However I shall try my best to do the best for the Church.

I am expecting the list of the participants in the Tourist Group. I will be glad if you can inform the Senior Pastor (if any) in the group to be ready for eventual preaching in the Mission Festival day at Ranchi on 2nd November, 1974.

It seems that I shall not be able to attend the Kuratorium meeting in September, 1974. Please inform Pastor Borutta with this regard. I shall also write to him.

Herewith I am enclosing a copy of my Half Yearly report for your information.

Thanking you.

Yours sincerely,

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

Director,

B. E. L.

Enclosed:
As stated above.

Message and Landed Properties :- In all Parish centres there are Pastorates. There are 14 chapels in the whole field. In eight places there are Catholic quarters.

In five places there are landed properties but they are not yet registered/transferred in the name of G.E.L. Church.

Onstruction and repair works:- On four places either quarters or chapels have been repaired within last six months. A new residence house has been built in Kharama in other land.

Three new centres have been opened in Pakur, Rurukela and Bojikhoh.

B E L
HALF YEARLY REPORT.
(Jan. - June '74)

Dear Friends,

The work of the BEL looked from the Centre was very much hampered by the Ad-Interim arrangement of the Church Administration as a whole. As the Director of the BEL was made Acting Pramukh for the period ending March 1974, May programmes were to be cancelled. There were many meetings in the administration therefore no definite programme could be thought of.

Time programmes : - As the Director has to stayback at Ranchi for various purposes and activities of as Acting Pramukh, regular tour programme had to be cancelled. The proposed tour programme of Orissa and Assam including Dooars were cancelled. However many places were visited the guests, in such visits talks and discussions were mainly aimed at the methods and means mission works. According to the discussion taken in the KSS talks were on this time and the collection (if any) of the day / occasion was meant for the Mission work. Thus Jamshedpur, Chaibasa, Jilingkela, Khutitoli, Hethakota, Kanke were visited with guests during January - April '74. In the first half of May the Director visited Germany to attend the Kuratorium meeting in Mainz. The short report to this effect has been already submitted to the KSS through BEL.

In the month of May and June 1974 the Director was invited to attend Bible Classes in different places where subject like Christian - stewardship and subject relating to Mission work were taken ! Bible Class in Shikariatanr, Muraitoli, Bherital, Kutti.

A very short programme was made to visit Bamra Mission Field. Some 28 persons were baptised in Teldih near Bamra. Thus a new congregation has been established. In Ghoghor a new chapel was also dedicated and 3 persons were baptised. In both programmes the members and Pastors of the Ilakas took keen interest and participated in the functions. A witness programme was also arranged in a village near Sundargar !

Arrangements Gharbandhu :- Seeing the proposed bill "Foreign Contribution regulation Bill" a new arrangement has been made in which the Director has been relieved from the work of Gharbandhu as Associate Editor, but the work of the Magazine is still in the office of the BEL.

The BEL shall be much affected if the Foreign Contribution Regulation Bill shall be passed. It will be not easy to get assistance from the friends abroad the work of the Board. The office of the BEL is therefore very much keen for financial establishments for its means and ways thus views letters and circulations have been sent with this effect from our office.

Reports from the Fields :- It is regretted that our Supervisors are not keen enough to prepare the reports in time. As this report was being prepared only two field reports were available. The important of the reports are not felt by the Supervisors. The information through reports for the church and for the friends here and abroad are very necessary not only for encouraging one another but for requesting friends to fold hands for prayer or open hands to help us in our need. The following field reports are given below :-

Udaipur Field :

On the area there are altogether 49 workers - three pastors, 42 Catechists, One Pracharika and one volunteer man. There are 45 congregations or centres. In the last six months 86 converts and 14 children were baptised.

Houses and Landed Properties :- In all Parish centres there are Pastors. There are 14 chapels in the whole field. In eight places there are Catechists' quarters.

In five places there are landed properties but they are not yet registered/transferred in the name of G.E.L. Church.

Onstruction and repair works:- On four places either quarters or chapels have been repaired within last six months. A new residence house has been built in Kharama in other land.

Three new centres have been opened in Pakur, Kurukela and Bojikhoh.

SUNDAY SCHOOL has been organised in four places, night schools are conducted in 24 places. Mata Samaj is organised in 10 places.

In last summer Bible class was conducted in Chikhipani where about 200 new Christians were present for two days. A class for women was also held in Tolma for two days where 122 persons attended.

TRANSFERS:- Rev. Dh.D. Has been transferred from the field. Rev. S. Tirkey has been appointed from the field as Supervisor for the field. Rev. Biraj Kujur a new co-worker joins in the field work. There are four transfers of the catechists within the field. Rs. 259,933.82

Problems and Requirements :- There are need of residential quarters and chapels in different places. Arrangement of landed property and their registration is causing headache for the Supervisor. The scarcity and high price of essential commodities are affecting the field much worstly.

The financial statement is not quite clear. However the income of the field is appreciable high. Thousand One Hundred and Sixty-four

SOUTH EAST AREA :- The area is as scattered as in previous years in four districts of the three Provinces. There are altogether 46 workers (7 Pastors, 1 Preacher, Two part-time and 36 catechists). From July workers specially part time shall be increased though budget adjustment(s). Altogether 75 converts were baptised in last six months. More are expected in Midnapur districts in the area work is growing. Therefore demand for co-worker has been made. The mission work is carried on as in previous years. There are problems and difficulties also in the area. Specially the scarcity and high price of essential commodities are increasing day by day. It is kind of famine in the area. Our workers and christians are very much(suffering) affected. Many co-workers have to struggle hard for their daily food - either by manual works or by taking loans ! This has caused a tragedy in the Mission work.

In some congregation christians are being persecuted. They are not allowed to bury their deceased ones. They are also falsely accused of dacoity and theft. the Gossner Mission.

In some areas our christians are tempted by man's mean to leave the church and to join some other groups. At this point Relief Work would be a great help for the area. It has been submitted. It was stated

Construction :- The work at Nakti and Manikdanga have been stopped due to the disturbance in KSS and now due to rainy season. (Note actually the uncertainty in KSS has nothing to do with construction) work at these places. The Parish meetings are held regularly where accounts and reports were discussed. The Supervisor has divided the time for office work visiting of field and distribution of bills. as decided by the JCL and approved by KSS.

Need of another Supervisor is felt for the area.

Note. The financial statement given by the Supervisor is not quite satisfactory. The amount taken out from the centre is more than the amount shown by the Supervisors. The income is too little. May be the account in is not clear.

IV. THE HANOVER PRESS & C.C.P.H. (June 1974) by the Director, BDI

No report have been given from these institutions. As per decision of the KSS these two institutions are on the process of amalgamation. Although due to uncertainties in the KSS the whole process is pending but some works are going on as if the institutions are already amalgamated.

Read and Confirmed

Ranchi, the 26-7-74.

Sd/ C.K. Paul Singh
(C.K. Paul Singh)
Director,

B. E. L. Secretary
G.E.L. Church, Ranchi.

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| 1. (i) Central | ... | Rs. 32,189.80 ✓ | |
| (ii) S.E. Area (South East Anchal) | | 101,588.62 ✓ | |
| (iii) Udaipur (North West Anchal) | | 81,712.76 | |
| (iv) Bamra area (Orissa Anchal) | | 44,442.64 ✓ | Rs. 259,933.82 |
| 2. (v) Miler Hills (Assam Anchal) | | 43,500.00 ✓ | 43,500.00 |
| 3. (vi) Baghima (Madhya Anchal) | | 38,513.60 ✓ | 38,513.60 |
| 4. (vii) Surguja (North West Anchal) | | 134,217.08 ✓ | 134,217.08 |
| Total. | | Rs. 476,164.50 | 476,164.50 |

(Rupees Four Hundred Seventy-Six Thousand One Hundred and Sixty-four and Paise Fifty) only.

In the budget the field income has been already deducted. G.E.L. Church is prepared to share a sum of Rs. 12,000/- only for Surguja. There is an amount of Increased Field Allowance added to all field budget.

H. Special budget of Surguja 1974-75 :-

As the promise of LCA during the take over the special project budget has been submitted by the Surguja Supervisor totaling the amount of Rs. 4,925,700.00 for ten years plan. In view of the fact that the LCA has promised for such projects the BEL Executive recommends the budget and resolves that the Director, BEL is authorised to recommend the implementary budget for 1975. This be prepared by the field Supervisor.

I. Special HO Hostel plan and Estimate :- As per correspondence between Pastor H. Borutta and the congregation of Chakradharpur a Ho Hostel plan and Estimate of Rs. 65,000.00 have been submitted. It was resolved that the same be recommended to Pastor H. Borutta with information to the Gossner Mission.

J. Special budget of Palamau area (1975) :- As the area has been declared Mission field in the last BEL Executive meeting the total budget of Rs. 27,742.00 has been submitted. It was stated as the North West Anchal is very much involved in Surguja, a token share of finance is to be born by the North West Anchal along with Ranchi and Lohardaga Ilakas. Thus the salary of Pastors amounting to Rs. 5,528.40 shall be ^{the} contribution for the field. The Field income of Rs. 4,074.40 has been already shown. Thus a sum of Rs. 22,214.60 is recommended to the Gossner Mission as a special budget as declared by the BEL and approved by KSS.

K. Special help for Bringajhar :- As there is no definite sum requested and as the application is not properly sent, it was resolved that the Director BEL shall survey and investigate the field and report the same and the provision shall be made accordingly.

IV. THE HALF YEARLY REPORT (Jan.- June 1974) by the Director, BEL. The report was accepted to be read by the members themselves.

The meeting was closed with the closing prayer led by the chairman.

Read and Confirmed

Sd/. N. Minz

2.8.74

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

Director & Secretary

B . E . L .

THE MINUTE OF B.E.L. EXECUTIVE MEETING

HELD ON 30.7.74 AT RANCHI.

- I. Prayer :- The meeting was started with a word of prayer led by Rev. N. Bhinya.
- II. Attendance :- The following members were present ;
1. Rev. Dr. N. Minz Chairman, 2. Rev. N. Bhunya,
3. Rev. M. Jojo and 4. Rev. S. Dungdung.
- III. The meeting was specially held to finalise the budget (1975) for Evangelistic Work of the church. The budget was taken item by item as follows :-
- A. MIKIR HILLS (Assam Anchal) :- The total budget submitted for 1975 was Rs. 5676.00 in comparison to the current budget (1974) of Rs. 36500.00. From this a sum of Rs. 2000.00 for training of Cate. & Pracharika was delited. This may be provided in the Budget of the institution. A sum of Rs. 176.00 be given in the budget. The item of teacher, School construction and agricultural project be left to the descretionary of Gossner Mission, because the field has been treated as special work. Thus a total sum of Rs. 43500.00 is recommended.
- B. BAGHMA (Madhya Anchal) :- A sum of Rs. 45704.80 was submitted as against the current budget of Rs. 4589.40. As the Anchal has not yet completed the budget quota of appointing workers. The budget of Pastor be postponed (i.e. less of Rs. 2371.20) for 1976. Medical grant be kept only 5000/-. Thus an amount of Rs. 38513.60 (including increased F.A.) be recommended to Gossner Mission.
- Further it was advised that an Oraon (speaking) catechist be appointed for the area. For the construction work it was advised that a Cate-chist Quaters be constructed and other amount be used to complete the boundary wall.
- C. SOUTH EAST AREA (South East Anchal) :- The total budget for 1975 was Rs. 111588.62 as against the sum of Rs. 898000/- for 1974. It was decided that the sum of Rs. 10000.00 be deducted from construction and repair works. Thus an amount of Rs. 101588.62 was recommended for 1975. Further it was decided that the repair cost of Supervisor's Quarters at Chaibasa be given as a share of the total repair amount done by the Parish/Property Authority concerned.
- D. BAMRA AREA (Orissa Anchal) :- The budget of Rs. 42502.64 was submitted as against the sum of Rs. 41000.00 for 1974. To this a sum of Rs. 500/- was added as miscellaneous (unforeseen) expenses and a total sum of Rs. 44442.64 (including increased FA) was recommended to Gossner Mission.
- E. UDAIPUR (North West Anchal) :- Submitted budget (1975) was Rs. 108712.76 as against the sum Rs. 59479.04 of 1974. It was decided to delit Church construction in centres of Rs. 30000/- a sum of Rs. 2000/- was also delited for Machine Type Writer but the same was kept for two new appointments. Thus the total sum of Rs. 81712.76 was recommended to the Gossner Mission.
- F. CENTRAL :- A sum of Rs. 32189.80 has been submitted for 1975 as against Rs. 27490.00 of 1974. The increase is due to usual increment in salary and in Jeep Maintenance i.e. high price of Petrol etc. A sum of Rs. 3000/- has also been added for Refresher Course for increased workers of Surguja. The submitted amount was recommended to the Gossner Mission.
- G. SURGUJA (North West Anchal) :- A sum of Rs. 135641.08 was submitted as against the sum of Rs. 112916.68 (1974). It was decided to delit Jeep maintenance. Driver's pay etc of Rs. 5924.00. Thus Rs. 134217.08 (including increased FA) was recommended. It was noted that L.C.A. would not give assistance for recurring expenses from next (1975) year. the G.E.L.C. shall contribute Rs. 12000/- (N.W.A. Rs. 10000/- and other Archals Rs. 2000/- from Surguja day collection). Thus a sum of Rs. 122217.08 be recommended to the Gossner Mission.

Thus the following is the total amount accepted and recommended to Gossner Mission :-

Beantworte m. Fd. V. 22.8.73, S. R. Singh, Dr. Singh "L"

G. E. L. CHURCH

BOARD OF EVANGELISM AND LITERATURE

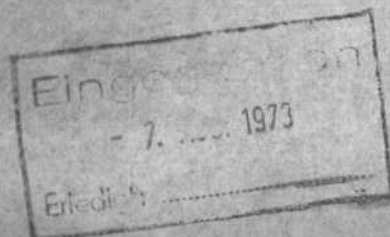
Director & Secretary

C. K. Paul Singh, B. D., DR. THEOL. (BERLIN)

Ref. Memo. No. BEL/55/73

G. E. L. CHURCH
RANCHI, BIHAR/INDIA

The July 28, 1973



Mission Director
Pastor M. Seeberg
Gossner Mission
1 Berlin 41
Handjery Str. 19/20
W. Germany.

Dear Sir,

After a long silence I am sending this letter to you. This is ~~rather~~ rather an important letter, enclosed here you will find an estimate requested Budget for 1974, Gossner Mission Grant. The minute of the BEL Executive Committee meeting. A copy of half yearly report of the BEL which includes the direction, the ~~estimated~~ institutions and fields' reports.

The budget amount has become high. This is due to the usual increment in the salaries. For example in the amount of Central Office budget on the increment amount has been increased.

In the case of South East Anchal the amount has been increased also due to increment in salaries and also due to the new stations with salaries. So also is in the case of Bamra/Orissa Anchal and Udaipur North West Anchal. In the case of Mikir Hills Heavy amount is due to construction work which we as committee felt that slowly work in this line also be started in order to make the field more successful.

For Surguja new workers' appointment has been left out by Hostel grant of Rs. 10,000.00 and Project Budget amounting to Rs. 49,350.00 have been included.

For Baghima area we have allowed for three workers, there as and when the work will be progressing ~~we~~ we shall see how to proceed.

On the whole I would like to say that salary amounts are 'MUST'. We can reduce them unless we handover some of the Mission Congregation to established Ilaka ; so also is for the amounts of new appointments. You may consider the construction work otherwise. Some of the fields have not yet used the construction amounts of 1973 and there is another balance for the fields accumulated. Therefore if the total budget requested seems to be too high and you are obliged to curtail the same you may please do on construction item.

I hope when you come to visit us in October '73 the budget granted can be announced by you. By the way we have not yet received in the central office about your exact date of arrival.

With greetings and regards.

Ps. Ich bin der meinung, dass die summe für ^{Bau-projekt} ~~Bau-projekt~~ darf nicht gegeben, für Bau-projekt kann mit der "Balance" gemacht werden, welche bis jetzt zusammengekommen ist.

Enclosed :

As stated above.

Yours sincerely,

C. K. Paul Singh

(C.K. Paul Singh)

Director,

B. E. L.

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G.E.L. CHURCH, RANCHI.
B U D G E T F O R 1974.

| | Salary | Allowance | Provident Fund. | Pension Fund. | Consolidated Exp. | Construction. | Students Expenses. | Total. | Less Field Income & other. | Net Amount Required for 1974. | Budget 1973. |
|-------------------------------|------------|-----------|-----------------|---------------|-------------------|---------------|--------------------|------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------|
| *A* | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Central O. | 9,000.00 | 900.00 | 720.00 | 270.00 | 16,600.00 | - | - | 27,490.00 | - | 27,490.00 | 27,289.60 |
| 2. SE Anchal | 51,760.00 | 6,420.00 | 3,303.36 | 1,492.08 | 17,920.00 | 12,500.00 | - | 93,395.44 | 3,595.44 | 89,800.00 | 75,057.00 |
| 3. NW Anchal | 39,924.00 | 5,880.00 | 3,266.40 | 1,340.64 | 3,068.00 | 10,000.00 | - | 63,479.04 | 4,000.00 | 59,479.04 | 64,979.00 |
| 4. Orissa Anch. | 22,536.00 | 3,000.00 | 1,773.12 | 0,841.56 | 2,850.00 | 12,000.00 | - | 43,000.68 | 2,000.00 | 41,000.68 | 31,491.72 |
| Total. | 123,220.00 | 16,200.00 | 9,062.88 | 3,944.28 | 40,438.00 | 34,500.00 | - | 227,365.16 | 9,595.44 | 217,769.72 | 198,817.32 |
| *B* | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5. Assam Anch. | 5,760.00 | 780.00 | 170.40 | 127.00 | 1,260.00 | 26,500.00 | 2,076.00 | 36,673.40 | 173.40 | 36,500.00 | 13,200.00 |
| 6. Surguja F. | 77,988.00 | 9,000.00 | 6,229.04 | 2,339.64 | 23,360.00 | 4,000.00 | - | 122,916.68 | 10000/- 11000/- 36000/- | 86,916.68 | 68,907.00 |
| 7. Baghima (Madhya Anchal) | 3,540.00 | 360.00 | 283.20 | 106.20 | 300.00 | - | - | 4,589.40 | - | 4,589.40 | - |
| Total. | 87,288.00 | 10,140.00 | 6,682.64 | 2,572.84 | 24,920.00 | 30,500.00 | 2,076.00 | 164,179.48 | 36,173.40 | 128,006.08 | 82,107.44 |
| Total of *A* | 123,220.00 | 16,200.00 | 9,062.88 | 3,944.28 | 40,438.00 | 34,500.00 | - | 227,365.16 | 9,595.44 | 217,769.72 | 198,817.32 |
| " *B* | 87,288.00 | 10,140.00 | 6,682.64 | 2,572.84 | 24,920.00 | 30,500.00 | 2,076.00 | 164,179.48 | 36,173.40 | 128,006.08 | 82,907.44 |
| Gr. Total. | 210,508.00 | 26,340.00 | 15,745.52 | 6,517.12 | 75,358.00 | 65,000.00 | 2,076.00 | 391,544.64 | 45,768.84 | 345,775.80 | 281,724.76 |

Sd/. C.K. Paul Singh
Secretary, BEL.

MINUTE OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING, BEL.
held on 25th July, 1973.

I. Prayer :- The Meeting was started with a word of prayer led by the Chairman, Rev. J. Topno.

II. Attendance :- The following members were present.

1. Rev. J. Topno , 2. Rev. Dr. N. Minz Member,
3. Rev. N. Bhuinya Member, 4. Rev. S. Bungdung Member
5. Rev. M. Jojo Member and 6. Rev. C.K. Paul Singh, Secy.

III. Matter from the previous minute :-

(1) Bye-Laws-Draft for amalgamation of G.E.L. Church Press and the CCPh :-

It was reported by the chairman, also the convenor of the ~~Drafting~~ ^{finalised} Committee that Draft had not been finished though already it had been consulted with some other press etc.

It was resolved that :-

"The drafting committee be requested to submit the Bye-laws draft to the BEL by the last week of August 1973 positively".

It was further resolved that :-

"Copies of submitted Bye-laws-draft be distributed among the BEL Executive members".

(2) Performance report of the present Press Superintendent :-

The letter of the Secretary Ad-hoc Committee G.E.L. Church Press and CCPh was read. It has been stated that the report shall be submitted within a week positively.

It was resolved that :-

"This matter also be taken along with the Bye-laws for amalgamation of GELC Press and CCPh".

IV. Budget for 1974, Evangelistic Grant :-

The Director, BEL submitted the prepared budget as sent by different fields for scrutiny. The committee discussed the budget separately item by item as follows :-

- (i) Central Office:- As in this budget excess amount of Rs. 200.40 was due to increment in salaries the given budget of Rs. 27,490.00 was accepted.
- (ii) S.E. Area Field (SE Anchal):- From the given budget the amount of construction of Rs. 6,000.00 and of one Pastor's salary of Rs. 2,238.00 was deducted thus amount of Rs. 88,750.00 was accepted.
- (iii) Basra Area (Oriassa Anchal):- From given budget amounts of construction Rs. 5,000.00 and salary of a Pastor Rs. 2,500.00 were deducted and total amount of Rs. 41,000.68 was accepted.
- (iv) Udaipur Area :- Detail of salary was not given and thus after making out round figure of Rs. 39,924.00 was kept in salary item and ^{for} construction work amount Rs. 10,000.00 was kept. The total accepted amount comes to Rs. 59,479.04, deducting the field income of Rs. 4,000.00.
- (v) Mikir Hills Area (Assam Anchal):- As the salary budget was up to the last year's budget it was accepted but as in the construction the amount was too high the matter was considered from top priority and thus construction work of chapels were postponed making a deduction of Rs. 30,000.00. Thus the total accepted amount comes to Rs. 36,500.00 with a deduction of field income of Rs. 173.40 for the first time in the mikir Hills account.
- (vi) Surguja field (NWA):- From given budget new appointments be left out totaling Rs. 6261.00 and from Hostel grant item Rs. 10,000.00 be deducted. Thus total accepted budget is Rs. 112,916.68 leaving out of the field income of Rs. 10,000.00. For accepted amount of - Rs. 112,916.68 G.E.L. Church contribution is Rs. 11,000.00 (NWA) and L.C.A Rs. 15,000.00, thus the required total amount is - Rs. 86,916.68. Besides this a Project and land settlement amount come Rs. 34,350.00 and Rs. 15,000.00 respectively. This amount of Rs. 49,350.00 be submitted with plane and Estimate to Dr. Neudorffer L.C.A., U.S.A.
- (vii) Baghima Area (Madhya Anchal):- As this Budget is given for the first time with minimum amount of minimum workers, the given budget was accepted.

Thus the total annual budget for 1974 requested from Gossner Mission is as follows :-

| | | | |
|------------------------------------|-----|----------------|------------|
| (i) Central Office | ... | Rs. 27,490.00 | |
| (ii) S.E. Area (SE Anchal) | ... | 89,800.00 | |
| (iii) Bamra Field (Orissa Anchal) | ... | 41,000.68 | |
| (iv) Udaipur (North West Anchal) | ... | 59,479.04 | 217,769.72 |
| (v) Nikir Hills (Assam Anchal) | ... | 36,500.00 | |
| (vi) Surguja (North West Anchal) | ... | 86,916.68 | |
| (vii) Baghima area (Madhya Anchal) | ... | 4,589.40 | 128,006.08 |
| Total. | | Rs. 345,775.80 | |

Rupees Three Hundred Forty-five, Thousand, Seven Hundred and Seventy-five and Paise Eighty only.

This amount an additional budget of about Rs. 16,000.00 is expected to increase due to new pay scale implementation with effect from 1st January 1974.

Therefore it was resolved that :-

Gossner Mission be requested to consider the matter sympathetically and to grant the amount of Rs. 345,775.80 and to keep in their budget an amount of Rs. 16,000.00 as additional grant for enhancement in pay.

V. Half yearly Report :- The written Half Yearly report (Jan.-June '73) was read out by the Director and was accepted for discussion.

VI. Matter from the Report :-

(a) Reports from the fields:- As reports from all fields were not included in Half-Yearly Report specially those of Bamra (Orissa) and Surguja the explanations were given by the Anchal Adhyakshas Orissa Anchal and North West Anchals.

(b) Printing of Books urgently needed in the church :-

As per report of the Director and also that of the Executive members it is a known fact that the books most urgently needed through out the whole Gossner Church, i.e. Sakshi-Bani, Drung-Pathi Kurukh-Dandi, Kharia-Along etc. are not being printed due to which the demand of books are badly felt. It is the feeling of the Committee that these books be printed very urgently so that the members of the Gossner church get them soon. Therefore it was resolved that :-

"The Ad-hoc Committee of G.E.L. Church Press/CCPB be requested for serious attention and taking all necessary steps so as to print atleast the above mentioned books very soon. Action of the Ad-hoc Committee be reported to the BEL".

Other points of clarification were also raised from the report. After some clarifications and discussions the report was accepted with appreciation.

It was resolved that the Minutes be confirmed by the officers of the Board.

The meeting was closed with a prayer led by Rev. S. Dangdung.

Sd/. C.K. Paul Singh
Secretary, BEL.

BOARD OF EVANGELISM & LITERATURE
HALF YEARLY REPORT
(January - June 1973).

Dear Friends,

Herewith an half yearly report is being submitted for your general information, suggestions and necessary actions.

I. Director's own report :- The half year 1973 was full of activities in various ways in areas. On the sixth January ten days tour programme in Karimati Ilaka of Orissa Anchal was arranged. The Seminar-cum-conferences were held for Panch and Mata-Samaj in all three Parishes of the Ilaka. In all three places attendance was more than expected. The subject "Responsibilities of Panch" and "How can mothers be helpful to make the family and the church (Ilaka) self-support" were dealt with in all three places.

After programmes in Karimati Ilaka the Mission-field in the Sundargarh area was visited till the 22nd of January, 1973. In two places new converts were baptised. We also visited some new strategic places for starting new stations. Some mission-field congregations were visited for encouraging and admonishing the new christians and evangelists in the area.

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II. The report of the fields and the institution under BEL :-

Assam Anchal (1) Mikir Hills :- The area is growing in the hill part of the area, where one can go only by foot for two to three days. There are new centres to be started and ministered. More and more people from Mikir tribe are coming forward to accept Christ. At present there are six workers (including one Missionary Pastor and five Catechists). More than 20 new converts have been baptised. If the work will be concentrated from all sides the work will flourish very much in near future. From July session a Youngman has been admitted in Traing School at Govindpur, after one year he will take a special pastoral course in the Theological College, Ranchi, and he can be ordained for the Mikir Hills area. There are other trained youngmen from the area, so the work in the field has to be so as to give the job and opportunity of service in the field. The construction and development work are the next must for the area. During my last visit they had given me memorandum in which among others they have

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requested for schools and they have already started two schools. For all such plans co-operation of Anchal, BEL and G.M. with this area is very much needed.

On the months of April to July 1973 the area suffered very much with Dysentery Epidemic. It was a time of great troubles and difficulties. Many died of the disease. It was a great joy and courage that our christians though suffered much, none died of the epidemic. On report and request of the Missionary after consultation with the Chairman BEL Rs.250/- was sent directly from Mikir Hills amount to ^{avoid} delay in the help in such difficult situation.

(2) SOUTH EAST AREA (South East Anchal) :- The area is as extensive as before. It is again spreading almost in all districts of the area. At present there are altogether 45 workers (2 Pastors, One Candidate and 39 Catechists). In four places new work has been started with a new catechist in each place. A new Mission Parish Centre has been opened in Manoharpur.

In construction work the Pastor quarters of Manoharpur has been completed and already dedicated in last summer. Works in Sishibaha and Manikdanga are also progressing. In Gentaboni/Bengal a small hut has been constructed for Chapel purpose. Some houses in four different places has been repaired.

In preaching work the method has taken a new turn. Night Schools and Sunday Schools are emphasised more and thus organised in many new places. During the monthly Parish Meetings public prayer meetings and public gathering for witnessing Christ are arranged regularly. The quarterly Ministerium of Pastors in the area is also meeting regularly for report and discussion on various points of the field for effective work in the area. In the first half of the year 129 persons have been baptised.

Due to famine and draught in the area the Christians and the workers are suffering much. It has been requested that the field allowance of the workers be enhanced and relief work be arranged for the area.

The financial statement shows that the field is behind its Budget ^{Income}.

Other field reports were not available at the time of preparing this report. The reports from two institutions are attached for ready reference. Udaipur Mission Field (NWA) ^{Report} attached Appendix III.

III. SOME REMARKS AND RECOMMENDATIONS :-

GHARBANDHU :- The monthly Magazine is again given to the Director, BEL as Associate Editor for all sorts of works. We have been trying atleast to regularise the Magazine, though not without much trouble, difficulties and anxieties. The Assistant to the Director Rev.K.D. Soy is seen mostly busy in working for Gharbandhu. Many times we are much troubled in dispatching the Magazine in time., as it is delivered to us very late, sometimes we are left without any assistance. Due to many such reasons it is quite impossible to improve the Magazine even outwardly. However the Magazine has been regularised by the ceaseless effort of some persons who are writing articles very regularly. But better co-operation will not only encourage the honorary workers of this Magazine, but also help to improve the Magazine in various ways, specially the co-operation and a little ^{more} care by the Pres is essential with this regard.

For this half year also Surguja Field still remains the delicate child. Various steps had been taken by the Board and the North West Anchal to help out the situation, but very less could be done to this effect.

Better relation and co-operation with one another is very much needed to do any concrete step for the field.

In the last Executive, BEL in June 1973, It has been recommended and requested that the Director, BEL be asked and allowed to make programme in the established congregations of the Anchals to mobilise the Mission Work, he also ^{also} authorised to take collections, as other Organizations like Bible Society, the amount for Mission Work. To this effect circulations have been sent throughout the whole Gossner Church, after rain season this will be possible pursued intensively.

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On request of the College Council and as approved by the Boards and the KSS the Director BEL has to give Part-time- lectures in the Gossner Theological College, Ranchi. Such lectures will be given till the end of rainy season.

Another point of serious attention for this Board is the publication of literature for the use of church members. Though each institute, which are mainly responsible for such publications are claiming its best service to the church, but in reality church members are not getting and shall not get in next few years the most used books like Durangputhi, Kurukh Dandi, Along and Sakshibani. The reports are contradictory and misleading. If we want to serve the members and Gossner church and the people of area with useful literature serious thinking and attention have to be given towards the G.E.L. Church Press and the Publishing House. As the things are going on it is my personal opinion the institutions will not help much for which they are established.

Ranchi, 25th July '73

C. M. P. and S. P.

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Dated 17-7-73.

M/s. Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church Press.

Ranchi.

Points for Suggestions for development.

On going through the Accounts we find that inspite of our suggestions no action have been taken for finalising proper programme & Proper finance to this press & to develop the Mono Type & Block Making units which would have given a very good technical ideas to the Young blood of this region by providing them good facilities of press business which will not only increase the living standard but also increase the christinity faith within the region.

This area is rapidly developing & to copewith the development of this area proper financing of the press is always required. However the press is doing its best, even a smaller action for improvement will not only increase the business but develop the community as a whole.

Most of the bills of the press are in the name of church and their allied concern. Higher authorities should help to collect the bills as soon as possible so that the press can meet its programmes.

Sole object of the press is to serve the community through the publication of the church literature on which the press is getting exemption from the I.T. Authorities, but the books of the press reveals that no publication of the church literature, what soever, have been published.

Authorities should take immediate action to avoid taxation Complications.

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M/s. Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church Press Ranchi.
Receipts & Payment Account for the period ending 30-6-73.

Opening cash Balance. 41-02.

Printing & other receipts. 180,620-92.

Salary 28,361-82.

Paper account. 30,477-70.

Ink & Building A/c 2,530-53.

Type & Metal A/c. 5,321-27.

Provedend fund. 8,139-50.

Press contribution. 156-25.

Electric charges. 2,216-76.

Office expenses. 19,988-61.

Freight charges. 1,004-60.

Building & furniture 4,867-79.

maintenance A/c.

Machine maintenance 1,837-42.

Car Maintenance fuel

tax. & Insurance etc. 4,969-73.

Pay Advance. 3,025-00.

Loan to employees 4,432-93.

Bank Deposits 42,900-00.

Block Bills. 1,210-92.

Loan Refund. 2,706-44.

Interest & Bank Com. 4,080-00.

Govt. Stipend. 1,150-91.

Press Apprentice. 252-35.

Contract work. 3,844-04.

Capital expenses. 1,936-75.

Cash Balance. 5,250-62.

180,661-94.

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Opening balance.

3,931-34.

Total deposits.

996404-83.

Dr. Balance.

22839-07.

123175-24.

Banks

By withdrawals. 123,175-24.

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Note:- Works in progress upto 30th June 1973 is Rs.39,000/-approximately.
Auditor's Report.

We have checked the receipts & payment Account for the period ending 30th June 1973 with the books of accounts & records produced to us and found the same in accordance therewith.

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HALF YEARLY REPORT OF GEL CHURCH PRESS, RANCHI.

(1st January '73 to 30th June '73)

The first half of the year 1973 has been a comfortable year of the Press in many respects. I can rightly proud of function of the Press and offer my gratefulness to the Lord for His guidance and sustenance.

PRESS STAFF :

The harmony and brother hood among the Press staff has been indeed remarkable throughout the first half of the year 1973. The differences, which are bond to occure in a big family like ours, were always settled amicably by direct negotiations, and the christian spirits of give and take has been sufficiently evident among the staff, which makes. We feel happy and satisfied that I am leading them to right goal.

PRODUCTION :

There has been a steady upward trend in the production of the Press since I joined the Press on 15.11.1968. The following are the closely studied financial situation of the income of the Press.

| <u>Years</u> | <u>Production</u> |
|----------------------|-------------------|
| 1967 | Rs. 1,22,309.37 |
| 1968 | Rs. 1,88,086.79 |
| 1969 | Rs. 2,25,561.43 |
| 1970 | Rs. 2,09,462.91 |
| 1971 | Rs. 2,53,521.42 |
| 1972 | Rs. 3,25,883.62 |
| 1973(1.1.73-30.6.73) | Rs. 1,80,661.94 |

Though the production were steadily gone up still the Press is passing through its serious recession due to the facts of the court cases which lower down the goodwill of the Press business. In financial aspects, the goodwill is the blood of any business organisation. No business can better florished without it. The Press has overcome the situation due to its sincere efforts, and hard working. In our last years' Audits Report by the Registered Chartered Accountant, few things had been suggested of them many things required improvements. But, I am not sure whether any of the points raised for improvements were taken into consideration or not. For the interest of the Press, the earlier reapsorts of the Press needs implementations after due thought over it.

FINANCIAL POSITION :

Finance are the blood of any business house. The Press too, like the Church, is passing through serious economic recession, but the first part of the year 1973 has been comparatively an easy year for the Press. There have been less defaulters within the 1st half of the calendar year. We have kept a constant vigil to realise our bills and our patrons have been good enough to be regular pay master, with a few exceptions of course, to MENTION them :

1. C.C.P.H. Rs. 22,984.83

2. Jharkhand Party Rs. 14,197.61

3. Other may small customers Rs. 21,910.72
as per list.

Rs. 59,093.16

The Press Management, had to take loan of Rs. 40,000/- from KSS to meet the urgent call of the Government, against the securities of the above mentioned amounts. We are thankful to the KSS support at the time of financial crisis of the Press. Sometimes, the Press has to take loan only due to the facts that major part of productions are blocked with Govt. Deptt. and the church organs.

NEW PRESS PROJECTS :

It was indeed very thoughtful of our Pramukh Adhyaksh Rev. J. Topno who transmitted our request for project application to CDS towards the installation of Mono Type, and Block making units of the Press. The CDS has taken up the matter with great interests looking to the exceedingly demand of the church literature in local languages and keeping in view of the Training aspect of our church youths.

CONCLUSION :

People ask us that what benefit the church is getting from the Press ? It is indeed a very pertinent question. The Press is running since 1872. I don't know what benefit the church had been receiving since that time, but to my mind now I can safely enumerate the following:-

1. About fifty families of the church are gainfully employed in the Press.
2. Church youth get regular training in printing trades for becoming useful citizens and members of the church.

3. The Church literature is regularly printed and is printed with top quality.

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4. The popularity and the straight dealings of the Press are a living witness to the Lord among our non-christians brotheren.

I am sure the church people will appreciate our efforts in whatever little way we try to be beneficial to the church.

In the end, I place on record my sincere thanks to the Pramukh Adhyaksh Rev. J. Topno for his support and guidances; the Management Committee for holding me up in the discharge of my duties.

Respectfully submitted.

Yours faithfully.

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Superintendent

G.E.L. CHURCH PRESS RANCHI.

Udaipur Mission Field(NVA) :-

In this field there are 45 workers (three Pastors, One Pracharika=Bible women, and 41 Catechists) Some of the catechists were discharged, one went in the Sundargarh area.

For construction work money was ^{not released} realised due to this there were much difficulties. There arose such problems that in some places under compulsion quarters for catechists were constructed in Mathapur, Bahalagora and Mahuadarba. In the same ^{way} no grant was given for Land purchasing during last year the land which was already purchased could not be registered. The organisation(Field ?) has to suffer much in very near future for this loss.

(Note of the Director, BUL; The Field Supervisor had not given the Account ^{amount} taken for construction and land purchasing. For some or other reason he could not even show the cash book; even after repeated demand of account till now this has been not given. Hence money could not be released, because it is a known fact that the money given was used not correctly. Similarly amount of other fields were also withheld which could ^{not} submit the account of the given amount).

Preaching work is done by the catechist through sunday schools, Night schools [&] mother union. Besides this the catechists go in non-christian houses and villages and preach the Gospel Booklets and tracts are also used while preaching.

There is one Primary School in Tolma run by the Mission. There is following static from the field :-

| | |
|---------------------|------|
| Night Schools | - 27 |
| Mother Union | 12 |
| Sunday School | 17 |
| Bible Class | 4 |
| Child Baptism | 28 |
| New Convert Baptism | 35 |
| Catechumen | 63. |

The half yearly financial statement shows that the field income is not centralised. However the record shows that regular monthly income has been centralised.

C.K. P. 15/5

14th August, 1972
psbg/jw

Rev. C.B. Minz
Pramukh Adhyaksh
G.E.L. Church
Ranchi / Bihar
India

N. 8.72

Dear Brother Minz,

Re: Board of Evangelism and Literature

This is to inform you that you should be expecting a transfer of money in favour of the evangelistic work of the G.E.L. Church. The amount includes the second instalment of the extraordinary subsidy for the Surguja Mission Field, which is Rps. 20,000.--, and the final instalment of the 1972 subsidy for the evangelistic work of the G.E.L. Church which amounts to approximately Rps. 65,000.--.

The remitter of the money is, in this case, the Church of Bavaria which carries this part of the Gossner Mission Budget for the benefit of the G.E.L. Church.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Sg

Martin Seeborg
Mission Director

2nd June, 1972
psbg/jw

Mr. Benghra
G.E.L. Church Compound
Ranchi / Bihar
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Dear Mr. Benghra,

Re: Payments from the Gossner Mission to the Account
of the G.E.L. Church

On 1st June, 1972 the Gossner Mission sent via
Hamburg:


Rps. 20,000 (first instalment for Surjuga Budget 1972)
Rps. 3,000 (contribution for completing construction
of Hostel Jashpur).

On 20th June, 1972

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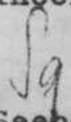
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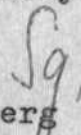
Dear Rev. Minz,

Re: Evangelistic Budget of G.E.L. Church

This is to inform you that the Gossner Mission will send Rps. 50,000, the third instalment of its 1972 contribution to the Evangelistic Budget of the G.E.L. Church, directly to the account of the G.E.L. Church on the 20th June, 1972.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,


Martin Seeberg
Mission Director

cc: Paul Singh

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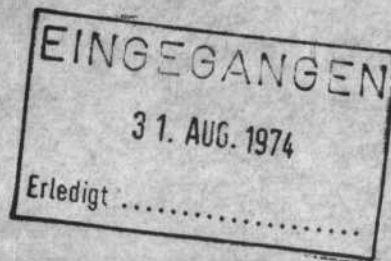
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Pastor M. Seeberg
Gossner Mission
Berlin



G. E. L. CHURCH
RANCHI, BIHAR/INDIA

The 26th Aug. 1974

Dear Brother Pastor Seeberg!

By this time you might have returned from your vacation in Finnland. I hope you with your family had a good weather in Finnland. Meanwhile I had written letters informing you about the prevailing situation within our church and also about the German tourists to visit India and our church. As already informed I have paid a sum of Rs. 15,000/- to the Railway Hotel as an advance for the reservation for the tourist guests.

In our meetings of the KSS July 31st - Aug 2nd 1974 we have arrived at certain conclusion (without Assam which did not come but reserved the right of opinion for the structure of a new constitution. It has been agreed that seven units be formed (it is almost the existing Anchals with two more dividing SEA and NWA into two more units!) giving Ranchi headquarters special status with a representative to the central Council. It seems all is OK but I am still doubtful that any thing final will come out, because SEA is opposed to the dissolution of the Anchal and Ilakas, it is also opposed to the centralisation system; Assam may also oppose this, as it has been experienced in the previous KSS.

In my earlier letter I have also informed you about our budget for 1975. As I have already shown that the budget for 1975 is very heavy, it may not be possible for Gossner Mission to grant the whole amount as the GM is also short in its budget for India Work. My suggestion will be to limit the sum under different items: in consolidated items 1, 2, 3, & 4 and special programme for Palamau. The construction works and new appointments be granted only the half amounts; the new items like type writer (maschine), clerks and religious book shops be left to the responsibility of the Anchals. Surguja Baghima and Mikir Hills amounts are increased, works seem to be the same only some new projects have in-

creased the amounts. For Palamau work the budget is more for the diaspora work very less amount has been given for the mission work, the SEA Anchal has given more for the new appointments they are hesitating give some congregation to the Ilakas. Under these circumstances I may suggest you to grant the available amounts as generous as possible. We may suggest the Anchals to share in the budget also in percentage of the amount as given by them.

As you know the grant for 1974 is not yet completed. the following amounts have been received from G.M. for evangelistic work:

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| A. | Through CUSCON | | Rs. 15 000.00 | |
| | Rev Aind | 161.74 | 30 000.00 | |
| | Pastor Seeberg | 25.2 | 20 000.00 | |
| | " | 16.3 | 25 500.00 | |
| | " | 22.3 | 55 500.00 | |
| | " | 22.3 | 239 900.00 | |
| | Rev Aind | 3.4 | 20 000.00 | |
| | Amgaon | 6.6 | 180 207.00+ | = Rs. 297 107.00 |

B. From this following amounts were given for other works as per your instructions

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| 1 | Anchal Adhyakshas meeting etc before 14th March | Rs. 5 000.00 | |
| 2 | All Samitis meetings | 6 500.00 | |
| 3 | Railway Hotel Advance | 15, 000.00 | = Rs. 26 060.00 |

C. Budget for 1974 is Rs. 3,45 775.80
and additional amount for increments, which you have verbally agreed to grant us 16 000.00+ = Rs 3,61,775.80

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Therefore we hope to get from you for evangelistic work for this year in your next instalment(s) the following amount:

C - A + B = Rs 91,168.80 only.

New Rs 90728.80
- 15000/-
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The Surguja is demanding the arrear for 1973 from the given amount from the LWF. We are ready to give the same, but if the amount be given at their will no amount will be left for their interim relief and they can hardly be paid even for the year 1974, because their amount is increased by new appointments of a Supervisor and a pastor etc. Their pay scale amount is also not correct, this is also with the amount of the budget for 1975.

A new arrangement has been again made for the Acting Pramukh Adhayakshhip. After a three day long meeting the Council of Adhyakshas have agreed that I should be the Acting Pramukh Adhayaksh till new constitution shall be in force (31st Jan, 1975). As there was no other alternative I have again accepted the responsibility, but still I am uncertain whether by the given date the new constitution may be enforced. Any how I shall do my best to do my best for the church.

We in the family are all doing well. Due to this new arrangement I have to cancel the other Programme for the time being.

With best of my regards to you and all co-workers in the Gossner Mission.

Yours sincerely

C.K.P. - P.S.
(C.K. Paul Singh)

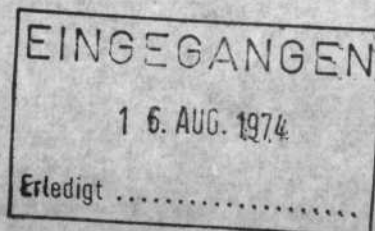
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Ref. Memo. No. **BEL/176/74**



5-8-74.

**Mission Director
Pastor M. Seeberg
Gossner Mission
1 Berlin 41
Handjery Str. 19/20
W. Germany**

Atten. Frau Friederici.

Dear Brother Pastor Seeberg,

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On receipt of your letter from Frau Friederici I have paid Rs. 15,000/- to the Manager, SE Railway Hotel Ranchi, as an advance payment of reservation for Oct 31 - Nove.9, 1974. This amount be kindly transfered to my account (Special account) in Canara Bank Ranchi.

On July 30th we had the meeting of the BEL Executive and have recommended the following sum of Budget for your kind consideration. The detail minute and report etc shall be sent latter on .

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| 1. (i) Central | ... | Rs. 32189.80 | |
| (ii) S.E. Area (S.E.A Anchal) | | 101588.62 | |
| (iii) Udaipur (NWA) | | 81712.76 | |
| (iv) Bamra Area (Orissa Anchal) | | 44442.64 | = Rs. 259933.82 |
| 2. (v) Mikir Hills (AA) | | 43500.00 | 43500.00 |
| 3. (vi) Baghima (Madhya Anchal) | | 38513.60 | 38513.60 |
| 4. (vii) Surguja (NWA) | | 134217.08 | 134217.08 |
| Total. | | Rs. 476164.50 | Rs. 476164.50 |
| Special Budget for Palamau: - | | 22214.60 | |

We had also our KSS meeting on July 31 - August 2, 1974. It seems that we have reached a ~~senius~~ constructive point. But my last experiences make me still pessimist. You shall get detail report from the Acting Pramukh. As I am ⁹²⁴ for a short tour in the Baghima area I am in hurry, therefore this much will be sufficient for to day.

Thanking you.

Yours sincerely,

PS. Your next installment for BEL is requested to transfer by the end of (month) Oct. 74.

C. K. Paul Singh
(C.K. Paul Singh)
Director,
B. E. L.

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RANCHI, BIHAR/INDIA

Ref. Memo. NoBEL/164/74

The July 3, 1974

The Mission Director
Pastor M. Seeberg
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Dear Brother Pastor Seeberg,

You might have ^{already} received my letter dt. 1.6.74 Ref.No.BEL/154/74.

We had BEL meeting on 27th June, a copy of the minute is attached herewith for your information. We had our KSS meetings on June 28th to July 1, 1974. I hope you shall get the minutes of the same and some letters and special news from the Acting Pramukh Adhyaksh, but as he is away for one week I am giving this informal news for your information.

For New Constitution we could not come to any agreement, the KSS was divided in two points. One is to change and brought newness only the Anchal level, Anchal System should remain (i.e. the decentralise system remains), special provisions be made to ease the tension and the financial Bankruptcy in the centre. The other is to change the structure at least from Ilaka level and bring in a centralise system. This supports your - almost your plan.

The matter has been postponed for next KSS meeting dt. July 31 - Aug. 1, 1974. The KSS shall sit with the drafting Committee members and with consultants as on May 23 & 24, 1974.

Meanwhile some actions for day to day work have been taken. The KSS agrees to invite Pastor Schaefer for Nov. - Dec. 1974. Pastor Barrutta for Jan - March (Middle) 1975. This is due to Jubilee in Assam where Pastor Borrutta is expected. Invitation for Dr. Atthausen (GDR) for September 22 - 30, 1974. As the contract for Pastor Hecker is up to 1976, the question, ^{by successor is premature} Mr. Gefson Tiru (Assam) is to visit Germany in the coming fall (Sept - Nov/Dec. 74)

The accounts of Boards/Departments have been bifurcated: in the first phase in account books, and in the second phase also the Bank accounts. Thus BEL is on my proposed intending to give 'interim relief' from the Balance among- amount of previous years. The amount goes up to about Rs 35,000/-. Thus it is expected that the G.M. will transfer the rest amount of the Budget 1974 by October 1974.

By BEL minute you may note that our Budget for 1975 will arrive to you latest by 15th August 1974. Please also note and give your guidance for my help to prepare the Budget specially for a new field in Balamau district which shall be adjacent field of the NWA.

I have received the minutes of last Kuratorium in Mainz.

We are doing well, though the weather situation and socio-political is quite uncertain in our part of the country (i.e. in Bihar)

With Greetings and best of our regards.

Für Palamanu wir können wir am Anfang nur wenige Mitarbeiter anstellen, wenn mehr NWA soll größere Verantwortung auf sich nehmen.
Encl. As stated.

Yours sincerely,

C. K. Paul sp

MINUTE OF THE BEL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Ranchi, dt. 27.6.74.

I. Prayer:-The meeting was started with a word of prayer led by Rev.N.Bhuinya.

II.Attendance:-The attendance was as follows:-

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| 1)Rev.Dr.N.Minz | 2)Rev.S.S.Dungdung |
| 3)Rev.C.S.B.Horo | 4)Rev.M.Jojo |
| 5)Rev.N.Bhuinya | 6)Rev.Dr.C.K.Paul Singh Secy. |

III.Matters from the previous Minutes:-

a)The G.E.L.Press:It was noted that the situation of the Press is very delicate and serious.It was also noted that only last two conditions have been fulfilled,but these are also not satisfactory.First two conditions have not been fullfilled. It was resolved that-

With above note the KSS as the highest body be requested to take immediate proper action for the betterment of the Press.

b)Finance:-The finance of the BEL be considered seriously to bifurcate the same for proper function of the BEL.

c)Gharbandhu: After enough deliberations it was resolved that the following shall form the Editorial Committee of Gharbandhu:-

- 1)Rev.Dr.N.Minz Actg.Pra.Editor
- 2)Rev.Saban Royan Topno
- 3)Rev.M.Tete
- 4)Shri Salan Bhengra

Rev.S.R.Topno be requested to help in the Editorial Part of Gharbandhu.The Gharbandhu Office be kept in the BEL Office and Dr. Singh be requested to help in all informal work.

IV.Application :-N.W.Anchal Secretary:To declare Palamau Dist.as Mission Field-

The BEL Resolves that :

This District be accepted as Mission Field and financial resources be explored.The NWA also be requested to explore possibilities of work and finance of the field.

V. Budget (1975):-It was agreed that the Budget of BEL for 1975 be submitted to the BEL by 25th July 1974 and BEL Executive shall take action on 31st August 1974.

The meeting was closed with the prayer as led by Rev.M.Jojo.

Read & Confirmed.
Sd/N.Minz Chairman

28.6.74

Sd/ C.K.Paul Singh
Secretary,B . E . L .

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G. E. L. CHURCH
RANCHI, BIHAR/INDIA

Ref. Memo. No. BEL/154/74

The June 1, 1974.

The Mission Director
Pastor M. Seeberg
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W. Germany



Dear Brother Pastor Seeberg,

You might have already received my letter dt. 17.5.75. Meanwhile the KSS has its meeting with the consultants and the members of the constitution drafting committee. The 23rd and 24th May 1974 was fixed for the same. The Assam Anchal could not come, due to Train strike(!). So the special consultation meeting was held for discussing the structure of new constitution. There were three structures. (1) Dr. N. Minz upheld the three units structures on communal predominant basis - this did not get any support, (2) Dr. M. Bage - upheld more or less upheld present structure, it was supported by South East Anchal. (3) Mr. A. Lakra - upheld more or less the structure you have proposed.

There was much discussion on the 3rd structure many additions, omissions or modifications have been also proposed to this structure. Special point of contention was the Ranchi Head Quarter's, whether to include in Ranchi Diocese or to keep it in present form giving some special status. I think though matter has been clear it is still one of the deciding point. The office, Bishop has been accepted.

Thus this structure has been recommended to the KSS for further analysis and action. The Assam could not come, so KSS has been again postponed for the last week of June '74.

Dr. Walter Horo, Amgaon has sent the Cheque for Rs. 1,83,484.00. We hope the money will be in our hand in time. In due time I shall give you the total a/c. I hope you have already remitted the amount of Rs. 14,000.00 for meeting expenses.

The amount of 'Interim-Relief' has not been fully implemented. It is still being hesitated to implement the decision due to lack of money. As I have already intimated you we could give 'Interim Relief' from the balance money of last years in BEL a/c.

Here monsoon has not yet started, Scattered rainfall has already started. We are expecting monsoon rain in a week or so.

We all are doing well.

With Greetings to you all,

Yours sincerely,

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

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| EINGEGANGEN | The May 17, 1974. |
| 27. MAI 1974 | |
| Erledigt <i>fd. P. Singh</i> | |

Dear Pastor Seeborg,

Before leaving ^{Mainz} for Berlin I could not see you. I hope now you are back in Berlin. I reached here on 15th May at 15.30 hrs. I had some trouble my plane from Frankfurt Air India was nine hours late. We passengers were put in a Hotel near Frankfurt on Air India's cost. Our arrival in Bombay was late, but we were flown from Bombay to Delhi in a special AIR INDIA plane. But in Delhi I did not find any connection; there was no seat even for 16th; they were offering me a seat confirmation for 17th May in a special plane, but it was too late for me for the meetings. On 15th I had a chance as 26th number in the waiting list, but on 15th was the General strike (Bharat Bandh) So I stayed in a nearby Hotel from where I could come by foot to the AIR LINES office, and took the Ex-Army Transport Service coach to Aerodrom. Luckily I got seat to fly up to Patna. At Patna also I could get the seat. There were many, who were passengers of the previous day also. On the previous day also plane did not go from Patna to Ranchi.

As I arrived in Bombay it was 13.30 hrs and was 40°C heat. In Delhi it was 18.30 hrs when we arrived and about 34°C: I had an un-comfortable night. Due to General Strike in the morning we could not get water till 7.00 a.m., but then it was alright. In Ranchi I arrived at 15.30 hrs. It was raining and so very cool and pleasant. No one was in the Aerodrom to pick me up. My family had been to aerodrom on 13th and 14th May. My letter sent from Berlin has not arrived here, so they did not know exactly when I was to come.

Here the KSS meeting has been postponed till 22nd May. Due to the letter from Assam. We hope that meeting will take place on 23rd and 24th May, 1974.

Tomorrow on ward (17th) I have to go for different Bible Classes. I shall be back on 22nd evening and after KSS meetings I shall be again out for programmes.

Please convey my special greetings and thanks to Fran Seeborg and children. Thanks and greetings also to all co-workers and staffs in the Gossner Mission-Office.

Thanking you.

*Please convey this news and
Greetings to Mother Anne!*

Yours sincerely,

C.K. Paul Singh
(C.K. Paul Singh)
Director,
B. E. L.

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REGISTERED LETTER.

The April 8, 1974.

Pastor M. Seeberg
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Dear Sir,

As things were still uncertain I did not write any letter to you earlier. However as I have to send the quarterly news ~~from the~~ for the churches in Germany I am writing this letter. By this time there is no new development. It seems all are waiting for the next KSS Meetings. Rev. J. Topno circulated two letters claiming himself to be the legal Pramukh Adhyaksh, but no excitement and no reactions are visible in either Parties or Groups.

The ~~ful~~ gave me permission to withdraw money from church A/Cs for regular salaries etc. But that does not help the situation. It may more complicate the situation.

The situation in Bihar are uncertain, there are different agitations, processions and ~~large~~ strikes etc., to paralyse the Government. In all important towns Police and Military are posted for Security purposes, in Ranchi 'Curfew' is still continuing. The Prices of commodities are still going up, Many useful commodities have disappeared from the market. It seems there will be a Second Gujrat in Bihar. But what next? As in Bihar there are different communities, parties religion-groups, it may not be easy to make a second Gujrat, although in some parts it is already on the way.

Mr. Bhengra has not yet cleared up the accounts, therefore it is not easy to give you the correct financial position as directed by you, specially for the amount for Evangelistic work, but given for the payments but I have my accounts clear. I hope to send the same very soon or if I shall be coming to the Kuratorium meeting I shall take with me.

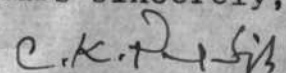
Herewith is enclosed "QUARTERLY NEWS FROM GOSSNER CHURCH IN INDIA".

With best of my regards.

Enclosed :

As stated above.

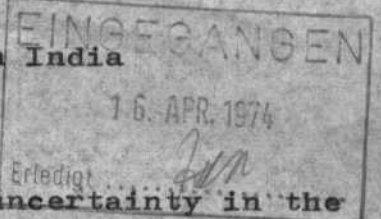
Yours sincerely,


(C.K. Paul Singh)

Director, BEL.

Past M. Seehy

Quarterly News From Gossner Church in India
For the Church in Germany.



The First Quarter of the year was mared with uncertainty in the situation within the church. The crisis in the church caused much hinderances in the life and work of the church. The injunction suit on the Acting Pramukh Adhyaksh actually paralysed the total day to day life of the church. However the help of the Gossner Mission, the LW.F through FELCI has been great remedy for our church, specially for the Acting Pramukh. Cordial thanks are extended to all friends here and abroad.

REPRESENTATIVES FROM GOSSNER MISSION, LWF and FELCI were ready to extend their all possible help; their good advice and extraordinary financial help were given in right time. Visitors from Gossner Mission and FELCI were helpful to find out new ~~approaching~~-approaches and ways in the time of deadlocks. In some cases they might have been disappointed due to short sightedness and selfish motives on our part. We are sorry to note that representative from LWF Dr. Carl J. Hellberg could not be amidst us when we felt his presence, this was due to his illness.

ACCORDING to the new arrangement a new Acting Pramukh Adhyaksh has been elected for five months with effect from 15th March. Accordingly the KSS has started again functioning and a "Constitution Drafting Committee has been newly formed. We are still in the proces of introducing an amendment to the present constitution, i.e. the Article of Corroborative Vote, before starting to draft a New Constitution. The next meeting of the KSS has been scheduled for 16th April 1974. The situation is still uncertain, as some new voices are being raised against the present arrangements. The situation has to be observed very keenly to act successfully.

PASTOR DIETER HECKER and family have already left India for Germany on their first furlough. While coming to India (1971) they were only three, this time ^{when} they left Germany they were four members in the family. This time Herr Dietz father-in-law of Pastor Hecker also joined the four.

THE NEW *Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Bill (1973) was being discussed in the Parliament in session. New Delhi, has caused much anxiety in almost all Circle, Churches are also to be affected if the bill is passed. Foreign money is not totally prohibited, but it has to be regularised. It will take much time and process that the money is permitted for societies or Institution as provided in the Bill. On the one hand it may be blessing for the churches in India that they are compelled to be more vigilant for their self-sufficiency, on the other hand many ecumanical projects and programmes may be negatively affected. At present the Bill has been given to a Committee for proper scrutiny and suggetions.

C.K. P. S. A.

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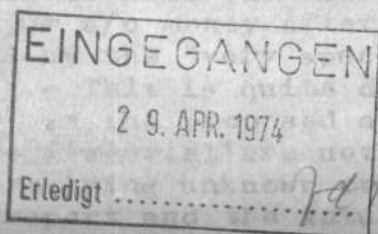
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RANCHI, BIHAR/INDIA

The April 20, 1974.

Mission Director
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Dear Sir,

You might have already received my letters and a telegraphm telling you in short some of the current news from our church. I am writing this letter specially telling you our financial difficulties. You shall get other letters from the Acting Pramukh and also from Mr. B. Bhengra.

As it is being said that different expenses including the pay salary of KSS staff have been met by the Chainpur a/c money Rs.35,000/- (may be some ten thousand rupees spent) I have paid only the amount for the meeting on March 15-16, 1974 amounting to Rs 6500/- only; So I have to get this amount only from you to cover the amount already given to me.

You have agreed to pay the grants of Rs.345,775.00 for the year 1974 plus Rs.16,000/- for expected enhancement in salaries, the BEL has enhanced the allowance, so we need this money. In the minute of the KSS April 16, 1974 you will find that "an interim relief" be given to all church workers for five months which are the hard months and specially this year when the prices of all commodities are still going up. For this interim relief BEL needs an extra money of Rs 34500/- for the period. When all other church workers are going- getting, our field workers are also to get, because they still suffer more, away from their relatives and friends. But we cannot pay unless we get greenlight from you. In the same minute you will find that the balance amount of the Balance money of BEL be kept intact for its use. This was specially thought due to the "foreign contribution (Regulation) Bill" 1973. You will find this in my report and also in the minute of BEL dt. 15th April 1974. That means the total Balance be kept intact and should not be adjusted, as we were talking with you on 6th Nov. '73 to give BEL Rs.80,000/- only and adjusted the rest Rs.83064/- to fill up the deficit; now my request and suggestion is that this amount be kept for BEL use. If you agree "an interim relief" be given from this balance - instead of giving Rs.34500/- from other sources!

In Nov. 1973 we agreed to set apart Rs.83064/- to fill up the deficit because we did not consider much about Chainpur a/c. money Rs.35000/-, from this at least Rs.25000/- is still there, even after paying for Chainpur. There is another 'very special' amount of Rs.23000/- unknown to you and all others. Till yesterday I did not know this secret special amount. So in this situation with this (about fortyeight or at least fortyfive thousand rupees) deficit can be filled up. In Nov. '73 I did not know this amount (as now also other people do not know), I agreed in good faith to make up the deficit with BEL amount. But after knowing all these facts I am thinking otherwise: the amount saved in BEL a/c with much accurate and faithful accounting and checking should not be used to fill up the deficit which has occurred due to loosely expenses.

Therefore please consider the matter according to above given facts. The G.M. has to give as (1) the grant for budget 1974, (2) the enhance-

ment allowance, (3) the meeting expenses, March 15-16, (4) The interim relief, This last can be met by the balance of previous years.

The deficit which has been caused due to loosely use of money, non-centralisation of property income, and Anchal allotment, should not be filled up by the ballance of BEL. The deficit can be partly filled up by the balance of Chainpur a/c money after paying to Chaipur and KSS use till 31st March and by the "very special" amount of Rs.23000/- which is still underground - This is quite different than the miscellaneous special as shown in the proposed adjustment. The amount from Chainpur a/c and to 'very special' are not mentioned !! There may be some more money somewhere lying unknown to us; after repeated demand to show us the audit report and the actual amount available, we have not been shown. Therefore I personally feel that deficit be filled up by other sources than BEL balance; If most, some amount may be given from BEL also but only after checking up all actual amounts and also may be after internal audit ! I hope you will not mind my concern about the BEL money even after your per- promises.

Herewith I am enclosing my yearly ^{report} (1973) BEL Minutes, at 25th July, 1973 and 15th April 1974.

After talking with KSS members and also considering with the KSS officers: Acting Pramukh, Secretary Rev. P.D.Soreng and also the Treasurer Rev. M. Jojo, it is felt very necessary that I should attend the Kuratorium meeting. Rev. Dr. N. Minz and Rev. Soreng advised me that I should leave Ranchi/India on 2nd May '74 and came back on latest by 13th May 1974 for KSS meeting beginning on 14th May 1974. When I see the days of my staying in Germany it seems too expensive, but I also feel it necessary to attend the meeting. Therefore I request you to kindly make necessary arrangements to send the documents (invitation letter and PTI) for my travel. If the days are mentioned otherwise it won't harm.

Thanking you.

Yours sincerely,

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

Enclosed as stated above.
Reports (2), Minutes (2).

MINUTE OF THE BEL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON 15.4.1974.

- I. Prayer :- The meeting was started with a word of prayer led by Chairman Rev.Dr. N. Minz.
- II. Attendance :-
Following members were present :-
1) Rev.Dr.N. Minz, 2) Rev. N. Bhuinya, 3) Rev. M.Jojo,
4) Rev. S. Dungdung, 5 Rev.Dr. C.K. Paul Singh
The meeting was declared open.
- III. Matters from last minute :-
Some points were pointed out reminds the members of some previous decisions i.e. field allowance, Relief-help, Balance money of the BEL, Finance Statement etc. These matters were to be taken in the following items.
- IV. The yearly report(1973):
The Director presented a written report. The report was read out point by point for consideration. Some points were raised about allowance of the workers, Financial Statements. A special action was taken regarding Udaipur and Surguja after hearing the supplementary report that Rev. Dh.D. Toppo has been transferred to Surguja. After a long discussion it was resolved that "Financial Statement be given by Rev.Dh.D. Toppo on the basis of all available documents in NWA and central office. The amount for which no satisfactory account is given, shall be deducted and adjusted @ Rs.30/-p.m. from the salary of Rev.Dh.D. Toppo in the total Bill of Surguja". Further it was resolved that Rev.Dh.D. Toppo be paid from the field income of Surguja field after filling the budgetary field income.
The report of the Director was received and accepted.
- V. Other matters :-
a) Finance :- i) The Balance of BEL : Seeing the present situation in the country(i.e. foreign constitution Regulations Bill, 1973) and the out standing construction works it was decided that the balance of the Board be kept intact for its use. Thus previous decisions of the executive(that all balance be used, no amount be brought forward) be rescinded.
The arrear of Surguja for 1973 be paid up.
ii) Supplementary budget : As the KSS has decided that Mr. A.P. Barla be given to the BEL extra money is needed. It was further resolved that the field workers be given their enhanced allowances as already agreed by the BEL.
- b) Applications:- (i) Panisani Ilaka :- The Ilaka has applied for grant of help for Baghima for Medical Work; The Executive feels that application be made through the Anchal with a compliance report.
(ii) Rev. Obed Toppo : The Supervisor applied to allow him to draw his allowance from March '74 which has been deducted due to non-submission of the report; The executive stands by its decision and endorses the action of the Director.
- c) KURATORIUM OF GOSSNER MISSION :
The Kuratorium of G.M. has appointed Rev.Dr. C.K. Paul Singh as its member for one term. Thus he has to attend the meetings of the Kuratorium. The next meeting is on 8th May, 1974.
- d) Foreign Contribution(Regulation) Bill 1973 :
The Bill is still under consideration. If adopted the work of the BEL will be very much affected. Therefore the KSS has to make necessary arrangements to support this work.
- e) GHARBANDHU :
According to above mentioned bill the Director BEL cannot work for Gharbandhu, necessary arrangement have to be made to this effect also. At present the things have to be watched and observed.
- f) G.E.L. Church Press/Superintendent :- The matter was postponed for the next meeting on 16th April during Lunch Break.
- The meeting was closed with a prayer led by Rev. N. Bhuinya.

Second Session on 16-4-1974.

The meeting was started with a word of prayer led by the chairman. All members of previous day were present. The agenda was continued (GELC Press/Superintendent).

As the service of Mr. Bh. Khess as Superintendent of GELC Press

was to terminate (Expire) by 16th Nov. '73 and as the G.E.L. Church entered into an interim period and an interim arrangement was also made for the G.E.L. Church Press and as BEL feels necessary of the developemnt of the Press the BEL Executive resolves to extend the service of Mr. Bh.Khess as Superintendent of the GELC Press till the 31st Mar, '75 with following conditions :-

1. The Press makes available of Sakshibani, Durangputhi, Aradhana, Along, Kurukh Dandi, Catechism in different languages for members of the church.
2. That Mr. Bh.Khess under goes training in Printing technology and Management within India.
3. That Mr. Bh. Khess presents a realistic financial atatement of accounts for last two years (1972 - 1973) along with a prepared budget for the period of 1974/75 March.
4. That Mr. Bh. Khess presents a complete inventory of the GELC Press property. All these conditions have to be fulfilled within the above period of extension.

The extension shall be with immediate effect with the present salary.

Read & Confirmed.

Sd/. N. Minz

Chairman.

Sd/. C.K. Paul Singh

16.4.74

Director/Secretary
B . E . L .

MINUTE OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING, BEL.
held on 25th July, 1973.

I. Prayer :- The Meeting was started with a word of prayer led by the Chairman, Rev. J. Topno.

II. Attendance :- The following members were present.

1. Rev. J. Topno , 2. Rev. Dr. N. Minz Member,
3. Rev. N. Bhainya Member, 4. Rev. S. Dungdung Member
5. Rev. M. Jojo Member and 6. Rev. C.K. Paul Singh, Secy.

III. Matter from the previous minute :-

(1) Bye-Laws-Draft for amalgamation of G.E.L. Church Press and the CCPH :-

It was reported by the chairman, also the convener of the ~~by~~ Drafting Committee that Draft had not been finished, though /finalised already it had been consulted with some other press etc.

It was resolved that :-

"The drafting committee be requested to submit the Bye-laws draft to the BEL by the last week of August 1973 positively".

It was further resolved that :-

"Copies of submitted Bye-laws-draft be distributed among the BEL Executive members".

(2) Performance report of the present Press Superintendent :-

The letter of the Secretary Ad-hoc Committee G.E.L. Church Press and CCPH was read. It has been stated that the report shall be submitted within a week positively.

It was resolved that :-

"This matter also be taken along with the Bye-laws for amalgamation of GELC Press and CCPH".

IV. Budget for 1974, Evangelistic Grant :-

The Director, BEL submitted the prepared budget as sent by different fields for scrutiny. The committee discussed the budget separately item by item as follows :-

- (i) Central Office:- As in this budget excess amount of Rs. 200.40 was due to increment in salaries the given budget of Rs. 27,490.00 was accepted.
- (ii) S.E. Area Field (SE Anchal):- From the given budget the amount of construction of Rs. 6,000.00 and of one Pastor's salary of Rs. 2,238.00 was deducted thus amount of Rs. 38,750.00 was accepted.
- (iii) Bamra Area (Orissa Anchal):- From given budget amounts of construction Rs. 5,000.00 and salary of a Pastor Rs. 2,500.00 were deducted and total amount of Rs. 41,000.68 was accepted.
- (iv) Udaipur Area :- Detail of salary was not given and thus after making out round figure of Rs. 39,924.00 was kept in salary item and construction work amount Rs. 10,000.00 was kept. The total accepted amount comes to Rs. 59,479.04, deducting the field income of Rs. 4,000.00.
- (v) Mikir Hills Area (Assam Anchal):- As the salary budget was up to the last year's budget it was accepted but as in the construction the amount was too high the matter was considered from top priority and thus construction work of chapels were postponed making a deduction of Rs. 30,000.00. Thus the total accepted amount comes to Rs. 36,500.00 with a deduction of field income of Rs. 173.40 for the first time in the mikir Hills account.
- (vi) Surguja field (NWA):- From given budget new appointments be left out totaling Rs. 6261.00 and from Hostel grant item Rs. 10,000.00 be deducted. Thus total accepted budget is Rs. 112,916.68 leaving out of the field income of Rs. 10,000.00. For accepted amount of Rs. 112,916.68 G.E.L. Church contribution is Rs. 11,000.00 (NWA) and L.C.A. Rs. 15,000.00, thus the required total amount is Rs. 36,916.68. Besides this a Project and land settlement amount come Rs. 34,350.00 and Rs. 15,000.00 respectively. This amount of Rs. 49,350.00 be submitted with plane and Estimate to Dr. Neudorfer L.C.A., U.S.A.
- (vii) Baghima Area (Madhya Anchal):- As this Budget is given for the first time with minimum amount of minimum workers, the given budget was accepted.

Thus the total ~~xxxxx~~ budget for 1974 requested from Gossner Mission is as follows :-

| | | | | |
|------------------------------------|-----|-----|----------------|------------|
| (1) Central Office | ... | ... | Rs. 27,490.00 | |
| (ii) S.E. Area (SE Anchal) | ... | ... | 89,800.00 | |
| (iii) Bamra Field (Orissa Anchal) | ... | ... | 41,000.68 | |
| (iv) Udaipur (North West Anchal) | ... | ... | 59,479.04 | 217,769.72 |
| (v) Mikir Hills (Assam Anchal) | ... | ... | 36,500.00 | |
| (vi) Surguja (North West Anchal) | ... | ... | 86,916.68 | |
| (vii) Baghima area (Madhya Anchal) | ... | ... | 4,589.40 | 128,006.08 |
| Total. | | | Rs. 345,775.80 | |

Rupees Three Hundred Forty-five, Thousand, Seven Hundred and Seventy-five and Paise Eighty only.

This amount an additional budget of about Rs. 16,000.00 is expected to increase due to new pay scale implementation with effect from 1st January 1974.

Therefore it was resolved that :-

Gossner Mission be requested to consider the matter sympathetically and to grant the amount of Rs. 345,775.80 and to keep in their budget an amount of Rs. 16,000.00 as additional grant for enhancement in pay.

V. Half yearly Report :- The written Half Yearly report (Jan.-June '73) was read out by the Director and was accepted for discussion.

VI. Matter from the Report :-

(a) Reports from the fields :- As reports from all fields were not included in Half-Yearly Report specially those of Bamra (Orissa) and Surguja the explanations were given by the Anchal Adhyakshas Orissa Anchal and North West Anchals.

(b) Printing of Books urgently needed in the church :-

As per report of the Director and also that of the Executive members it is a known fact that the books most urgently needed through out the whole Gossner Church, i.e. Sakshi-Bani, Drung-Pathi Kurukh-Dandi, Kharia-Aleng etc. are not being printed due to which the demand of books are badly felt. It is the feeling of the Committee that these books be printed very urgently so that the members of the Gossner church get them soon. Therefore it was resolved that :-

"The Ad-hoc Committee of G.E.L. Church Press/CCPR be requested for serious attention and taking all necessary steps so as to print atleast the above mentioned books very soon. Action of the Ad-hoc Committee be reported to the BEL".

Other points of clarification were also raised from the report. After some clarifications and discussions the ^{whole} report was accepted with appreciation.

It was resolved that the Minutes be confirmed by the officers of the Board.

The meeting was closed with a prayer led by Rev. S. Dungdung.

Sd/. C.K. Paul Singh
Secretary, BEL.

G. E. L. CHURCH

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16. APR. 1974

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G. E. L. CHURCH
RANCHI, BIHAR/INDIA

The 8.4.74 JPN

Dear Pastor Seeberg

I am sorry that I could not write to you earlier. I wanted to give you some new developments in the situation of our Church, but it seems there would not be any new news until the 16th April, when we meet for the KSS. Rev. Topno has sent out two letters to all Anchal Adhyakshas with copies to all KSS members and the persons whom he thinks are ~~the~~ his supporters. He claims still to be The Pramukh Adhyaksha with his camp at Kadma /Khunti! Therefore any actions without his Chairmanship are illegal and therefore are liable to legal and drastic actions! Meanwhile in spite of court case in Ranchi the same court has given me the permission to withdraw money from the accounts of the GEL church, I have already started functioning; only I have to keep clean and correct accounts of the same!

On the other hand I have to handle the evangelistic funds also very carefully. Except the amounts I received direct from you and CUSCON I have received a total sum of Rs.50,000.00 from Rev. C.B. Aind. He could not give more than that and he will not be able to give more! He may write a letter to this effect to you. From this I have paid Rs.6,500/- for the meetings of all Anchal Samitis at Ranchi, Rs.12,000.00 has been paid for the KSS Staff Salaries. Further amount of Rs.1,200.00 has to be paid for Mr AP Barla, who was transferred from KSS Staff to the BEL staff. As we submitted our budget last year we had also informed you requesting to set apart ca. Rs20,000/- for the proposed enhancement of salaries of the evangelistic workers, the salaries were not enhanced but deration/city allowances has to be increased so we need this extra amount for the evangelistic fund, this will go afterwards through the B.E.L. to you as request!

Regarding my attending the Kuratoriums meeting in May 1974, I am more inclined to attend the meeting and accordingly I propose the following time plan:
April 26th or 25th leaving India for Germany by AIR INDIA
April 26-30th Visit (Pre-consultative meetings in Berlin)
May 1st-7th Visit West Germany (Pre-consultative Meetings in West Germany)
May 8th Kuratorium Meeting in Mainz
May 9th - 18th visit west Germany (Post/Follow up meetings in west Germany)
May 19/20th departure for India

The above is my tentative wish, in brackets are only for the P form request that I may be allowed to go earlier and to stay longer. Therefore I request you to kindly send a formal invitation to attend the meeting with pre and post consultative meetings or with visit in three copies duly stamped (mit Stempel) at your earliest convenient by a registered post and the PTA of to the AIR INDIA, MAIN ROAD RANCHI, C/o Indian Air Lines for a Ticket "RANCHI"-DELHI-FRANKFURT (-BERLIN) and (BERLIN)-FRANKFURT-DELHI-RANCHI. As I see the situation in the church is not in the line we have visualised I think it will be good and beneficial for the Gossner Church as well for the Gossner Mission that I attend the meeting in May 1974. Dr. Waletr Horo did not come to Ranchi and he may not come in next days, so I have written a letter to him by post telling about the transaction you have suggested. I also requested Miss Rose Bage (Horo's sister-in-law) to your letter addressed to Dr. Horo. I hope every thing will be done well.

My family is doing well. Our best regard and Yishusahay!

Yours sincerely

C. K. Paul Singh

Miss M. Seeberg

QUARTELY NEWS FROM GOSSNER CHURCH IN INDIA.

In October 1973 Mission Director Pastor M. Seeberg, Berlin visited the G.E.L. Church. In this visit programme different congregations and institutions in all four states were covered, and he could visit almost all the places successfully. This time special stress was laid on the Mission Fields. On the one hand it was encouraging for the workers and the new christians of the Mission Fields but on the other hand it was also an on the spot information for the Director.

The Pastors' Refresher Course was also organised for one week at Ranchi during the visit of the Mission. Some 140 Pastors participated in the Course. In addition to daily Bible Study from Old and New Testaments different practical and up to date problems were dealt with in the course by different speakers. Subjects related with national programmes i.e Family Planning, Poultry Farm etc. were also brought to the knowledge of Pastors.

The K.S.S. (Central Central Council) of the Church had also its meeting towards the end of October 1973. Unusual and important decision were decided in the meetings. Due to very critical situation in the church all officers in the centre resigned from their respective posts. The K.S.S. and central Boards were dissolved and an Interim Period was declared with an Acting Pramukh Adhyaksh Dr. Paul Singh giving him many administrative power. A new Constitution Drafting Committee of Nine Members was also framed. The new Constitution has to be drafted ready by the end of March 1974.

On November 2, 1973 Mission Festival was observed in the Gossner Church. This is remembrance of four Missionaries who first came in 1845 and erected Tent at Ranchi. On this day Mission Director Pastor M. Seeberg also inaugurated the Celebration of 200th Birthday ceremony of Father Gossner at Ranchi. A whole day programme was organised. The mother Union of Ranchi had organised the Mina Bazar. The income of the day was given for the Evangelistic Work.

In the month of November, after the departure of Mission Director, BELIN, many guests from west came to visit the Gossner Church. Dr. Rittner from Bread for the World, Stuttgart, Dr. Nagy and Dr. Hellberg from Geneva. These guests visited Gossner Church with the interest to study the progress and present situation of the church to help her better.

According to the new arrangement within the Gossner Church, the Church is facing acute crisis. The action has been declared unconstitutional and unauthorised. The 'Bank operation' has been objected, thus thousands of people with their families are affected. They have to celebrate the Christmas without getting salaries of these months. An injunction suit has been filed in the local court by some Christians. Thus everything is still stand. The Acting Pramukh Adhyaksh cannot act. Now all are waiting for the fate as to be announced by the court in its verdict. If the verdict goes for permanent injunction every thing will be in great chaos. It is further orally known that two Anchals are going to give negative corroborative votes. This may make further complications. Without any visible solution in next year near future: A total chaos and split may be the fate of the church.

The Gossner Church at this juncture needs valuable prayers, intercessions and advices from friends here and abroad.

From Prudhvir

C.K.P. 15th
8/12/73

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From Schulz for Gossner
and as Gossner mission
L. Gossner mission

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G. E. L. CHURCH
RANCHI, BIHAR/INDIA
Dece. 8, 1973

The

Mission Director
Pastor M. Seeborg
Gossner Mission
1 Berlin 41
Handjery Str. 19/20



Dear Sir,

Herewith I am sending a copy of the Quarterly News from Gossner X Church for your information and further circulation if felt necessary. This is line with the agreement among the churches in Germany and the Gossner Church. The News are self explanatory. The Gossner Church is passing through as internal administrative crissis. Personally I am very sorry that I have been involved in the crisis. Your prayer and advices are very urgent at this moment. Please do help us in any way possible on your behalf.

Thanking you.

Yours sincerely,

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

Enclosed :

As stated above.

Director,

B.E.L.

Ps.
Please give the letters of Brother Schottstätt in the ÖM.

del. Dr. P. Seeborg an from Friederici 4

Zum Umlauf mit der Bitte um Abzeichnung

Frau Friederici

J. Frey 13. 12.

Fräulein Eva Gerull

h. Gerull

Frau Hahnenfeldt

Hah. 8. 11. 73

Frau Meudt

Mett. 8. 11. 73

Frau Meyer

M. 8. 11. 73

Herr Pohl

P. 8. 11. 73

Frau Schulz

8. 11. 73

Herr Schwerk

Herr P. Seeberg

Seeberg

Frau v. Wedel

v. W. 8. 11. 73

Ob man nicht diesen Brief -
ein bißchen in die Kerne
gebracht - einem größeren
Kreis zugänglich machen sollte?

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Mitarbeiter der Gossner Mission
in Haus der Mission
2. Hd. Frau Schulz
Handjeng Str. 19/20



Liebe Freunde,

Haben Sie herzlichen Dank für Ihre Grüsse und das Geschenk, die ich durch Herrn Missionsdirektor Pastor Seeborg bekommen habe. Das Geldgeschenk haben wir mit meiner Frau für das Christ-Fest zurückgelegt. Verzeihen Sie aber, dass ich bald Ihnen Dankbrief nicht schreiben konnte. Ich hatte sehr oft daran gedacht aber dazu einfach habe ich nicht Zeit haben. In zwischen hat, glaube ich, Herr Missionsdirektor schon geschrieben, wann und wie er in Indien schon gereist ist. In einigen Jahren war ich auch dabei, in ersten Tagen als er von Süd Ossa nach unserem Gebiet kam, war auch ich dabei. Als wir nicht genau wussten wie er nach Ranchi kommen konnte, waren wir über all in Gruppen organisiert, dass wir ihn vor Bahnhof oder vor Flughafen empfangen konnten. Auf meinem Hinweis waren einigen vor dem Ranchi Hotel, weil ich schon etwas überlegt, dass er schon irgendwo in Indien ist und mit irgendwelchem Auto nach Ranchi kommen. Endlich hatten wir ihn auf dem Weg von Angam in Jeep von Schwester Hise Matti gefunden. Sie hatten Panna und Jeep musste gezogen werden. So war die Freude sehr gross, dass der erwartete Gast bei uns war. Ich war mit ihm bis 15. Okt. zusammen. Diesmal hat der Missionsdirektor meisten in Missionsgebiet gewesen, so durfte ich auch mit ihm fahren. Aber das war eine Fahrt ohne Vergnügen, manchmal sind wir mit solchen Jeep gefahren, der Selbstmord Mittel/Instrument bezeichnet werden konnte. Manchmal wussten wir nicht, wo, wie was wir essen werden, manchmal wussten wir nicht wo oder wann wir schlafen werden. Dies war alles von Ranchi als Hauptquartier. Dann ging die Reise in Madhya

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Pradesh, aber ich musste nach Ranchi zurück. Am 17. Okt. musste ich
nieder in die Richtung Seep bring zu der Herr Histsandirektor in Auto
kommen sollte, an den Weg ist eine große Flup, die man nicht ohne Gefahr
überfahren kann. Glücklicherweise konnte Herr Histsandirektor mit Angst
und Sorge die Flup in eine kleine Fähre überqueren.
Am 18. Okt. kam Herr Histsandirektor nach Ranchi. Eine große Menge
von Christen hat sich gesammelt, es war ein herrlicher Empfang in
Ranchi.

In Ranchi erwartete aber eine grosse Ungewissheit für die Tage
der KSS Sitzung. Vom 21-26. Okt. war aber Rüstzeit für die Pastoren der
G.E.L. Kirche. Herr Histsandirektor hat seine Vorträge auf Deutsch gehalten
und ich musste auf Hindi übersetzen. Während der Rüstzeit (Preparation Consec)
war auch Herr Dr. Paul Franz aus Süddeutschland, so musste ich
auch seinen Vortrag übersetzen.

Vom 27. 31. Okt. war die KSS-Sitzung, obwohl vieles war schon vorher
vorbereitet, aber trotzdem musste Herr Histsandirektor sehr viel Geduld
und Zeit haben, um die Situation in der Lage bringen, dass keine
direkte Zwischenschaf kommt. So konnte er eine Lösung hinweisen
wodurch in der Gosscher Kirche ein Chance für neue Verfassung
kommen konnte. Nach dieser K.S.S. Sitzung mit Herr Histsandirektor
wieder gereist, diesmal nach Khuntoli, Taharna, Gurnidpur, Khuntoli
Hagen ist einer grosser Tag für Gosscher Kirche, Die Gosscher Kirche
wird zu einem neuen Period: 'Interim Period' eintreten, in dieser
neuen 'Periode' werde ich als Acting Pramath Akhyat die
Gosscher Kirche leiten. Das ist eine große Verantwortung, ich wäre
daran nicht bereit, ich wollte alle Einmischung in Kirchen Politik
vermeiden, aber als 'Neutrale Person' der ist, um diese Ver-
antwortung auf sich nehmen kann, habe ich mich bereit erklärt.
Aber bis heute spät Abend bin nicht ich noch nicht klar ob diese
Verantwortung übernehmen werde. Viele verschiedene Gruppen haben

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sie sich gebildet, einigen sind gegen die 'Interim Period' Einrichtung.
Morgen (6.11.73) kann auch zwischenfall gegeben zwischen verschiedene
Parteien. Ich habe Herrn Missionsdirektor über diese Untergrund Vor-
bereitung nicht sagen können, Vielleicht kann ich morgen es sagen kann.
bevor die Stunde der "Charge Handing over" kommt. Wäre Herr Missions-
direktor schon heute gekommen, könnte ich ihm vorher alles sagen, ich
verzweifelte noch, ob das richtig sei, diese grosse Verantwortung übernehmen
zu wollen. Aber es sind viele Freunde & Jugendliche, die fast zwingen
wollen, dass ich doch die Verantwortung übernehme.
Ich wollte diese Brief schon heute schreiben, ich weiss nicht wie mag
es wird, und ob ich noch Zeit habe auch diesmal an Sie zu schreiben.
Bei uns kommt bald unser Winter, wir müssen dicken Jacken anziehen,
temperatur ist aber etwa 20°C. Meine Familie geht gut, aber wegen des
Übergang der Jahreszeiten haben wir alle in der Familie erkältet. Gestern
waren wir alle bei dem Arzt. Meiner Frau geht es besser, aber Sie
muss immer noch medizin nehmen.
Im Markt sind alle Sachen teurer geworden vor 3. Nov. kostet ein
Liter Petrol Rs. 1.68, jetzt kostet es Rs. 2.75, so können Sie vergleichen
in welchen Höhe die Preise gehen. Ernte in diesem Jahr wird auch
nicht besonders gut, das bedeutet wieder, dass die Hungersnot uns
heimsuchen will, Aber das sind unsere Sorge und leid, die wir selbst
sehr viel bekämpfen müssen.

Noch ein Mal danke Ihnen allen sehr herzlich, Meine Frau & Kinder
lassen Sie allen sehr herzlich grüssen.
Mit freundlichen Grüßen

Im
Paul Singh

P.S. Herr Missionsdirektor hat mit Rat & Tat sehr viel geholfen, und der erste Tag
meines 'Pravritthship' ist vorbei, aber die Problemen werden noch kommen
dann werde ich allein von der Sache zu lösen. Daher brauche sehr viel
von Ihnen Gebet & Fürbitte, daher bitte ich Sie sehr herzlich dafür.

G. E. L. CHURCH
BOARD OF EVANGELISM AND LITERATURE

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G. E. L. CHURCH
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The September 24, 1973.

The Mission Director
Pastor M. Seeberg
Gossner Mission
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W. Germany.



Sg 12/11

Dear Sir,

Recently I wrote a letter to you giving some hints of my work. As the 200 Years' Jubilee of Father Gossner is nearing and we would like to give a special Gharbandhu issue for the month of December 1973. I would like to give-a have some Photoes related to Father Gossner. Will it be possible to send pictures original or Copy, which we can ~~be~~ reproduce ~~it~~ for using in our Gharbandhu. I, therefore request you to kindly send the Photoes at your earliest conveniences.

It will be very good if you can write some few lines - at least twenty sentences as a message for the occasion.

With ^{much} greetings.

Yours sincerely,

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

Director,

B . E . L .

Wenn Sie keine Photoapparat für
sich mitbringen können Sie für
eine Photoapparat für mich mitbringen.
Meine Apparat ist sehr alt geworden und funktioniert nicht gut.
Wenn Sie auch Dias-film (Agfa) mitbringen können, werde
ich mich sehr freuen.
P. Singh

*Auf Veranlassung von Hrn. Schwetke kommentarlos
Gossner. Biographie von Lokies in. Portrait-
Postkarte anl. 700. Tagestag übersandt. *[Signature]**

42.10.73

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The September 12, 1973.



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The Mission Director,
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W. Germany.

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your letter dated August 22, 1973 I am sorry that I did not write any letter to you thereafter yesterday I received the Film "King of Kings" in Hindi from Bombay Film Laboratories, after you have kindly paid a sum of \$ 265.75 on our behalf to Modern Sound Pictures Inc. U.S.A. Due to mistake in address (instead of Bihar Orissa was given as State) we had some difficulty, but it had been cleared so we got the Film. On behalf of our Board and the Gossner Church I thank you very much. I hope it will be an asset to preach the Gospel in the area. We also may be able to show during the Pastors' Refresher Course in the last week of October, 1973.

As we shall be meeting very soon I need not write much.

With much greetings.

Yours sincerely,

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

Director, BEL.

P.s. Ich habe für meine Kandidatur zum Mitglied des Kuratoriums der Gossner Mission angenommen, und habe ich Ihnen schon mitgeteilt, Ich hoffe, der Brief schon bei Ihnen angekommen, wenn nicht, hier ist meine Zusage. *P. Singh*

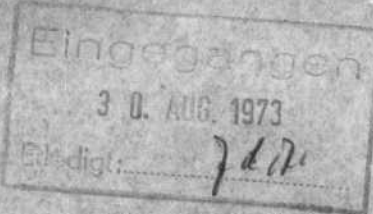
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RANCHI, BIHAR/INDIA

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Dispensary at Baghima, Madhya Anchal

A joint meeting of Madhya Anchal Officers with Sister Ilse Martin and Dr. C.K. Paul Singh was held on the 15th Aug. '73 at Khutitoli to discuss the Possibility of opening a Dispensary at Baghima, the Mission Field of Madhya Anchal Khutitoli. Rev. P.D. Soreng, the Anchal Adhyaksh opened the meeting with a word of prayer and a short introduction of the subject for the meeting. Dr. Singh explained the subject by referring his talks with the Missionsdirector, Gossner Mission in Berlin during the last visit.

The matter was discussed from various points of view, specially the site, personnel building and finance were some of the important points raised in the discussion. In principle no one was against the opening of the proposed dispensary. Sister Ilse Martin on the basis of past experiences expressed her inability of doing all works from beginning to the maintenance of the dispensary. It was agreed that the Madhya Anchal should take steps to (i) construct the Building Complex (quarters for nurse, a well, houses for patients and treatments etc.) (ii) appoint a nurse with pay etc. When all necessary things have been done Sister Ilse Martin is ready to make it possible to visit the dispensary and to help in treatment of the patients. In this connection Sister Ilse Martin was of the opinion that the building complex must be as simple as possible; an exemplary sketch plan can be available from Purnapani Dispensary in Orissa, the Madhya Anchal Officers may use that sketch for their guide.

It is expected that the Madhya Anchal will show keen interest and shall take immediate necessary actions and steps to these effect.

C. K. Paul

August 22nd, 1973
psbg/sz

Dr.C.K.Paul S i n g h
GEL Church

R a n c h i / Bihar
India

22.8.73

Dear brother Singh,

thanks for your letters of July 7th and August 2nd and 8th.

The Pramukh Adhyaksh has given a report of the last KSS meeting and he got a short answer. The solution of these problems is a new constitution and a new KSS - I agree to.

Regarding the BEL budget I want to inform you that we will recommend the Kuratorium to grant the whole amount for 1974 you asked for. The budget meeting of the Kuratorium will take place on September 26th.

The amount for the film (US-Dollar 267,75) we paid already in June 1973. Attached I send you the lease agreement which we got from the USA.

Frau Schulz dankt Ihnen für Ihren Brief und wird bei nächster Gelegenheit antworten.

In the meantime I announced my coming to India to the Pramukh Adhyaksh. These are the dates: Arrvial October 8th about 6 p.m. (by train from Rourkela), departure November 7th by plane.

Yours sincerely,

Sg

Enclosure

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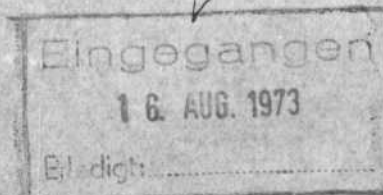
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G. E. L. CHURCH
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The August 6, 1973



The Mission Director,
Pastor M. Seeberg
Gossner Mission
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Handjery Str.

Dear Sir,

Herewith I am sending the News from Gossner Church India for your information and further circulation of the same. In the last week we had sent the Budget for 1974 Evangelistic Grant amounting Rs. 345,775.80 (Rupees Three Hundred Fortyfive Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-Five and Paise Eighty). I hope it reached in time to you.

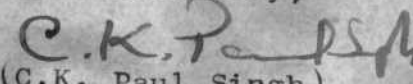
At this point I would like to remind you of my request to send an amount to U.S.A for a Film. I had given you the address.

Enclosed is also a letter addressed to 'Fran Schulz and andere', please pass it to them.

With much greetings and YISHU SAHAY.

Thanking you.

Yours sincerely,


(C.K. Paul Singh)

B . E . L .

NEWS FROM GOSSNER CHURCH IN INDIA.

The Department of Education (Board of Education, G.E.L. Church) has started a new era by appointing two officers in the centre for its functions throughout the Gossner Church. Mr. Abnezar Lakra, the Headmaster of Khutitoli High School has been appointed as Education Officer and Mr. Heran Samad as Executive Officer to look after the work. Plans and problems of the High Schools and the Primary Schools of the Church respectively.

Rev. M. Tete, one of the Lecturer in the Gossner Theological College has been appointed as the Principal of the College with effect from 1st July 1973. At the same time Rev. Dr. N. Minz and Rev. Dr. C.K. Paul Singh have been appointed as part-time lecturers in the College. They will teach in the College during the rainy season when they are at Ranchi.

For the first time KSS has adopted a constitution for the Pension Fund Scheme for the Catechists of the Gossner Church. Till now the Pastors and Central Church-Workers could avail the benefit of Pension Fund Scheme. The Health Insurance Scheme is still under consideration of the KSS.

The Board of Evangelism and Literature of Gossner Church in its last meeting had adopted a sum of Rs. 345,775.80 as yearly budget grant from Gossner Mission for 1974. This total amount includes all expenses in the Mission Work in Mikir Hills (Assam Anchal), South-East area (S.E. Anchal), Bamra and Sundargarh area (Orissa Anchal), Udaipur and Surguja area (North-West Anchal) and Baghima area of Madhya Anchal. The B.E.L. has planned a church-wide campaign for Mobilisation of Mission work in and through Gossner Church.

In the month of October 1973 a consultation meeting of all Lutheran Churches has been arranged to discuss various present-day projects and problems, specially regarding the finance and property of the church. Some ten delegates (including lay-leaders men & women) from each nine Lutheran Churches of India will participate in this consultation meeting. There shall be some consultants and visitors also for the occasions.

The Heads of churches in North India met at Rourkela to discuss about the planned Divine Service Conference at Rourkela. In the Conference Church Workers and Lay-leaders, men and women including youth shall take part in the conference. Some 60 names from Gossner church have been sent for the conference which will take place in January 1974.

The deteriorating Food situation is ~~now~~ one of the delicate case in all over the area of the Gossner Church. Through late coming of Monsoon and scarcity of rain the people of the region are almost driven to fatal starvation. The prices of commodities are shooting up high. The Government is declaring many districts of Bihar as draught and famine stricken area. Many Fair-Price Shops through Ration Cards are also being opened in the area, but inspite of all these plans and efforts the situation is still worsening. The Relief Committee of the Gossner Church is also unable to do any concrete thing. The committee received a sum of Rs. 50,000/- from LWF but it is almost already exhausted.

C.K.T. Singh

Nachrichten aus der indischen Gossnerkirche
übermittelt von Herrn Dr. Paul Singh, Ranchi,
im August 1973

Schularbeit

Die Abteilung für Schulwesen leitete durch die Ernennung von zwei Verantwortlichen in der Zentrale für die Arbeit in der gesamten Gossnerkirche einen neuen Abschnitt ein. Herr Abnezar Lakra, der Direktor der Oberschule in Khuti-toli wurde zum Leiter für das Erziehungswesen berufen und Herr Samad zum Geschäftsführer für Pläne und Probleme der Ober- und Grundschulen der Kirche.

Theologisches Seminar

Rev. M. Tete, einer der Dozenten am Gossner Theologischen College wurde mit Wirkung vom 1. Juli 1973 zum Rektor des College berufen. Gleichzeitig wurden Rev. Dr. Minz und Rev. Dr. C.K. Paul Singh zu Dozenten für bestimmte Zeiträume ernannt. Sie werden am College während der Regenzeit lesen, in der sie in Ranchi anwesend sind.

Versorgungskasse

Erstmalig stimmte das KSS Satzungen für eine Versorgungskasse der Katecheten der Gossnerkirche zu. Bis jetzt kamen nur die Pastoren und die kirchlichen Mitarbeiter der Zentrale in den Genuss einer Versorgungskasse. Über eine Krankenversicherungskasse werden beim KSS weitere Überlegungen angestellt.

Missionsarbeit

In seiner letzten Sitzung hat das Amt für Evangelisation und Literatur der Gossnerkirche das Budget 1974, dessen Finanzierung von der Gossner Mission erbeten wird, mit Rps 345.775,80 festgestellt. Der gesamte Betrag schliesst die Arbeit in Mikir Hills (Assam Anchal), Südost-Region (Südost-Anchal), Bamra- und Sundargarh-Region (Orissa-Anchal), Udaipur- und Surguja-Gebiet (Nordwest-Anchal) und das Baghima-Gebiet des Madhya-Anchal ein. Das Amt für Evangelisation und Literatur hat in der gesamten Kirche einen Aufruf zur Mobilisierung der Missionsarbeit in der und durch die Gossnerkirche geplant.

Finanzfragen

Für den Monat Oktober 1973 wurde ein Konsultationsgespräch aller lutherischen Kirchen angesetzt, um die verschiedenen Tagesfragen, Probleme und Projekte, insbes. im Hinblick auf die Finanz- und Vermögensfragen der Kirche, zu diskutieren. Etwa zehn Delegierte (einschliesslich Laienführer, Männer und Frauen) aller neun lutherischen Kirchen Indiens werden an diesem Konsultationstreffen teilnehmen. Zu diesem Treffen werden auch einige Berater und Besucher erwartet.

Gottesdienst

Die Führer der Kirchen in Nordindien trafen sich in Rourkela, um über die dort geplante Konferenz über Fragen des Gottesdienstes zu beraten. An dieser Konferenz sollen Mitarbeiter der Kirchen und Laien, Männer und Frauen und die Jugend teilnehmen. Von der Gossnerkirche wurden etwa 60 Teilnehmer für diese im Januar 1974 stattfindende Konferenz genannt.

Hungersnot

Die schlechter werdende Nahrungsmittelversorgung ist das besorgniserregende Problem im Gebiet der Gossnerkirche. Durch die spät einsetzenden Regenfälle, die überdies nicht reichlich genug kamen, gehen die Bewohner dieser Region einer entsetzlichen Hungerkatastrophe entgegen. Die Lebensmittelpreise schnellen raketenartig in die Höhe. Die Regierung erklärt viele Distrikte von Bihar zur von der Hungersnot bedrohte Gebiete. Viele Billigpreisläden, die auf Lebensmittelkarten verkaufen, wurden zwar in diesem Gebiet eröffnet, aber trotz aller dieser Massnahmen und Anstrengungen verschlechtert sich die Situation laufend. Das Hilfs-Komitee der Gossnerkirche kann ebenfalls nicht gezielt eingreifen. Das Komitee erhielt vom Lutherischen Weltbund Rps 50.000,--, aber dieser Betrag ist inzwischen fast restlos verbraucht.

Ranchi, den 11.7.73
Lieber Bruder P. Seeborg,
Versuchen Sie, dass diesen Brief an Sie
so handschriftlich schreibe. Ich habe
den Report und Minute of BCL an Sie
schon geschickt. Hier wollte ich einigen
Beschlüsse von der S.S. Ihnen mitteilen.

Die K.S.S. Sitzung ging nicht in
die Richtung, wie manchen von uns
gedacht hatte. Nicht viel Neues
kam in unserer Beschlüsse. Wir
hatten sehr viel gegen einander gesprochen
bes. wegen Geld missbrauche. So kam
einmal der Punkt dass der Pramukh
zurück treten wollte. Pramukh, der
Treasurer und Mr. Bheupra wurden
angeklagt, dass sie das Geld der
Kirche missbraucht hätten. Sie haben
die Provident Fund ausgegeben wie
dass nicht sein sollte, Sie haben
dem AELC Press - Mr. Khess Rs. 40,000/
Gossner College in, in Rs. 30,000/(-?)

als Loan gegeben, Pramukh hat Rs. 26,000
aus dem Bank von Church account
ohne wissen von anderen herangeholt.
Pramukh, Rev. Anil und noch andere
Pastoren wurden ^{ganze} Provident Fund ^{gegeben}, dass
is gegen die Rule der P.F.

Der Pramukh sagt, er hätte Rs. 26,000/
Geld herangenommen für K.S.S. aber
es ist ein "open secret" dass er
zuerst versucht hatte, die Summe
zu verleugnen.
Wenn die AELC Press und Gossner
College haben kein Geld wie können
Sie die Loan zurück zahlen?
In K.S.S. wurde beschlossen für
"income audit" für diese Missbräuche,
aber was wird uns die audit
helfen, wenn da kein Geld ist?
So die Frage der neuen Verfassung
kam auf. Für die Gruppe, die

von NWA = Dr. Mund aufgenommen
 worden wurde in K.S.S. als Verfassung
 mündig erklärt und NWA wurde gesagt
 dass sie die Entscheidung rückgängig
 macht - Aber dachte manche von
 uns, dass vorschlag für wiederarbeit
 für eine neue Verfassung wird
 kommen, aber das kommt nicht.

Das Budget für BEL "evangelical
 Grant" wird Anfang August an
 Sie geschickt; Da wir diesmal
 ein neue 'Pay Scale' gemacht
 haben, welche in Jan. 74 in Kraft
 treten will, glaube ich die Summe
 wird zu hoch. Aber da in BEL (General
 account) ca Rs. 70,000/- wir balance
 haben, welche ist missbraucht, möchte
 bei nahe Ihnen vorschlagen, dass für 1973
 wir nur Gehalt Budget haben, construction
 und Land purchase können wir von dem
 Balance Rs. 70,000/- gebrauchen, sonst
 wird diese immer weiter missbraucht.
 Mit besten Grüßen,
 C.K.R. Singh

BY AIR MAIL
 PAR AVION
 हवाई पत्र
 AEROGRAMME



Eingegangen
 18. JUL 1973



An Herrn

Pastor M. Seeborg

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भेजने वाले का नाम और पता: SENDER'S NAME AND ADDRESS:

Dr. C.K. Paul Singh

Abz, Church

Ranli

भारत INDIA

G. E. L. CHURCH

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G. E. L. CHURCH

RANCHI, BIHAR/INDIA

The July 4, 1973

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13. JUL. 1973
Erledigt: J d. M.

The Mission Director

Pastor M. Seeberg

Gossner Mission

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Dear Sir,

After my arrival I had sent a letter addressed to you about my safe arrival here. In between the meetings of different Boards and the KSS are over. Herewith I am sending the Minute of the BEL Executive, my report of visiting East Germany and a short report about the congregation of Basia which you had suggested.

The minute of the KSS meeting will show that the 'deficit Problem' and 'the Acceptance of Seceeding group of Orissa Anchal' took different turn. Perhaps it is a better solution. I am not quite sure, but any how we did not come to a permanent solution of the problems. Our step for solution may lead to worse results, but we have to wait, the accounts for different heads/departments shall be separated in October 1973. This is according to my opinion still increasing the deficit using the money of other departments.

May I at this point request you to send the amount for Film, which I had requested you for the same.

Thanking you.

Yours sincerely,

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

Enclosed :

Director,

As stated above.

B. E. L.

- (i) One Pastor or Theological Teacher :- One Pastor from Gossner church to be sent to GDR for special Training in the life and work of church in trial and Socialistic country like GDR. In this way a Theological Teacher may be invited for our Gossner Theological College to teach subject like "Socialism and Christian Faith".
- (ii) Arrangement have to be made, specially by the Gossner church for Medical help from Christians in GDR through the nation BEL. In this respect the State Secretary for Religion Herr Hans Weise also expressed his willingness to assist in such programme.
- (iv) CFK programme can be intensified with co-operation of Christians in the Gossner church. The work has to be chanalised through the Regional Conference.

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Thankfully submitted.

Yours sincerely,

C.K. Paul Singh
Director, BEL

A SHORT REPORT OF MY VISIT TO GERMANY (GDR).

As invited by the Okumenisch-Missionarisches Amt, Berlin in co-operation with the CFK (Christian Peace Conference) after my travel arrangements I left Ranchi on 12th April, '73 for Berlin. There were much difficulties and problems to get a seat in the plane from Calcutta. So I had to fly a round about route, from Delhi to Berlin via Amsterdam. I reached Berlin (West) on 18th April, but without luggage - it got lost, and I got it only before my departure. I had to wait in West Berlin for my visa to visit GDR with the assistance of CFK. I had been granted a general visa by the GDR Government. So in my programme visit of many congregations, Youth Groups, Pastors' Conference, Church Councils, Church Leaders and Organisations' Leaders, like Bread for the World, CFK, Towards the end of my programme I had a reception by the State Secretary for Religion Herr Hans Weise.

From visit, talks and consultations I could gather the following experiences, insights and future plans :-

- (1) My visit was accepted as a service to the congregations in GDR. The theme of my speeches and our discussions show that they were not only informative but also encouraging and strengthening one another to live as christians in the given situations.
- (2) The christians in GDR have so far freedom and possibility to practise christian life within the church which presents good and characteristic example for christian faith.
- (3) The christians in GDR are ready to help people of other countries inspite of their own difficulties and problems. This could be in their hospitalities and collections for others.
- (4) The Christians in GDR, though in minority, are trying various ways and means to live in the country in the given situations. Many church leaders and church workers are facing extraordinary difficulties.
- (5) The christians and church leaders are ready to have relations with christians in other countries. Church of Berlin-Brandenburg had already made resolutions with this effect to have Partnership with Gossner Church in India. There are other Organisations which would like to have concrete forms of contact with the Gossner church, so as to help one another to live as christians. Federation of Churches, Bread for the World, CFK are ready to work with Gossner Church in this direction. On our talks and consultations with various leaders it was quite clear that they all want to deepen our relationship in a concrete form. Some possibilities are discussed and threshed out as follows :-
 - (i) Visit of church members from both sides : Guests as representatives from these churches be invited for special lectures and tour programmes. By the end of this year 1973 two can be invited. They can be helpful to intensify the 200 anniversary Jubilee of Father Gossner. When these two guests are with us we can express our would be visitors for GDR in the next year.
 - (ii) One Pastor or Theological Teacher :- One Pastor from Gossner Church could be sent to GDR for special Training in the life and work of churches in an Industrial and Socialistic country like GDR. In the other way a Theological Teacher may be invited for our Gossner Theological College to teach subject like "Socialism and Christian Faith".
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The meeting Thankfully submitted.

Ranchi, the 25th June, 1973.

Yours sincerely,
Sd/ C.K. Paul Singh
Director, BEL

MINUTE OF THE BEL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING RANCHI/INDIA.
held on 25th June, 1973 at Ranchi.

- The G.E.L. Church at Basia started about twenty years ago with ten members. The congregation was actually started by 1. Rev. J. Topno 4. Rev. S.S. Dungdung
2. Rev. Dr. N. Minz 5. " M. Jojo
3. Rev. N. Bhuinya 6. Rev. Dr. C.K. Paul Singh
Rev. S. Soreng, M.A. was present as visitor.
- I. Prayer :- The meeting was started with a word of prayer led by the chairman Rev. J. Topno
- II. Attendance :- The following members were present :
As there was only one point to be raised from the minute of last meeting it was agreed to include the same in Item IV here under.
- III. Budget for 1974, G.M. Grant :- The Director BEL referred to the talk with the Mission Director, Berlin about the early submission of the Budget for 1974, G.M. Grant. It was resolved that :-
"The budget of fields be submitted latest by 20th July '73. and on 25th July BEL Executive Committee shall meet to finalise the budget".
As per advice of the Mission Director, Berlin given to the Director BEL a budget for three workers in Baghima area of M.A. be included in the budget for 1974. It was resolved that :-
"The amount for three workers (Catechists) in Baghima area be given in budget for 1974 for Evangelistic grant". It was further resolved that :- "Thanks be expressed to G.M. Director for the generous advice and kind help extended to M. Anchal for Mission work in Baghima area".
- IV. G.E.L.C. Press, Ranchi :- (i) Bye-laws in regard with amalgamation of the Press and CCPH (matters from last minute); it was resolved that :-
"The Sub-Committee appointed for this purpose be reminded and requested to submit the draft Bye-law to the BEL latest by 20th July '73".
(ii) Contract for Service of the present Superintendent GELC Press Ranchi :- As the contract for service of the present Superintendent Mr. Bh. Khess is going to an end on 15th Nov. '73 the BEL has to make arrangement with this regard. It was resolved that :-
"In order to discuss the matter comprehensively the M/C Ad-hoc Committee be requested to send a detail report of performance of the Superintendent latest by 20th July, '73".
- V. Report of the Director, BEL of his visit to GDR :- The written report was read out by the Director. After some discussion it was resolved that :- (i) The report be accepted with appreciation. (ii) The report be sent to the KSS for needful action. (iii) Thanks be sent to the OMA, CFK and other friends for inviting the Director, BEL, Dr. Singh to visit GDR and for all arrangements done for him in order to make the visit successful and fruitful.
- VI. Other matters :- (i) Transfer of a Mission congregation to the established Ilaka :- The matter was raised referring to earlier talk and discussions with the Mission Director, Berlin. After a long discussion it was resolved that "the Director, BEL be authorised to point out congregations of the field with the help of the Supervisors, for transferring them to established Ilakas".
(ii) Mobilisation of the whole church for Mission Work :- After discussing various possibilities it was resolved that :- The Director BEL be authorised and requested to make tour programmes in the established congregations of the whole church to mobilise the people for Mission work. He also be authorised to take collections in such occasions and the amount be given direct to him for centralisation as many other organisations are allowed within the Church (Bible Society etc).

It was resolved that :- The minute be confirmed by the officers of the Board.

The meeting was closed after benediction.

Read & Confirmed.

Sd/. J. Topno, 27-6-73
Chairman.

Sd/. C.K. Paul Singh
Secy./Director, B.E.L.

G.E.L. CHURCH CONGREGATION AT BASIA, RANCHI/INDIA.

The G.E.L. Church at Basia started about twenty years ago with ten members from two families, who were working as Government workers in Basia. There were two new converts : Mr. B.S. Kindo, now Police Inspector and Dr. Paul Singh, now Director, BEL. The congregation was actually started by the zeal of these two converts. Later on with the co-operation of Panisani Ilaka (Madhya Anchal) the area was made as Mission Field. A catechist was appointed by this Ilaka.

As the two families left Basia and the other two converts also went away for their studies and training the congregation of Basia was discontinued. So the fruit of labour was available by the other denominations. After some years as the centre of Block Development was established in Basia, some more christians came. So the congregation was again re-established, but now under the supervision of Govindpur Ilaka. The Church services were conducted by the volunteers. In 1960's the field was declared as Mission Field. An amount was included in the Budget of LWF Grant for Evangelistic work, Meantime a budget for church construction was also included in LWF grant, but it was not granted.

At present a full time Catechist has been appointed. There are about 35 members in the congregation from eleven families. Some of them are singly baptised from non-christian families. Most of them are Government employees in Block. There are some teachers and students who are in the Roman Catholic High School and Training School at Nawatoli. As the congregation is growing, the members are compelled to construct a chapel. Till now they are conducting church services in different places, mostly in the House/Verandas of the Government Employees. When they are transferred the place of worship has to be shifted in some other convenient place, agreeable to all church goers. The plan of constructing a chapel has been thought since long ago as mentioned above, but it is not yet materialised. As the most of the members are employees and students the continuation of idea and collections for this purpose had been discontinued. Those who are permanent in the congregation are singly baptised and if the whole family (only two are such) they are very poor to give contribution for this purpose.

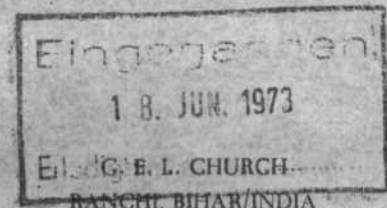
The congregation has already started to construct the chapel foundation laid in 1972 measuring 19ft. X 44ft. but due to financial difficulties not even plinth is raised. They had collected Rs 400/- with which they have some 1000 cut-pieces of stones. The estimated amount of construction is Rs. 5,000/- the amount may increase for the prices of all materials are rising. The estimate is limited due to their own strength, but need according to the size of the congregation is greater, so the real estimate may go up to Rs. 10,000/-

As stated above.

C. K. Paul Singh

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The June 11, 1973.

Mission Director,
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W. Germany.

Dear Sir,

As a matter of great joy I arrived here at Ranchi on the 8th June very safely. As the Planes were late both in Amsterdam and new Delhi I had no trouble in getting the planes. In Ranchi people were not quite certain when I would return so no one came to the Aerodrom, my family also did not come because the driver is on leave and the Jeep was at the disposal of Schwester Ilse Martin. So I took the Taxi and it was a surprise for my family and specially for my children. They were very happy to see me again.

Herewith I express my hearty thanks to you all, in your family and in the Gossner Mission, for everything you have done for me; The visit was for me a pleasant one and I hope it will bring good fruits for us in Gossner Church and for the christians in Germany. I shall report to the KSS meeting on 26-30th June about my visit and about our talks with you.

Schwester Ilse Martin was here at Ranchi but I could not see her. Her Jeep may arrive in these days. The weather is still very hot, in Delhi it was 32°C in the morning when I arrived from Amsterdam. In Ranchi it is near 25°-30°C. One 9th and 10th there was a slight rain. So we have these days a better weather cool and fresh.

The prices of all commodities are going up rapidly, many of them are not available on the market, so the food situation is becoming worse. Mrs Gandhi was to come on 9th June, there were many preparations for demonstration. The "Jharkhand Party" also had a big preparation, but Mrs Gandhi did not come and people were unhappy because they could not show their cry of hunger for food and freedom. The situation in Bihar specially in South-Bihar is tense and explosive. But almost same in the situation in the church. Many kinds of talks are going on, but no one knows what actually will happen in our next KSS. You know the discussion of Dr. N. Minz, but others are not ready to go in his way.

With my greetings and best of my regards,

Yours sincerely,

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

Director,

B. E. L.

P.s. Ich hatte ein Gespräch mit dem Pramukh, er erzählte mir, dass die Gruppe, die sich als Dharampradesh gemacht hatte mit Dr. Minz gebeten hatte sich in NW 4 aufzunehmen, NW Anchal hat durch Dr. N. Minz diese christen aus Orissa Anchal in NW Anchal aufgenommen. Diese ist als ein "Interference" in Orissa Anchal gesonnen und wird in nächste KSS als complaint gegen N. Minz kommen.

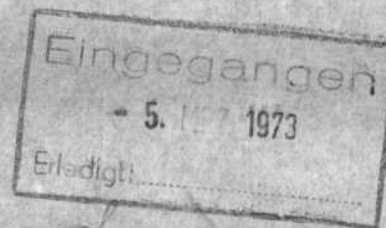
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The 26. Feb. 1973

An das

Lutherische Kirchenamt

- Auslandsreferat -

3000 Hanover 1

Postfach 1860

*Ran H.
für Westd.
H. 6.3.73*

Sehr verehrte Herren,

Vielen Dank für die verschiedene Pakete, die hier zu meiner Anschrift eingegangen sind. Wegen Postverkehrsschwierigkeiten waren vielleicht die Pakete sehr spät angekommen. Da ich heute Ihren Brief vom 15. Feb mit Einlage bekommen habe möchte ich diesen Brief an Sie schreiben und auch die Formulare mitschicken. Ich danke sehr herzlich auch für die nachgesandte Büchern. Ich glaube sehr, daß auch auf diese Weise ich mich für meine Arbeit gut ausrüsten kann. Ich hoffe sehr, daß ich auch die Zeitschrift DOGMA UND KERYGMA von Ihnen zugesandt bekomme.

Mit herzlichen Dank und Grüße,

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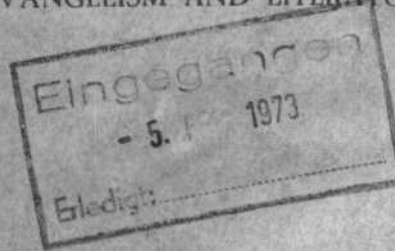
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G. E. L. CHURCH
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The January 30, 1973.

Dear Brother Pastor Seeberg,

Many thanks for your letters addressed to me and the copies of letters addressed to others. I should have written earlier, but sorry, I could not do so. Meanwhile I have received also the invitation letters (copies) sent from Gossner Mission Office. I received the original invitation letter also as Director Dr. Blanert had left behind at Ranchi for me. I am extremely sorry that I could not meet him at Ranchi. His letter came on January 10, 1973 after I had left Ranchi on January 7th for a 15 days - Tour Programme in Orissa. I came back to Ranchi on 22nd January, but then he had already left Ranchi. So I missed either way. I am writing a separate letter to him please pass it on to him.

From January 22-26, 1973 we had the KSS meeting. I hope you shall be getting the full minute of the meeting. This was a budget session, it was found that 1972 account has been closed with a deficit of Rs.72,000.00. For 1973 and 1974 we have decreased the amount in the Budget. However a new post has been created for the Ex-Pramukh Adhyaksh. He has been made Project-Director with a salary of Rs.400/- p.m. His appointment in Khuntitoli could not be realised. So after much discussions and deliberations he has been given this post.

The Chairman for Education Board and for Property Board received negative corroborative vote from Assam. Pramukh Adhyaksh and myself have been appointed Commission to go to Assam for negotiation. I had already planned to visit Mikir Hills after the KSS. I shall be going on the 2nd February 1973 along with the KSS members of Assam. The Pramukh Adhyaksh shall fly afterwards.

My wife and children are again sick since 24th January, '73. Treatment is going on and I hope that they shall be better before I leave for Assam.

Regarding my trip to GDR, I shall start arrangements after coming back from Assam. I hope by that time travel cost(fare) shall be deposited in any of the AIR LINES. It will be very good and convenient for me if the return fare will be deposited as Ranchi-N.Delhi - Frankfurt-Berlin-Frankfurt-N.Delhi-Ranchi. If the money is not yet deposited please ask Pastor Schottstadt at your earliest convenience and request the AIR LINE to inform me or the Travel Agent giving my full address.

Herewith I am sending my yearly report(1972) and ~~meeting~~ minute of the BEL last meeting. Please pass one copy of the report to Pastor Schottstadt or Director Dr. Blanert.

Thanking you, and with my greetings.

Yours sincerely,

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

Director, BEL.

*Ps. Your letter's copy addressed to Dr. J,
has been received by me,*

Thank you.

B.E.L. FULL MEETING ON "22-2-1973"

1. PRAYER : The meeting was started with a word of prayer led by the Chairman Rev. J. Topno.
2. ATTENDANCE: The following were present :-
1) Rev. J. Topno, Chairman, 2) Rev. M. Jojo, 3) Rev. N. Bhuiya, 4) Mr. N. Kerketta, 5) Rev. C.S.B. Horo, 6) Rev. S. Dungdung, 7) Rev. H.M. Bage, and 8) Rev. Dr. C.K. Paul Singh.
3. MATTERS FROM OLD MINUTES : (i) 30-9-72 Item iv Request of the Supervisor Rev. I. Guria :
Amount for Manikdanga Construction.
As per advice and order the Director BEL found out the amount from the following sources :-
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| Sakaries 1971 One Pastor | Rs. 2,238.60 |
| Two Catechists | 4,080.00 |
| Salary 1972 One Pastor | 2,238.60 |
| Total. | Rs. 8,556.20 |
- Resolved that out of this amount Rs. 8,297.00 be given for construction in Manikdanga.
(ii) Minute 2-11-72 Item iv (ii) BYE-LAWS FOR GELC PRESS:
This was supplied to the members and then resolved after due consideration that Part II or further part be suggested to the BEL. If not yet formed, the M/C of the Press be requested to form the Bye-laws and submit the same to the BEL/KSS.

4. POSTPONEMENT OF THE MEETING :

As a protest note from Rev. Dr. N. Minz (member NWA) was received by the chairman BEL regarding the time of meeting, the meeting was postponed. Further it was noted that the notice for BEL meeting was given for afternoon on the 22nd January, 1973 and most of the members were present and it was expected that all members were to be available in the afternoon in or around the meeting place.

The meeting was closed with a word of prayer.

Sd/. C.K. Paul Singh
22/1/73

Secretary, BEL

Read & Confirmed

Sd/. J. Topno 22-1-73
Chairman.

MINUTE OF THE ENLARGED EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
OF BEL.

held at Ranchi on 24-1-1973.

- I. PRAYER :- The meeting was started with a word of prayer offered by the Rev. J. Topno.
- II. ATTENDANCE :- The following members were present :-
1) Rev. J. Topno, Chairman, 2) Rev. Dr. N. Minz, 3) Rev. M. Jojo, 4) Rev. S. Dungdung, 5) Mr. N. Kerketta, 6) Rev. N. Bhuiya and Rev. Dr. C.K. Paul Singh.
- III. YEARLY REPORT (1972) THE YEARLY REPORT (1972) INCLUDING REPORTS FROM FILDS, GELC PRESS (Audit Report) AND CCPH was presented by the Director. The report was received and accepted with appreciation. The needs, which are mostly very much the same were pointed out,

specially that of Udaipur were raised for discussion and were noted that the new appointments and Hostel are very urgent in the field.

IV. SURGUJA MATTER :- The problems and needs of Surguja Mission Fields were raised. It was noted that Budget for 1973 is still in a deficit of Rs. 95,000.00.

It was reported that the New Anchal has taken concrete steps to meet the situation, viz for 1973 about Rs. 700.00 p.m. has been arranged as per decision that @ Rs. 1.00 from all Catechists and @ Rs. 2/- from all pastors and teachers within NWA have to be collected p.m. It was also reported that an appeal for "Surguja Day" on 11th Feb. '73 has been sent out in the Gossner Church. The NWA has taken necessary steps to make this appeal a success. It was expressed by the committee that All Anchals/Adhyakshas be requested to circulate the appeal in their own way for the success.

Considering the big task and its contribution in the field effectively it is resolved that :

- (1) Invitations be sent to the following officers for an on the spot visit of the field in the first week of March '73.
 - (i) The Secretary for Asia, BWM, LCA.
 - (ii) The Mission Director, GM.
 - (iii) The Asia Secretary, LWF.
- (2) Director BEL and the Pramukh Adhyaksh also shall join the visiting group, atleast for the talk.
- (3) Plans and projects for the field be ready before the talk.

V. EXTRACTS FROM THE MINUTE OF THE KSS IN SESSION :

Extract from the minute of the KSS in session of. 23rd Jan. '73 have been received. The extracts in regard with the GELC Press and the CCPH are as follows :

- (1) Disolution of the M/C of the Institutions and formation of an ad-hoc committee for both institutions.
The Enlarged Executive Committee, BEL after due considerations accepts the resolution of the KSS and desolves the existing M/Cs of the GELC Press and CCPH and further resolves to form an ad-hoc committee of the following members :
 - 1) The Pramukh Adhyaksh, Rev. J. Topno Chairman Ex-Officio,
 - 2) Rev. Dr. N. Minz, 3) Rev. M. Tete, 4) Shri A.K. Kerketta,
 - 5) Rev. Dr. C.K. Paul Singh.

Rev. M. Tete is appointed Secretary for the Ad-hoc Committee.

The above decision of the Executive Committee shall come into effect beginning with 10th Feb. '73 and the Ad-hoc committee shall function till the Bye-laws for GELC Press and the CCPH are ready and implemented.

- (2) PREPARATION OF THE DRAFT BYE-LAWS FOR THE PRESS & CCPH :
The Executive Committee after a good deal of discussions resolves to form a small committee of three members to draft Bye-laws, the small committee is also empowered to co-opt any person for help in drafting the Bye-laws.

The following members are appointed for the small committee:

- 1) Rev. J. Topno (Pramukh Adhyaksh) Convener
- 2) Rev. M. Tete, and 3) Rev. C.B. Aind.

VI. GHARBANDHU : - §1) Change in the name of Editor :

Resolved that the name of Editor, Gharbandhu, be changed from that of Ex-Pramukh Adhyaksh (Rev. C.B. Minz) into the name of new Pramukh Adhyaksh (Rev. J. Topno) with effect from 1st February 1973. To this effect all necessary steps be taken as early as possible.

§2) Associate Editor :- The chairman reported about the resignation of Rev. Dr. C.K. Paul Singh from Associate Editorship of Gharbandhu. The Enlarged Executive discussed the matter from various points of views and resolved that Rev. Dr. C.K. Paul Singh be requested to resume his work as Associate Editor of Gharbandhu, Executive Committee assures full co-operation and help in the work.

Further it was resolved that the same members of the Editorial committee shall continue to function with the new Editor.

VII. PUNHIKA (1973) :- It was reported that Panjika (1973) published by the CCPH is being circulated with some additional Directory Edition into it. It was resolved that the Ad-hoc committee newly formed for GELC Press & CCPH be asked to enquire into the matter as to who has done this and to take necessary steps for legal action.

VIII. REQUEST OF MADHYA ANCHAL :- The Madhya Anchal has submitted plans and estimate for (1) Pastor & Pracharak Quarters, (2) Dispensary, (3) Boundary Wall for the Mission Field Baghima Area.

After due discussions it was resolved that :

"At this juncture it will be good to keep the request pending. At the same time the body feels that the Madhya Anchal be helped in its mission work in Baghima area. The Director BEL is requested to contact GM. Berlin for help beginning with two workers in the field.

IX. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTE :

The Chairman and the Secretary be authorised to confirm the minute.

The Meeting was closed with a word of prayer led by Rev. C.S.B. Horo

Read & Confirmed

Sd/. J. Topno

Chairman, BEL

Sd/. C.K. Paul Singh
25-1-73

Secretary, BEL.

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Yearly Report (1972) of the Director.

Dear Friends,

We thank God that again one year (1972) has come to an end, the year was mixed with joy, anxiety and uncertainty. The Director's activities were very busy in the year, except the month of May in which he fell sick. The activities can be reported as follows :-

I. IN THE CENTRE : Besides dispatching various types of regular informations, Reminders, Corrections, letters etc. Appeal for Surguja Mission Day, Mission Festival Message and monthly Magazine "Gharbandhu" were also sent through our office. Films and slides of Biblical messages were shown in Ranchi. Arrangements were also made for supply and distribution of tracts, gospel portions, booklets etc.

II. TOUR & VISIT PROGRAMMES : In the year extensive tour programmes were made for almost all mission fields except that of Mikir Hills. In February area of the Orissa Anchal (in Sundargarh and Sambalpur districts) were covered; during the visit programme 75 persons were baptised. Some fields were surveyed for new works and it is a matter of great joy that new doors are getting opened in Sundargarh districts. After a long silence, loud calling is come from the area. In the month of April tour was conducted in the area of S.E. Anchal (Singhbhum, Midnapur, Mayurbhanj and Keyonjhar districts). During the tour programme 25 new converts were baptised. It was rather surprising and encouraging experience that in many congregations new christians are not only suffering inconveniences and difficulties but also persecution, but they are firm in faith.

In December the director had a tour programme in Udaipur Mission Field of N.W. Anchal. I had a thrilling experience that 105 converts were baptised, 62 persons in one place, the highest number I have ever baptised in one time. The tour in the area was very short but was enough for orientation and further planning.

The tour programmes (in March) for Mikir Hills Field of Assam Anchal could not be realised due to other unavoidable programmes at the centre. It is expected that in February or March 1973 this field can be visited. Similarly Surguja Mission Field also could not be visited. The Director was invited to visit GDR in Oct. '72, but this was also not realised due to some delay in clearing travel documents.

Tour and visit programmes are very essential for the future planning of projects and also for encouraging and admonishing the workers and the new converts. Visit of Church Officers are outward strength for christians in the Mission fields.

III. REFRESHER COURSES & BIBLE CLASSES : Refresher Course for the Pastors of the Gossner Church was arranged in Ranchi. The Director had a chance to give series of lectures on "Missiology" and thus had tried to give new insight for the responsibility and possibility Mission Work in and by the Gossner Church. In the Course of year the Director was invited by many Ilakas and Youth Groups, Mahila Samitis and Interdenominational Organisations etc. to give talks on different subjects very much related to the Mission Work.

In the last week of October and in the first half of December Refresher Classes were arranged in two places for Mission Workers of the fields. Due to financial difficulties Workers of Mikir Hills and Surguja Mission fields were not included. In this year subjects of teaching for the classes were selected and given mainly by the Pastors of fields themselves. The Director held only the Bible study on the subject "LIGHT". much time were spent on reports and discussions there upon. Means and methods for new effective approach in fields and for consolidating of the new christians were also discussed.

IV. PUBLICATION & EQUIPMENTS FOR MISSION WORK : As per Budget some tracts, pamphlets and booklets were published in order to support our works in the area effectively. Different tracts in the language of the area were also arranged from Bible Society and other such Interdenominational organisations. For two half years Gharbandhus. For two and half years Gharbandhu was under the joint responsibility of the Pramukh Adhyaksh and the Director BEL, with his Assistant. The Magazine had

been thus regularised in its publications and dispatching. The Director had tried his best through this means also to draw the attentions of the Gossner Christians and specially of the readers towards the responsibility of mission work. Towards the later quarter of the year the Director resigned from the work of Associate Editorship of the Gharbandhu.

As per decision of the BEL some equipment have been acquired for our help in the work; Radiogramme, Projectors-set and a 16 mm film: - "Transformed Life" are main of them. We are expecting every now and then for a Generator, without which our work seems still to be limited.

V. THE REPORT FROM THE FIELDS, THE G.E.L.C. PRESS & THE CHOTANAGPUR CHRISTIAN PUBLICATION HOUSE :

These reports shall be/are attached herewith as they are prepared and sent to us.

VI. SOME REMARKS AND RECOMMENDATIONS :-

There are certain difficulties and problems in many areas, some of them are local but others are general to all fields. Many field workers are suffering due to weak relations of the Anchals with the field. In some places field is suffering due to administrative disorders. These can be very well put under orders. Many of these remarks and recommendations have been expressed in the past, therefore, they can be mere repetitions.

1. PROPER PLANNING OF PROJECTS (purchasing of land, Construction etc) and works is very much needed. For this Director BEL needs help and co-operations from the Anchals, under which the fields are administratively given. Close relations between the fields and the Anchals along with the Director seems to be a must for further effective work. Similarly the Mission Works in the Ilakas also be guided in this way for better result.
2. THE CHURCH IS A WHOLE and THE DIFFERENT ANCAHALS be prepared to meet any eventuality in regard with financial matter for the fields. This has been also already expressed by the Director since he has been given this post. A RESERVE FUND FOR THE WORK is a must in the Anchals as well as in the centre.
3. AS THE GELC PRESS AND THE CHOTANAGPUR CHRISTIAN PUBLISHING HOUSE is under this Board, I still suggest that the Press be put direct under the KSS (may along with other institutions of this type) and only the Publishing House be kept under BEL. The plan of amalgamation of the two shall ruinous for both the actions unless proper arrangement be made. Rules and regulations be made clearly and elaborately.

On behalf of the co-workers and new christians thanks and gratitude are expressed to all friends and well-wishers here and abroad their kind support and co-operations in this UNFINISHED TASK OF GOD.

Thankfully submitted.

Sd/. Rev. Dr. C.K. Paul Singh

Director & Secretary

Ranchi,
The 22nd January, 1973.

पुराने जे० एम० बी० क्षेत्र का वार्षिक रिपोर्ट ।

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मान्यवर,

डाइरेक्टर वो०ई०एल०,

जे०ई०एल० चर्च रांची ।

महोदय,

मैं निम्न प्रकार पुराने जे० एम० बी० क्षेत्र के राज्यवृद्धि कार्य का वार्षिक रिपोर्ट पेश करता हूँ

१, क्षेत्र का विचारण :- क्षेत्र के विचारण में कोई विशेष हेर फेर नहीं हुई है । अब तक विहार के सिन्धुभूम जिले, बंगाल के भिदनापुर जिले तथा उड़ीसा के कोओंकर और मयुरभूम जिले हो के अन्तर्गत राज्यवृद्धि का कार्य हो रहा है । इस वर्ष भिदनापुर क्षेत्र के अन्तर्गत नाहा-पाड़ा और कृष्ण नगर को नयी जगहों में काम आरम्भ की गयी है । उसी प्रकार सिन्धुभूम जिले के नाहटी पेरिश के अन्तर्गत हकगोइ और लोंजो में भी काम चालू है । जशीपुर पेरिश के अन्तर्गत सताप जगहों के बीच जागृति का कारण विस्तार दे रहा है । उसी प्रकार जगन्नाथपुर पेरिश के अन्तर्गत पूर्वी और पश्चिमी भागों में हो लोमों के बीच आश की कलक है ।

२, कर्मचारियों का विचारण :- क्षेत्र में साल के अन्त तक ४२ कर्मचारी कार्यरत हैं जिनमें सुपरवैजर के साथ ५ पात्री, १ कन्विक्ट २ शिक्षक, ३ अर्ध वेतन भागी प्रचारक और ३५ पूर्ण वेतन भागी प्रचारक हैं । जाति के आधार पर मुन्डा, हो और सतापी माध्यम के कर्मचारी गण हैं । उपरोक्त कर्मचारियों के अलावे चम्पुआ में जमीन और घर रवा के निमित्त ६ अस्थाई चौकीदार रखा गया है जिसकी नये प्रचारक के वहाँ जाने से छुट्टी दी जाइगी ।

३, ख्रिस्तान जनसमुह विचारण :-

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| वधितरमा संख्या | १८३२ |
| कु० कु० सं० | ६२५ |
| नये धर्मसंजकों की वधितरमा सं० | ८५ । |

१८७२ साल का जनगणना का हिसाब अगामी क्वार्टरली रिपोर्ट में अथवा मर्चुमसुमारी रिपोर्ट में दिया जायगा । शिर्ष नये धर्मसंजकों की संख्या उपलब्ध है जिसकी सं० कुल १५८ है । जाति के विचार से क्षेत्र के अन्तर मुन्डा, हो, सतापी, गौड़, टमांडिया मुन्डा और उराँव लोग प्रसीद्ध हुये हैं ।

४, क्षेत्र के कोई विचारण :- सारा क्षेत्र चार क्षेत्रों में बाँटा गया है । अर्थात् [१] बंगाल में कोइसाल पेरिश जिसका पेरिश चेयरमेन पा० ख्रिस्तावस जोजो, उनके साथ एक कन्विक्ट और १२ प्रचारक । [२] उड़ीसा में जशीपुर पेरिश जिसका पेरिश चेयरमेन पा० मनोहर होरो और उनके साथ ६ प्रचारकगण । [३] सिन्धुभूम जिले में जगन्नाथपुर पेरिश पा० हेमन्त हसदा एनवारो १८७३ से वहाँ के पेरिश चेयरमेन हैं । १८७२ में डः भहिना पा० मसीजदास टुटटी वहाँ के इनचर्ज थे, कारण उस उसे अवकाश दिया गया । उसके बाद कन्विक्ट प्रियुस तोपनो डिस्मर ७२ तक वहाँ इनचर्ज रहे गये । पात्री की सेवकाई का भार सुपरवैजर के हाथ में था । अब उच्च की ओर से प्रियुस तोपनो की वट्टी जनवरी १८७३ से मनोहरपुर कर दी गयी है । [४] फिर सिन्धुभूम जिले के अन्तर्गत नकटी पेरिश भी है जिसका पेरिश चेयरमेन पा० हलन समेत है और उसके साथ १२ प्रचारक १ शिक्षक और पा० हेमन्त हसदा डिस्मर के अन्त तक रहे ।

५, घर निर्माण विचारण :- १८७२ साल में निम्न जगहों में घरों का निर्माण हुआ, संस्कार भी कर दिया गया है ।

[१] कोइसाल पेरिश के मालजमुना में एक आस्थायी आराधनालय बनाया गया ।

[२] फिर कोइसाल साल में पात्री बटरी से सटा हुआ प्रचारक का घर बनाया गया है ।

[३] रोमाटिया में प्रचारक का क्वार्टर अलग से बनाया गया है । पहले के क्वार्टर में आराधना चलाया जाता है । उसको गिरा घर का रूप देना आवश्यक है ।

[४] जगन्नाथपुर पेरिश के अन्तर जरीपुरा में एक गिरा घर बनाया गया है ।

[५] कुरुझीकोच में ६ गिरा घर बनाया गया है ।

[६] धारे में पात्रों के मदद पर एक स्कूल घर बनाया गया है ।

[७] सागड़ुड़ी में प्रचारक का डेरा बनाया गया है ।

[८] मनोहरपुर में पाद्री क्वार्टर प्रकृश मकान बनाया गया है । मकान की बाहरी प्लास्टर तथा भीतर गच की तैयारी बाकी है । ७३ के जनवरी पम्बरवरी तक तैयार हो जाएगा ।

६, भराम्मती कार्य विचारण :- शिशुवा में प्रचारक का डेरा, बाहरेडा में आराधनालय, बोड़सोल में पाद्री मकान, बोड़पाट में प्रचारक डेरा और जगनाथपुर में गिर्जे घर की छत भराम्मती ।

७, राज्यदृष्टि कार्य में बधाये :- दुःख की बात है कि इस साल कितने जगहों में हमारे ही कर्मचारियों के द्वारा ठोकर के काम हुए जिससे उन क्षेत्रों में कार्य मंदा पड़ गया था पर तीसरी ठोकरों की स्थिति को जल्द दूर किया जा कर ऐसे स्थानों में सुधार की नयी आत्मा का संचार दिया गया है और अब परिस्थिति अच्छी हालत में है । इसके अलावे बाहर की ओर से भी बाधारे निकली थी जिनके साथ अजलत में भी मुठभेड़ होना पड़ा । ईश्वर की दया से इस ओर से भी समझौता हो कर शांति के मार्ग पर कदम बढ़ाया गया है । एककालों के होते हुए भी हमारे विश्वस्त कर्मचारियों ने बड़े धीरज और गम्भीरता से प्रभु की अगुवाई में अपना कार्य सम्पन्न किया है । जिससे अब क्षेत्र में नया जोश पैदा हुआ है । खोले है १८७३ में क्षेत्र के कार्य में प्रभु का आत्मा हमें नयी तरीके में अगुवाई करेगा ।

८, भौ मन्डलियों की आत्मिक और लौकिक उन्नति के उपाय :- हमारे बाहरेक्टर साहब की अगुवाई और सलाह मोताविक हमारे टोपू० अंचल समिति ने हमें साल में तीन या चार बार क्षेत्र के पादियों का मिनिस्टरियम बैठकी करने का अदेश दिया है जिसके अनुसार इस साल दो बैठकियां हो चुकी हैं । बैठकी में राज्यदृष्टि कार्य की सफलता और आगे बढ़ाने की योजना बनायी गयी । फैसले मोताविक कार्य करना भी आरम्भ कर दिया गया है । विशेष कर मन्डलियों में धर्म भेला का होना, नये भसीहियों के शिक्षा के लिये मन्डलियों में समान स्थान और भौका ठहराना, सन्डेस्कूल और रात्री पाठशाला का निभापि करना तथा लोगों की समाजिक और लौकिक दसा सुधार के लिये भी शिक्षा देना और हर तरह से इन नवजन्म मन्डलियों को आत्मपालन को ओर चलाना ही परम उद्देश्य रहा ।

योजनाये कार्य-सम्पन्न हो रहे हैं अथवा नहीं इसके लिये पेरिश की कर्मचारी बैठकियों में एक दूसरे से रिपोर्ट लिये जाते हैं । भाइयों की लौकिक उन्नति के लिये क्षेत्रवारी के तरीके भी कितने कर्मचारियों द्वारा सिखाये गये और बहुतों को फायदा प्राप्त हुआ । कलौसिया की ओर से ठहराये हुये हर तरह के जान और देनों पर भी नये भसीहियों को शिक्षा दी जा रही है ।

९, लीरे के प्रोग्राम - इन साल बाहरेक्टर के साथ सुपरमैजर का टूर प्रोग्राम क्षेत्र के अधिकांश जगहों में हुआ और क्षेत्र के कर्मचारियों तथा नये भसीहियों को साहस और आनन्द मिला इसके अलावे सुपरमैजर की ओर से हर महीना पेरिशों में पहुँच कर समय पर मन्डली के घरों का मुलाहिजा करने का भी यत्न किया गया ।

१०, आवश्यकताये :- [कि] कर्मचारियों के लिये प्रचार करने की सामग्री की आवश्यकता है । धीरे धीरे इन सामग्रीओं का जोगाड़ होने से क्षेत्र के कार्य में और भी भवद आ सकेगा । जैसे पुराने और नये नियम के तस्बोरे, कम काम का ग्रामोफोन, महाजनी दवाओं के लिये कुछ रकम की नज़ूरी, गान भजन के औजारों ।

[सि] इस महंगाई के बढ़ाने में कर्मचारियों की आर्थिक सहायता के निमित्त मेरा विचार है कि कुछ हद तक उनके बीवेन्स में वृद्धि कर दिया जाय जितने कि वे लौकिक चिन्ता को परोक्षाओं से वंचित रह सकें ।

अन्त में प्रभु के इस महान कार्य को आगे बढ़ाने के लिये वही मार्ग और ज्योति है ।

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ईश्वर पिता की असीम अनुग्रह से जो कुछ कार्य १८७२ में हुआ उसका संक्षिप्त रिपोर्ट कमीशन के अधिकारियों को सन्निहित करता हूँ। उत्तमपुर मिशन फ़िल्ड मध्य प्रदेश प्रान्त के रायगढ़ जिला में स्थित है। यहाँ ४६ कर्मचारी कार्य कर रहे हैं जिन में तीन पाद्री लुडेग, पत्थलगवि और तोलमा पेरिश में रह कर अपना कार्य क्षेत्र सम्भालते हैं, प्रचारक ४२ और १ प्रचारिका क्षेत्र में ससमाचार प्रचार का कार्य कर रहे हैं। क्षेत्र में छोटी बड़ी ४८ मन्डलियाँ हैं जिनमें ३ नयी मन्डली १८७२ में स्थापित हुई हैं।

१८७२ के जनगणना के अनुसार :- [१] घर परिवार संख्या ४५३, [२] वपतिमा सं० २४८८, [३] ल० व० सं० ८६२, [४] चलक व० ५०, [५] ध० व० सं० १८७ [६] गि० घर १३ और [७] मृ० संख्या १३।

कार्य विचारण संख्या :- [१] नाइट स्कूल - इस वर्ष रात्री पाठशाला २०-२८ तक साधारणतः चलाये गये। विद्यार्थियों की सं० म० सं० के अनुसार ३३८ है। यह स्कूल हास कर कटनी समुदायों पर टूट जाता है क्योंकि लोग सेतों की रखवाली आदि में फँस जाते हैं। इस कार्य से नसीबियों की धार्मिक शिक्षा भी ली जाती है। छोटे लोग मसोही भी हो जाते हैं। अन्य सेवा के कार्य के साथ साथ प्रचारक ही रात्री पाठशाला का शिक्षक है।

[२] सन्डे स्कूल - इस क्षेत्र में कुल ११ सं० स्कूल और कु विद्यार्थी १६८ हैं। सभी मन्डलियों में सं० स्कूल चलाना सम्भव नहीं है। क्योंकि कहीं कहीं तो वच्चों का अभाव है। कहीं कहीं माता प्रिता वच्चों को प्रति दिन के कार्य से छुट्टी नहीं देते हैं। कहीं कहीं ऐसा है कि कर्मचारी ही इस शिक्षा में दुर्लभ है।

[३] माता समाज - प्रचारिका के इस क्षेत्र में कार्य करने के कारण माता समाज १४ स्थानों में प्रचारकों वा प्रचारिन लोगों के द्वारा चलाये जाते हैं। प्रचारिका मन्डी वीरा के समय माता समाज का निरीक्षण करती है। महीलाओं के बीच जागृती लाने के लिये मार्च २१-२२ तक महीला शिक्षा क्लास का आयोजन किया गया था जिसमें लक्षापुगी संख्या में भाग ली थी। प्रचारिका हर मास अपने वीरे का प्रोग्राम बनाती है और सुपरमैजर से मंजूरी कराती है और वीरा करती है। बाकी समय जट सेन्टर में रहती है तब रोगियों की सेवा करती है और केन्द्र के सन्डे स्कूल और माता समाज को चलाती है। समय समय पर गाँव में भी घुमती है और सुसमाचार सुनाती है।

[४] डेवल क्लास - १८७२ में शिक्षा क्लास तोलमा पेरिश के तोलमा मंडली में किया गया। शिक्षक बाहर से निर्वाचित थे, पर सिर्फ ७०५० के अचल अध्यापक ही उस क्लास में उपस्थित थे। तोलमा बहुत दूर होने के कारण २००-३०० तक क्लास की उपस्थिति थी। क्लास उत्साह पूर्ण थी।

[५] पादर्यों की सेवाकार्य - पाद्री अपने क्षेत्र का कार्य निरीक्षण करता है। सुसमाचार प्रचार कोलले समय समय पर प्रचार केम का आयोजन करता है। इसके अलावा मन्डली में सक्रियता से सेवाकार्य के समय घर घर जाता है। मन्डलियों से धर्मियों का ससमाचार आने पर पाद्री उनकी सेवा के लिये जाता है। सुपरमैजर अपने क्षेत्र का वीरा कहीं वो बार वहाँ तीन बार से अधिक परन्तु कहीं कहीं एक ही बार जा सकता है क्योंकि कलीश के और काम में भी उसका समय व्यतित होता है।

[६] शिक्षा की योजना - इस वर्ष सुसमाचार प्रचार एवं प्रार्थना करने कोलिये मंडली के भाई वहेनो को शिक्षाने की थी। बहुत मन्डलियों में यह काम सफल हुआ पर बहुतों ने अपना लक्ष्य को भूल गया।

[७] ईश्वर की असीम कृपा से इस वर्ष रेगावि, चारो गुज़, पिपराही और लाईडजाम में नई मंडली स्थापित हुई हैं।

घर निमणि - इस वर्ष ऐसा घर निमणि का योजना था जैसा घर बनाना सम्भव नहीं हुआ। चिकनीपानी एवं हेखरापारा और डम्बरव्हर में घर बनाना था। पर चिकनीपानी और हेखरापारा में जमीन न मिलने के कारण नहीं बनाया जा सका। इस वर्ष डम्बरव्हर में प्रचारक-घर और गिजधर बनाया गया और चारखप्पर में प्रचारक-घर बनाया गया। तोलमा पाद्री घर का अधुरा कार्य किया गया। फिर बर्बजोड़, सिवारपारा के शिक्षा के गिजधर का मरामत किया गया। घटगाँव के प्रचारक का भी मरामत किया गया।

जमीन खरीदो - इस वर्ष जमीन के लिये रुपया न मिलने के कारण जमीन नहीं लिया जा सका फिर भी चिकनीपानी और हेखरापारा में जमीन खरीदो कर लिया गया है, जिसका रजिस्ट्रेशन २८७३ में कराना है क्योंकि कुछ रुपया जमीनवालों को दे दिया गया है। फिर कुकुरमुका और डम्बरव्हर के जमीन को भी रजिस्ट्रेशन कराना है। फिर सिवारपारा और घटगाँव के जमीन को दाव देना है और रजिस्ट्रेशन कराना है।

प्रचारकों का कार्य मुक्त - १८७२ में अनुशासन होना और कार्य ठीक न करने के कारण जो प्रचारकों को अन्तिमिन्स और प्रमुजस रखा [] कार्य मुक्त किया गया है और उनके लाने लाने में पिछे मित्र और पुजर्न मित्र को प्रचारक कार्य में अस्वीकरी रुप से बहाली किया गया है।

आवश्यकताएँ - नयी मंडली होने के कारण कम से कम १८७३ में तीन प्रचारकों की आवश्यकता है, क्योंकि निकट भविष्य में और ही मंडली बढ़ने की सम्भावना है।

होस्टेल - उत्तमपुर मिशन क्षेत्र की उन्नति कोलिये यहाँ नाइट स्कूल छोड़ कर और कोई दूसरा प्रवन्ध नहीं है। अतः मंडली की बढ़ती के साथ साथ धार्मिक और लौकिक शिक्षा भी देना आवश्यक है। इसके बिना मंडली बीच उगुवा तैयार नहीं हो सकते हैं। अतः क्षेत्र का ध्यान है कि पत्तर-मं और रायगढ़ में होस्टेल खोला जाय।

जमीन - जैसा रिपोर्ट में दिया गया है उस के अनुसार गिर्जा घर प्रचारक का घर और कद के लिये बहुत स्थानों में जमीन लेने की आवश्यकता है ।

समास्याएँ :- यहाँ की दोतों में राजनैतिक और समाजिक रोकटोक है । सार कर घर छोड़ा और राखण क्षेत्र में कम मसीहि होने के कारण लोग औरों को मसीहि होने से रोकते हैं । हिस्तान होने के बाद भी पूजा चन्दा मांगते हैं और न देने पर उन को सताते हैं ।

प्रचार कार्य में प्रचारकों की समस्या भी है बहुत दिन होने से उनके सामने अधिक समस्या हो गयी है । महंगी बढ़ती ही जा रही है, अगर कलीशा इस दिशा में ध्यान नहीं देगी तो साधारण लोगों के जीवन से भी उनकी जीवन गिर जायगी ।

साहित्य - धार्मिक साहित्य या टेपटस न होने से खली हाथ शिक्षितों के बीच प्रचार करना कठिन होता है ।

अफसरों का दौरा -

फिल्ड का दौरा दौरा १८७२ में नहीं हो सका वी०ई०एल० जइरेक्टर मंडली के कुछ भाग में दौरा किया फिर रिफ्रेसर क्लास भी लुडेग में हुआ । अन्धा मिशन फिल्ड से भी पा० इतमीन गुडिया और पा० हरदंगन टुटटी क्षेत्र का निरीक्षण किया और रिफ्रेसर क्लास में भाग लिये । कलीशा के पुराने और नये प्रमुख अधिकारियों ने भी केन्द्र का निरीक्षण किया । उ०प० अंचल अधिकारी पुराने ने भी लुडेग और तौलमा का निरीक्षण किया और नये अधिकारी ने लुडेग केन्द्र का निरीक्षण किया । नये प्रमुख के निरीक्षण से क्षेत्र को बहुत बहुत ही शांति और सहस मिली ।

आभार-सूच :- इसका रिपोर्ट अभी तैयार नहीं हो सका, अतः वी०ई०एल० मीटिंग में दिया जायगा ।

ह० धर्मविस टोप्पो

सुपरिन्टेन्डेन्ट

जी० ई० एल० मिशन फिल्ड उदयपुर

लुडेग । म० ५०

BOOK LAND (CCPH)
G.E.L. Church,
Ranchi.

(Points for inclusion in the Agenda of the impending KSS
meeting scheduled to be held at Ranchi from 23rd January, 1973)

Reprinting of Publications.

1. (a) Kharia Along (Manuscript) is lying unattended in the G.E.L. Press since June 1971. We advanced a sum of Rs. 640.00 on 18 Apr. '72 as per request of the Supdt. GELC Press to enable him to finalise the Printing work and we are given assurance through the Secretary CCPH that the publication would be out from the Press for sale in the Book-shop but the same is still awaited from the Press.
- (b) Manuscript of Durang Puthi has been submitted to the GELC Press on 27th Mar. '72 but the same has not been reprinted due to lack of funds. Printing estimate for 5,000 copies as intimated by the GELC Press is near about Rs. 40,000.00.
- (c) In view of the crying need of the people, reprinting of the following Publications will also cannot be over emphasised. Rough estimates are given below :-

| | | |
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| Sakshibani | 10,000 Copies | Rs. 50,000.00 (To replenish stock) |
| Kurukh Dandi | 10,000 ,, | Rs. 50,000.00 |
| Ywa Sang Bhajawali | 5,000 ,, | 3,000.00 (approx.) |
| Total. | | Rs. 103,000.00 |

2. JEEP FOR CCPH.

2. At present the CCPH has nine Agencies at various places but the book land is not benefitted as initially thought. On the contrary a large sum of money has been blocked up due to which CCPH is not in a position to move ahead advantageously and undertake reprintings of the above publications. Suggested, that a JEEP for the CCPH be purchased for easy distribution of books and the agencies which cannot play their part in full be closed down.

Sd/. A.D. Topno
Hony. Capt. (Retd)

Ranchi, Jan. 20, 1973.

Sales Manager

Dist. -

Director BEL GELC Ranchi in continuation of CCPH letter No. CCP/3/9 dated 12 Ja. '73.

Pramukh Adhyaksh G.E.L. Church - for information.

To,

The Secretary/Director
BEL/GEL Church, Ranchi.

Ref. GELCP/Man/3/19

Date January 20, 1973.

Subject : Report 1972 and needs.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your letter No.BEL/138/72 dt.21.12.1972 we are enclosing reports for the financial year 1972. The accounts have been audited of which reports are attached herewith. Further we may request you to do the following :-

1. Please help us to impliment the auditor suggetions.
2. Printrite Block should be removed immediately so that the GEL Church Press may start its own Block Section, as CDS in Geneva, is willing to finance for the same.
3. The Training Programme of the Press be continued and financial help be sought.
4. The Press Management Committee be given all power to deal with the Printrite Block and extention thereto within the Press premises.
5. We are pleased to inform you that the Press has been a steady upward trend in the Production and have established a set example in the church as a self supported organisation. However, still it has got needs as per suggetions made by the Auditor.

Thanking you.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/. M. Tete

Encl: Audit Report in 9 sheets.

cc:

1. The Pramukh Adhyaksh for information.
2. The Secy. KSS for information & needful.

Secretary, M/C.
GELC Press
Ranchi.

M/S Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church, Press
Ranchi.

63Kadru Colony, Ranchi
15.1.73.

Points & Suggetions for development forming the part of our Audit Report.

1. On going through the Accounts we find that the Press business have wide scope of expension in this area if proper programme for the same is chalked out by providing proper finance to this press.

Installation of Mono Type Units & Block Making Units to this press will not only increase the business but also provide quick service to its customers. This will also help in training the youths of this region.

2. Working Capital - Every business to do its day to day work requires Working Capital and without which it cannot run smoothly. We could not understand why the authorities have not provided Working Capital to this press inspite of the fact they have allotted Machines costing nearly Rs.5 Lakhs which would have earned lot of sums if proper provisions for working Capital & Reserve etc. would have been allowed. This would have also completed their Phased programme as supposed at the time of allocation of all these assets to the Press.
3. Grants - From the records of import documents it has been established that this press is a branch of Technical Trg. Centre Fudi and all equipments have been imported as a free gift from W.Germany with the understanding that these machineries will be used for training the youth of the region. But no grants have been made to the press for fulfilling these commitments. This training programme have also exemted the press from Incometax. So in our opinion this programme should be continued to utilise the exemptions allowed.

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4. Outstanding liabilities - We find that most of the outstanding bills are in the name of church and their allied concerns. In spite of lower rates for printing the payments are delayed, so proper action should be taken to collect the bills, otherwise the press is facing hard for finance.
5. Printridge Block - On going through the half yearly report we find that PRINTRITE BLOCK is in the same premises have started printing business which not only effects the church Press business but also hampers the church feeling in the mind of others. So proper action should be taken by the committee before it is too late.
6. List of Assets - A certified list of assets is attached herewith which has been already included in the last Audit Report.

Sd/. R. Bage 31.12.72

Acting Accountant.

G.E.L. Church Press, Ranchi.

Sd/. Illigible.

Singhee Brothers

Chartered Accountants.

Sd/. B. Khess 31-12-72

Superintendent

G.E.L. Church Press,

R a n c h i .

1st December 1972
psbg/jw

Dr. P. Singh, Direcotr
Board of Evangelism and Literature
G.E.L. Church Compound
Ranchi / Bihar
India

Dear Dr. Singh,

It is high time for me to thank you for the many letters I have received from you, e.g. two letters dated 23rd October and one dated 8th November. As I was rather busy at the time, can you please excuse the delay.

The news in your letters is very interesting and through your information we have been kept up to date with the official results of the church elections. In addition, we later received information from the new Pramukh and Mr. Bhengra but, of course, not with the background information you provided. In your letter from 23rd Oct. you dealt mainly with the question of a suitable post for the ex-Pramukh. I agree with you that there was a danger for the entire church and for Rev. B. Minz himself in the original plan of appointing him Director of the BEL. At the beginning of November I sent a letter to the New Pramukh informing him privately that I was not at all happy with this plan. Fortunately in the meantime people found another solution, and your work can continue as before. I hope that the disturbances you mentioned in that letter are now over, and that you can continue the work with joy.

There is, however, another letter from the same day in which you mention more officially that the administration of the G.E.L. Church is in bad condition. More specifically you write that loans were granted from different parties and because repayment was too late, the funds available for evangelistic work were misused. I have written to Mr. Bhengra stating my opinion that the Director of BEL is right in requesting a separate account for evangelistic work. I do not know whether he or the full KSS is responsible for solving the problem.

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You were informed, dear Dr. Singh, that in November the Gossner Mission sent a large amount of money to the G.E.L. Church as prepayment for different budgets in 1973. Almost the entire amount for the BEL Budget was also included. We sent Rps. 220,000 to be paid to the BEL in four instalments. There is, in addition, the amount of Rps. 26,000 for the Surguja Mission Field, so a total of Rps. 246,000 is in your hands.

Thank you very much for sending us your half-year report. We try to distribute these record among our friends in Germany to keep them informed of happenings and developments.

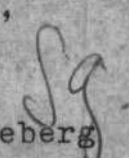
In your letter from 8th Nov., you gave the final results of the elections. Of course we were surprised that Dr. N. Minz has left the Theological College; in spring he told me he wanted to remain there. We are not at all certain whether the ex-Pramukh was now given a suitable post. But as the G.E.L. Church is an autonomous church we must read the results and not criticise.

With regard to your forthcoming visit to East Berlin, I will tell Bruno Schottstädt that you are in agreement with the new plan for 1973. He can then start a fresh initiative with the necessary preparations.

Again many thanks for all your information, and with best wishes for your family, and the hope that Mrs. Singh has recovered in the meantime,

I am yours

Sincerely,


Martin Seeberg
Mission Director

G. E. L. CHURCH
BOARD OF EVANGELISM AND LITERATURE

Director & Secretary

C. K. Paul Singh, B. D., DR. THEOL. (BERLIN)

Ref. Memo. No. BEL/123/72

G. E. L. CHURCH
RANCHI, BIHAR/INDIA

The November 8, 1972.

Eingegangen

17. NOV. 1972

Erledigt:

Mission Director
Pastor M. Seeberg
Gossner Mission
1 Berlin 41
Handjery Str. 19/20
W. Germany.

Dear Sir,

As I was waiting for a letter from you regarding advice in connection with some possible decision, I did not write anything more. Now full KSS is almost coming to an end and tomorrow I shall leave Ranchi for programmes. I would like to let you know some "surprisings".

As per election in the KSS Rev. Dr. N. Minz is the Up-Pramukh, Rev. N. Bhuinya the Treasurer and Mr. C.A. Tirkey the Secretary. The KSS did not approve the recommendation of Dr. Singh for Principalship. Almost all, except the North West Anchal members expressed their confidence on Dr. Singh as Mission Director to be proper man at present. Now the College Council has to find out some other name. Rev. C.B. Minz has been given the post of Director, ATC Khuntitoli, he shall be paid from the centre (KSS) for next 12 months. The present Director ATC shall be called the Managing Director of ATC and shall do all duties now he is doing.

The visit of Dr. Grothaus seems to be successful. The KSS has agreed the proposals of the Board of Education which is very similar to that of Dr. Grothaus. The problems come now in materialising the programmes. We may be stuck or even blocked in deciding and materializing the priorities within the programmes of projects. However we are discussing the matter very carefully. The success of the programmes depend very much on deciding the priorities.

Herewith a copy of the Orientation report of the Director BEL, the minutes of the first meeting of the new BEL are being sent for your information. Again I would like to thank you very much for the grant G.M. has made for 1973. In regard with the materialisation of the invitation which could not be done, this can be thought of for next spring as you also have mentioned. If so brother Schottstädt has to send an information with this effect to the Pramukh Adhyaksh and after that the formal invitation in order to get clearance of documents for the trip.

We all are doing well, except my wife, who is still under treatment. From tomorrow I have to leave them at home and go out on different programmes. My programmes are almost ready up to 23rd Dec. 72. In the last week of November a refresher course for Mission workers SEA & OA. is arranged in Burju and in Dec. for the workers of Udaipur.

With best of our regards and Yishusahay.

Enclosed: As stated above.

Yours sincerely,
C.K. Paul Singh
(C.K. Paul Singh)
Director, BEL.

BOARD OF EVANGELISM & LITERATURE

G.E.L. CHURCH.

ORIENTATION REPORT(1972) -
For New Board and KSS Members.

Dear Sirs,

The present Constitution of the G.E.L. Church has provided for this above said Board. The Board has done its service in the past as sincere as possible, though in certain branch of its responsibility it could not do as expected. I hope and pray that the new Board and KSS members will show their keen interest to be helpful to carry-out the responsibility of the Board sincerely and successfully.

THE CENTRAL OFFICE :- This Board has appointed a full time Director with an Assistant to the Director for the central office at Ranchi. The Director is also the appointed Secretary of the Board. For the responsibility and duty to be carried out by the Director Terms of Reference have been framed by the said Board. In addition to these responsibilities the Director has been allotted the Committee of Christian Stewardship, the Director was allotted also the main burden of work as Associate Editor of Gharbandhu till some recent days. Now the Director has been relieved of the later responsibility.

According to the terms of reference the Director has to look after the Evangelistic work in and of the church. The control of Budget for evangelistic work, visit and supervision of the field and the reports there of etc. are the main tasks of the Director. Accordingly Director has to send out letters, reminders, enquiries, forms, messages etc. from the central office. He is also responsible to arrange and find out means and methods for the evangelistic works, thus tracts Booklets, Bhajawali, Parts of Gospels, N.T., or Bible, Flannel Graphs Record and record Players and other possible means have been arranged time to time as and when it was possible. The Director has in past years arranged Yearly Refresher Course for the workers in the fields as and when budget allowed. Almost all fields are covered through extensive tour programmes in the five provinces where the fields are scattered. Except such tours the Director has come to the help of Ilakas and Parishes in their evangelistic works in various occasions as and when invited.

THE FIELDS :- There are two kinds of fields for the Mission work, one may make them of three kinds. In the first place there are declared fields with all Anchals (except in Assam Anchal), which are generally looked after the Ilakas. In the past we were getting grants from the LWF for such fields. Now these fields have come to an end. So the burden of supporting these fields are on Ilakas & Parishes. The other kinds of fields can be named "adjacent fields to the Anchals". All Anchals, except Madhya Anchal, have such fields in their borders. Administratively these fields are under the Anchals. For financial burden Gossner Mission is the main supporter, now for Surguja LCA, BWM has also become another supporter.

- (1) **MIKIR HILLS :-** This is the adjacent field of Assam Anchal. There are 6 workers working among the Mikir people of the area. The G.M. gives special subsidy for the field. At present work seems very successful.
- (2) **SOUTH EAST (ANCHAL) FIELD :-** This scattered vast field in Singhbhum, Midnapur, Mayurbhanj and Keyonjhar is the adjacent field of South East Anchal. There are 42 workers in the field working among the Hos, Santhals, Kora Mundas and Mundas. According to budget, the field comes into the former J.M.B. arrangements.
- (3) **KUCHINDA (Bumra) FIELD :-** This field is under Orissa Anchal. The field is scattered in Sambalpur and Sundargarh districts. There are 18 workers in the field working among the Mundas and Uraons. This is also under former J.M.B. arrangement.
- (4) **UDAIPUR FIELD :-** This field is under the administrative unit of North West Anchal. The fields cover the Raigarh district from North to South. There are 46 workers in the field working among the Uraons. The Gossne Mission is subsidising the field financially as former J.M.B. arrangements.

(5) Surguja Field :-¹/₄ This has also become the adjacent field of North West Anchal since 1st January 1971. There are 69 workers in the field working among the Uraons. Financially the field is a delicate child of the Gossner church. The church is not able to find out adequate support for the field. At present the field is partly supported by the Gossner Mission and- in Berlin and LCA, BWM(USA).

A third kind of Mission Field is to be searched out within an out side India where Gossner Mission is ready to co-operate. With this regard the G.M. invited the GELC to work in Nepal, but till now we have failed to find out personnel for the field. No other field has been found out yet for such work.

The result of our works do vary from place and province to province. Due to local difficulties and provincial laws the work have been affected much. However we thank God that the sincere efforts of our workers in fields are not fruitless.

GELC Press & CCP House :-¹/₄ As per provision made in the constitution and as per resolution of the KSS and the BEL the GELC Press & CCPH are under the BEL. There are Bye-Laws for working plans of these institutions. As it has been expressed last time and again that the institutions which are de Jure under the BEL but seems not de facto. The members of BEL and the KSS shall know by themselves how these institutions are rendering their SERVICE to the church, specially by the GELC Press. I hope the report of the Superintendent will give the right and true picture of the Press.

CCPH has been made a separate unit of work for better and successful service. The report of the Secretary, M/C. of CCPH still present the facts and figures of its service to the church.

SOME REMARKS AND RECOMMENDATIONS :-

As I have often made my remarks and recommendations to the members of BEL and KSS these may be only repetitions.

- 1) For better co-ordination of works in the fields the Anchals have to take some necessary steps in making arrangements of Evangelistic (RESERVE) Funds, in selecting workers, Fields etc. for the work.
- 2) As Reserve Fund for evangelistic work in the Anchal seems to be a "MUST", so is also very urgently needed that a separate ACCOUNT FOR EVANGELISTIC WORK is to be opened in the CENTRE under the KSS to keep the continuation of the evangelistic work even in the future effectively and properly.
- 3) For this keen interests for Evangelistic Work in the Church has to be roused up, the BEL Members with the Director have to work very closely with the Ilakas and Anchals etc.
- 4) The GELC Press be better put under the KSS directly and if wished only the CCPH be under the BEL. Provision of such arrangements be made in the constitution. These both institutions be guided and administered in such a way that they be the means for Evangelistic work.

Thankfully submitted.

Yours sincerely,

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

Director,

B . E . L .

North West Anchal. The fields cover the Raigarh district from North to South. There are 46 workers in the field working among the Uraons. The Gossner Mission is subsidising the field financially as former J.M.B. arrangements.

MINUTE OF THE B.E.L. HELD ON 2-11-72, RANCHI.

- I. PRAYER :- Meeting was started with prayer singing S.B. 100 and reading Rom.10:13-15 led by the chairman Rev. J. Topno the Adhyaksh.
- II. WELCOME OF THE MEMBERS :- The chairman welcomed all the members for this first meeting of BEL.
- III. ATTENDANCE:- The following members were present and the Chairman introduced the members.
- 1) Rev. J. Topno Chairman
 - 2) " M. Jojo
 - 3) " Dr. N. Minz
 - 4) " D.D. Toppo
 - 5) " N. Bhuinya
 - 6) " I Guria
 - 7) " H.M. Bage
 - 8) " S. Dungdung
 - 9) " C.S. B. Horo
 - and 10) " Dr. C.K. Paul Singh
- Mr. N. Kerketta OA. and Shri Gerson Tiru AA. could not attend the meeting.
- IV. INTRODUCTION OF THE WORK OF BEL :- (1) Amendment of Constitution (Article XXII (4) (a) Page 29) As during the time of ~~five~~four Anchals the four members could constitute the quorum of the BEL meeting. Now there are five Anchals, it is therefore resolved: That in constitution be amended as "Six members shall constitute the quorum. This is forwarded to KSS for approval.
- (2) The Bye-laws of the Press & Publishing House be supplied to the members of B.E.L.
- V. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE :- It was resolved to form the Executive Committee of seven members.
- 1) The Chairman B.E.L.
 - 2) The Secretary B.E.L.
 - 3) Rev. Dr. N. Minz
 - 4) Rev. N. Bhuinya
 - 5) " M. Jojo
 - 6) " C.S.B. Horo
 - and 7) Rev. S. Dungdung
- VI. OTHER MATTERS :- Copy of the letter from Gossner Mission dated October 6, 1972 regarding Budget for 1973.
- The Director BEL read out the letter and it was noted with thanks that Gossner Mission has granted the Budget for 1973 as follows :
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|--------------------------|----------------|
| 1) General Grant | Rs. 198,817.32 |
| 2) Mikir Hills Spl Grant | 13,200.00 |
| 3) Surguja Field | 30,000.00 |
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| | Rs. 242,017.32 |
- (Rupees Two Hundred Forty-Two Thousand and Seventeen and Paise Tirty-Two only).
- The Board expressed its heartfelt thanks to Gossner Mission for the grant made for the Evangelistic Work of G.E.L.C. in 1973.
- The Board then discussed the notes made by the Director G.M. regarding Surguja and Mikir Hills work, and agreed that these matters be discussed in detail by the Executive of the Board.
- VII. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTE :- It was resolved that the Executive Committee shall confirm the minute as early as possible.
- The meeting was closed with a word of prayer led by the chairman.

Read & Confirmed
Sd/ J. Topno
Chairman.

Sd/. C.K. Paul Singh
Secretary.

G. E. L. CHURCH

BOARD OF EVANGELISM AND LITERATURE

Director & Secretary

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G. E. L. CHURCH

RANCHI, BIHAR/INDIA

Ref. Memo. No.

Eingegangen

1. NOV. 1972

The 23th Oct. 1972

The Missionsdirector

Pastor M. Seeberg

Gossner Mission

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Mean time you might have received my another letter with copies of some letters addressed to and by me. Herewith I am informing you some other points which affect me and my work in the Church. These are only for your informations to know how things are going in the church, I could have given more but these are only those which are very much related to me and my works.

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Therefore if I be sent in the college I shall not take the post of the Principalship, but I would like to work as an ordinary teacher in order to find time for evangelistic work, that means I would not like to take any responsibility except that of teaching so that I shall be able to carry out my work of interest, viz the mission work in future also. There is another point of contention: at present there is a surplus of teachers in the college as stated by the Principal in the last college Council and that there are qualified teachers already in the college for the post of Principalship, so I feel, if I as an "unexperienced one" come for that post the atmosphere in the college will be worse than in the earlier occasion of such change.

If I have to vacate the Post of mission director, I would like that some able and responsible person be given this post to continue this work in a better way. If the person like ex-pramukh be made mission director, I am afraid the whole work shall suffer and in very near future the whole work shall be ruined. Seeing the present control of finance and administration in the Church, the recommendations of certain projects (hostels, UIM etc) I fear that the future work will be concentrated in the NWanchal area. Due to qualification and bad health ground it is impossible the tour and other programmes etc. can be carried out in proper way.

My point is not that I don't like to leave this post or I don't like to go to the College. I do really wish to serve in the church any where I be given so long as my service is required (at least five years more - I have told you my plan of service of ~~five~~ ten years in the Church). Now I feel very sorry that I have to vacate my present post only because some one has to be given this "suitable post" where there is good money, good Bungalow and a very good Jeep, and due to this I shall be the victim of "Party or Group Politics" in the Church: but even worse, that due to this the whole evangelistic work of GELC shall collapse in very near future.

Herewith I do not claim that I am doing the best job in this post, but I am afraid that if this post is understood to be "a suitable post" for an ex-pramukh etc. without seeing his capability and working power, it will become the worst.

Dear Brother Seeberg,
I am really very much disturbed and disgusted seeing all these things, but I am not discouraged for my work and I also do not mean to request you to intervene in the matter - this is up to you. I wanted only to inform you how the things are going on in the Church, and the future of the church looks like. As you know that I have no "group supporters" although I have many well-wishers in the church here and abroad. So I have and I shall have my own plans to meet any eventuality. Of course I would like to know your standpoint in this matter. I, therefore, request for your kind help and advice at your earliest convenience.

We in our family are doing well, my wife is improving very slowly, she has to take more medicine and injections; our both children are doing well.

Our best regard and Yishusahy to you all.

Yours sincerely

C.K. P. 15/3

G. E. L. CHURCH
BOARD OF EVANGELISM AND LITERATURE

Director & Secretary

C. K. Paul Singh, B. D., DR. THEOL. (BERLIN)

Ref. Memo. No. BEL/109/72

G. E. L. CHURCH
RANCHI, BIHAR/INDIA

The Oct. 23, 1972.

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- 1. NOV. 1972

Erlidigt:.....

Mission Director
Pastor M. Seeberg
Gossner Mission
1 Berlin 41
Handjery Str. 19/20
W. Germany.

Dear Sir,

Thank you very much for your kind letter of the 9th Oct. and a copy of the letter addressed to the Pramukh Adhyaksh. Specially I thank you for the grant of our budget for the evangelistic work 1973. I also thank you for your advice to meet the situation in and around the church.

Herewith I am sending a copy of my report about the evangelistic work of orientation for the new KSS and Board members. May be there are no new points except one point of my proposal to open a separate account in the Bank for Evangelistic work so that the balance in this money be not misused in any other work and so that the mission workers be not put in difficulty. At present the KSS seems to be in Bankruptcy financially. This has been clearly stated in the report of the Anchal Adhyaksh Rev. J. Topno the would be Pramukh Adhyaksh.

Another point of difficulty has been pointed out to you by Dr. Grothaus that a law is about to be introduced prohibiting all sorts of money from abroad. Please act as advised. I have cancelled all my tours due to the meeting of new KSS. I have made my programme after the meeting viz the 10th Nov. 1972.

With Yishusahay.

Yours sincerely,

C. K. Paul Singh

(C.K. Paul Singh)

Encl.: As stated above.

P.S.

I am enclosing another letter of mine.

Director,

B. E. L.

BOARD OF EVANGELISM & LITERATURE

G.E.L. CHURCH.

ORIENTATION REPORT(1972) -
For New Board and KSS Members.

Dear Sirs,

The present Constitution of the G.E.L. Church has provision for this above said Board. The Board has done its service in the past as sincere as possible, though in certain branch of its responsibility it could not do as expected. I hope and pray that the new Board and KSS members will show their keen interest to be helpful to carry-out the responsibility of the Board sincerely and successfully.

THE CENTRAL OFFICE :- This Board has appointed a full time Director with an Assistant to the Director for the central office at Ranchi. The Director is also the appointed Secretary of the Board. For the responsibility and duty to be carried out by the Director Terms of Reference have been framed by the said Board. In addition to these responsibilities the Director has been allotted the Committee of Christian Stewardship, the Director was allotted also the main burden of work as Associate Editor of Gharbandhu till some recent days. Now the Director has been relieved of the later responsibility.

According to the terms of reference the Director has to look after the Evangelistic work in and of the church. The control of Budget for evangelistic work, visit and supervision of the field and the reports there of etc. are the main tasks of the Director. Accordingly Director has to send out letters, reminders, enquiries, forms, messages etc. from the central office. He is also responsible to arrange and find out means and methods for the evangelistic works, thus tracts Booklets, Bhajawali, Parts of Gospels, N.T., or Bible, Flannel Graphs Record and record Players and other possible means have been arranged time to time as and when it was possible. The Director has in past years arranged Yearly Refresher Course for the workers in the fields and when budget allowed. Almost all fields are covered through extensive tour programmes in the five provinces where the fields are scattered. Except such tours the Director has come to the help of Ilakas and Parishes in their evangelistic works in various occasions as and when invited.

THE FIELDS :- There are two kinds of fields for the Mission work, one may make them of three kinds. In the first place there are declared fields with all Anchals (except in Assam Anchal), which are generally looked after the Ilakas. In the past we were getting grants from the LWF for such fields. Now these fields have come to an end. So the burden of supporting these fields are on Ilakas & Parishes. The other kinds of fields can be named "adjacent fields to the Anchals". All Anchals, except Madhya Anchal, have such fields in their borders. Administratively these fields are under the Anchals. For financial burden Gossner Mission is the main supporter, now for Surguja LCA, BWM has also become another supporter.

- (1) **MIKIR HILLS :-** This is the adjacent field of Assam Anchal. There are 6 workers working among the Mikir people of the area. The G.M. gives special subsidy for the field. At present work seems very successful.
- (2) **SOUTH EAST ANCHAL FIELD :-** This scattered vast field in Singhbhum, Midnapur, Mayurbhanj and Keonjhar is the adjacent field of South East Anchal. There are 42 workers in the field working among the Hos, Santhals, Kora Mundas and Mundas. According to budget, the field comes into the former J.M.B. arrangements.
- (3) **KUCHINDA (Bumra) FIELD :-** This field is under Orissa Anchal. The field is scattered in Sambalpur and Sundargarh districts. There are 18 workers in the field working among the Mundas and Uraons. This is also under former J.M.B. arrangement.
- (4) **UDAIPUR FIELD :-** This field is under the administrative unit of North West Anchal. The fields cover the Raigarh district from North to South. There are 46 workers in the field working among the Uraons. The Gossne Mission is subsidising the field financially as former J.M.B. arrangements.

(5) Surguja Field :-³ This has also become the adjacent field of North West Anchal since 1st January 1971. There are 69 workers in the field working among the Uraons. Financially the field is a delicate child of the Gossner church. The church is not able to find out adequate support for the field. At present the field is partly supported by the Gossner Mission and in Berlin and LCA, BWM(USA).

A third kind of Mission Field is to be searched out within an out side India where Gossner Mission is ready to co-operate. With this regard the G.M. invited the GELC to work in Nepal, but till now we have failed to find out personnel for the field. No other field has been found out yet for such work.

The result of our works do vary from place and province to province. Due to local difficulties and provincial laws the work have been affected much. However we thank God that the sincere efforts of our workers in fields are not fruitless.

GELC Press & CCPH House :- As per provision made in the constitution and as per resolution of the KSS and the BEL the GELC Press & CCPH are under the BEL. There are Bye-Laws for working plans of these institutions. As it has been expressed last time and again that the institutions which are de Jure under the BEL but seems not de facto. The members of BEL and the KSS shall know by themselves how these institutions are rendering their SERVICE to the church, specially by the GELC Press. I hope the report of the Superintendent will give the right and true picture of the Press.

CCPH has been made a separate unit of work for better and successful service. The report of the Secretary, M/C. of CCPH still present the facts and figures of its service to the church.

SOME REMARKS AND RECOMMENDATIONS :-

As I have often made my remarks and recommendations to the members of BEL and KSS these may be only repetitions.

- 1) For better co-ordination of works in the fields the Anchals have to take some necessary steps in making arrangements of Evangelistic (RESERVE) Funds, in selecting workers, Fields etc. for the work.
- 2) As Reserve Fund for evangelistic work in the Anchal seems to be a "MUST", so is also very urgently needed that a separate ACCOUNT FOR EVANGELISTIC WORK is to be opened in the CENTRE under the KSS to keep the continuation of the evangelistic work even in the future effectively and properly.
- 3) For this keen interests for Evangelistic Work in the Church has to be roused up, the BEL Members with the Director have to work very closely with the Ilakas and Anchals etc.
- 4) The GELC Press be better put under the KSS directly and if wished only the CCPH be under the BEL. Provision of such arrangements be made in the constitution. These both institutions be guided and administered in such a way that they be the means for Evangelistic work.

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Thankfully submitted.

(6) SOUTH EAST ANCHAL FIELD :- This scattered vast field in Singhbhum, Midnapur, Mayurbhanj and Jharkhand.

Yours sincerely,

C.K. Paul Singh
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Director,

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9th October, 1972
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Dr. Paul Singh, Director
Board of Evangelism and Literature
G.E.L. Church
Ranchi / Bihar
India

Dear Dr. Singh,

Enclosed you will find a copy of a letter I sent the Pramukh Adhyaksh regarding the Gossner Mission grant for the Board of Evangelism and Literature for 1973.

Last Thursday I visited Bruno Schottstädt in East Berlin and, of course, he was disappointed that your visit to the G.D.R. obviously proved to be impossible. He had prepared a very good programme and now had to cancel all the engagements and explain why the visitors could not come. In your letter dated 9th September we learned about the troubles caused by the Reserve Bank strike. At about the same time we received your letter, 20th September, we were informed by Lufthansa of your arrival and I went to the airport to meet you, but it was a trip in vain. Thinking you were already on your way, I did not send a letter or telegramme. In a letter from the Pramukh Adhyaksh just received it was mentioned that you had to cancel the visit. As Bruno cannot repeat the scheduled September programme in October your decision to cancel the visit is best. Bruno agrees with you that we should try to realise what was not possible this autumn next spring. In this case, Bruno will prepare the programme after your arrival which means that you will have about a ten-day stay with us in West Berlin before beginning your G.D.R. visit.

You mentioned in your last letters that your family as well as you yourself have suffered somewhat from illnesses. I hope you have in the meantime recovered, and probably the director of B.E.L. cannot avoid taking part in church elections and things like that, too. Sometimes it is interesting to note what marvelous things happen in the G.E.L. Church. We received your information about the U.I.M. activity in Ranchi and the trouble with the manager of the Printing Press. I wish you a very large share of good Christian patience and also a certain amount of humour to bear such things.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Sg.

Mission Director

6th October, 1972
psbg/jw

Rev. B. Minz
Pramukh Adhyaksh
G.E.L. Church
Ranchi / Bihar
India

Dear Brother Minz,

Re: Board of Evangelism and Literature

I have the pleasure of informing you that the Kuratorium of the Gossner Mission ~~was~~ held its Budget Meeting last week with a good deal of discussion concerning our work in Germany and other countries.

Regarding the G.E.L. Church, the Kuratorium decided to continue the subsidies for the evangelistic work of the G.E.L. Church in 1973. In response to the request from the B.E.L. dated 31st July, the grant of the Gossner Mission is as follows:

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|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. General Grant | Rps. 198,817.32 |
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| 3. Surguja Field | <u>30,000.00</u> |
| Total: | <u>Rps. 242,017.32</u> |

The Surguja matter was discussed at great length with the result that the Kuratorium really wants the G.E.L. Church to involve itself here to a greater extent. There was some disappointment expressed that the 1972 contribution of the G.E.L. Church was almost nothing. In addition, the planning commission does not seem to have made any considerable organisational innovations. We hope that the discussion of the Surguja problems are not ended and that some good ideas may be brought forward in the future.


As the request for the Assam Anchāl arrived too late for inclusion with the budget figures the Director of B.E.L. sent us, we are very uncertain as how to help this anchāl. The Mikir Hills work is, in fact, a project within the Assam Anchāl and so in effect this Anchāl is not totally neglected. Since the Gossner Mission has never received a report from the church leaders regarding congregational or evangelistic, there is no reason for the Gossner Mission to grant special help. WORK

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As usual the granted amounts will be sent in instalments to the G.E.L. Church and we hope to send the first instalment in January, 1973.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,


Martin Seeberg
Mission Director

cc: Dr.P.Singh

G. E. L. CHURCH

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G. E. L. CHURCH
RANCHI, BIHAR/INDIA

The July 31, 1972.



Mission Director
Pastor M. Seeberg
Gossner Mission
1 Berlin 41
Handjery Str. 19/20

Dear Sir,

Please excuse me that I am late in sending the Budget. As we have to circulate letters requesting to send the Budget. We are rather late in comparison with other Institutions which receives grant from Gossner Mission.

The Budget for 1973 Gossner Mission grant comes to the amount as follows :-

| | |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|
| 1. A. Central Office | Rs. 27,289.60 |
| B. South East Anchal (JMB) | 75,057.00 |
| C. Orissa Anchal (JMB) | 31,491.72 |
| D. North West Anchal (Udaipur) | 64,979.00 |
| Total. | Rs. 198,817.32 |
| 2. Mikir Hills Special Grant Budget. | 13,200.00 |
| 3. Surguja Work ... | 68,907.44 (44) |
| Grand Total. | Rs. 280,924.76 |

Rupees Two Hundred Eighty Thousand Nine Hundred and Twentyfour and Paise Seventy-six only.

A comparative Budget Chart has been attached herewith which may explain some points.

In Central Budget amount has been increased in the salaries, otherwise amount has been kept according to the previous Budget. In the South East Anchal Budget (I.B.) the amount has been increased due to increment in salaries, but comparatively it is less than the last year's amounts in construction and the new appointment work have been decreased. The Orissa Anchal (I.C.) has comparatively increased the amount. It is due to increment in salaries and high amount for construction works. The committee (BEL) has decreased the amounts in South East Anchal and Orissa Anchal Budget. The North West Anchal has by itself decreased the amount comparatively lower than the last Budget. For Mikir Hills no budget was proposed by the Assam Anchal. I myself have increased the amount considering new progress in the field. We may require more money for the field in order to construct some houses and chapels. The Surguja field has comparatively less amount than the last budget. The School and Hostel expenses have been completely left out. The planning commission for Surguja work has to plan more accurately and thus the amount may still come down. The total Budget is 106,907.44 excluding the field income. Thus deducting the field income of Rs. 10,000/-, the A.L.C. grant and Rs. 25,000.00 and the Refresher Course expenses

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expenses to be granted by L.W.F. Rs. 3,000.00 deficit requested is amounting to Rs. 68,907.44. The plan and explanations about Surguja have to be submitted by the planning commission and I hope this can be submitted to the Gossner Mission also.

I hope the above explanations will satisfy the Gossner Mission in considering the Budget for 1973 Evangelistic Work of G.E.L. Church.

With YISHUSAIY and best of my regards.

Thanking you.

Yours sincerely,

C.K.P. — Spt

(C.K. Paul Singh)

Director, BEL.

Enclosed : (1) As stated above.

(2) Half yearly Report.

Ps. The Assam Anchal Treasurer has sent a budget estimate of Rs. 45,088.32. As the budget estimate came after we have completed, we could not do any thing. There is an amount of construction work of Rs. 35,700.00. I have received my passport for travelling to GDR, now I am waiting for visa permission and instructions of my payment of my travel cost and travel route. If possible please discuss with brother Bruno to expedite the matter quicker.

X hat do P. Leberg entnehmen 14.8.72

BOARD OF EVANGELISM AND LITERATURE
G . E . L . CHURCH, RANCHI.

BUDGET FOR 1973.

| Name of the Field. | 1971 Budget. | 1972 Budget. | Income Expected. | 1973 Budget. | Income Expected. | Remarks. |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------|----------|
| A) Central Office | Rs. 26,889.00 | 27,902.04 | - | Rs. 27,289.60 | - | |
| B) South East Anchal(JMB) | 73,000.00 | 80,000.00 | 3,051.00 | 75,057.00 | 3,000.00 | |
| C) Orissa Anchal(JMB) | 27,000.00 | 23,480.00 | 2,557.00 | 31,491.72 | 2,000.00 | |
| D) North West Anchal(Udaipur) | 64,050.00 | 79,967.00 | 3,800.00 | 64,979.00 | 4,000.00 | |
| Total. | Rs. 189,939.50 | 211,349.04 | 9,408.00 | 198,817.32 | 9,000.00 | |
| * E) Mikir Hills | - | 12,629.20 | - | 13,200.00 | - | |
| F) Surguja Field | - | 148,940.00(Original) | | 96,907.44 | 10,000.00 | |
| | | 116,708.52(Revised) | | 28,000.00 | Less 25,000.00 ALC + | |
| | | 10,000.00 | | 68,907.44 | 3,000.00 LWF | |
| | | | | (Revised) | | |
| Total. | Rs. 189,939.50 | 322,107.56 | 19,408.00 | 280,924. ⁷⁶ ₄₀₇ | 19,000.00 | |

* The Assam Anchal Treasurer has sent a budget estimate for Mikir Hills work an amount of Rs. 45083.00 very late, hence this could not be given, the A.M. may kindly discuss the matter.

C.K. P-1 Jph

HALF YEARLY (Jan - June 1972) REPORT
OF THE EVANGELISTIC WORK, G.E.L. CHURCH.
(Director Rev. Dr. C.K. Paul Singh)

Dear Friends,

The half year (Jan - June 1972) for the Board of Evangelism & Literature was mixed with joy, anxiety and uncertainties. The Director's activities were busy in the past months except the month of May due to his illness.

For Jan.- Feb. '72 tour programmes were made in the area of Orissa in Sundargarh and Sambalpur districts. During the tour some 75 new converts were baptised; Avenue for new works were surveyed and in Sundargarh new stations have been started where after a long waiting call has been very loud. While on tour new chapels/Worker's quarters have been also dedicated.

A tour programme for March had been planned for Mikir Hills/Assam, but due to Refresher Course of Pastors', Kalisha Sangh and KSS meetings that has to be dropped for the next year 1973 because due to whether change other months are not suitable for long period tour programme. During the Refresher Course a series of lectures on Missiology was given for the Pastors, thus it was an attempt to give new insight for the Pastors in special and for the church in general, also before the Kalisha Sangh an extensive report on Evangelistic Work, its problems, success and new proposals were given to get support for this unfinished Task of God.

During the month of April 7-27 an extensive tour programme was arranged for the area in Singhbhum/Bihar, Midnapur/Bengal, Mayurbhanj and Keyonjhar/Orissa. During these days in many places quarters and chapels were dedicated for His glory. Some 25 persons were baptised. In many congregations it was thrilling experience that the new Christians have to face many difficulties and inconveniences due to their faith, but they were firm in their faith like rocks. Many encouragements, suggestions and guidance could be given for the Christians and the workers.

During the month of May '72 programmes were set according to many invitations to speak in conferences in different Ilakas of our church, but due to Director's ill health almost all of the programmes have to be cancelled.

For the rainy season programmes are set for short visits in Ilakas. Some Ilakas have requested to speak in the subjects related to the evangelistic works.

G.E.L. Church Press and the Chhotanagpur Christian Publishing House:-

Its written detail report has not been submitted to the BEL hence it is difficult to give the report of the institutions as it should have been. But as the institutions can be visited and the matters can be visualised one can say that both institutions are not co-operating in the way they should. The one week strike in the Press shows on one side the administrative position and on the other side reflects the financial situation. This can be confirmed by the fact that many books which are urgent in the congregations cannot be printed because the CCPH cannot advance the amount demanded thus the CCPH is lacking behind in fulfilling the need of the people in the Church.

GHARBANDHU :- The Magazine is being published regularly and has come out successfully. It is heading towards self-supporting. Though some kind of subsidy would have helped to improve the Magazine to make it outwardly and inwardly better appealing for readers. It is hereby regretted that due to nonco-operation or may be negligent attitudes by the G.E.L. Church Press there is little chance to improve the magazine. Thus people working whole heartedly for it are not only un-necessarily harassed but also disappointed.

REPORTS FROM THE FIELDS CAN BE SUMMERISED AS FOLLOWS :-

The Supervisor from the adjacent field to South East Anchal, Rev. I. Guria writes that in the first half of the year 44 co-workers (including the halftime workers) have been working in the area (the three states). In the months 67 converts were baptised. In nine places either chapel or quarters have been constructed and in seven places repair work have been carried out.

Difficulties and problems in different congregations have hindered the work in many places. These were two court cases in the area. One has been withdrawn as per agreement of the parties. The other case also being led in that line. It is hoped that in the current year a chapel can be erected. In one congregation new christians went back to their old religion. Only two families are firm in their faith. The tour of the Director BEL has helped to bring new life and courage in the area. Thus in the most troubled area (Singhbhum district) people are coming forward to accept Christ. The method of preaching the Gospel and evangelistic campaign is almost the same :- Prayer meetings, House visiting, small dramas, for these Bible Pictures, Gramophone, Flannelgraphs, magic lantern, films will be helpful. A Medical Box for each Parish Centres seems to be a must. The workers of the area have been affected very much by the increasing high price. Any kind of help arranged would be welcomed very much.

The Supervisor from the adjacent field to Orissa Anchal (Sambalpur and Sundargarh districts) writes that in this half year of the year 27 co-workers are working in the field. The number of christians are increasing in the area by two ways: (i) Converts baptism (ii) Migration from other places in search of new land acquisitions. Some 80 converts have been baptised during the last six months. There are more to be baptised by the end of year. Two new chapels have been dedicated for the church services. The field was visited by the Director BEL, the Anchal Adhyaksh and the Pramukh Adhyaksh.

There is no special hinderence in preaching the Gospel and it is expected that some new stations can be started in the next year.

THE REPORT FROM MIKIR HILLS, UDAIPUR and SURGUJA areas did not reach by the time. This report was prepared however previous letters and informations show that Mikir Hills work is progressing. New stations have been started in the area, as the call is coming from many places there are some volunteers who are helping in the work. The better co-operation of the Anchal is still wanted in the area. In the last months some new construction works have been carried out. The verbal report from Udaipur says that inspite of many difficulties and threatening people are ready to accept Christ. Better co-operation and planning for the field is necessary. The Surguja field has become delicate child of the Gossner Church. The worker of the field are busy in reconsolidating themselves for the day to day life. Thus work in terms of new converts is still open. In many congregations Christians may be obliged to join Catholics.

SOME REMARKS :- (1) Seeing the work in the fields it seems necessary good and proper plans have to be made for the whole evangelistic fields of the Gossner Church i.e. In terms of constructions, purchasing of land, appointments and transfer of workers.

(2) The relation of the Anchal and its adjacent field be more direct and concern.

(3) The responsibility of the evangelistic work be laid down on the members of the Gossner Church in regular and proper way. Funds and other helpful materials be gathered.

(4) The G.E.L. Church Press and Publishing House be directed so as to contribute towards the great task. Administratively it would be better if the Press be put direct under the KSS as it seems practically and only the Publishing House be kept under the BEL. There is no meaning to put the Printing under the Board of Evangelism and Literature. Proper relation between Printing Press and Publishing House is a must for the better service to the church and many to lead them to the Lord.

Thankfully submitted.

Sd/. C.K. Paul Singh

Director,

B.E.L.

Ranchi, the 29th July, 1972.

G. E. L. CHURCH
BOARD OF EVANGELISM AND LITERATURE

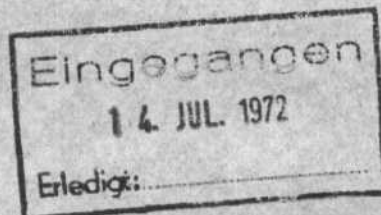
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C. K. Paul Singh, B. D., DR. THEOL. (BERLIN)

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G. E. L. CHURCH
RANCHI, BIHAR/INDIA

The July 7, 1972



The Mission Director
Pastor M. Seeberg
Gossner Mission
1 Berlin 41
Handjery Str. 19/20
West Germany.

From Mr. Singh
In all the villages
of Ranchi district
Worshiping
Ch. 9.8.72
Sg 7/8

Dear Sir,

Herewith I am sending the NEWS FROM THE GOSSNER CHURCH IN INDIA for the Churches in Germany. Please accept and oblige.

In the last month (9-6-72) I had written a letter enclosing some Photos. I hope you might have received them. In the letter also I mentioned about the money for Mikir Hills Work that we have not yet received the money or perhaps it needs a classification in the amount sent.

In this year monsoon is very late. In Ranchi we have some rain only in July. Every one is assuming that famine will hit the area very badly.

I have some difficulties in obtaining my Passport for travelling to journey. I hope that I shall get my documents in the second half of this month. I have not yet received clarification about my route of journey and the way the ticket will be paid. I wrote a letter to P Bruno but till now I have no reply.

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

With greetings - Yishusahay to you all.

Yours sincerely,

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

NEWS FROM THE GOSSNER CHURCH IN INDIA.

THE NEW DRAFT CONSTITUTION of the G.E.L. Church has to be dropped. In the corroborative vote from the Anchals it could not get support. Most of the Anchals gave their positive vote but with some conditions or amendments to the draft constitutions. The Assam Anchal gave the clear cut negative vote on the draft constitution as it is. Therefore the present constitution have to be followed, hence the election is at the door.

THE GOSSNER CHURCH is going to elect her new Church Council, the K.S.S. by the end of October 1972. The elections of the representatives from congregation level starts already in the month of August 1972. The new K.S.S. shall meet in the first week of November 1972 under the chairmanship of the new Pramukh Adhyaksh and according to the constitution automatically becomes the Pramukh Adhyaksh. The new Up-Pramukh has to be elected between 1-3 Nov. '72.

PASTOR D. HECKER came from the Language School with his family to join the teaching staff of the Gossner Theological College in Ranchi. Mrs Hecker is also taking some classes in the college. Both husband and wife are teaching the subjects in Hindi language. Thus the Gossner Church has a living relationship with the churches in Germany.

GOSSNER COLLEGE for Arts and Commerce has been started with full recognition (of One Year) from the Ranchi University. The Classes had been started last year (Oct. 1971) without recognition. By now the College has also the endorsement by the Gossner Church (KSS). Thus the College has the full support of the Gossner Church.

DR. M. BAGE has been granted leave to join the teaching staff of the Serampore College Serampore (W. Bengal). Meanwhile Mr. Paulus Kerketta, known to many German friends tendered his resignation from the Gossner Theological College to join the Marine Diesel Company Ltd. Dhurwa, Ranchi with effect from 1st May 1972. A temporary appointment has been made to fulfill the vacancy in the college.

DUE TO THE SCARCITY of rain the area, where the Christians of Gossner Church are scattered has been affected very much the income of the Congregations have come down to the lowest ebb, the famine is already at the door and the coming harvest shall be still worse. The state has stock of grains to meet the situation, but the villagers, as our Christians too, who live in far remote places, are not helped by such quotas of Government.

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

6/7/72

July 12, 1972
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To:
Rev. B. Minz
Pramukh Adhyaksh
G.E.L. Church Compound

Ranchi / Bihar
India

Re.: Board of Evangelism - subsidy Gossner Mission


Dear Brother Minz,

unfortunately I have forgotten to inform you that in the amount of Rps 50.000,- we sent on June 21, 1972 to the GEL Church there are included Rps 12.600,- in favor of the evangelistic work in the Mikir Hills.

The last instalment of our subsidy to the budget of BEL and to the budget of Surguja Mission Field as well we will send in September.

With kind regards,

yours sincerely,
For Pastor Martin Seeberg


(Secretary)

Copy: Mr. Benghra,
Dr. Paul Singh

BOARD OF EVANGELISM & LITERATURE

G.E.L. CHURCH, RANCHI.

Rev. Dr. C.K. Paul Singh
Director

Ref. No. BEL/55/72

Ranchi, the June 9, 1972

Mission Director
Pastor M. Seeberg
Gossner Mission
1 Berlin 41
Handjery Str. 19/20

Eingegangen

16. JUN. 1972

Erledigt:

Dear Brother Seeberg,

Thank you very much for the letters addressed to the Pramukh Adhyaksh with copies to me regarding different grants of the Gossner Mission. I hope through your letters we shall have some guidance for our budgets and planning for the future.

May I have the opportunity this time to refer to your letter dated 4-2-11.2.72 regarding the grant for the Mikir Hills Work, as per your letter money might have been already transferred to the G.E.L.C. a/c., but till now we do not have any instruction. May be money might have been sent with any of the instalment, please advice.

Herewith I am sending some photoes of the current year. I am sorry that I am sending so late. After a three week long and extensive tour of Singhbhum, Midnapur, Mayurbhanj and Keonjhar I fell sick over-powered by fue and I was confined to bed for two weeks. On the advice of the Doctor I had to remain almost whole month of May at home. Similarly with my family, now we are O.K. Rev. R.D. Soy, my assistant had an injury as he met an accident by coliding of two state Buses while going to Chakra-dharpur. Now he has also recovered.

Regarding my trip to East Germany I am still to obtain my Passport I have certain difficulties which are still lingering. I hope, I can get all my necessary papers in due time.

Our hearty greetings and best regards to you all.

Yours sincerely,

C.K.P. — 15th
(C.K. Paul Singh)

Director, BEL.

12th June, 1972
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Rev. Dr. Paul Singh
G.E.L. Church Compound
Ranchi / B i h a r
India

Dear Rev. Singh,

Enclosed please find two copies of "Some Extracts from the Final Report of Mr. H. Hertel" as a news item for your newsletter, GARBANDHRU.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,


Secretary

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Some Extracts from the Final Report of Mr. H.Hertel

Also, in the future, apprentices at Fudi will be trained. In the carpentry shop approximately fifty workers make their own living and a few former apprentices have started their own businesses. An Indian firm is in charge of production and is also responsible for the financial management. A group of Indian Churches--Catholic, Anglican, Lutheran--are commonly responsible for the training. The limited budget, however, is, as it has been earlier, financed by the Gossner Mission. The other members of the represented societies have not, as yet, taken on any of the financial obligation, and it cannot yet be said, how soon that can be expected.

In looking at the future of the TTC Fudi with all justifiable optimism, it must be clearly stated that it is still far from stability, both internally and externally. This is most distinctly demonstrated in its relationship to the surroundings, geographically as well as functionally.

The corner-stone of TTC Fudi was laid on 15th December, 1961. Ten years of direct engagement by the Gossner Mission should be sufficient for the TTC to come to grips with its tasks. If that is not yet the case, not only does the question of how the TTC should have been better organised from the beginning arise, but also whether such a project in this location, through these churches, and with these means should have been attempted at all. The discussion concerning this should not be deferred in order to be helpful for future work in Fudi as well as in other places.

W. V. 78.8.

9th June, 1972
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To:

Pramukh Adhyaksh

Rev. B. Minz

Rev. C.P. Singh

Director, Board of Evangelism and Literature

Rev. C.B. Aind

Director, Pudi Technical Training Centre ✓

Dr. W. Horo

Medical Superintendent

G.E.L. Church Hospital, Amgaon ✓


Dear Friends,

Re: Budget 1973

As the Gossner Mission is going to prepare the Budget of the Gossner Mission for 1973 which has to be approved by the Kuratorium in August and September this year, we kindly call upon the concerned institutions in the G.E.L. Church to bring forward requests for their budgets before 1st August. This is to enable the Gossner Mission to consider these needs and to include the requests in the Gossner Mission Budget.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,


Martin Seeberg
Mission Director

Minute of the BEL Executive Meeting
Held at Ranchi on 20-3-72.

I. Prayer :- The meeting was started with a word of prayer led by the Chairman BEL.

II. Attendance :- The following members were present :

1. Rev-. B. Minz , the chairman
2. Rev.Dr. M. Bage
3. " S. Kujur
4. " C.S.B. Horo
5. " J. Kullu
6. Rev.Dr. C.K. Paul Singh, Director/Secretary

III. Confirmation of the Last Meeting :-

The minute of the last meeting was read and confirmed.

IV. Matters from the Minute :-

It was noted that special appeal for Surguja Mission field has been made for prayer and offering and that the reponse is encouraging.

It was further noted that the Gossner Mission has kindly granted a sum of about Rs.12,600.00 for the Mikir Hills work letter dt.11-2-72 from G.M. The BEL express its hearty thanks for this kind help in the nick of time i.e. while the field is showing good sign but there was no amount for continuing the work.

V. The yearly report (71) of the Director :-

The Director BEL presented the report for 1971 same as the report before the Kalisha Sang. The report was received for discussion.

Specially one proposed proposal of the Director, viz "Committee for Evangelism" in Anchals. The subject was discussed from different point of views. It was left incomplete for better and long discussion for a triangular co-operation and work of the field. Director, Anchal and the Supervisor. It has to be discussed in detail and practical steps have to be taken.

VI. Mikir Hills Work :- The Anchal Adhyaksh has reported that there are good signs of progress. It was expressed that plans have to be made and carried out for the land plot now under the occupation of the church.

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It was resolved that for better functioning in regard with administration, help and payment of salaries etc. proper arrangements be made. Henceforth the Supervisor/Missionary shall prepare the Bills and be sent through the Anchal on fixed time.

VII. Surguja Mission Field :-

(a) It was reported that due to the loss of money and deficit in the field, the workers are suffering much. After discussion it was resolved that in connection with the loss money the BEL requests the KSS to make arrangements that the workers in the field be helped in their difficulties.

(b) T.A. for Surguja field Pastors for Refresher Course Ranchi (14-17 March, 1972).

As there is no such budget in the Surguja Field Budget for 1972 it was resolved that T.A. for this Trip be given from the General Fund of the B.E.L. along with other Pastors of the Mission Field.

VIII. Other Matters :-

Steel Almirah :- The Director Expressed the need of a Steel Almirah to keep some valuable Articles Projector, Films, etc.

It was resolved that :
The Director BEL takes necessary steps to purchase a Steel Almirah(Big Size).

The Meeting was closed with pronouncing the benediction together.

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

Secretary/Director,

B . E . L .

24th November, 1971

Rev. Dr. Paul Singh
GEL Church
Ranchi/Bihar
India

24.11.71

Dear Brother Singh,

One of the members of the Regional Church Commission for Partnership Relations to the GEL Church has sent me some news and mentioned that we should make a programme of exchanging news between the GEL Church and the German Regional Churches. We are too lazy to translate the news into English, knowing that you can easily do it yourself. By the way, many thanks for the news. We have distributed it to the members of the Commission.

All the best to you and hoping you have solved all your problems until I come next spring,

With brotherly greetings and all good wishes for a Happy Christmas,

I am,

Yours,

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Nachrichten für die indische Gossnerkirche
aus dem Bereich der Lippischen Landeskir-
che.

1. Die Synode der "Lippischen Landeskirche", in der in aus-
drücklicher Wahrung ihres Bekenntnisstandes evangelisch-refor-
mierte und evangelisch-lutherische Kirchengemeinden zusammen-
leben, hat auf ihrer Herbsttagung am 23./24. November 1970
festgestellt, daß zwischen den reformierten und lutherischen
Gemeinden Kanzel- und Abendmahlsgemeinschaft besteht.

Auf Grund der einstimmig festgestellten Kanzel- und Abend-
mahlsgemeinschaft teilten am 24. November 1970 zum ersten
Mal in der Geschichte der Landeskirche der reformierte Lan-
dessuperintendent und der lutherische Superintendent gemein-
sam das Abendmahl an die reformierten und lutherischen Syno-
dalen aus.

2. Die 25. Landessynode, die sich am 15. Februar 1971 kon-
stituiert hat, ist im Vergleich zu ihren Vorgängerinnen,
stark vergrößert worden. Sie umfaßt 47 Abgeordnete, bisher
waren es 33. Wie die früheren Synoden besteht auch die jetzige
aus 2/3 Laien und nur 1/3 Pfarrern. Das Durchschnittsalter
beträgt 46 Jahre. Von den 47 Synodalen haben nur 17 der alten
Synode angehört, 30 sind neu gewählt bzw. berufen.

Erstmalig gehören der Synode Frauen an. Ihre Beteiligung
macht 10,6% aller Synodalen aus.

3. Während einer 10-tägigen Wirtschaftsschau in Detmold ^{im Oktober 1970} mit
mehreren Hundertausend Besuchern hat der ökumenische Arbeits-
kreis einen "Dritte-Welt-Shop" unterhalten, auf dem er etwa
300 Artikel aus verschiedenen Ländern Asiens, Afrikas und
Lateinamerikas verkauft hat. Der ökumenische Arbeitskreis
wollte damit Gruppen und Genossenschaften aus den genannten
Ländern, die sich in Selbsthilfeorganisationen zusamme-
geschlossen haben, einen Absatzmarkt ihrer Produkte (meistens
Kunsthandwerk) in Europa schaffen. Die Zwischestelle ist die
"S. O. S. Stichting" in Kerkrade/Holland.

11. Oktober 1971

J. J. Gossner
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Herrn
Dr. Paul S i n g h
G.E.L.-Church Compound
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Lieber Bruder S i n g h !

Eben habe ich Anweisung gegeben, für das 4. Quartal 1971 dem B E L ca. 40.000,-- Rps. an die Kasse der Gossnerkirche zu überweisen. Ich hoffe, daß der Betrag Sie rechtzeitig erreicht.

Aus diesem Anlaß möchte ich mich persönlich von Ihnen verabschieden. Wir haben viele Jahre hindurch eng verbunden miteinander gelebt und gearbeitet, daß ich auch in Zukunft immer wieder in Fürbitte Ihrer, Ihrer Familie und Ihrer großen, wichtigen und schweren Arbeit gedenken werde. Unser Herr halte Seine väterliche Hand beschützend und segnend über Ihnen !

An das K S S werde ich noch ein Abschiedswort z.Hd. von Präsident M i n z richten. Ich werde es so zu fassen versuchen, daß es von Ihnen - ins Hindi übersetzt - im Gharbandhu abgedruckt werden könnte. Ich hoffe, Sie entschließen sich dazu. Es wäre mir eine Freude, auf diese Weise noch viele in der Gossnerkirche zum Abschied grüßen zu können.

Ihr Halbjahresbericht kam während meines Urlaubs im September hier in Berlin an. Wie sollte ich ihn nicht mit begierigem Interesse gelesen haben ! Aber die Bearbeitung und die Beantwortung der durch ihn aufgeworfenen Fragen muß ich meinem Nachfolger überlassen, der im November gewiß von sich hören lassen wird.

Seien Sie von Herzen Gott befohlen !
Mit herzlichen Jishu Sahai Grüßen bleibe ich

Ihr


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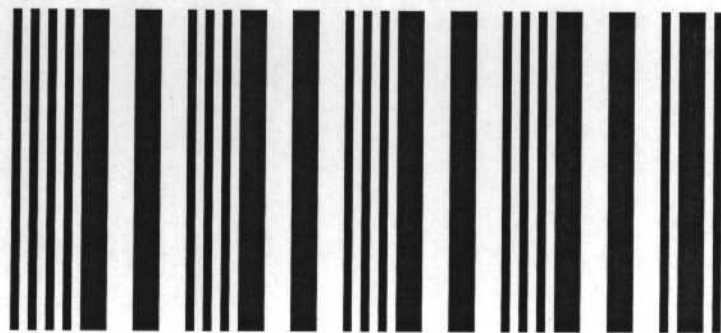
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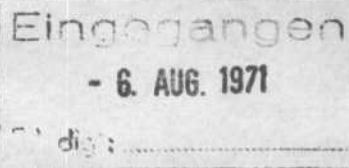
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G. E. L. CHURCH
RANCHI, BIHAR/INDIA

The 20th July 1971

Dr. C. Berg
Gossner Mission
Berlin.

Dear Sir,

I hope you might have by now received my report on my short visit to the Kima-guiste Church in the Congo. You might have also received the information from the Prámukh Adhyaksha about my appointment as the Contact Person for the exchange of quarterly news between the Churches in Germany and the Gossner Church in India. I have already written letters to all Anchals to send news and important events from their respective Anchals.

Herewith I am sending the quotation for the book "Komm Schoepfer Heiliger Geist" by Prof. Vogel and translated by me in Hindi. The amount for two thousand copies and 150 pages has come to Rs. 2576.01 including Sales Tax. I got the quotation on the 16th July, I hope the Superintendent of the Press has sent the quotation direct to you, if not please treat this communication as from me and send the required money at your earliest conveniences. Here I would also like to ask you whether the book will be distributed free or be sold on a minimum price. My suggestion will be that the book be sold on a very minimum price not more than 0.50 paise.

In regard with my possible visit to East Germany next year (September 1972) as we had the talk in East Berlin with Brother Schottstaedt on the subject. May I request you to kindly send a formal invitation. I have to apply for a fresh passport, because the validity of my present passport is expired in July, this year. If you don't mind, I would like to request you to give the invitation in order to help in getting my passport, because I don't know whether Brother Schottstaedt will be able to send the official invitation without getting the permission from the Government. You know the form of invitation, please arrange to send the same in more originals, not copies please!

Here every thing is going well. The Bangla Desh Problem is affecting our daily and church life. In this year we have much rain, which is spoiling the rice and vegetable plants; it has already spoiled the wheat crop. The things are much costlier and prices are still going higher and higher.

Pastor and Frau Hecker are already here, in a day or two they will be leaving for the language school.

With much greetings from us all,

Yours sincerely,

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



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25th June 1971.

Dr. Christian Berg,
Gossner Mission,
1 Berlin 41.



Dear Christian,

Thank you very much for your recent letter enclosing a copy of Dr. Singh's report on his visit to the Congo. I am very glad to have this and will share it with a number of persons here in the House.

Sincerely yours,

Robbins Strong.

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Dr. Robin Strong
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Dear Robih,

At the end of May, it has become a reality that Dr. Paul Singh of the Indian Gossner Church was able to pay a visit to the Kimbanguist Church for more than a week. During the first days, there was the possibility for him to be accompanied by our Mission Inspector, Pastor Seeberg. His Eminence was as kind as to invite the Indian and the German guest for a detailed talk with him.

As has been requested by you, Dr. Singh has put down a written report on his impression there. You will find it enclosed. This report is somehow reflecting the strong impressions of the Indian guest in the Congo.

Moreover, Pastor Seeberg will also, during the next time, give a written report in one or the other congregational periodicals. I have asked him to send you a copy of his article in order to give you the impressions of both visitors.

Please take again my heartfelt thanks for your valuable mediating service. I am sure that the arranged contacts will have blessed effects in various directions.

With cordial greetings

Yours sincerely

Dr. Christian Berg

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Lieber Bruder Singh,

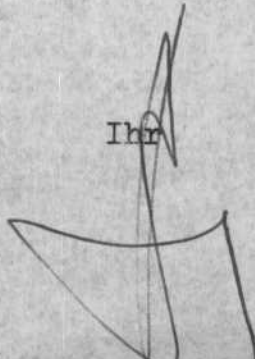
wir waren sehr froh, Ihren Kartengruß aus Nairobi zu erhalten, so daß wir hoffen dürfen, daß Sie wohlbehalten Ende Mai nach Ranchi zurückgekehrt sind und Ihre liebe Familie wohl aufgefunden haben. Nach den kurzen Nachrichten von Bruder Seeberg müssen die Eindrücke in der Kimbanguisten-Kirche sehr lebendig und stark gewesen sein, so daß Sie trotz aller Strapazen sicher sehr froh sind, diesen Besuch erlebt zu haben. Ich bin sehr gespannt auf Ihren Bericht, den Sie möglichst in zweifacher Ausfertigung übersenden sollten, damit ich die Kopie an den Oekumenischen Rat in Genf schicken kann, der sehr daran interessiert ist.

Sie waren zugegen bei der "Landeskirchlichen Kommission für partnerschaftliche Beziehungen zur indischen Gossnerkirche" am 22. 4. in Mainz. Einem dort gefaßten Entschluß entsprechend hat Pastor Seeberg noch einige Nachrichten in Englisch zusammenstellen lassen, die ich durch Bruder Montag mitschicke und die Sie am besten mit Präsident Minzfür interessierte Brüder in der Gossnerkirche auswählen und weiterleiten. Ich denke, diese kleine Mühe dürfen wir Ihnen zumuten.

Und nun hoffen wir sehr, daß Sie dankbar an Ihre Europa- und Afrika-Reise zurück denken - trotz der vermehrten Arbeit, die natürlich in Ranchi auf Sie wartet -, wie wir von Herzen froh waren, Sie wieder einmal bei uns gehabt zu haben. Haben Sie sehr Dank für Ihren Dienst!

Getreulich verbunden bleibe ich

Ihr



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Rev. Dr. C.K. Paul Singh
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Ranchi, the June 8, 1971.

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P. Seeberg

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Dear Sir,

Herewith I am sending a short report of my visit to the Kimbanguist Church in the Congo during the 2nd half of May 1971. I am also enclosing one extra copy to be sent to the commission of World Mission and Evangelism, W.C.C. Geneva, through which the E.J.C.S.K. was contacted. I do not know the person you contacted, therefore please send the same with my thanks and greeting.

My visit and stay in the Congo with the Kimbanguist Church have enriched by experience and have given new inspiration. I shall try my best to inform this also for the members of the Gossner Church. I am preparing a detail report in Hindi with this effect.

My returning journey was a little troublesome. The money I received from Pastor Seeberg was not quite enough. Specially Nairabi and Bombay I had some trouble. In Bombay I missed the plane, due to new time table. I had to wait for the next plane, without any certainty, It was also Sunday so I had to run here and there to get a seat in the next plane. I had to spend also some extra money. Any how I got the seat in the night plane to ~~reach~~ reach Calcutta, so I reached Ranchi a day later.

In Ranchi I found everything alright, except that my daughter is not doing ~~mixigh~~ well. She is sick since I left her in Ranchi. We are giving her medicine as prescribed by a doctor. I hope she will recover soon. The Full KSS is going to meet in the last week of June specially to discuss a new draft constitution. I hope also to give my report about my visit in Germany and in the Congo.

2 In the Gossner House I was asked about a student in the Theological College, named by Topno, he was getting stipend from the Wilmerdorf's Gemeinde. No he has finished his course, and he is not in the College.

With hearty greetings and Yishusahay from us all.

Yours sincerely,

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

Director/Secretary, BEL.

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Two copies of the Report.

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Sehr Verehrter Hr Berg,
Herzlichen Grüsse aus
Nairobi, Heute vormittag
bin ich aus Kinshasa
gekommen. Ich bin sehr
dankebar, dass dieser Besuch
ermöglicht war, Mein
Bericht wird, hoffe ich bis
1. Juni bei Ihnen sein.
Herzliche Grüsse an allen in
Gossner Mission,
Paul Singh

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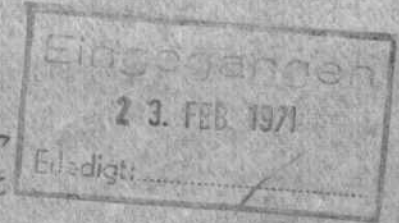
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Ranchi, the February 11, 1971.

Pastor M. Seeberg
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Dear brother Seeberg,

After a silence I am writing this letter. I am enclosing herewith a copy of the YEARLY REPORT of the BEL and a copy of the Minute of the BEL meeting held in Feb. 1971. Most of them are self explanatory.

We have to prepare a detaile report of the work of BEL throuh me to be reported before the Kuratorium. In your first letter it was mentioned that the Kuratorium shall meet on 13th April but later on it is mentioned that the meeting will be held on 21st April in Mainz. Will you please clarify the date ? Any how I am planning to start for Germany between 2-5th April, whenever I get the reservation. I shall be directly flying from Frankfurt to Berlin, if not otherwise I shall be in Berlin for Easter, I would like to visit Dr.Grothaus, Dr.Von Stieglitz, one family in Duisburg, Missions Akademie in Hamburg, Bethel, If time allows I want to visit East Berlin and West Germany, and some European cities. But any how I do not like to press the programme, they have to be adjusted.

Just now I received the copy of a letter concerning Surguja field.

With greetings from us all.

Yours sincerely,

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

Enc.: As stated above.

P.S.

Unseres zweites Kind wurde am 7. Feb '71 mit dem Namen Christ Regem Binit Kumar Singh getauft.
C.K. Paul Singh

MINUTE OF THE FULL MEMBERS MEETING OF THE BEL
HELD ON February 1-2, 1971.

1. Prayer :- The meeting was started with a prayer singing SB. 105:1 led by the chairman Rev. C.B. Minz.
2. Attendance :- The following members were present :
(i) Rev. C.B. Minz, (ii) Rev. S. KUJUR, (iii) Rev. S. Kullu, (iv) Rev. L. Kongari
(v) Mr. Thomas Bakhla, (vi) Rev. Dh. D. Toppo, (vii) Rev. H.M. Bage and
Rev. Dr. C.K. Paul Singh.
Rev. J. Topno, Rev. Dr. M. Bage, Rev. D. Hemrom, Rev. C.S.B. Horo could not attend the meeting. Rev. N. Ekka Supervisor, Surguja Field was invited as special visitor.
3. The confirmation of the last minute :- The minute was read & confirmed.
4. Matters arising out of the minute :- (a) TRAINING OF THE SUPERINTENDENT, GELC PRESS : After a long deliberation it was resolved that "Enquiry about place and duration of training be made and possible maintenance of the Superintendent's and the Training expenses be estimated. With this regard the following be authorised :
(1) The Chairman, (2) The Secretary and (3) Rev. S. Kujur".
(b) MIKIR HILLS MATTERS :- (i) Allowance for the Missionary : - Resolved that this be referred to the KSS to reconsider this matter in light of the allowance of Rev. J. Soy allowing him an allowance of Rs. 150/- per month.
(ii) Medical help for the Field : - It was resolved that :
A sum of Rs. 300/- be given from the consolidated balance amount.
5. Yearly Report (1970) of the Director, BEL :-
The yearly report was read out by the Director along with this a report was given also by the Superintendent Surguja Field.
The reports were received with thanks.
6. Matters arising out of the reports :- Members were told that the financial statement as shown in the report is only as found in our record, the expenditure more than shown in the account.
(i) Reference of Projector etc. :- It was reported that a set of Projector has been purchased, but due to inavailability of Generator it is not used, only in few occasions they have been used. It was expressed that a Generator and one or two films be obtained.
It was resolved that :- As far as finance allows necessary requirements be provided with.
(ii) Gharbandhu :- It was expressed due to increase in subscribers difficulty is arising, specially in dispatching. It was resolved that : "Pramukh Adhyaksh be requested to arrange so that at least in dispatching help be given".
(iii) SURGUJA MATTERS :- (a) Cycle allowance :- It was resolved that "No Cycle allowance be given, Field Allowance covers this also".
(b) Stipends for Theological Students :- Resolved that : "This be recommended to the KSS to include also the students from Surguja field in the Budget for Theological College".
(c) Payment arrangements :- In view of distance and special projects of Surguja Field it was resolved that : "Payment arrangements be made in quarterly basis but a regular monthly account/Statement be made as allowed in Budget".
(d) Advance amount to buy rice for Hostels :- Resolved that the KSS be requested to provide a sum of Rs. 10,000.00 as advance for Surguja Field".
(e) Difference in Budget 1971 :- There is a difference of Rs. 23,172/- in the Budget for 1971 due to new pay-scale re-fixation. Resolved that : "This be referred to the KSS along with the detail pay-fixation detail. This be supplied by the Superintendent, Surguja Field".

The meeting was closed with a word of prayer led by the Chairman.

C.K. Paul Singh
(C.K. Paul Singh)
Director/Secretary,
B. E. L.
GELC Ranchi.

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YEARLY REPORT (1970).

Dear Friends,

We thank God for His all blessings and protections in the year that we could work for His Glory. We also thank many friends here and abroad for their support through prayers, gifts and co-operations so that we can produce the following report :

- I. TOUR PROGRAMME :- In this year almost all areas of Evangelistic Field were covered except that of Mikir Hills. Some congregations in Singhbhum were also to be left out due to the communal riots in Chaibasa. Besides the tour programmes for the Evangelistic Fields in adjacent areas there were many programmes in different Anchals for Bible Class, Mission Festivals, Jubilees, Witness day etc. In such occasions I used to speak on the subjects relating to Evangelistic Works and Christia Stewardship.

The visits were not only of instruction or inspection character but also of encouragement and exhortation for the workers as well as for the new converts. In some congregations we had to deal with some disciplinary problems.

Previously there was a problem of conveyance, but in the later half of the year the Board received a Jeep from the Gossner Mission to be used by the Director. With a transfer of the Driver Mr. Halan Topno, now in the centre there are three paid staff members for BEL. It is a matter of great concern to tell the members that the stappening - extra Tyre has been stolen, because the Jeep was being kept out side.

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- III. REFRESHER COURSE :- In the month of October we had a Refresher Course at Ranchi for one week. This refresher course was the 1st one in which about 95 workers from three different areas came together in one place. The workers had the opportunity for exchange of experience and to learn many thing from each other. In the programme of teaching Bible study, and lectures on different subjects relating evangelistic works were given.

- IV. GELC PRESS & PUBLICATION HOUSE :- Reports from two Institutions under BEL were not given in time, CCPH sent its report very late. It is very difficult to find out the things going on in the Press. The financial position is left in darkness, no financial statement was given for 1969, nor that of the last year (1970). It is not known whether there is any monthly or half yearly financial balance sheet. The Press it seems, is on its own way, none is to question or no one is to be asked. Similar situation in the Publishing House is also not clear. As per report of CCPH 11 reprints and 8 new prints were ordered. Two new prints and five reprints are planned for 1971. CCPH has now nine Agencies. There are some more applications. Training of personel, possession of conveyance are some of the "musts" for CCPH. It is understood that CCPH is not running in deficit, but how Capital is increasing is not known. Mr. Bh. Khess the Superintendent of the Press has been confirmed in his post. A Manager for CCPH is still wanted. Total sale for 1970 was Rs. 57,042.66 and expenditure was Rs. 54,220.35.

Since March 1970 Gharbandhu has been directly put under the Pramukh Adhyaksh as Editor. The Director is practically fully responsible for it publication, despatch etc. as the Associat Editor. I am very sorry to mention here that we are not getting enough co-operation in regard with the Publication, distribution etc. of the Gharbandhu.

- V. REPORTS FROM THE FIELDS :- As reported in past, reports are not arriving regularly from the fields. Besides our reminders and efforts we are not successful in getting reports. May be due to rae/slowly slow success or in-efficiency in works reports are not given, even our Supervisors in the adjacent Fields are not regular in giving reports and financial statements. We received some - thrilling reports from some Ilakas about the success ef in their works. The report of Madhupur Ilaka in Orissa Anchal worthy of

of note. Similarly we have received a long report from Rajgangpur Ilaka also.

In the Former JMB area (Singhbhum, Midnapur etc.) there are 39 workers including Catechists, Candidates and Pastors. 116 New converts were baptised. The number of converts could have been larger, but in recommendation for baptism was rather more strict than last year's. Work is more successful in Singhbhum and Midnapur districts. At Jaganathpur, Lailor, Sagjuri, Kanpur, Maljamuna and Kareda either chapels or quarters were built, in Borsol major repair work has been done. For 1971 there are possibilities to begin new stations.

In the Mikir Hills area there are altogether 5 workers. After a arrival of Rev. M. Baa, the work in Mikir Hills area is increasing. There were some new converts (15 in number) baptised. There are some 13 families as catechumen. The workers in Mikir Hills are facing some practical difficulties, the land settlement is not yet clarified, so no construction work has been started.

In the Sambalpur/Bamra area there are 26 workers including catechists, Pastors and Half-time Catechists. The result of the work in the area is not satisfactory. The Pastors are too much involved in the congregational work only. Construction work also was not carried on. There were very few baptism of new converts 15 in number.

Report from Udaipur area did not arrive by the time this report was being prepared. There are 45 workers in the field. The work is going slowly but successfully. There are 82 converts. During the tour of the Director some 50 new converts were baptised. In four places new construction work was carried out successfully, the Pastor's Quarter at Lureg is still incomplete.

VI. NEW AVENUES OF WORK :- In 1970 negotiations were held in regard with new avenues for the evangelistic work. Plane is being considered and ways are still to be found out to carry out work in Nepal with Gossner Church personnel. With this regard Director B.E.L. attended a consultation meeting at Kathmandu with the UMN. Rev. Dr. M. Bage is to go to Nepal for further investigation for this possible work in Nepal.

The negotiation to take over the charge of Surguja field was finalised and from 1-1-1971 the work in the Surguja Field is under the direct supervision of the GELC and thus the BEL too. In the field there are altogether 65 workers including 7 Pastors. There is a Christian population of 7,000 in number. The Rev. N. Ekka has been appointed as the Superintendent in the Surguja Evangelistic Field.

VII. FINANCIAL STATEMENT AS RECORDED BY US :-

| Names/Field. | Budget. | Field Income. | Net Payment. | Total Expenses. |
|------------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|
| 1. BEL Central | Rs. 26,692.30 | Rs. - | Rs. 18,530.34 | Rs. 18,530.34 |
| 2. North West A. | 61,770.92 | 3,980.55 | 49,546.47 | 53,527.02 |
| 3. Orissa Anchal | 34,680.96 | 2,080.67 | 25,932.87 | 28,013.54 |
| 4. South East A. | 70,724.64 | 2,772.80 | 55,782.85 | 58,555.65 |
| Total. | Rs. 193,868.82 | 8,834.02 | 149,792.63 | 158,626.55 |

VIII. SOME FEW REMARKS :- The evangelistic work in our church and by our church seems to be very much disappointing. This is when we see the work from the centre point of view. The church as a whole is not at all active as it ought to be. The church is not contributing enough to further the work, only some or few individuals, congregations and Ilakas are taking some interest in the work. Some are even indifferent towards the work and the workers, not caring for them at all.

The present situation in and around the church we have to utilise new means and methods for the work, till now they are almost the same as in past years. There are requests for slide projectors, Dispensaries, Schools, Hostels. But due to limited Budgets we cannot supply all these items.

Besides these Political and Communal exploitations make our work in-effective, we need some help on this line too.

As a whole it may be said that for the effective work a total change of out-look for evangelistic work is needed. The renewal of the church for Missin has been said repeatedly but is not shown in practice. From top to bottom the church is very much involved in other things. The out-look of the church for evangelistic work is diappointing. For this work more involvement and revival of the church is needed, Without this the work will be only a means of living and not the fulfilment of God's Call.

Let us hope for better co-operation, support and encouragement in this year. there are three paid staff members for the year. It is a great concern to tell the members that the Jeep has been stolen, because the Jeep was being kept on side.

Thankfully submitted.

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Ranchi, the 1st February, 1971.

Sd/.Rev.Dr. C.K. Paul Singh

Director/Secretary, BEL.

GELC Ranchi/Bihar.

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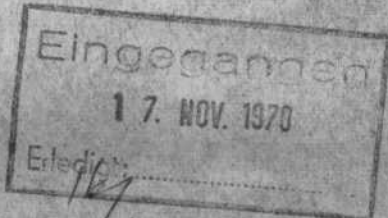
G.E.L. CHURCH, RANCHI.

Director/Secretary,
Rev. Dr. C.K. Paul Singh.

Ref.No. BEL/91/70

Ranchi, the 10th November, 1970.

Pastor M. Seeberg
Gossner Mission
1 Berlin 41.
Handjery Str. 19/20.



Dear Brother Seeberg,

Thank you for your kind letter of the 27th October 1970. I am very sorry that I could not reply earlier.

Here is a Minute of the BEL enclosed for your information.

I am very glad to inform you that on 5th Nov. '70 I received the Keys and papers for the new Jeep, donated by you. I thank the Gossner Mission with my sincere heart. Please convey my sincere thanks also to the Christian brethren of Bavaria who have kindly raised the fund for the Jeep.

The KSS has agreed with thanks to give me leave to visit Germany for a report-in-person before the Kuratorium. Now I have to get ready for the same. For this also would like to contact a travel Agent for the same. I would like to fly to Germany in a Luft Hansa Plane, but while returning in an Air India Plane. May I know your opinion with this regard?

I have to tell that my application of resignation was not granted I had to withdraw my application. I wanted to resign, because I felt and still I feel that it is no good to be in the Managing Committee when one is unable to do good for the Press. I did not like to be a partner in letting down the work of the Press.

Mean while Mr. Bh. Khess has been confirmed in his post. Thus a training for him is requested. During his visit Dr. Berg told here that he would find out some source of stipend for the Superintendent of the Press and for the Manager CCPH. I would like to request to do the needful, so that Mr. Khess can go for his training somewhere in Calcutta or Allahabad, as the BEL has it in the contract. I came to the understanding that Pramukh Adhyaksh has written a letter with this regard and also about Mr. Bhadra.

There is an earnest appeal for a grant of help for Mikir Hills work at least for a regular payments, Rev. M. Baa has been appointed Missionary for the field, He has been able to continue the work and also to baptise some new converts. People in the area are looking forward for greater plan and programmes for the area. They see it as a condition for becoming christian. I shall be sending a detail report of that area.

I hope you will be informed by the Pramukh Adhyaksh for other matters.

With best of my regards to you all, also from my family.

Encl.
As stated above.

Yours sincerely,
C.K. Paul Singh
(C.K. Paul Singh)
Director/Secretary,
B. E. L.

MINUTE OF THE BEL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

held on November 5, 1970.

I. Prayer :- The meeting was started with a word of prayer led by the Chairman Rev.C.B. Minz.

II. Attendance :- The following persons were present :

1. Rev. C.B. Minz Chairman
2. " J. Topno Member
3. " Dr. M. Bage "
4. " S. Kujur "
5. " Dr. C.K. Paul Sing Director & Secretary.

Rev.C.S.B. Horo could not attend the meeting, instead of him Rev. L. Kongari was present as visitor, Rev.N.Kullu Anchal Adhyaksh Madhya Anchal was also present as visitor.

III. Confirmation of the ^{minute of} last meeting :-
The minute was read and confirmed.

IV. Matters from the minute :-

a) Budget for 1971.

The letter (dated 26-10-70) from Gossner Mission with this regard was read. Accordingly an amount of Rs.180,000.00 has been granted by the Gossner Mission for the year 1971, but for an amount of Rs.109,41.60 (out of the recommended budget of Rs.190,941.60) uncertainty of payment has been expressed. For Assam Mission Work (Mikir Hills) no amount has been granted unless it shall be donated by friends or churches in Germany.

Resolved that :

1) Appreciation and thanks be expressed to the Gossner Mission for this generous grant of Rs.180,000/- and an appeal be sent to kindly arrange for the next rest amount of Rs. 10,941.60.

2) An earnestly appeal be sent to kindly reconsider the grant about the work in Mikir Hills, at least for the regular establishment budget as recommended by the Assam Anchal amounting Rs. 7033.44 *only considered after being*. As it is very urgent to support the work in Assam with *help* new set up of workers, i.e. new pracharaks and new Missionary. With this effect a report be prepared and sent to Gossner Mission.

b) GELC Press :

(i) Confirmation of Mr. Bh.Khess in his post of Superintendentship.:

On the recommendation of the Managing Committee it was resolved that "Mr. Bh.Khess be confirmed in his post of Superintendentship with effect from 1st November 1970.

(ii) Training for Mr. Bh. Khess:

It was resolved that :

"For the Training arrangement of Mr. Bh.Khess Superintendent Gossner Mission be contacted for financial help as once expressed. For Training purpose Baptist Mission Press Calcutta and Allahabad Press be contacted.

(iii) Training for Mr. H. Khess of GELC Press:

It was resolved that :

Arrangements be made also for Mr. H. Khess for his further Training in India.

V. Jeep for the Director, BEL :

It was reported that the Jeep meant for the Director BEL is arrived, as donated by the Gossner Mission.

The following resolutions were made :

(1) A sincere thanks be expressed to the Gossner Mission for this kind supply of a Jeep.

(2) For arrangement of Driver for the Jeep the action taken by the KSS dt. 3-7 Nov. 1970 be referred.

(3) The Jeep shall not be given on requisition except on emergency for church work of the officers only and they be charged @ 0.35 Paise per Km.

VI. Other Matters :

a) Half Evangelistic Congregations in former JMB(OA) .

The matter was discussed from different points of views, i.e. administrative, financial, sacramental service etc. and it was resolved that :

The following congregations (Half Evangelistic) as worked out by the Director and Rev. Dr. M. Bage shall be amalgamated in the Orissa Anchal and shall not get any further grant from the BEL Evangelistic grant budget with effect from January 1971.

It was further resolved that the Pastor in Deogarh shall be given the responsibility of Pastoral Care/Ministry in these said congregations.

(b) Translation/Preparation of Tracts :

It was suggested that in order to help Pastors and Pracharks some useful tracts be translated from English into Hindi, or be prepared new ones on these basis.

Specially tracts like (i) What is Christianity ?

(ii) Various ways to the same Goal ?

The meeting was closed with a word of prayer offered by the Chairman Rev. C.B. Minz.

Sd/ C K Paul Singh

Ranchi, the 5th Nov. 1970.

(C.K. Paul Singh)

Director/Secretary,

B . E . L .

27th Oct. 1970

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Director Dr. Paul Singh
G.E.L. Church Compound
Ranchi/Bihar
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Handwritten signature: Dr. Paul Singh
Handwritten initials: J. Singh
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Dear Brother Singh,

Thank you for your letter of 6th October which we received on 21st Oct. By the copy of the letter to the Pramukh you will learn that unfortunately we are not able to meet all of your requirements. But a year is a long period, and perhaps a special occasion will arise we do not know yet to accomplish the total estimates of Rs 190,941.60 established by you.

We are very surprised that you did not yet receive your jeep; for Sister Ilse Martin who ordered her Takarma-jeep by the same time is driving it already since some weeks.

We took notice that, due to family reasons, you will ~~only~~ be able to accept the invitation to Germany for you only and not for your wife. The official invitation is attached herewith. The date of our Kuratoriums meeting at which you are invited to give your report is April the 13th, 1971.

We also took notice of the fact that BEL is not in the position to engage Mr. Bhadra at the GEL Church Printing Press. We regret this resolution because we are convinced that Mr. Bhadra is a skilled expert. I did not get the sense of your common observations regarding the Printing Press. On one hand you mentioned that things are not going healthy, and on the other hand you mentioned great achievements. For what reasons did you resign from the Press Managing Committee?

With cordial greetings to you as well as to your wife, I am

Yours sincerely

Handwritten signature: Sg.

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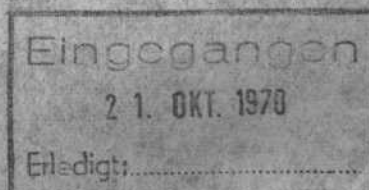
G.E.L. CHURCH, RANCHI.

Rev. Dr. C.K. Paul Singh
Director/Secretary.

Ref. No. BEL/83/70

Ranchi, the October 6, 1970.

Dr. C. Berg
Mission Director,
Gossner Mission
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Handjery Str. 19/20.



Dear Sir,

Herewith I am sending a copy of the minute of BEL Executive Committee held on 29-9-70.

I would like to draw your special attention towards the following items :

4. Budget for 1971 :

The total Budget has come to an high amount, due to increments in salaries, Provident Fund and Pension Fund contributions and some few new appointments.

5. There is also a Budget for Mikir Hills Work. Though it has been told by the Gossner Mission, i.e. by the Pastor C. Berg ~~that due to~~ that due to increasing responsibility in other areas on the one hand and due to insignificant working capacity in Assam work as a whole Gossner Mission is not ready to give further grants for Mikir Hills area.

But as new Missionary Rev. M. Baa has been deputed in that area and there are some signs of progress I would like to request the Gossner Mission to reconsider the Budget also. The BEL Executive felt it necessary to continue the work once started, therefore recommended the Budget for your consideration. These are advance informations about Budget Pramukh Adhyaksh shall send an official Budget latter. visit

6. Regarding the invitation to Germany in April next year, we shall be waiting for a formal invitation. I personally fear my wife will be not in a position to accompany me this time, due to family reasons. I therefore request you to send the formal invitation with this effect.

Regarding Mr. Bhadra, a trained person in Printings, at the moment it is difficult either to remove Mr. Khess the present Superintendent or to appoint Mr. Bhadra under or above Mr. Khess. Here I am at my wit's end what to do, the things in Printing Press is not going healthy. I hope you might have been reported by Mr. R. Montag about the great achievements in the Press.

I am not satisfied and I do not like to be mixed up in such unhealthy things as they are going on in the Press. I have therefore given resignation letter that I believe be relieved from this responsibility of a member in the Press Managing Committee. May I at this point report that it is a matter of great concern that we have not yet received the Jeep, we have ordered for. From next week I have a tour programme in different fields.

With thanks and hearty greetings to you all.

Yours sincerely,

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

Director/Secretary
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Enclosed:

As stated above.

Minute of the BEL Executive Committee Meeting
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1. Prayer:- The Meeting was started with a word of prayer led by the chairman, Rev. C.B. Minz.

2. Attendance :- The following members were present :

- (1) Rev. C.B. Minz
- (2) " J. Topno
- (3) " S. Kujur
- (4) " Dr. C.K. Paul Singh.

Rev. Dr. M. Bage and Rev. C.S.B. Horo could not attend the meeting, but as four members were present and thus made the quorum the meeting was declared legal and appropriate.

3. Confirmation of the last Minute :- The Minute was read and confirmed.

4. Budget for 1971, G.M. grant for Evangelistic Work:- The Budget was discussed item by item for each area and recommended the following amount to the Gossner Mission in Berlin for favourable consideration and grant:

| | |
|--------------------------|---------------|
| (1) Central Office | Rs. 26,889.60 |
| (2) Udaipur(NWA) | 64,052.00 |
| (3) Former JMB(SEA) | 73,000.00 |
| (4) Former JMB(Orissa A) | 27,000.00 |

Total. Rs. 190,941.60

The committee discussed this huge amount of budget (Rupees One Lakh Ninety Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-One and Paise Sixty only) in connection with the agreed grant of Gossner Mission amounting to Rs. 150,000.00 only. Thus there is an excess amount of Rs. 40,941.60. This excesses are due to the increments in salaries and P.F. and Pension Fund contributions, New appointments for new stations, some land purchases and house constructions. Thus the Executive Committee could not deduct the proposed budget and recommended this amount to the G.M.

It was resolved that :-

"The amount of rupees One Lakh Ninety Thousand Nine Hundred Forty-one and Paise Sixty only be recommended to the G.M. to grant for the Evangelistic Work for 1971".

5. Budget for 1971 for Mikir Hills area:-

As the amount balance for Mikir Hills Work is almost finished and as it was expressed that the work in Mikir Hills area be continued the following Budget as proposed by Assam Anchal be recommended to the G.M. for special consideration. The Budget's total amount is Rs. 69,443.44 only.

6. Letters from Germany(Berlin) G.M. :

(1) Letter addressed to the Chairman BEL dt. 27 July '70 regarding invitation for the Director BEL to visit Germany for personal report to the Kuratorium.

It was noted with appreciation, It is to be waited for a formal invitation.

(2) Letter addressed to the Director dt. 14th August 1970 It was expressed difficulty to consider about Mr. Bhadra to appoint him in the G.E.L. Church Press in the present condition i.e. It is difficult to create a post for him.

7. G.E.L. Church Press :-

- (1) Confirmation of Shri B.Khess in his post of Superintendent.

It was reported that the Managing Committee has not yet sent any report on the work of Shri B. Khess in the Press in order to consider the matter of his confirmation in the post, as resolved by the BEL (Vide Minute dt.8-12-69).

It was resolved that:

"A reminder be sent to the Managing Committee for a report on the work of Shri.B.Khess in the Press".

- (2) Managing Committee Member for G.E.L. Church Press:

As per rule the term of Mr. M.M. Lakra has come to an end. It was resolved that: "In his place Rev.C.B. Aind be replaced for a term of four years for the membership of the said Managing Committee of G.E.L.Church Press.

8. Gharbandhu :

It was reported that Gharbandhu is being published regularly. But due to the past history of it, subscribers are not increasing as planned, besides various efforts. Thus there is a deficit of about Rs.500.00. The Editorial Committee has requested to sanction a loan from its fund.

It was resolved that :

"A loan of rupees Five Hundred be sanctioned from the BEL account Central".

9. CERTIFICATE FOR WORKERS:

It was resolved that :

"A Certificate be given to the workers for their work in the Evangelistic Fields. The Director be authorised to prepare and show the same to the Chairman and after finalising it should be given the same during the coming Refresher Course.

10. Transfer of Half Evangelistic Congregations of Orissa:

The matter was postponed for the next meeting.

The Meeting was closed pronouncing the benediction.

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

Director & Secretary,

B. E. L.

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Herrn Direktor Dr. Paul Singh
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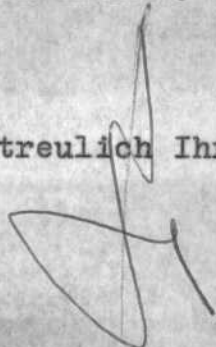
Heute nur zwei kurze Nachrichten: in die kürzlich dem Board of Theological Education zugegangene finanzielle Ausstattung bei Herrn Bhengra war auch eine Gabe einbegriffen, die die Gemeinde Westkilver durch Herrn Pastor Dr. Hess für die Pracharak Training School in Govindpur gesammelt hat. Ich freue mich, Ihnen diese gute Nachricht mitteilen zu können, die ja deutlich macht, wie unter den Freunden der Gossner Mission der Dienst gerade auch dieser Ausbildungsstätte geachtet und für wichtig gehalten wird.

Zum anderen: ich hoffe sehr, daß Adyaksh Dr. Bage in diesen Tagen nach Katmandu zur UMN aufgebrochen ist oder kurz davor steht. Wir sind sehr begierig auf Nachricht von dem Ergebnis seiner Besprechungen. Da die Gossner-Kirche ihn als ersten Kandidaten für die Missionsbeteiligung am Dienst der UMN genannt hat, ist hoffentlich nicht zu befürchten, daß sie ihn doch noch für unabhkömmlich oder unabgebbar erklärt. Oder doch? Da schon Headmaster Ekka-Lohardagar durch seine Berufung nach Ambikapur für den Einsatz in Nepal ausgefallen ist, wäre es sehr schmerzlich, wenn Ende des Jahres die Gossner-Kirche ohne Kandidaten für den Dienst im Himalaja-Land wäre. Haben Sie sich wohl schon Gedanken über mögliche Ersatzleute gemacht? Es wäre nicht schön, wenn ein gutes Teil des Jahres 1971 darüber hinginge, bis endlich die ersten Gossner-Christen zum Missionsdienst in Nepal aufbrächen. So weit diese nicht sorgenlose Frage.

Wir hoffen, heute über Ihre Einladung im nächsten April in der Kuratoriumssitzung beschließen zu können. Aber darüber erfolgt dann besondere Nachricht.

Mit herzlichen Grüßen

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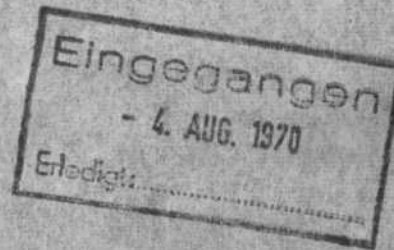
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Rev. Dr. C.K. Paul Singh
Director/Secretary.

Ref.No.BEL/65/70

Ranchi, the July 30, 1970.

Mission Director
Dr. C. Berg
Gossner Mission
Berlin.



Dear Sir,

As mentioned in my last letter herewith I am sending an half yearly report for your information and record. I am sorry to state that this report has been prepared very late.

I hope at this time Pramukh Adhyaksh Rev.C.B. Minz is at Berlin and has sometime to discuss various problems of our church, and he has also some good news to report to you. That's why I am not writing any more things. May be, I shall write later on if Pramukh Adhyaksh Rev.C.B. Minz brings some news or questions from Berlin

With kind greetings and regards to you all in Berlin.

Yours sincerely,

Encl:

As stated above.

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(C.K. Paul Singh)

Director/Secretary,
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G.E.L. CHURCH, RANCHI.

Half Yearly Report (Jan - June 1970).

Dear Friends,

Though the report is very late, it is a matter of thanks to God for the progress and success in the evangelistic work under this Board. We also thank many friends here and abroad for their support through prayer and gifts and co-operation in every possible way, so that we can give the following report for your information and thoughtful support for the future:

- I. Tour programmes: The year was started with a tour programme for the evangelistic field in the Orissa Anchal. After attending various meetings in January at Ranchi the programme took the director, BEL in the new congregations in Sambalpur and Sundargarh districts of Orissa. In many places we had to tackle some congregational problems too. In some places adults were baptised. After visiting the new congregations we visited also many established congregations, in two places Mission Festival was arranged, which was celebrated with great enthusiasm.

After some occasional programmes in February and March there was a tour programme in April for the former JMB area of Midnapore (W. Bengal) Mayurbhanj and Keonjhar (Orissa) districts. Due to the communal riots in Chaibasa the programme for Singhbhum district was cancelled. During the tour more than forty persons were baptised. In the month of May there was a short tour programme in Khuria and Udaipur (M.P.) areas with a purpose to survey the area. In the same time Bible Classes were arranged in the area. In one place it was meant specially for the newly baptised Christians.

This in the first half of the year almost these three evangelistic fields were covered, in some area extensive tour programme is to be planned for the months after rainy season. Except these tour programmes other areas of the Gossner Church were covered during different Bible Classes arranged in different Anchals/Ilakas during the months of May and June. The director was invited to speak in more than twenty different Classes, but either some of them were planned simultaneously or conveyance was not available so only eleven Bible Classes could be attended. In such classes different subjects on evangelism were dealt with. In some places "witness evenings" were also arranged. The Mission-Festival in Bishrampur of Marcha Parish is worthy of note. Here a whole-day programme was made for witness, singing and dancing. It was well planned and was of great success.

- II. GELC Press & Publication House : These institutions under the BEL have also the same routinal work and same condition. The GELC Press is still under financial pressure. Any how it is pulling on from hand to mouth situation. The matter of contribution for KSS is still far from sight. The matter of Superintendent's confirmation in his post is still pending. The publication House is pulling on without its Manager; newly a Managing Committee has been formed and it has started functioning. It is hoped that new plan and programme will be drawn and carried out for the progress of this Institution. The financial statement is not satisfactory though not so bad.

From the month of March the Gharbandhu is put under the BEL directly and the Pramukh Adhyaksh is the Editor. As Associate Editor main burden lies upon the director, BEL. Since March Gharbandhu is printed regularly. Two months have been published on behalf of the BEL for our help in the evangelistic work: (i) Mukti ker dahar (The way of Salvation) and (ii) Jiwit Iswar evam Masihi (The living God and the Christians). Some more booklets are under preparation.

- III. Reports from the Field : It is one of the sad side of our work that we could not give reports in due time. Besides our reminders and efforts we are still behind the schedule for giving reports. Our requests for report goes to all Ilaka chairmen and Supervisors of the field but it is an old habit and an old complain "no reports" !

This time the first report arrived from Rev. I. Guria, Supervisor former JMB area, Singhbhum, Midnapur etc. In the field there are 39 workers involved in four districts of Bihar, Bengal and Orissa among different communities. The method of preaching is almost the same; Prayer meetings, House visiting, taking care of sick etc. The result is better than that of the last year. Adults 72, of 15 families have been baptised. The construction was carried on in different places, the Supervisor writes that the harvest is ready but the workers are less. He recommends that some equipments be given for the workers e.g. Bible Pictures, Flannel Graph and Medical Box. Besides these he recommends to open Primary Schools in some places. The Refresher Course for the workers of whole Gossner Church at one place will be helpful for exchange of thought and experience.

The other report was from Missionary Rev. M. Baa in Mikir Hills (Assam) there are altogether five workers in the field. There is a congregation of Mikir Tribe consisting of 21 members; there are other 19 members of Kharia Community migrated from Chotanagpur. In this year 15 members have been baptised. The condition of Mikir Christians is very wretched. They are hungry for spiritual as well as material help. They need help not only for daily bread but also for education and Medical or health purposes. The progress in work is very slow. Construction work is pending because the plot is not yet Registered. Progress in work and in the life of Christians is possible but cost will be very high.

The third report from Rev. Dh. D. Toppo, Supervisor in the Udaipur area. There are altogether 45 workers in the field. For this half year there is no special progress in the work. The "Freed of Religion" Bill has caused a great anxiety for the new Christians as well as for the workers. In this year 27 adults have been baptised and 81 are in the list of catechumens. The construction work is in progress. In seven places new houses were built either for Catechists' Quarter or for worship purposes. The method of approach is almost the same. In this year a Pracharika-cum-Nurse has been appointed for the area, her work is of great help.

No report arrived from Rev. H. Tutti, Sambalpur district. There are reports from some Pastors in the Ilakas. A report from Rev. S. Surin is very encouraging, he baptised 52 persons within this year.

IV. Financial Report: According to the record in our Office we have to state the following account.

| Area. | Total Bill. | Income. | Net Paid. |
|-----------------------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|
| Mikir Hills (Assam) | Rs. 8,067.06 | - | Rs. 8,067.06 |
| North West Anchal (Udaipur) | 26,678.62 | Rs. 2,632.35 | 24,046.27 |
| S.E. Anchal (Old JMB Field) | 27,725.19 | 1,739.45 | 25,985.74 |
| Orissa Anchal (Sambalpur) | 9,237.60 | 708.34 | 8,529.26 |
| BEL Central Office | 5,502.63 | - | 5,502.63 |
| Jeep Bills given below. | | | |
| Total. | Rs. 77,211.10 | Rs. 5,080.14 | Rs. 72,130.96 |

Sometimes it is much discouraging when the idleness and indifferent attitude of the Church members is exposed in regard with evangelistic work, but there are some Ilakas, families and individuals, who are doing this task very faithfully. I hope when the conveyance meant for the BEL is handed over the programme for evangelistic work will be more intensively carried out in all areas.

We thank again our all friends and well-wishers for their support, co-operation and encouragement.

Thankfully submitted.

Ranchi, the 28th July 1970.

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

Jeep Bills for Jan. - June '70.

Director/Secretary,

Total. Rs. 1,451.55

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Rev. Dr. Paul Singh
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Ranchi /Bihar
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Betrifft: Ihr Nepal-Report

Lieber Bruder Singh!

Haben Sie sehr Dank für Ihren Brief vom 10. April, der uns Ihre wohlbehaltene Rückkehr von Nepal mitteilte und uns spüren ließ, daß Sie gern droben waren und lebendige Eindrücke von der Arbeit der UMN gewonnen haben. Auch Bruder Hertels Bericht liegt jetzt vor; Exekutivsekretär J. Lindell, den wir zu unserer Freude vom 25. - 28. April hier im Missionshaus zu Besuch hatten, hat dankbar von Ihrer beider Besuch erzählt und die Absprachen bestätigt, die Sie getroffen haben. Wir haben natürlich allerlei Fragen unserer zukünftigen Mitarbeit in der UMN besprochen.

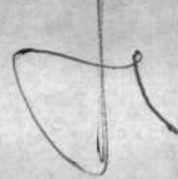
Damit komme ich zum Hauptinhalt Ihres Berichts. Wie sehr würden wir uns freuen, wenn sich Dr. Bage entschlösse, dem Ruf nach Nepal zu folgen, und das KSS ihn dafür freigäbe. Wir sind sehr damit einverstanden, wenn er einen informativ-schen Besuch in Kathmandu etc. macht. Bitte, statuen Sie ihm mit den dafür erforderlichen Geldmitteln aus, wir werden Ihnen diese im Rahmen der jetzt im Mai an Herrn Bhengra gelangenden 2. Quartals-Rate für das BEL besonders ersetzen. Hoffentlich sind Sie schon im Besitz einer positiven Antwort auf Ihren Brief an Dr. Bage, wenn Sie ihn nicht inzwischen persönlich getroffen haben und ihn ausführlich mündlich unterrichten konnten. Wir sind dankbar, wenn wir auf dem laufenden gehalten werden und hoffen dürfen, daß mit Beginn des Jahres 1971 die Gossnerkirche ihren ersten Missionar in Nepal hat.

Herzlichen Glückwunsch übrigens, wenn Sie nun ins Jubilee-Bungalow umziehen. Ich hoffe sehr, daß Ihre liebe Frau und Sie sich in der größeren Wohnung wohlfühlen werden.

Auf eines möchte ich Sie schon heute vorbereiten, lieber Bruder Singh. Im Kuratorium ist der lebhafteste Wunsch geäußert worden, Sie im nächsten Jahr (wohl Mai 1971) zu persönlicher Berichterstattung und Beantwortung von mancherlei Fragen auf einer Sitzung empfangen zu dürfen - - außerhalb der sonstigen Besuche aus der Gossnerkirche. Wir werden uns rechtzeitig mit einer entsprechenden Bitte an den Präsidenten wenden. Aber stellen Sie sich doch bitte schon innerlich (und auch terminlich) auf eine solche vierwöchige Deutschlandreise ein. Wir hoffen sehr, daß Sie einer solchen "Einladung zur Berichterstattung" folgen werden und auch Ihre Familie Sie wird entbehren können. Da die Unterstützung der Missionsarbeit der Gossnerkirche einer der größten Titel in unserem Budget ist, ist auch finanziell eine solche Reise von Ihnen zu verantworten.

Mit herzlichen, brüderlichen Grüßen von uns allen

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Rev. Dr. C.K. Paul Singh
Director/Secretary.

Ref.No. BEL/43/70

Dated the 10th April, 1970.

Mission Director,
Dr. C. Berg
Gossner Mission
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Dear Sir,

Herewith I am enclosing a short report of my visit to Nepal for attending the UMN meeting. The Report is self-explanatory. I am also writing to Dr. M. Bage. I was thinking to talk to him when he would be in Ranchi for KSS Samiti meeting dt. 9-10 April '70, but he did not come. I hope Mr. Hertel has already written to you.

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In this KSS Samiti it has been decided that now I move to Jubille Bunglaw in the Southern portion, where till now the Pramukh Adhyaksh had their quarter. I have not seen all the rooms. I therefore do not know whether it will be better than where I am now, any how I have to move out from my present quarter to make room for the College staff.

You might have already heard other news of our church as Pramukh Adhyaksh has written letter to you by hand post - Dr. Dell.

I thank you very much for the opportunity given to me to visit Nepal.

With our best regards,

Yours sincerely,

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

Encl: As above noted.

BOARD OF EVANGELISM & LITERATURE.

G.E.L. Church, Ranchi.

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15. APR. 1970

Erledigt:

A SHORT REPORT ON A TRIP TO NEPAL (UMN Board Meeting April 2-3, 1970).

As provided by the Gossner Mission for a trip to Nepal to attend the UMN annual meeting I was in Kathmandu to attend the meeting. Although I missed the forenoon session on 2nd April, I was almost in the right time. I attended the meeting as observer from the Gossner Mission and G.E.L. Church. Mr. H. Hertel, the representative from Gossner Mission could not arrive to attend the meeting in the first day, he came on the 3rd April afternoon. We were accepted for the meeting very gladly and with appreciation. There were about 25 representatives of the different Mission Societies. About important policy-matters one important matter was reported that the UMN has now received another agreement with His Majesty's Government for a Period of five years with effect from 13th Jan. 1970 permitting the UMN to continue the work.

The purpose of my attending the meeting was to be acquainted with the works plan, and programmes of the UMN in Nepal. As the Gossner Mission is planning to be the member of the UMN and has invited the G.E.L. Church to send personnel to work in Nepal I had to take some information about the ~~work~~, mode, possibility and condition for working there. With this regard I specially talked to Mr. J. Lindell (Executive Secretary) and Rev. Canon Samuel Burgoyne, Personnel Secretary and Chaplain, and now elected Kathmandu Area Superintendent. In course of talk I put the name of Rev. Dr. M. Bage and Rev. I.P.N. Ekka, as per authorisation of the KSS. The matter was considered from different points of view. It was expressed whoever may come to join the work in Nepal is welcomed. For Indian co-workers also there is no objection generally, some Doctors (Med.) and Nurses are working there. The main thing is, the personnel have to work as pioneers, they have to ~~we~~ start works or carry out works in remote areas and some times as very hard conditions and climate. It was then expressed that it will be good to start one person and with his experience and avenues of works a second teacher can join in the work. It has been requested that Rev. Dr. M. Bage takes the Challenge first and right away starts direct contact with Rev. C. Samuel Burgoyne The United Mission to Nepal, Post Box No. 126, 1/2a Thapathali, Kathmandu, Nepal by sending his life-sketch including about education, occupation and working experience immediately. It was also stated it will be well if Dr. Bage once comes over to Nepal to make himself acquainted with the works, conditions etc. before he actually starts his works.

Now to begin with one person the next step to be taken by Rev. Dr. Bage for direct contact and if agreed by all parties the Gossner Mission, Orissa Anchal and KSS to take necessary action for the programme. I shall try to answer enquiries within my capacity.

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

Director,

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G.E.L. CHURCH, RANCHI

Rev. Dr. C. K. Paul Singh
Director/Secretary

Ref. No. BEL/59/70

Ranchi, the 3rd July, 1970.

Dr. C. Berg

Mission Director,

Gossner Mission

1 Berlin 41

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Eingegangen

13. JUL. 1970

Erledigt:

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your kind letter of the 6th May 1970.

I am sorry and beg your pardon that I am writing this letter after a long silence. The letter mentioned had been misplaced and I got the same today only. Some of the contents of the letter were already conveyed to me by Dr. Dell.

About the progress in regard with work in Nepal I talked with Dr. Bage, when he was here for KSS meetings in June. Now he is personally in contact with Mr. J. Lindell. He advised Dr. Bage to visit the field only after the rainy season, i.e. in October. The conversation with Dr. Bage I could understand that he has taken the matter very serious and if every thing goes well, as stated by you he may be in Nepal by the beginning of Jan. 1971.

We shifted to the Jubilee Bungalow on 17th June after I finished my tour-programme on the 15th June. We are very happy to be in this quarters. We have been allotted the Southern side, where previously the Pramukh had his residence. On the beginning there were some difficulties and misunderstandings as the Pramukh Adhyaksh took almost all things, furnitures, beds and other articles. I was very much disappointed. Anyhow now the matter is almost settled. I have been given, a sofa set, one bed and an Almirah for the Southern side.

In this last summer I had a very busy programme of tours, bible classes, Mission Festivals etc. Now I am busy with the new Book of Prof. Vogel translating it in Hindi. As the main responsibility of Gharbandhu also lies upon me I have to do a lot of writing work in this rainy season. Till now for rainy season I have only some few programmes outside Ranchi. I am very glad to inform you that the Jeep ordered for the BEL is on the way and I do hope in next few days it will be delivered to us. I am really very thankful for this most important gift by the Gossner Mission.

5) I heard from Dr. Dell about the wish and the programme of the Kuratorium in regard with me for the month of may 1971. I will be very glad if I could serve in this way also the cause of evangelism here and in Germany. I look forward for the opportunity given for me. I hope Dr. Dell will write more with this regard.

Hearty greetings to you all.

Yours sincerely,

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

P.S. Ich habe Herrn Dr. Dell gesagt, dass der Monat April passt mir besser, weil in Mai viele programmen gibt, auch mein Passport ist nur bis 7. Juli gültig. Aber trotzdem bin ich bereit in Mai nach Deutschland zu kommen, wenn das Kuratorium in diesem Monat sitzt. Herzliche Grüße auch von meiner familie
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C.K. Paul Singh

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13th Jun 3, 1970

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Director Dr. Paul Singh
G. E. L. Church - Jubilee Bungalow
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Lieber Bruder Singh!

Eben, da der wichtige Brief Pastor Seebergs an den Präsidenten wegen Surguja bzw. Rev. Ekka und der Entsendung nach Nepal abgeht, weswegen wir nun einen alternativen Personalvorschlag wegen der Entsendung nach Nepal erwarten, wenn sich Bruder Akka wahrscheinlich für Ambikapur entscheiden wird - - kommt gerade Ihr Brief an mich an. Sehr herzlichen Dank für die verschiedenen guten informierenden Nachrichten - Dr. Bages ernstes Interesse für Nepal, Ihren Umzug ins Jubilee-bungalow, die bevorstehende ^Auslieferung des Jeeps, Ihr Zeithaben für literarische Arbeit und endlich Ihre Vorfreude auf den Besuch im kommenden Jahr bei uns. Über letzteres später noch Näheres und Genaueres! Da nichts dringendes sonst zu beantworten ist, heute nur nochmals sehr Dank für die verschiedenen Nachrichten!

Mit Grüßen herzlicher Verbundenheit
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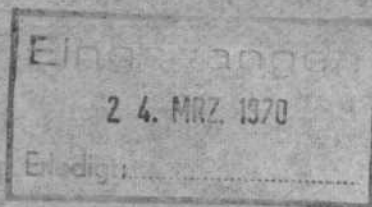
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G . E . L . CHURCH, RANCHI.

Rev. Dr. C.K. Paul Singh
Director/Secretary.

Ref.No.BEL/34/70

The March 18, 1970

Mission Director
Dr. C. Berg
Gossner Mission
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Dear Sir,

Thank you very much for your kind letter dt.9-3-1970 with an encl. of a copy of a letter addressed to Rev. H. Minz. I shall do with the copy as you have advised me.

Due to the declaration of so-called Dharm Pradesh there is some unrest in the church, but certainly not at it was in 1950. Any how they have been successful to gather together an handful of christians; we are still in a position of "wait and see". I am very sorry, that this time I am also to be involved in the affair as I am a member of the KSS and a BTE Chairman, therefore, it will not not surprising that there will be letters or information alleging me of suppressor and oppredor etc. I hope, I will be guided through the Holy Spirit for a right path. When Pastor Seeberg will be back in Berlin, and I believe he is already back, he shall tell you all other matters.

By the mean time I have already started for contacting persons for UMN work. I am noty at certain of my new residence. It may be decided in the next KSS Samiti. The matters about follower of Dr. Dell is already forwarded to the KSS, but I try my best to put the matter forward.

Herewith I am enclosing a copy of the Annual Report of the BEL, though it is not yet submitted to the BEL/KSS. I wanted to give it in the hand of Pastor Seeberg, but unfortunately it was not possible.

We had a talk with Pastor Seeberg about the Jeep for BEL, and according to his assurance I am expecting for the same in next few months. For April, May and June 1970 my programme is very busy and I am still wondering whether I will be compelled to cancel some of them due to unavailability of a conveyance. Any how I have to wait till a Jeep is bought for the BEL.

With best of our regards to you all,

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,

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

Director/Secretary,

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BOARD OF EVANGELISM & LITERATURE.
G.E.L. CHURCH, RANCHI.

Annual Report (1969)

24. MAR 1970

Dear Friends,

First of all we thank God for His blessings in the work of 1969. As I have already mentioned in my previous reports (Quarterly, Half Yearly etc) the year 1969 had been declared by the FELC-I as an evangelistic year - this is continued also for 1970. For G.E.L. Church the year was the Golden Jubilee Year of Autonomy. Many of our Programmes were thus affected and arranged according to the year's programme. From the BEL - Centre very little was done but in the fields the work was carried out as usual. Following are some of the facts and figures of the work for 1969:

I. FIELDS AND WORKERS :

- (1) The fields inside the Anchals/Ilakas : - The following workers as declared by the Anchals/Ilakas are working in the respective fields; they get a grant from the LWF. The amount in certain percent of the salary of the workers but not in addition to their salaries.

| Name of the Anchal/Units | Workers | Amount for 1969 30% |
|----------------------------|---------|------------------------|
| Assam | Nil | Nil |
| North-West Anchal | 41 | Rs. 9,253.80 |
| Orissa Anchal | 24 | 5,551.20 |
| South-East Anchal | 60 | 11,592.00 |
| Khutitoli | 11 | 2,484.00 |
| Head Quartrs Congr. Ranchi | Nil | Nil |

Assam Anchal has no declared field workers but they do carry out evangelistic work, so also Ranchi Hd. Qrs. Congregation has no declared field, but they have their own way of evangelistic work. In General evangelistic work is carried on here and there, even in parish or congregation wise, without any declared place or any report for our record.

- (2) Fields adjacent to the Anchals :- In these fields some new stations have been opened. So we have also increased number of workers. We have the following record :

| Number of workers | | | | Total. | Place. | Anchal. | |
|-------------------|------------|-------------|---|--------|-------------|----------------|-----------|
| Pastors | Candidates | Catechists. | | | | | |
| 1 | + | 4 | = | 5 | Mikir Hills | Assam | |
| 2 | + | 1 | + | 40 | = 43 | Udaipur | N.W.A. |
| 2 | + | - | | 24 | = 26 | Bamra | Orissa A. |
| 5 | + | 1 | + | 27 | = 33 | Singhbhum etc. | S.E.A. |

II. FINANCE :

For the year we had a budget of Rs.150,540.88 but due to the implementation of a new pay scale from 1st June 1969 we have the following record to present :

| Area | Budgeted amount | Income expected | Bill Submitted | Income Centralised. |
|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|---------------------|
| Mikir Hills | Rs. 55,400.00 | x | Rs. 11,056.39 | x |
| Udaipur | 44,069.80 | Rs. 3,000.00 | 48,968.50 | Rs. 2,833.09 |
| Bamra | 21,487.36 | 1,800.00 | 18,922.87 | 1,947.31 |
| Singhbhum etc. | 59,780.00 | 3,000.00 | 47,906.67 | 2,159.87 |
| Central | 25,203.72 | x | 17,578.35 | x |
| Total. | Rs. 150,540.88 | Rs.7,800.00 | Rs. 133,376.39 | Rs6,940.27 |

For Mikir Hills we have no approved budget but we have some amount allotted for the work. It is according to the progress and of the work the amount was to be sanctioned. So also there was no expected amount of income mentioned, however as per report income was amounting to Rs. 154.93. According to our record the Udaipur field has a deficit of Rs. 4,898.70.

III. THE PROGRESS IN WORK :

As per reports work has been done mostly among the Adivasis, and so also the results, only in few cases converts are of castes. In some ~~cases~~ converts are baptised in groups at a time. Herewith we give an account of the adjacent fields :

| Place. | Christian Population. | Adult Baptism. |
|----------------|---------------------------|----------------|
| Mikir Hills | 52 | 3 |
| Udaipur | 2,098 | 143 |
| Singhbhum etc. | not given | 204 |
| Bamra | ... Report not submitted. | |

IV. TOUR PROGRAMME etc. :

Due to the illness of the Director, BEL and the busy programmes of Autonomy Golden Jubilee tour programmes could not be arranged except for the field of Udaipur. In December 1969 we had an extensive tour programme and we visited almost all stations in the area. Forty persons were baptised during the tour. In other areas only occasional programmes were made. However, after the Jubilee celebration in Ranchi, many foreign guests arranged their tour programmes so as to visit some of the stations in various evangelistic fields.

For Bible Classes and Jubilee Celebrations Director, BEL was invited in many places, and where-ever he could attend he spoke mostly on the subject "Autonomous G.E.L. Church and the Evangelistic Work". The Director also attended the CWM meeting in Asmara/Ethiopia and FELC-I Trinitian Conference at Trupatti. After Jubilee celebrations he stayed at Ranchi for nearly three weeks in order to translate the lectures of Prof. H. Vogel in the Lutheran Theological College, Ranchi.

Due to the above mentioned various programmes the Refresher Course for the field workers was not possible, however the Pastors attended the Pastors' Refresher Course at Ranchi.

V. PUBLICATIONS :

In order to help ourselves for evangelistic work through tracts, Bible portions etc. two publications were made on behalf of the BEL. (i) Susamacharak Bhajawali (Evangelistic Lyrics). (ii) Autonomous Church and Church work in Hindi. There is also a plan for other publication "Mukti ker Dahar" (Way of Salvation) and "Jiwit Iswar aur Masihi" (Living God and the Christians).

(VI. REPORTS :

- (1) From Fields :- We sent letters and forms requesting for the reports on the Mission Festivals and Evangelistic Works in the Anchals/Ilakas. Only few Pastors have sent their reports. The report of Rev. J. Bage Zarakudar, Rev. Th. Dungdung Karimati, Rev. N. Bhuinya Singhani and Rev. C.D.L. Kujur Barobisa are not only informative but also encouraging. We thankfully acknowledge the reports. In these places efforts are made for effective evangelistic work. We are also glad to note that they are reaping fruits accordingly.

The reports from Supervisors in the adjacent fields are not regular. Some send their reports only after repeated reminders or after the reports has been prepared by the Director.

From report we could gather that in two areas e.g. North-West Anchal/Udaipur and South-East Anchal/Singhbhum etc. is progressing well, but in Assam Anchal/Mikir Hills and Orissa/Bamra the work is not so satisfactory. For some areas fields are not getting full co-operation from the respective Anchal, workers are lacking activeness and enthusiasm.

- (2) G.E.L. Church Press :- We have not yet received any yearly report till now, but according to the earlier reports and monthly statements we could gather that the GELC. Press is passing through critical moments. Its financial position is very delicate and has many ups and downs to go through. It's pity that the present Superintendent in post is not yet confirmed. The works seem dull and slow, as jobs are not coming in from the parties. We cannot give clear cut picture of the

the Press unless we get reports .

- (3). Publication Committee (CCPH) : - Safar the situation of this Institution is concerned the picture is still bright, but it is still unable to cope up with the demand and need of the people in the region. In this ^{year} some new books had been published and also new editions have been re-printed. The Institution has an account of balance amount but this does not mean that the CCPH is well in form.

The Publication of Gharbandhu was in CCPH hand, but except the Pre-Jubilee Edition, it is not satisfactory. Post-Jubilee Edition and regular editions are still to be regularised. Unless and untill members of the whole church in general and the leaders and authorities in particular shall not take keen interest the Magazine has no hope of its continuance.

- VII. Department of Christian Stewardship :- Nothing much has been done with this regard. As the year 1969 was a Jubilee year all programmes were up set. Till now only lectures on the subject were delivered in different occasions. Circular has been sent to all Ilaka Chairmann and Anchal Adhyakshas requesting them to include amount in budget also for this purpose. It has been also requested to appoint one "contact-person" in Anchal or Ilaka level for Stewardship and Evangelism. However ~~this~~ KSS is doing by itself some work and programme of stewardship by implementing some of its resolutions e.g. Self-Support.

- VIII. SOME NEW PLANS :- Inorder to make the Evangelistic work more effective the Board has plinned to acquire a Jeep for its use. The Gossner Mission has kindly accepted the request and we hope sometime in 1970 the Jeep will be available. The BEL has also resolved long ago to authorising the Director for arrangement to buy a Generator-cum-projector and it is hoped that these also will be arranged in 1970, then we have succeeded to buy some of the equipments of a projector-set. It is a matter of great joy that Gossner Mission has invited the Gossner Church to send co-workers to Nepal to work with other christian ~~Brothers~~ under one United Mission to Nepal. For this director has been authorised to find suitable candidates for the work in Nepal.

SOME REMARKS :- From reports and conversations it seems that very little is done for evangelistic work. Whole Church is not taking part in this work, only some few members, congregations are keenly engaged for this work. It is very necessary that our whole church be so mobilised and "evangelistic-oriented" so that the ~~whole~~ work will be supported by all. Therefore it is very necessary that at least each Anchal should have a committee for Evangelism and Stewardship with a contact person. So that Seminars and Bible study on these subjects can be arranged in co-operation with the centre, e.g. the Director, BEL. In such Seminars and Bible study Camps new methods, means and ways of evangelism, preparation for individual or personal witness be discussed and ~~these new~~ thus new insight be shared with one another for the unfinished Task.

We thank all our friends and well-wishers here and abroad for their kind help and co-operations.

Thankfully submitted,

Ranchi,
March, 1970.

C.K. Paul Singh
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Director,

B . E . L .

9. März 1970
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Herrn Direktor
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Lieber Bruder Singh,

in der Anlage übersende ich Ihnen die Kopie eines Briefes in deutscher Sprache an Reverend ~~Pranukh~~ M i n j; einmal zu Ihrer persönlichen Kenntnis, zum anderen, daß Sie ihn Präsident M i n j, ins Hindi übersetzt, vorlesen. Weitere Kopien sind nicht verschickt worden, weil Sie aus dem Text ja klar entnehmen können, daß wir hier in der Gossner Mission in Deutschland hoffen, in der ganzen leidigen, schrecklichen Dharm Pradesh-Affaire nicht gefordert zu werden. Gemahnt haben wir zur Einheit all die Jahre genug, jetzt muß wohl die independente Gossnerkirche damit fertig werden. Aber ich hielt es für richtig, ~~Pranukh~~ M i n j gegenüber klar meine Überzeugung kundzutun; und sein Bruder, der Präsident, hat sicherlich das Recht, über die Tatsache und den Inhalt dieses Briefes orientiert zu sein. Für das Richtigeste würde ich halten, wenn diese Kopie dann nicht in irgendwelche Akten des KSS wandert, sondern bei Ihnen bliebe. Präsident Minj sollte sagen können: "Ich kenne den Brief - aber ich habe ihn nicht".

Es war sicher gut, daß Sie mit Bruder Seeberg manche Dinge besprechen konnten. Sehr gespannt bin ich auf den Bericht Ihrer Reise nach Nepal, auf die - zusammen mit Bruder Hertel - Sie sich sicher freuen. Möchte Ihnen die schwierige Aufgabe gelingen, zwei geeignete Kandidaten für Nepal ausfindig zu machen. Sie werden es gewiß mit noch mehr Eifer und Überzeugung tun, wenn Sie die Möglichkeiten im Nachbarlande selber gesehen und die Arbeit der UMN ein wenig kennengelernt haben.

Wahrscheinlich ist inzwischen die Kenntnis der Empfehlung Bruder Seebergs an Sie gelangt, daß Sie aus dem Theological College in den Jubilee-Bungalow privat und dienstlich umziehen sollen. Ich begrüße diesen Vorschlag hundertprozentig, in der Hoffnung, daß das KSS auf seiner Sitzung bzw. die Headquarter-Gemeinde dem Vorschlag gern zustimmen wird.

Gleich nach der Rückkehr Bruder Seebergs werden wir hier in der pending question des Jeeps für das BEL eine Entscheidung treffen. Ich hoffe sehr, daß sie nach nochmaliger Überprüfung der finanziellen Implikation positiv wird sein können. Endlich: Sollten Sie als Vorsitzender des BThE sehr darauf drängen, daß der Antrag für einen Nachfolger Dr. Dells' - je nach seiner Entscheidung wann er zurückkehren will, was nochmals mit ihm zu klären wäre - bald gestellt wird. Es ist keine Zeit zu verlieren. Ich würde vorschlagen, daß Sie 2 Kopien des Antrags an die Evangelische Arbeitsgemeinschaft für Weltmission in Hamburg über die Gossner Mission in Berlin schreiben. In dem Antrag müßte natürlich die Job-description bzw. die Aufgabe, für die Sie diesen deutschen East-Dozenten wünschen, sehr klar beschrieben sein. Nach meinem Dafürhalten sollte der Antrag sowohl Ihre Unterschrift, als die des Vorsitzenden des Boards, wie die von Dr. Minj, als Principal des Colleges, tragen.

Soviel für heute, in aller Knappheit, bevor wir Mitte des Monats
Bruder Seeberg zur mündlichen Berichterstattung - hoffentlich wohl-
behalten - hier zurückhaben.

In getreulicher Verbundenheit bin ich

mit herzlichen Grüßen

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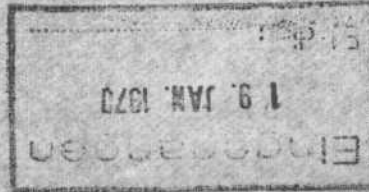
BOARD OF EVANGELISM & LITERATURE.
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Rev.Dr. C.K. Paul Singh
Director & Secretary.

Ref. NO. BEL/4/70

Ranchi, the January 10, 1970.

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Dear Sir,

Thank you for your both letters, I am sorry to say that both the letters arrived here after the Meeting of BEL, any how I repeated the matter from the letters in the KSS. The matter in regard with Jeep has been approved by the KSS. In regard with Nepal work(UMN) the matter was welcomed and appreciated, however the members expressed their opinion that it will be better, if on this matter the GM. will deal with the Pramukh Adhyaksh and the copy of the same will be sent to the Director, BEL.

Concerning the Church Court of Constitution the Pramukh Adhyaksh will sent points for the same. As a matter of fact the Court has not so much to do, - so is the view of the KSS. -, therefore meeting may not take more days. Any how the Pramukh Adhyaksh shall communicate you the points for discussion and other particulars.

The particulars about Jeep and its maintenance will be discussed when you shall arrive here.

With best of my regards and Greetings to you all.

Yours sincerely,

C. K. Paul Singh
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DIRECTOR ,

B . E . L .

, 6 January 1970

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Dr. Paul Singh
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Lieber Bruder Singh,

heute kommt schon wieder ein Brief von mir, er enthält die formelle Einladung für Sie nach Kathmandu, weil wir annehmen, daß Sie eine solche bei Ihren Pass-Behörden vorzeigen müssen.

Wir haben hier im Hause noch einmal gründlich Ihren Wunsch erörtert, den Sie bereits vorher den zuständigen Gremien Ihrer Kirche unterbreitet haben, nämlich, die Anschaffung eines Jeeps für Ihre Arbeit. Wir werden zweifellos im Februar weitere Einzelheiten besprechen können, aber damit wir das in der rechten Weise tun können, möchte ich Sie herzlich bitten, schon während des Monats Januar die nötigen Unterlagen zu beschaffen, die darüber Auskunft geben, wie hoch die laufenden Kosten (Benzin, Reparaturen, Fahrer) sein werden und in welchem Verhältnis ein solcher Betrag zum Gesamtbudget des Boards of Evangelism & Literature stehen wird.

Schließlich ein letzter Punkt:

Da Sie Mitglied im Church Court of Constitution sind, kann ich wohl am besten von Ihnen Auskunft darüber bekommen, welche Verhandlungspunkte zu der im Februar geplanten Sitzung des Courts anstehen.


Ich hatte vor einiger Zeit bereits an den Pramukh Adhyaksh geschrieben, aber bisher noch keine Antwort bekommen. Vielleicht können Sie

mir auch einen konkreten Vorschlag machen, wann und für wie
lange wir den Church Court of Constitution tagen lassen.

Ich müßte ja als stellvertretender Vorsitzender rechtzeitig
die Einladungen an die übrigen Mitglieder herausgehen lassen.

Mit herzlichen Wünschen bin ich, wie immer,

Ihr

A handwritten signature, possibly 'Lg', written in dark ink.

Riswappe P. Seebing

2, 1. 1970

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According to our opinion the problem could be solved if you would find two men from Nepal who are pedagogues and on the other hand at any time could be appointed as Theologians in the Church. To say it exactly: There are two qualified men at the Gossner Church who are very suitable for this position and who could later be transferred to the Church for duty. They are Dr. M. Bage from Rajgangpur und Revered Ekkha from Lohardaga. Perhaps, you may think that dispatching these two men will be too much sacrifice to the Gossner Church, but we have a saying which I want to quote: For the Mission the best man is just good enough.

I would be very much obliged to you, dear Brother Singh, if you in co-operation with the Pramoukh Adhyaksh and your Board could think these problems over. We do not believe that either a Fresh B.A. nor a Fresh B.A. Trained will be qualified for the tasks planned.

A certain experience of life and profession should be demanded for doing duty in Nepal. As the medium language of the future high-schools in Nepal will naturally be Nepali a school of language should be planned before the real work goes on whereby good knowledge of Hindi should be mandatory.

I remain, dear Brother Singh,

sincerely yours

cc: Rev. B. Minj

XX cc: Pramoukh Adhyaksh

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