

GOSSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

IN CHOTANAGPUR & ASSAM

(Regd. under Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860)

Vide No.273 - J of 30-7-1921

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Rev. S. Mohan MG

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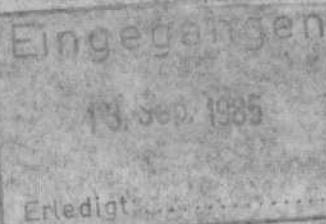
HEAD OFFICE

G. E. L. Church Ranchi
Bihar/India Phone 23358

Ref. No. 57785/KSS-78

Date Sept 04, 1985

Rev. D. Hecker
Director Gossner Mission
1 Berlin 41
Handjerrystrasse 19-20
Berlin West



Dear brother Rev. Hecker,

Thank you for your handpost letter which I received through Miss H. Bhengra and came to know the various matters. I let you know the following for your information and needful:-

1. Dr. M. Bage and Miss Santoshi Horo are expected to arrive Frankfurt on 11th November 1985 by Pan American Air Lines.
2. Rev. C.S.R. Topno will reach Germany on 11th November due to change in his journey schedule.
3. We shall decide the name of our Kuratorium member in our next KSS meeting (Samiti) on 17th Sept 85 and the information to this effect will be given you.
4. Regarding Lal Bungalow, Guest House repairs will be done as per your suggestion. We have done the temporary repairs of the said bungalow to give the accommodation to our guests this year.
5. After discussion with the officers (KSS) we have decided the new car as soon as possible.
6. Dr. Bishop Jacob sent a telegram to me from Delhi that he is reaching to Ranchi on 9th Sept 85.

I expect our guests of United Church of Zambia to be at Ranchi on 9th Sept. 85. The tour programme of our guests have already been circulated to various congregations. I also expect Bishop of the Berlin-Brundengurg Church and others will arrive Ranchi on the 19th Sept. Now-a-days we are quite well and hope you are also the same by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Before closing this letter I would like to convey my hearty thanks to you and the Gossner Mission for various help given to our Church.

With kind regards and best wishes,

Yours sincerely,


(Rev. S. Mohan MG)
Pramukh Adhyaksh

To the
Pramukh Adhyaksh
G.E.L. Church Compound
Ranchit 834 001

2.9.1985

Dear Rev. Mohan, M.G.!

Last night I had to the Airport to see Rev. Topno. Your telegram reached me this morning, since our office is not working at Saturday Sunday. We hope, that Rev. Topno will arrive safely with this delay and would be grateful, if we could get the exact details of his flight to Berlin. For his own information and also, if you are sending any telgrams in future for the weekend time, it will be better to take our private adress, which I am giving below.

I must finish this letter quickly, so that it will be posted today. So some small points.

- Rev. Willibald Jacob left for India yesterday and will be stayinhg for some days in Delhi. Please do inform him about some points: It was not possible to get the formalities done for a refrigerator within less than two months. After that, there will be the transport of 3 months, so that it would arrive in any case too late. It would be advisable to inquire from CASA, if any kerosene type is available from them directly against payment of foreign exchange.

We have been thinking, if possibly Rev. Jacob might be able to take part for Gossner Mission or the Church in Berlin-Brandenburg GDR at the UELCI/LWF meeting at Gurukul Madras from 17-20 November, since it will be a long way from Germany just for a conference of a few days.

- I shall report more detailed about the decisions of our Verwaltungssauschuss on Fudi and other points. We agreed to meet the additional expenses of Rs 20.000 this year for Amgaon and the extra funds for Fudi of Rs 65.000--.

- It does not to be so easy, to get the decisions passed for an invitation of a pastor from India to work for some years in Germany, because this involves a lot of finances, organisation and other arrangements. Besides, the experiences of other agencies with such ventures have been rather mixed. Some of the fraternal workers met with very greatr difficulties in adjusting to the situation here. So this matter must be brought in the Kuratorium and upto now, the decision is still open, if this plan can materialise or not.

So much for today. I hope, that everything will turn out well with the arrival of Rev. C.S.R. Topno and remain with all good wishes,

Yours sincerely in fellowship,

Private adress:

(Dieter Hecker) Director Gossner Mission

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Ref. No.

August 26, 1985

Date

From - Mr. A. Barla
Head Accountant
G.E.L.Church K.S.S. Office
Ranchi - 834 001.

To
Rev. D. Hecker
Director, Gossner Mission
Berlin.

Dear Rev. Hecker,

Greetings in His precious Name.

I have been thinking for sometimes to write to you. Now that Rev. C.S.R. Topno is going I take the opportunity to pen a few words to you.

I am happy to have met you, last time during your short visit here. As you know, Rev. Seberg, handed over a sum of Rs. 79000=00 to me. Because of the stringent provisions in the newly Foreign Contribution Act passed by the Government of India we felt it better not deposit it in our bank account then. However we utilised this amount in paying the bills of the Mission Feilds. As soon as the second instalment of G.M. grants for B.E.L. was available the whole expenditure was reimbursed and deposited in our KSS Account (not in BEL Accounts). We are utilising this money for the Gossner Theological College and Bible Traing School Govindpur (Theological Education). The KSS plan to have the money from different Achals have failed.

I hope some amounts are available with the G.M. for Theological Education this year. If so, it will now suffice, if you could remit an equal amount of say Dn 20,000. This we can utilise on BEL account. I have spoken about this to Rev. Dr. C.K. Paul Singh and he is quite agreeable.

With kindest regards, Yisusahay.

Yours Sincerely,


(A. BARLA) --
Head Accountant.

G.E.L. Church
Pramukh Adhyaksh
Rev. Mohan M.G.!
Ranchi 834 001
Bihar
INDIA

22.8.1985

Dear Rev. Mohan M.G.!

We send this letter through Miss Helen Bhengra, who was staying for a few days with us and her God-son Friso at Berlin. So you will get it faster than with the post.

I just returned last week from summer vacation and found a number of letters from India on my desk.

1.) We hope, that everything with the ticket and itinerary is allright for Rev. C.S.R. Topno and we shall receive him on Sept. 1st at Tegel airport in Berlin. His visa is already with me, so that he can proceed to East Berlin any day.

2.) We also hope, that the visit of the delegation from UCZ with Rev. Chisanga will take place as planned. We would be very much interested, if you could give us a report or your opinion about the value of such an exchange with a church from Africa.

3.) The Jacobs will arrive at Delhi on Sept. 1st, so that they won't be able to meet Rev. Topno before their departure. Thank you for arranging for the Jeep of Sarnatoli. I am not sure, if a Kerosene refrigerator can be sent so fast, that they still can use it. If it is sent as personal effects, they will have to pay customs. If we could send it as donation to Amgaon, it could be cleared through CASA without customs. Please let us know, if this can be done.

4. We are glad to hear, that Dr. Bage will start his work at Gurukul College only in June 1986, so that he can build up the New Life Light Centre for one more year and with the Jacobs and his Assistant, Rev. Bage give it some definite shape. - We do remit today the sum of DM 12.000,-, which we sanctioned last year for salary Dr. Bage, salary of his assistant and Scholar ships for the students of this new program.

5. Please, let us know, what will be your final decision about the car for the Pramukh Adhyaksh. We have just remitted the sum of DM 17.500,- = Rs 70.000,-. If you decide for a diesel Jeep finally, please let us know the exact extra amount, you need.

6. We would like to know about the exact dates of Dr. Bages visit to Germany as soon as possible and also hear your decision as to who will be the next representative of the G.E.L. Church in our Kuratorium from January 1986 for the comming 6 years.

7. As for the Lal Bungalow we shall meet the costs of the repair. Since we have a number of additional items this year, we would like to ask, if the whole repairs will be done this year already or if we could split the sum of DM 25.000,- in to two equal parts for 1985 and 1986. It seems to be most important for us, that one functionning cooking facility should be in a kitchen, if possible a gas stove or some proper kerosene one, so that meals can be prepared.

8. There are some open questions:

- Mr. Niarjan Surin from Takarma told Miss Martin and myself, that there are Rs 40.000/- still with the Takarma Account, so that they donot need this years subsidy. - We donot have any written, official notice on this subject. Please do inform us about this. Just this year we could use these DM 10.000,- well for other needs in the G.E.L. Church and then continue with our support of Takarma again in 1986.
- For Amgaon we shall meet the additional expenses for an increase of the pay-scale, but would like to get the estimated budget for 1986 as soon as possible to adjust our budget also to these.

9. We are glad to hear, that FTTC has been leased for another period to the Trust Society. About the finances our Executive Comitee and the Kuratoriums will have to decide finally, since this means expanding our budget for 1985, but I think we can manage to get that through.

We have also decided in the India Comitee, that we will be happy to invite Rev. Wilhelm Kandulna for 3-4 years as a pastor to Germany, but before finalising that, we must pass it through our Kuratorium and secure the additional finances for his salary.

10. You must have heared already from Dr. Linn, that for Kalisia Sangh not only Bishop Forck and Rev. Schülzgen, but also Mr. Becker the president of the synod of the Ev. Church in Berlin -Brandenburg/GDR would like to visit Ranchi and one Church Official from the Rheinland, because there will be a meeting of the Reformed World Federation in New Delhi just before, which these persons will attend. I told them, that they would be welcome as visitors to Ranchi. Since they are official representatives of United Churches, they would also like to contact the CNJ. It will certainly be possible to arrange for a meeting with the CNJ-Bishops as well.

11. We have been invited by the Lutheran World Federation for a meeting of the UELCJ-Churches and their partner organisations from 17.-20. November this year. Since we have visited India with a delegation of Gossner Mission already, we decided not to go there as sescond time. I donot know, how important that Consultation will be and what your opinion about the urgency of our participation is. If you could write us your opinion about that, we would be glad.

12. We have got a copy of your invitation to Dr. Dell as a guest lecturer from Jan. to March 1986. We shall contact Dr. Dell from our side to clear any problems from Germany.

Please, excuse me for these many points, but they have accumulated during vacationtime. If there are any points, which need further discussion, you could send word through Dr. Bage at the time of the Kuratorium meeting.

Wishing you and all the KSS-members and your family all the best,
I remain with all good wishes and Yishu Sahay!

Yours sincerely,

Dieter Hecker

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Ref. No. CT85/85/KSS-78

Date August 01, 1985

Rev. D. Hecker
Director Gossner Mission
1 Berlin 41
Handjerystrasse 19-20
West Germany

Dear brother-in-Christ,

Greetings in His precious name,

This is in continuation of my letter No. 383/85/KSS-78 Dated July 22, 1985. There was an inadvertant omission in the said letter to reply to query in para of your letter Dated July 4, 1985, viz the query on F.T.T.C Governing Fudi and Amgaon Hospital.

2. On T.T.C. Fudi I understand our Secretary Shri Topno who is also the Secretary of the T.T.C. Governing Body has already submitted request for our additional sum of Rs 65000. He will be writing to you seperately on Fudi request.

As regards Amgaon, the KSS in its June session approved the proposed pay scale applicable to Amgaon, Takarma and other hospitals that may be established hereafter. A copy of the proposed scale is enclosed.

I request that the proposal be kindly approved and funds made available accordingly.

3. There is a little correction about Rev. Dr. M. Bage. He will go to Gurukul, Madras in June/July 1986 not in Jan 1986 is mentioned in my aforesaid letter. More in the next.

Yours sincerely,

(Rev. S. Mohan MG)
Pramukh Adhyaksh

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Ref. No. 486/85/KSS - 4A

Date Aug. 5, 1985

Minutes of the K.S.S. held on 25 - 29 June, 1985

Item No. 18. - F.T.T.C. Trust Expiry of lease to
Renewal of lease -

The Sabha was informed that the lease of the F.T.T.C. to the Trust expires on 31-12-85. The members were also informed of the talks the Samite had with the Director Gossner Mission on April 2 - 4, 1985 meeting in the course of which he had suggested the desirability of continuing the ecumenical venture.

After due deliberation Resolved that the lease be renewed for a period of ten years.


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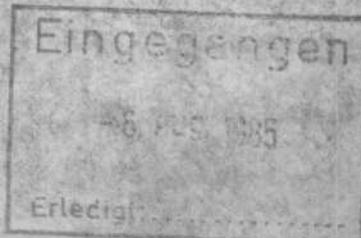
Date July 29, 1985

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

The Kendriya Salakhari Sabha of the Gossner Evangelical Church in Chotanagpur & Assam is pleased to invite the Dr. Thomas Dell George, Kessrlhutweg - 8, D-6100 Darmstadt of West Germany to come for three months as a guest Lecturer in our Gossner Theological College, Ranchi from January to March 1986.

RW SMG

(Rev. S. Mohan MG)
Pramukh Adhyaksh
(President)



Copy to : Rev. D. Hecker
Director Gossner Mission
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1000 Berlin41 (Friedenau), Fernsprecher (030)
Rev. Dr. R. Dang 851021

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Rev. D. Hecker
Director Gossner Mission
Handjerystrasse 19-20
1000 Berlin 41 (Friedenau)
Fernsprecher (030)851021

Dear brother,

Greetings to you in Jesus' name.

I received your four letters which you have written July 4, 11, 1985 and came to know all the matters. I want to reply the following points regarding your above letters.

1. Rev. C.S.R. Topno has not yet received his passport. He is trying to get as early as possible so that he may reach Germany in the first week of August 1985. My office is ready to give him full support for his journey.
2. I have given three letters to Rev. Chisanga, Secretary United Church of Zambia and hope they might have received those letters. They will be my guest and every thing are ready for accommodation and visit programme.
3. I am happy to learn that Rev. Willibald Jacob and his wife have got three months permission to stay at Govindpur. Rev. Willibald Jacob can use the Sarnatoli Jeep and he has no need to buy a new Moto cycle. Regarding Kerosine refrigerator it will be very useful for Willibald Jacob and other institutions i.e. Tabita and Pracharak schools.
4. Dr. M. Bage will continue his work at New Life Light Centre at Govindpur up to December 1985 and he will go to Madras Gurukul from January 1986. The Governing Body of the Gurukul College has taken decision to permit Dr. Bage to visit Govindpur New Life Light Centre every after two or three months from Madras for consultation.
5. The cost Diesel Jeep is near about Rs 1,50, 000 approximately. and we can think for itas per our financial position.
6. Dr. Bage will attend the next Kuratorium meeting.
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Director, Gossner mission
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1 Berlin 41 (Friedenau)
W. Germany

Rv. C. S. R. Topno's passport.

Just to day passport received i.e.

No. W 723731.

duo tel. 30.7.

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CC. Dr. Linn
Dr. M. Bage.

Rv. S. Mohan M.G.
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Ref. No. 37/35/KSS-78

Date July 18, 1985

Rev. Dr. Gerard Linn
Berlin Brandenburg 1020 Berlin
Neue Grunstrasse 19
East Germany

Eingegangen

8 Aug. 1985

Dear Dr Linn,

Greetings in His name.

The required information in respect of Rev. C.S.R. Topno has already been sent on June 29, 1985 which is as follows :-

1. Date of birth ... 25th October 1944.

2. Place of birth .. Bonai Ergera
P.O. Bankibazar
Dist. Sundargarh, Orissa

3. Present address .. G.E.L. Church Kadma
At & PO Khunti
Dist. Ranchi, Bihar

Yours sincerely,

Pw SSS

(Rev. S. Mohan MG)
Pramukh Adhyaksh

CC : The Director
Gossner Mission
Berlin

Minutes of the Emergent Consultative Committee meeting
of the Senior Lay Members of the Church held on Sunday the 14th
July 1985.

The following were present:

- 6 AUG 1985
1. Rev. Surendra Mohan M.G., Pramukh Adhyaksh
 2. Miss Halen Bhengra, Secretary, Mahila Samiti Sangh
 3. Mrs. N. Sockey, Secretary, Ranchi Mahila Samiti Sangh, and member, Executive Committee Layman's Assn.
 4. Mrs. J. Purti, Treasurer, Mahila Samiti Sangh, and member, Executive Committee Layman's Assn.
 5. Mrs. D. Barla, Member, Executive Committee, Ranchi Mahila Samiti Sangh
 6. Mr. A. Toppo, Secretary, Ranchi Headquarters Mandali Panch
 7. Mr. Martin Tirkey, Treasurer " " "
 8. Mr. J. Horo, Secretary, G.B. Gossner High School
 9. Mr. S. Bage, Vice-Chairman, Layman's Association
 10. Dr. M. M. Mundu, Member, Executive Committee, Layman's Association
 11. Mr. S. T. Eckha, Chairman, Layman's Association and Secretary, G.B. Gossner College.

This emergent meeting was convened under the Chairmanship of Rev. Surendra Mohan, Pramukh Adhyaksh, to find out the consensus of the Senior Lay members of the Church, with regard to the three K.S.S. resolutions passed in their last meeting held in early July 85, dealing with the Church Properties at Ranchi Headquarters.

1. Leasing out of the "STOSCH HOSTEL" to Mr. Aswani Kumar for the extension of their restaurant, popularly known as HAVE MORE, and to ultimately convert it into a hotel.

All the members of the committee unanimously agreed that the good name of the illustrious Lutheran Missionary late Rev. Stosch be perpetuated in the befitting manner, by making proper use of this building for the purpose for which it has been originally built, or for some such similar purpose of the Church.

It was therefore unanimously resolved to request the K.S.S. that this building be not leased out to Mr. Ashwani Kumar, as per the K.S.S. resolution, and that immediate action be taken to see how best this building be kept in proper condition by immediate addition/alteration and special repairs as required, and the funds required for this be raised by donation/contribution from the members/friends of the Church within the country.

2. Leasing out of a portion of land from the Raja Bungalow compound to Rev. Kniess of the "Good Books".

All the members of the committee unanimously agreed that the Church authorities be requested not to make such plan to lease out such valuable Church Properties to any private person/organisation, but plan to preserve/conserve the valuable Church Properties.

It was unanimously resolved to request the K.S.S. that no vacant area/areas from the Raja Bungalow Compound allotted for the Gossner College Campus be allotted to any private person/institution, including Rev. Kniess of the Good Books.

3. Leasing out of the Blindman's Co-operation Building to the Ranchi Y.M.C.A.

All the members unanimously agreed that no land or building be leased out to any outside persons or private organisation.

It was unanimously resolved to request the K.S.S. that this Blindman's Co-operative Building (now vacant), be allotted to the Ranchi Mahila Samiti Sangh, for their various enterpreneur programmes, which were reported in the last joint meeting of the Ranchi Mahila Samiti Sangh and the Layman's Association with Rev. Hacker, Director, German Mission, Berlin.

4. It was further agreed that a copy of minutes of this meeting be sent to Rev. Hacker, Director, German Mission, Berlin, for information.

Minutes drawn out by Mr. S.T.Ecka.

15.7.85

(S.T.ECKA)

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- Nepal
- Zambia
- Öffentlichkeit
- Gemeindedienst
- Verwaltung

Berlin, den 11.7.1985

Ref.: Travel arrangements for Rev. C.S.R. Topno and Rev. W. Jacob

Dear Rev. Mohan M. G.!

Yesterday we got a letter from Rev. C.S.R. Topno with the long awaited date of his birth, so that Dr. Linn can apply for his visa in East Berlin. We have telephoned with one another and agreed to certain points. You can see details from the copy of my letter to Rev. Topno, which I enclose. I am sure, that you will assist him from the KSS as much as necessary in getting things prepared for his travel to Germany. He will have to come via West Berlin, since time is now too short to get foreign exchange sanctioned from GDR itself. We do hope, that he can manage to come till the first of September this year.

As you may have heared already, Rev. Willibald Jacob has got a vis for three months from the Embassy of India in East Berlin and he hopes to get it extended for three more months or even a little further. He has therefore asked us to assist him in arranging things for his luggage and also for the transport arrangements in India. He is willing to take all the things with him, which he had arranged for at the time, when the three years' term was under consideration. The equipment for the house should then remain in Govindpur. We shall try to get a clearence through Hmaburg and CASA, so that there will be not too must cost of customs. He will look for the same at Calcutta himself. - His date of arrival will be 1st September in Delhi and the 9th of September in Ranchi. Dr. Linn wants to get a motor cycle sanctioned for him through the WCC in Geneva. Could you please inform us about the costs of a motor cycle and also the time it takes to get one (against foreign exchange payment through CASA also possible). As for a jeep, you might inquire about the possibilities of making temporary arrangements for this short term either with BEL or with Takarma on a basis of leasing or so. Could you please also inform us about the possiblilities of using a motor cycle for the project at Govindpur afterwards. One possiblity would most probably also be taking the motor cycle, which Dr. Tigga had been using and did not return upto the time, when we were there, although it belongs to the Takarma dispensary.

We do leave all these things for you to decide. Please advice us about what action we would have to take from here. - We are also still waiting for any information about what Dr. Bage's position is now. I enclose a letter for him also with the request to forward the same to him, since we donot know, where he is staying at present. - We just heared, that Miss Helen Bhengra will go to Buenos Aires for a meeting of the WCC. She will stop for some days for a private visit to uson her way back. If any message should be sent in the next few weeks, she might be willing to take the same. For a direct answer to this letter, the mail however might be faster.

Wishing you all the best, I remain,

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Bank für Sozialwirtschaft, BLZ 100 205 00, Konto-Nr. 31168/00

Yours sincerely,

Enclosure: Copies of different letters.

Dieter Hecker
(Dieter Hecker)

Gossner Mission



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Dear Rev. Mohan M.G.,

please find enclosed the copy of a letter of the United Church of Zambia about theier proposed visit to the G.E.L Church in September. Just recently we got a letter from Rev. Chisanga, that they have not herared anything from you as an answer so far. We would request you to communicate with them about the proposed program. - Since this has been discussed very much in our Kuratorium as a new way of communication we would look forward very much to an evaluation of this visit from both sides after finishing this visit.

Yours sincerely, *Dieter Hecker*
(Dieter Hecker)

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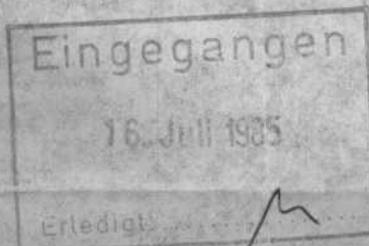
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G. E. L. Church Ranchi
Bihar/India Phone 23358

Ref. No. 335/85/KSS-78



Date 5/7/85

To,
Rev. Erhard Mische,
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W. Germany.

Dear brother,

Greetings to you in Jesus Name. Rev. Dr. R. Dang and Rev. Ekka are back to Ranchi with sound health and given their oral report of ~~in~~ visit to East and West Germany. Regarding your letter of dated June 26-1985, in connection of United Church of Zambia, Rev. W.C. Mfula Moderator and Rev. Joel Chisanga are coming to Ranchi on 3rd September and they will stay upto 2nd October 85. I have sent invitation letter both of them and they will be my guest. There is no direct flight from Bombay to Ranchi. They have to catch flight from Bombay to Calcutta, then Calcutta to Ranchi or Bombay to Delhi, then Delhi to Ranchi. Rev. Joel Chisanga in his letter of dated 10th June 85 has given his proposal to come to Ranchi from Bombay by train but it takes much time, and have to face lot of troubles,

Therefore my request for Zambia brothers it is better they must come by above mention flight. Please receive hearty love and convey the same to brother Dieter Hecker, Director Gossner Mission.

With every good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

(Rev. S. Mohan M.G.)
Pramukh Adhyaksh

CC. Director, Gossner Mission
Rev. Joel Chisanga
Gr. Secretary, UCZ

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Pramukh Adhyaksh

CC. Director, Gossner Mission
Rev. Joel Chisanga
Gr. Secretary, UCZ

Rev. Mohan M.G.
G.E.L. Church#
Ranchi - 834 001
Bihar / INDIA

July 4, 1985

Re.: Visa for Rev. C.S.H. Topno,
FTTC-Fudi and Amgaon

Dear Rev. Mohan,

Today I have a number of small points for information and some requests:

1. Dr. Linn has not yet got the date of birth and passport-number of Rev. CSR Topno for applying for his visa to the GDR. Please do send at least his date of birth as fast as possible to us only.
2. Rev. and Mrs. Willibald Jacob ~~have~~ now got a three-months visa from the Indian Embassy in East Berlin and plan to come to Govindpur, starting on September 2, 1985 from here. They will try to get it extended for another three months in India itself. In this connection there are some things to be clarified:
 - The Jacobs would repair one half of that bungalow in Govindpur for their use, where Rev. Aind stays in the other half. They were originally planning to take a kerosene run refrigerator with them from Germany. We had agreed to that under the condition of a three-years-term. Please let us know, if you see any use for such a refrigerator also for Tabitha or Pracharak-School, so that it would make sense also without foreigners being there in Govindpur. Otherwise we would not provide it for such a short period.
 - As for transport, we also do not think it reasonable to get a new jeep for such a short time. We would therefore ask you, if you would find it possible, that the Jacobs could make use of the B.E.t. or Takarma jeep for urgent needs against refund of the costs.
3. We learnt from other sources, that Dr. Bage has agreed to go to Madrasas Principal of Gurukul College. - We had a meeting of all the missionary societies with relations to Indian Churches in Germany. All of them did not seem very happy and enthusiastic about the re-opening of the BD-Courses at Gurukul. But that does not matter so much for us now. We would be very interested about how the "Naya Jivan Prakash-Program" at Govindpur will

work now. This will also be good to know for the Jacobs. If you could send us some informations about this, we would be thankful.

4. We have decided, that we shall finance the new car for the Pramukh Adhyaksh, and we shall send the remittance in the next few days. In our Indian Committee there was a concern however, if it would not be better for the church to have a Diesel-Jeep, so that you could reach the off the road Mandelis letter. Naturally, the decision is yours. This is only an idea from our side.
5. We have got requests from Fudi and Amgaon for more founds to increase the salaries. At the KSS.Meeting, it did not seem, that this was agreead upon by the members. Therefore we are waiting for a decision from your side about these two applications before dealing with it proberly.
6. We have discussed the offer of the GEL. Church to send Rev. Wilhelm Kandulna for three years to Germany as a fraternal worker in our India Committee. We shall have to make further inquiries and work out the details of his appointment here, which will also have to be accepted by our Kuratorium in November. We would therefore aks you to have patience with us for some more time till our final settlement, since this ist something new for us again after a very long time 66 Rev. Hanukh Minz.
7. Please do remember, to appoint the delegate of the G.E.L. Church to the new period of our Kuratorium till August or September. The last meeting of the old Kuratorium will be in 15./16. November 1985, when the new election will take place.
8. We do hope, that Dr. Dang and Rev. Ekka have arrived safely in Ranchi again. We have not had any news from them so far.

I am sorry, this has become a long list. The most urgant thing seems to be the details for Rev. C.S.R. Topnos visa application.

With all good wishes for you, your family and the whole G.E.L. church. I remain with warm Jishu Sahay
Yours sincerely,

Dieter Hecker
(Dieter Hecker)

Rev. Mohan M.G.
GEL Church
Ranchi - 834 001
Bihar / India

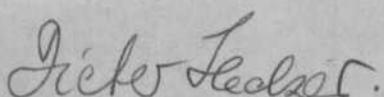
July 4, 1985

Bear Rev. Mohan,

We were just informed that two teachers for religious education from Luxemburg, Dr. Wolfgang Raedisch and Mr. Rainer Reichel will be on a study tour to India for eight weeks. They will spend half of their time in South India and would also like to get to know the G.E.L. Church with its Adivasi background and visit some places like Amgaon, Govindpur and Bokaro as well as meet people from Vikas Maitri and the Ranchi YMCA.

We would therefore inform you about the coming of these two persons and request you to give them some help and advice about this. It is certainly not necessary to make a programme for them though G.E.L. Church, but help them in reaching the places and assist them, so that people at the above said places may give them informations about their work.

Thanking you for your kind cooperation,
I remain,
Yours sincerely



Rev. Dieter Hecker
Director Gossner Mission

cc: Amgaon
Bokaro
Dr. Reedisch

To the Pramukh Adhyaksh
Gossner Evangelical Lutheran#
Church
Rev. Mohan M.G.
Ranchi - 834 001
Bihar / India

June 26, 1985

Dear brother,

First I want to send to you and the KSS our best brotherly greetings. We hope that Dr. Dang and Mr. Ekka have returned safely to Ranchi with a lot of new impressions and ideas about the life within our society and church.

This time I would like to bring to your kind attention a matter of importance and urgency.

In these days Rev. Chisanga of the United Church of Zambia (UCZ) wrote a letter to me (please find enclosed a copy), in which he is asking for the reason why the good correspondence between your two churches has stopped since a while.

You are certainly fully informed about the exchange programme between the UCZ and the GELC which has been arranged last year by your predecessor Dr. Bage and Rev. Chisanga on behalf of their respective churches and which Gossner Mission is willing to assist financially as far as the flight-costs are concerned. Originally it was planned that two members of the UCZ should visit your church in March/April this year and in exchange two representatives of your church to Zambia in July/August 1985. The UCZ, however, had informed you about that she is proposing to visit you in September 1985. Obviously the UCZ has never received any confirmation from your side. Now I would kindly ask you to reply quickly assuring the UCZ whether the new proposed time is suitable to you or not.

If the UCZ is welcomed by your church still this year, her two representatives are planning to fly with Zambian Airways which is flying from Lusaka directly to Bombay. Second question, is there a direct flight connection between Ranchi and Bombay or which traffic means do you think should be recommended to the two African brothers?

I would appreciate very much if you let our brothers from Zambia know as soon as possible your understanding of the whole matter.

Dieter Hecker is conveying to you his warmest greetings as well.

Faithfully yours,

Rev. Erhard Mische

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To the Pramukh Adhyaksh
G.E.L. Church
Rev. Mohan M.G.
Ranchi - 834 001
Bihar / INDIA

June 4, 1985

Dear Rev. Mohan M.G.,

I include a letter to Dr. Horo in Amgaon and a copy of his letter to us. Please intimate us your or the KSS decision, if you will recommend this rise of the pay scale.

Dr. Linn just phoned me, that he is still waiting for the details for the visa application of Rev. C.S.R. Topno (date of birth and place, passport-no.). We have sent a telegram today regarding this. Please send to both addressees, Dr. Linn and our office, if that is not yet done.

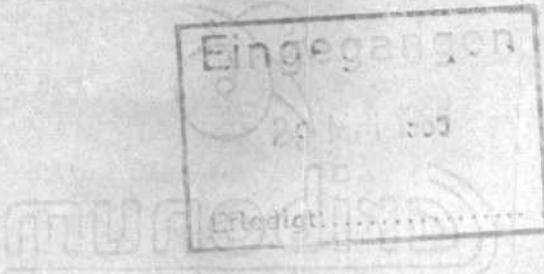
Dr. Dang and Rev. Ekka will leave Germany on June 12, 1985 and reach Ranchi on the 14th. Their visit at different places with Rev. Misra and myself was quite fruitful. If they give a report to the KSS, we would be interested in a copy of the same.

They will bring two reports of our tour to India for Dr. Singh and Dr. Bage. They might translate you the most important points. Any comments from your side would certainly be welcome.

With best regards,
and Jishu Sahay
Yours sincerely,

(Rev. Dieter Hecker,
Director Gossner Mission)

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CC/bc.

14th May, 1985.

The Rev. Dr. M. Baga,
President,
Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church,
G.E.I. Church Ranch,
Bihar,
INDIA.

Dear Rev. Dr. Baga,

As you may be aware, the United Church of Zambia and the Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church have entered into a meaningful Partnership initiated by Rev. E. Mischa and Rev. Professor Hans Grotheus and Mrs. Grotheus from West Berlin, West Germany.

According to the terms of reference, of this ~~new~~ partnership, Ministers from the United Church of Zambia are expected to visit Gossner Mission Congregations in India this year. It is also anticipated that Two Ministers from Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church will ~~also~~ be expected to visit the United Church of Zambia. Both teams will be sponsored by Gossner Mission ~~in~~ in Germany. The purpose of this partnership is to strengthen the existing relationship between our two protestant Churches in India and Africa.

To this end, the Rev. W. C. Mfula, Moderator of Central Presbytery and I have decided to start the ball rolling by visiting your Church in September this year in compliance with this partnership programme of action.

We shall be your guests for that month. We shall leave Zambia for Bihar, India on Tues. 3rd September 1985, returning on Wedn. 2nd October 1985.

Looking forward to have fellowship with you and with our Indian Christian friends under your Leadership.

Your prompt reply to this letter is expected.
With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,
Joel Chisanga
Rev. Joel Chisanga,
GENERAL SECRETARY.

CC. Rev. P. Topno, Secretary, India.
CC. Director, Gossner Mission.
CC. Rev. E. Mischa.

To the
Pramukh Adhyaksh
G.E.L. Church Compound
Ranchi 834 001 - India

x

21.5.1985

Dear Rev. Mohan M.G.!

Thank you very much for your letters dated 8th and 9th of May with the enclosed informations for Dr. Dang about his invitation to Tokyo. I had just returned from a visit to different congregations at Dortmund, who all still remember your visit to them. I shall give greetings from Rev. Wuttke, Rev. Sundermeier and Rev. Luehe as well as from Dr. von Stieglitz.

Dr. Dang and Rev. Manmasih Ekka have finished their program in GDR; they were in West Berlin at Ascension day and met friends of Gossner Mission there. Now Dr. Dang will be in Westfalia, while Rev. Ekka is at a one week seminar at the Theological College in Berlin. Later they shall be at Mainz and meet Dr. Dell and finally join Kirchentag in Düsseldorf, where one lakh mainly young people are expected to attend. They will leave from Frankfurt on Sunday 10th of June and proceed to Ranchi on Tuesday 12th of June.

Our executive comity has met and discussed your application for a support to get a new car. We have made a decision, that we are willing to finance the amount of Rs. 70,000/-; we have only to wait till the India comity has met in June and also given its recommendation, since we normally deal with all questions concerning India in this group first. We shall be able to communicate the final decision in the middle of June.

We are wondering, if any decision has been made now by Dr. Bage about his future, if he will continue at Govindpur or accept the offer from Gurukul College in Madras. We would be grateful, if you could inform us about this matter.

We got the copy of the application for new buildings for Gossner College, which you have given to the Lutheran World Federation. As I told you already at Ranchi, the height of the costs is so much, that it would be far beyond the capacities of Gossner Mission to think only of being able to do much about it. We wish you however all the best, that at least essential parts of the plan can be realized. If there is anything you want from us like contacting the Lutheran World Federation about the issue, please let us know. Otherwise we are just waiting, what happens in the next months. The request of the Principal Mr. Toppo about the extension of the study of Adivasi language and culture is a different thing. If you could let us know, how we could in modest scale do something for the same, as getting books for the library or similar things, this could be possible from our side, since we do see the good services, which Gossner College has rendered and can Chotanagpur.

With all good wishes, I remain, Yours sincerely

Dieter Wecker
(Rev. Dieter Wecker)

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Rev. Dr. Bela Harmati
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150 Route de Ferney
CH - 1211 Geneva 20
Switzerland

Eingegangen

Date May 11, 1985

17. Mai 1985

Erledigt

Dear sister Bela,

Greetings in Jesus' Name.

Today I received a letter from Dr. Rajaratnam, Executive Secretary UELCI informing that he has recommended Dr. Royan Dang, Principal Theological College, Ranchi to attend the Consultation on the Church and Civil Religion in Asia to be held in Tokyo during November 27th to December 22nd 1985 at the Lutheran Ichigaya Center.

At present Dr. Royan Dang is on a visit to the East and West Germanys for exchange and consultation programmes on development Theological programmes. I am sure that Dr. Dang will attend the said meeting at Tokyo programme.

Here I am sending a copy of the letter from Dr. Rajaratnam

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to Dr Royan Dang to Gossner Mission West Germany to give us the
consent to attend the same programme consultation meeting. I hope
Dr. Royan Dang consent very soon from Germany. *Dr. Bela Barnabas*

Yours faithfully,



(Rev. S. Mohan MG)
Pramukh Adhyaksh

Copy to Dr. K. Rajaratnam

✓ Dr. Royan Dang

Rev. D. Hecker, Director G.M.

C O P Y

1st May 1985

Rev. Dr. Bela Harmati
Dept of Studies
P.O. Box No. 66
150 Route de Ferney
CH-1211 Geneve 20
Switzerland

Dear Bela,

It was good seeing you in Budapest although very briefly.

After my return to Budapest, I found your circular dated 23rd April, regarding nominations for the Consultation on the Church and Civil Religion in Asia to be held in Tokyo during November 27th to December 2nd (arrival November 26th and departure December 3rd) at the Lutheran Ichigaya Center.

I am happy to propose the name of Rev. Dr. Royan Dang, Lutheran Theological, Ranchi, Bihar. This Seminary caters to the needs of the Lutheran Churches of Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church and others. Dr. Royan Dang has been on LWE scholarship for theological studies in Chicago and is one of our very sound theologians. He represents the tribal community which has so ~~far~~ much to contribute in terms of social and cultural practices and their relationship with the Christian Church and its practices. I do hope Dr Dang will be willing to accept this nomination and by a copy of this letter, I am requesting him to write to you direct. if he is willing to accept this nomination.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,

Sd/- Dr. K. Rajaratnam
Executive Secretary

cc Rev. Dr. Royan Dang, Gossner Theological College, Ranchi-834001, Bihar.

Dear Dr. Dang,

I think, it is good for you to attend this Consultation. Please write to Dr. Bela Harmati giving him your consent to participate in this Consultation. Please also let me know.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,

Sd/- Dr. K. Rajaratnam

Rev. Surandra Mohan MG,
Pramukh Adhyaksh
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Date

17. Mai 1985

9th. May, 1985

To

Rev. Dieter Hecker
Director Gossner Mission
Handjerystraße 19-20, 1 Bwelin 41
Fernsprecher: (0 30) 85 10 21

Erledigt:.....

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your kind letter of dated 30.4.85, addressing to the Ranchi Head Quater Congregation GEL Church. I am very happiness to known from your letter that you all returned safely from your visit to India and Nepal in Germany again.

Just yesterday I have posted a letter to you to known about your returned to Germany. I hope till now you might have received my letter. I am awaiting for your kind reply.

Please let know my warm greetings and
Yisu Sahay.

Yours Sincerely,



(Rev. S. Mohan MG)

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Date May 09, 1985

Director, D. Hecker
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17.5.1985

Erledigt

Dear Sir,

Greetings in Jesus Name. I am well and hope you
you are also the same by the grace of Lord Jesus Christ.

I am anxious to know about our Rev. M.M. Ekka and Dr.
Dr. R. Dang. I have not received any information of Rev.
M.M. Ekka from Germany. He left Ranchi on 23rd April 1985
for Germany.

Please convey my greetings to Dr. Dang and Rev.
Ekka if they are in West Germany and kindly send me
their inear information.

With every good wishes, (Yours Sincerely,
Pramukh Adhyaksh
Rev. S. Mohan MG)

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Date April 27, 1985

The Director
Rev. D. Hecker
Gossner Mission
1 Berlin 41
Handjerystrasse 19/20
West Germany

Erledigt

Dear Sir,

Greetings to you in the precious name of our Lord Jesus Christ. I am well and hope you are also the same by the grace of God. I hope you all have reached your country safe and sound. Dr. Dandy and Rev. Ekka who accompanied you are now in the G.D.R. and I believe they are now visiting some congregations. Till to-date I have not received any communication from any one after your return to your country.

Our KSS car is now under repair. Since it is too old we want to sell it after repair and want to purchase a new one. The new car and the cost of the old one after selling will cost Rs 70,000/- I would request you to help us by giving us for Rs 70,000/- so that the new car be purchased.

For this act of your kindness I shall be ever thankful to you.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Rev. S. Mohan MG
27.4.85
(Rev. S. MOHAN MG)
Pramukh Adhyaksh

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Rev. M. Tete

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HEAD OFFICE

G. E. L. Church Ranchi
Bihar/India Phone 23358

Ref. No. 154 /85/KSS-116

Date April 1, 1985

From : Rev. S. Mohan MG
Pramukh Adhyaksh
KSS, GEL Church, Ranchi, Bihar

To : Ms Christa Held
LWF, Department of World Service
Community Development Service
P.O. Box No. 66, Route de Ferney 180
1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland.

Sub :- Next CDS Governing Committee meetings and date-lines for
submission of new projects

Ref :- Yours of Jan 17, 1985

Through
The Executive Secretary
UELCI
Division of Social Action
Luther House, Madras.

Dear Madam,

Kindly refer to the above.

We are herewith submitting a new project - being building project
for the Gossner College and Hostels for consideration and necessary
action at your end.

It will be observed that the project has duly been approved by
the Kendriya Salakari Sabha of the GEL Church, Ranchi vide KSS resolu-
tion item No. 9A dated Dec. 12-13, 1984.

It may in this connection be stated that sometime in 1979-80,
Rev. Dr. N. Minz the then Principal of the Gossner College Ranchi had
sent plan for the Gossner College to the Gossner Mission Berlin.

As however the plan sent did not contain any one's SIGNATURE
and was submitted without the approval of the KSS no action thereon
could be taken by the G.M. Pastor S. Kriebel the then Director Gossner
Mission while returning the plan observed that in future all projects
be sent after the approval of the KSS. Since the LWS had shown interest
in the building project, Pastor S. Kriebel had also observed that it
may be that in case of the Gossner College and Hostel and other building
projects the donor agency may be the same as the Lutheran World ~~Evangelical~~
~~World~~ Service.

GOSSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

IN CHOTANAGPUR & ASSAM

(Regd. under Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860)

Vide No.273 - J of 30-7-1921

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It is hoped that the L.W.S. will even after a lapse of last several years benignly pursue themselves to be interested in the project.

Yours sincerely,

Rev. S. Mohan MG
1.4.85
(Rev. S. Mohan MG)
Pramukh Adhyaksh

Copy to :

1. Director GM Berlin
2. Mr. Larsen. Director LWS
Russel Street, Calcutta
3. Secretary, Governing Body
Gossner College, Ranchi

THE LUTHERAN WORLD FEDERATION
Department of Church Cooperation
P.O. Box-66
CH - 1211 Geneva 20/Switzerland

1985 CONSTRUCTION PROJECT REQUEST

Deadline for.... return to above address is December 31, 1985 if support in 1987 is desired. It is important to complete every section of this application.

1. Name of Project: GOSSNER COLLEGE BUILDING PROJECT
of the G.E.L. Church in Chotanagpur and
Assam, Ranchi-834001, INDIA.
2. Location of Project: Within the G.E.L. Church Compound
at Ranchi-834001.
3. Name of sponsoring Church and/or group within Church or ecumenical body:
G.E.L. Church in Chotanagpur and Assam,
Ranchi-834001.
4. Describe briefly the type of building needed and the programme planned for its use, as well who will benefit from this building and how the project originated.

Type of buildings needed -

I. Teaching

- a) Arts Block (classes)
- b) Honours Block (honours/tutorial classes)
- c) Science & Commerce Block (classes)
- d) Science Laboratory Building (Physics/Chemistry/Botany/Zoology/
Geology.)
- e) Library Building (Books/Reading/Reference/Research)
- f) Vocational Training Centre (Secretarial Practices/Career
coaching/Electronics etc.)

II. Recreation/Sports

- a) Auditorium
- b) Gymnasium (indoor games)/Student's Union Building
- c) College Canteen Building.

III. Residential

- a) Girls' Hostel (for 300 students)
- b) Boys' Hostel (for 350 students)
- c) Essential staff accommodation
 - i) Principal's Bungalow
 - ii) 3 Blocks each of 6 flats, for senior teachers & administrative staff (18 flats)
 - iii) 3 Blocks each of 6 flats, for junior teachers & administrative staff (18 flats)
 - iv) 3 Blocks each of 12 flats, for junior staff (36 flats)
 - v) 12 sets each of 2 quarters for lower staff (security/attendants) (24 quarters).

This College was started with the purpose to ensure socio-economic and cultural development of the weaker section of the Chhattisgarh region through imparting the kind of Higher Education inspired by the spirit of Christ that would give them a sense of self respect, identity and dignity as well as zeal for achievement.

To give amenities of Christian home away from home for the marginal tribal Christian students (boys/girls) it is felt essential to provide hostel facilities.

The College had a humble beginning on the 1st November 1971 with only 26 students in Arts and Commerce and 10 teaching staff (part-time/full time) and in only five years the student strength became about 2000, and in ten years it has grown to about 4000, the proportion of boys and girls being 55:45, and about 90 percent of the students belonging to the Scheduled Tribes/Scheduled Castes and Backward Communities.

The College is running up to the degree standard in Arts, Commerce and Science imparting Honours courses in Commerce and five Arts subjects, and in near future with facilities being provided will be able to have Honours classes in all subjects in Arts and Science.

Preservation, Research and Development of the Tribals/Regional Languages, Arts and Cultures is also an important function of this College. In due time it aims to establish a full-fledged department for this.

It may not be out of place to mention that the College authorities did not give due care to the finance of the College and as such all along acute financial constrain was felt. It is hoped that with the things as it is moving now the College would become financially selfsupporting in two years' time.

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The sister institutions - Gossner Theological College, Gossner High School and the Bethesda Girls' Middle School have been generous enough to give accommodation to Gossner College for all these fourteen years, but this cannot continue on indefinitely. All these institutions are feeling inconveniences and they have been restrained to expand their activities.

Gossner College in all seriousness ought to have had its own College and hostel buildings long ago. The College should start the construction work right from this year and complete the building project within 4/5 years. But, unless and until the College gets aids from the donor agencies, by itself it is next to impossible to achieve this.

The University Grant Commission of Govt. of India may give help to the maximum of 50 percent of the cost, but this is only for the ongoing projects, and it is not sure that the U.G.C. may give aid for the construction of all the non-residential and residential buildings needed by the College.

5. Cost breakdown (base on costs expected approximately one year after date of application. Use current annual inflation rate in your country as basis).

	<u>Local currency</u>
a) Land purchase - Church land	1,50,00,000.00
b) Construction costs (if several buildings are needed, list costs for each one)	
c) Furniture (Attach list with price quotations)	
d) Equipment (Attach list with price quotations)	
e) Other	12,00,00,000.00

TOTAL COST 13,50,00,000.00

Less own Contribution (see Number 6) - 1,50,00,000.00

1,20,000,000.00 - Rs = TOTAL REQUEST VIA L.W.F./G.C.C. - Rs 12,00,00,000.00
40,000,000.00 - JM

For L.W.F. Geneva - Office only;

Exchange rate: US\$ 1.00 = (date)
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6. Own Contribution

Local currency

Your own Church's contribution should if at all possible, be at least 10 to 20% of the total amount needed.

- When a cash contribution is possible, please indicate also the sources (i.e. from your own budget or from another source or agency).
- If contribution are made in kind, i.e. building and other material, furniture, equipment, etc., please indicate estimated value Church land .. 1,50,00,000.00
- If free labour will be given, please describe how this will be done and indicate the approximate value of such assistance, based on the number of people involved, length of time and hours of labour and average local payments for such type of labour
.....
- For other free service (architect, special expertise, etc.,) please indicate what fees would involve.
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**TOTAL OWN CONTRIBUTION Rs1,50,00,000.00
(see Number 5)**

7. Indicate how this construction project is to be financed:

Local currency

- Own contribution 1,50,00,000.00
- Requested from LWF/GCC. 12,00,00,000.00
- Other sources:
 - a-)
 - b-)
 - c-)

TOTAL INCOME 13,50,00,000.00

8. Operating and Maintenance Costs:

(To be listed for information. These will not be assisted through LWF/GCC)

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- a-) Estimated total annual operating cost of this project
b-) Explain how these will be covered:
c-) Will the project be self-supporting ? If yes, how and when after what period of time ? Yes, by the end of 1986-87.
d-) If this concerns an already existing project, please enclose a statement of income and expenditure from last year budget -

Enclosed.

- e-) Please state total annual operating budget of your Church/synod/ Diocese/Congregation (delete what is not applicable)

9. Time Factors:

- a-) How soon, after funds are available, can you start the project? within 3 months (after obtaining permits for iron and cement)
b-) How long will it take to complete the project ?
3 - 4 years.
c-) Can any phase of the project be established as a complete individual workable unit ? Yes.
d-) At what date would the project be completed ?
By the year 1990.

10. Will the sponsoring body provide their own builder ?

If answer is yes: will builder be on the job when project is ready to be implemented ? (Usual six months to one year after all forms have been satisfactorily completed and approved given and funds located).

Yes. The builder will be available till such time after completion of all the construction works to the entire satisfaction of the College Building Committee, and the final settlement of all accounts involved in the project.

11. Other supporting documentation needed for building projects:

a-) Please attach blueprints, sketches, architect's drawing.

Attached blueprints of architect's sketch plans along with the site plan - 002 to 016.

b-) Please attach any map, photos, slides, etc. relevant to this request which might be helpful in seeking interested partners willing to support this project.

12. Other projects:

a-) Please list any other construction projects in which the supporting Church was or is now involved. List also how and through whom these projects were financed.

The Church sponsored educational building projects like -
i. Bethesda Girls' Middle School, Ranchi, ii. Bethesda Women's Training School (now College), Ranchi, iii. College Hostel at Gumla, iv. Lutheran High School at Chainpur and others, all of which were financed by the L.W.F. No other agency has been contacted.

b-) Are you planning any other completely new projects besides the one for which you have filled in this form ? To whom do plan to submit it ? Are you already in contact with another agency or a donor ?

No

c-) If your Church is sending more than one application this year to LWF/DCC, which you please indicate the priorities of your Church ? If funds cannot be secured for this year for more than one project, this information is helpful to us.

Our request to the LWF/DCC is to seek Donors for this project.

13. Latest membership figure of your congregation, synod, diocese, church:

3,23,000

14. Name and address of person to whom correspondence should be sent:

Prakash Adhyaksh
G.E.L. Church in Chotanagpur and
Asans, Ranchi-834001, INDIA.

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15. Name and address of persons who should receive copies of correspondence:

Secretary,
Gossner College
Ranchi-834001, INDIA.

Approved or endorsed by

Ranchi THE 26th MARCH 85

Place and date

(Head of Church or responsible authority)

Pm 8/1/85
26-3-85

Signed

Pramukh Adhyaksh,
(PRESIDENT)
G. E. L. CHURCH IN
HOTANAGPUR & ASSAM, RANCHI

19.3.85

(S.T. ECKA),
Secretary,
GOSSNER COLLEGE
RANCHI

LIST OF BUILDINGS NEEDED FOR GOSSNER COLLEGE, RANCHI.
(Approximate cost plus annual inflation)

1. DRG.NO.ARCH-002 - ARTS BLOCK

a-) Appr.present cost of one plus three floor building, for Civil work @Rs320/-per Sft.of the plinth area -	Rs97,07,360/-
b-) Cost of P.H.D. &Elec.works @10% of the building cost -	9,70,736/-
c-) Cost of furniture - 10% " " building cost -	9,70,736/-
d-) Total cost in the current year -	<u>Rs1,16,48,832/- 1,16,48,832.00</u>

2. DRG.NO.ARCH-003 - HONOURS BLOCK

a-) Appr.present cost of one plus two floor building, for Civil work @Rs385/-per Sft.of the plinth area -	Rs71,69,470/-
b-) Cost of P.H.D. &Elec.works @10% of the building cost -	7,16,947/-
c-) Cost of furniture - 10% " " building cost -	7,16,947/-
d-) Total cost in the current year -	<u>Rs6,03,364/- 86,03,364.00</u>

3. DRG.NO.ARCH-004 - SCIENCE AND COMMERCE BLOCK

a-) Appr.present cost of one plus three floor building, for Civil work @Rs320/-per Sft.of the plinth area -	Rs97,34,500/-
b-) Cost of P.H.D. &Elec.works @10% of the building cost -	9,73,450/-
c-) Cost of furniture - 10% " " building cost -	9,73,450/-
d-) Total cost in the current year -	<u>Rs1,16,81,400/- 1,16,81,400.00</u>

4. DRG.NO.ARCH-005 - SCIENCE LABORATORY BUILDING

a-) Appr.present cost of one plus two floor building, for Civil work @Rs385/-per Sft.of the plinth area -	Rs43,50,500/-
b-) Cost of P.H.D. &Elec.works @10% of the building cost -	4,35,050/-
c-) Cost of furniture - 10% of the building cost -	4,35,050/-
d-) Total cost in the current year -	<u>Rs52,20,600/- 52,20,600.00</u>

5. DRG.NO.ARCH-006 - LIBRARY BUILDING AND PRINCIPAL'S BUNGALOW

1) LIBRARY BUILDING

a-) Appr.present cost of one plus two floor building, for civil work @Rs400/-per Sft.of the plinth area -	Rs25,62,400/-
b-) Cost of PHDAElec.works @10% of the building cost -	2,56,240/-
c-) Cost of furniture 12% " " building cost -	3,07,488/-
d-) Total cost in the current year -	<u>Rs31,26,128/- 31,26,128.00</u>

Sub-Total:-

Rs4,02,80,324.00

Sub-Total from p..1
Rs4,02,80,324.00

11) PRINCIPAL'S BUNGALOW

a-) Appr.present cost of single storey building,	
for Civil work @Rs125/-per Sft.of the plinth area -	Rs2,69,750/-
b-) Cost of P.H.D.&Elec.works @10% of the building cost -	26,975/-
c-) Cost of furniture - 7%	
of the building cost -	18,883/-
d-) Total cost in the current year	Rs3,15,608/- 3,15,608.00

6. DRG.NO.ARCH-007 -FLAT BUILDINGS FOR SENIOR TEACHERS & ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF AND JUNIOR TEACHERS & ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

a-) Appr.present cost two types of flats having one plus two floor, for Civil work @Rs360/-per Sft. of the plinth area -	Rs19,02,240/-
b-) Cost of P.H.D.&Elec.works @10% of the building cost -	1,90,224/-
c-) Cost of furniture 10% of the building cost -	1,90,224/-
d-) Total cost in the current year	Rs 22,82,688/-
e-) Grand total for the three required Blocks cost 3x22,82,688	= Rs 68,46,064/- 68,46,064.00

7. DRG.NO.ARCH-008 - GIRLS HOSTEL

a-) Appr.present cost of one plus three floor building, for Civil work @Rs500/-per sft.of the plinth area -	Rs60,00,000/-
b-) Cost of P.H.D.&Elec.works @10% of the building cost -	6,00,000/-
c-) Cost of furniture 5% " " building cost -	3,00,400/-
d-) Total cost in the current year -	Rs69,09,200/- 69,09,200.00

8. DRG.NO.ARCH-009 - AUDITORIUM BUILDING

a-) Appr.present cost of the STEEL TRUSS ROOF SLOPE BUILDING, for Civil work @Rs200/-per Sft.of the plinth area -	Rs24,80,000/-
b-) Cost of P.H.D.&Elec.works @12% of the building cost -	2,97,600/-
c-) Cost of furniture - 15% " " building cost -	3,72,000/-
d-) Cost of Equipments L.S.	6,00,000/-
e-) Total cost in the current year -	Rs37,49,600/- 37,49,600.00

Sub-Total:- Rs5,81,02,796.00

Sub-Total from p..2 Rs5,81,02,796.00

9. DRG.NO.ARCH-010 - BOY'S HOSTEL

a-) Appr.present cost of one plus two floor building, for Civil work @Rs400/-per Sft.of the plinth area -	Rs25,90,000/-
b-) Cost of P.H.D.&Elec.works @10%of the building cost -	2,59,000/-
c-) Cost of furniture - 5% of the building cost -	1,29,500/-
d-) Total cost of the building in the current year -	Rs29,78,580/-
e-) Grand total cost of 3 nos.of Blocks - 3x29,78,580 =	Rs89,35,740/-
	Rs89,35,740.00

10.DRG.NO.ARCH-011 - GYMNASIUM/STUDENT'S UNION BUILDING

a-) Appr.present cost of the structure for Civil works @Rs160/-per Sft.	
plinth area -	Rs14,72,160/-
b-) Cost of P.H.D.&Elec.works @10%of the building cost -	1,47,216/-
c-) Cost of furniture - 5% " " building cost -	73,608/-
d-) Total cost of the building in the current year -	Rs16,92,984/-
	16,92,984.00

11.DRG.NO.ARCH-012 - CANTEEN BUILDING

a-) Appr.present cost of the single storey building, for Civil work @Rs125/-per Sft.of the plinth area -	Rs 3,90,000/-
b-) Cost of P.H.D.&Elec.works @10%of the building cost -	39,000/-
c-) Cost of furniture 10% " " building cost -	39,000/-
d-) Total cost in the current year -	Rs 4,68,000/-
	4,68,000.00

12.DRG.NO.ARCH-013 - LOWER STAFF QUARTERS

a-) Appr.present cost of the single storey building, for Civil work @Rs115/-per Sft.of the plinth area -	Rs 1,03,615/-
b-) Cost of P.H.D.&Elec.works @10%of the building cost -	10361/-
c-) Total cost in the current year in each block -	Rs 1,13,976/-
d-) Grand total cost of 12 Blocks 12x1,13,976 =	Rs13,67,712/-
	Rs13,67,712.00

Sub-Total:- Rs7,05,67,232.00

Sub-Total from p ...3 Rs 7,05,67,232.00

13.DRG.NO.ARCH-014 - VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTRE

a-) Appr.present cost of one plus two floor building, for Civil work @Rs265/-per Sft.of the plinth area -	Rs 17,55,360/-
b-) Cost of P.H.D.&Elec.works @10% of the building cost -	1,75,536/-
c-) Cost of furniture - 10% " "	1,75,536/-
d-) Total cost in the current year -	<u>Rs 21,06,432/-</u> 21,06,432.00

14.DRG.NO.ARCH-015 - FLATS FOR JUNIOR STAFF

a-) Appr.present cost of the 3 units Flat one plus two floor building, for Civil work @Rs360/-per Sft.of the plinth area -	Rs 11,14,200/-
b-) Cost of P.H.D.&Elec.works @10% of the building cost -	1,11,420/-
c-) Cost of furniture - 5% of the building cost -	55,710/-
d-) Total cost in the current year -	<u>Rs 12,81,330/-</u>
e-) Grand total for the required 3 Blocks - 3x12,81,330=Rs38,43,990/-	<u>Rs 38,43,990.00</u>

GRAND TOTAL COST OF ALL THE ABOVE MENTIONED BUILDINGS IN THE CURRENT YEAR -

Rs 7,65,17,654.00

Annual inflation @10% of the total cost in the year 1986 Rs 76,51,765.00

Sub-Total - Rs 8,41,69,419.00

Annual inflation @10% of the original total cost

in 1987 - Rs 76,51,765.00

Sub-Total - Rs 9,18,21,184.00

Annual inflation @10% of the original total cost

in 1988 - Rs 76,51,765.00

" " 10% " " " in 1989 - Rs 76,51,765.00

Sub-Total - Rs 10,71,24,714.00

Unforeseen expenses & contingency -

Rs 1,28,75,286.00

GRAND TOTAL:- Rs 12,00,00,000.00

S. V. 19.3.85
(S.T. ECKA),
Secretary,

GOSSNER COLLEGE
RANCHI

P.W. 26.7.85

Pramukh Adhyakah,
(PRESIDENT)
G. E. L. CHURCH IN
NOTANAGPUR & A.S.S.A. RANCHI

BUDGET OF GOSSNER COLLEGE, RANCHI, FOR THE YEAR 1984-85
 (A deficit grant Religious Minority College under the Ranchi University)

P E N D I T U R E

ing staff
 teaching staff
 technicians
 g staff
 ching staff
 hnicians
 ce (Non-Teaching)
 ncies -
 ity
 e
 Taxes
 ks & Magazines
 f furnitures
 repairs (damages caused by students)
 ement
 ries
 ers/magazines
 ments
 (College)
 (University)
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 sites @ 3000/-p.m.
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 be paid
 o be paid
 of Non-Teaching staff
 Overseas Bank
 (arrear)

Rupees
 12,72,219.00
 2,51,691.00
 1,01,340.00
 71,542.00
 24,561.00
 9,051.00
 6,060.00
 4,000.00
 3,500.00
 50,000.00
 45,000.00
 45,000.00
 10,000.00
 10,000.00
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 45,000.00
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 75,000.00
 1,30,000.00
 5,000.00
 5,000.00
 10,000.00
 5,000.00
 25,000.00
 36,000.00
 30,000.00
 47,000.00
 8,040.00
 72,744.00
 52,805.00
 5,108.00
 1,10,000.00
 81,000.00
 43,200.00

TOTAL:- Rupees 29,74,861.00

R E C E I P T S

1. Tuition fees
 2. Admission fees
 3. Yearly extra fees
 4. College Exam. fees
 5. Gratitude
 6. College fund
 7. Sale of application forms
 8. Identity Cards
 9. N.C.C. (air wing)
 10. Cycle token
 11. Donation
 12. Science Lab. fee
 13. University Grants to Teaching & Non-Teaching staff
 14. Pay, D.A., Medical Allowance to Non-Teaching & Lab. Technicians
 15. Re-admission fee
 16. Science Caution Money
 17. Science Donation
 18. Application forms
 19. Arts contribution
 20. College Building Donation

Rupees
 7,40,880.00
 31,900.00
 98,145.00
 72,700.00
 36,350.00
 36,350.00
 39,985.00
 18,175.00
 3,635.00
 500.00
 2,000.00
 5,230.00
 1,37,205.00
 58,350.00
 7,000.00
 2,000.00
 30,000.00
 10,000.00
 500.00
 1,50,600.00

Rupees 15,31,505.00
 14,43,356.00

Deficit -

S. Lakra
 Principal.

Sd/- Dr. N. N. Thakur
 B.M.B.T.

P.M. SMT
 26-3-85
 Pramukh Adhyaksh,
 (PRESIDENT)
 G. E. L. CHURCH IN
 MONTAGPUR & ASSAM RANCHI

19.3.85
 (S.T. ECHT)
 Secretary,
 GOSSNER COLLEGE
 RANCHI

BUDGET OF GOSSNER COLLEGE, RANCHI, FOR THE YEAR 1984-85
 (A deficit grant Religious Minority College under the Ranchi University)

EXPENDITURE

1. Salary to Teaching staff	Rs 12,72,219.00
2. Salary to Non-Teaching staff	2,51,691.00
3. Salary to Lab. Technicians	1,01,340.00
4. Pr. Fund Teaching staff	71,542.00
5. Pr. Fund Non-Teaching staff	24,561.00
6. Pr. Fund Lab. Technicians	9,051.00
7. Medical Allowance (Non-Teaching)	6,060.00
8. Office contingencies -	
I) Electricity	4,000.00
II) Telephone	3,500.00
III) Rents & Taxes	30,000.00
IV) Lib. Books & Magazines	45,000.00
V) Repair of furnitures	45,000.00
VI) Building repairs (damages caused by students)	10,000.00
VII) T.A.	10,000.00
VIII) Advertisement	2,000.00
IX) Postage	2,500.00
X) Stationaries	45,000.00
XI) Printing	50,000.00
XII) News papers/magazines	5,000.00
9. Games & Sports	36,500.00
10. Teaching Aid	1,29,000.00
11. Furnitures	60,000.00
12. Expansion	75,000.00
13. P.F. Arrear	1,30,000.00
14. Cultural Equipments	5,000.00
15. Exam. Expenses (College)	5,000.00
16. Exam. Expenses (University)	10,000.00
17. Office Equipments	5,000.00
18. Excursion	25,000.00
19. Recurring Deposits @ 3000/- p.m.	36,000.00
20. Misc. expenses	30,000.00
21. Arrear Rent	47,000.00
22. Medical Allowance	8,040.00
23. Arrear D.A. to be paid	72,744.00
24. Arrear Bills to be paid	52,805.00
25. H.R. Allowance of Non-Teaching staff	5,108.00
26. Loans - K.S.S.	1,10,000.00
Indian Overseas Bank	81,000.00
27. Building Rent (arrear)	43,200.00

TOTAL :- Rs 29,74,261.00

RECEPTS

1. Tuition fees	
2. Admission fees	
Rs. 1,736.464- 1/2/85	3. Yearly extra fees
1/2/85	4. College Exam. fees
1/2/85	5. Gratuity
1/2/85	6. College fund
1/2/85	7. Sale of application forms
1/2/85	8. Identity Cards
1/2/85	9. H.C.C. (air wing)
1/2/85	10. Cycle token
1/2/85	11. Donation
1/2/85	12. Science Lab. fee
1/2/85	13. University Grants to Teaching & Non-Teaching staff
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TOTAL :-

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Ranu S.M.
26-3-85

Pramukh Adhyaksh,
(PRESIDENT)
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NAGPUR & ASSAM RANCHI

19.3.85
(S.T. ECHT)
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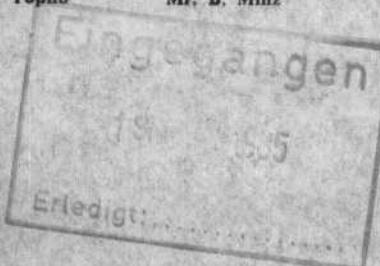
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Date 8/3/85

The Director,
Gossner Mission, Berlin



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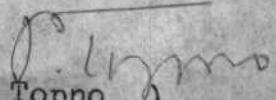
Greetings in His Precious Name.

I enclose herewith your tentative Tour Programme. We have applied for your entry permit ~~iss~~ inside the restricted area of Assam. We are pursuing the matter and expect to obtain permission by the time you arrive here. I am very sorry to inform you that it has not been possible for the Government of India to ~~aceeade~~ to our request for grant of visa to the Rev. ^{Dr} Jaco-b and his wife. A copy of the correspondence in this regard is enclosed.

Hope this finds you well.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,


(P. Topno)
Secretary, GELC

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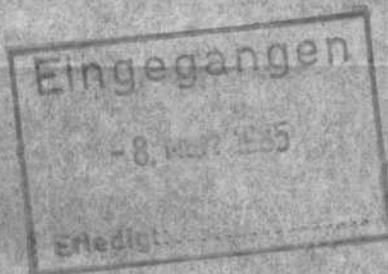
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G. E. L. Church Ranchi
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Ref. No. 63/85/KSS-78

Date Feb 25, 1985

Pastor Director Hecker
Director Gossner Mission
1, Berlin 41
Handjerystrasse 19-20
West Germany



Dear Rev. Hecker,

This is to inform you that the KSS meeting has been postponed for one week ie the meeting will now be held from 2nd to 4th April 1985.

This is as per your telegramme dated 13 Feb 85.

With warmest regards,

Yours in the Lord,

P.M. 8/2/85
27/2/85
(Rev. S. Mohan MG)
Pramukh Adhyaksh

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Pastor D. Hecker,
Director, Gossner Mission
Berlin

Eingegangen

- 8. 3. 1985

Erledigt:

Date 25/2/85

Dear brother in Christ,

Thank you so much for your kind letter of 13.2.85. We received your letter of telegram of 13.2.85.

We tried to send a telegram in reply to your to the effect that the KSS Samiti meeting has been postponed to April 2,3 and 4 hoping that this would suit you. Unfortunately the telegram for some reason could not be sent.

I now write to confirm that the KSSS meeting will be held on April 2,3 and 4. So your plan to attend the Delhi Congregation Sunday service on 24th March should stand confirmed. The Secretary and Rev. Biswas are being informed accordingly.

Your tour programme in Chotanagpur is being planned in the manner indicated by you. As descreed by you visit to Assam is being arranged after Easter. Details of the tour programme both in Chotanagpur and Assam will be mailed to you very soon.

On March 3, 1985 I am going to Assam to attend the 75 years Jubilee celebration at Tinsukia Ilaka in Dist. Dibrugarh. I will returned on 18.3.85 and write to you about details of your visit to Assam.

With warmest regards,

Yours sincerely in Christ,

PW S. M.G.
26.2.85

(Rev. S. Mohan M.G.)
Pramukh Adhyaksh

To the
Pramukh Ashyaksh G.E.L. Church
G.E.II. Church Compound
Ranchi 834 001 India

Berlin, 13.2.1985

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Dear Rev. Mohan, M.G.,

thank you very much for your letter dated 30.1.1985, which we just got yesterday. Apparently my letter dated 2.2. 1985 must have crossed yours, so that the planning could not be properly coordinated. I must excuse for the delay, but our planning was somehow hampered through the fact, that first Rev. Werner Schröder from Aurich should have come along with me and we had to change over to Rev. Dröge from Bielefeld. Just today I am sending a telegram requesting for a postponement of the KSS-meeting to the end of this week. There are two reasons for that request. According to our present planning we would like to spend Sunday 24th in the Delhi congregation. The second reason is that it would be extremely difficult and not desirable to have such an important meeting at the first day after our arrival. I think, it would be much better, if you could make the timing such a way, that we can have some preliminary talks with different people beforehand and then sum up all these with a meeting of KSS. I shall wait now for your decision in this matter. Naturally we can manage to be there at the 24th of March. If the KSS cannot be postponed, please do send a cable immediately, so that we possibly can also put our departure one or two days earlier.

As for the rest of our program, we shall be in Chotanagpur, so that you can plan for us. I would like to have one or two days time for a meeting with the weavers from Senegutu, which could be combined possibly with a visit to Khunti or Burju. Furthermore we must say, that we cannot remain away longer than the 22nd of April, so that it would be the best, if our visit to Assam could be timed in the week after Easter. We only should have one or two days time in Calcutta, either while going or returning to Assam.

I shall write only so much now till we get more details from your side. We shall give a copy of your letter also to Dr. Linn in East Germany. I shall ask Doolie Chand Sah from Arya Travels in Ranchi to do the reservations and tickets for us from Delhi to Ranchi, since it is cheaper from India itself. I would be grateful, if someone could just go there and see, if this is allright and could also inform him immediately, in case Rev. Dröge and I would have to come on Saturday, 23rd already. I include a copy of my letter him.

Looking forward to meeting you soon and thanking you in advance for all the trouble you will have with arrangements for us, I remain with all good wishes from Gossner Mission and from our family,

Yours sincerely,

(Dieter Hecker)
Director Gossner Mission

Enclosures

To the Pramukh Adhyaksh
G.E.L. Church
Ranchi
Page 2 of the letter dated 13.2. 1985

Just now I had a phone call from Rev. Dr. Linn from Berlin GDR about the visitors to the church of Berlin Brandenburg. We said, that we shall bring the tickets for them along with us. His plan is, that Rev. Dr. Royan Dang and Rev. Manmasih Ekka are expected to come on April 13th to Berlin GDR and stay there for 3-4 weeks. As I had written earlier already, we would be interested in having the two guests also for 3-4 weeks after that. It would be helpful for our planning to know as early as possible how much time they can spend here in Germany. From June 5th to, 9th there will be Evangelischer Kirchentag in Düsseldorf, a huge gathering with normally 100.000 predominantly young people. It would be naturally very good if both or at least one of them could stay upto this time in Germany, because this is such a unique thing, which they could not see otherwise. Those, who have been there during such an occasion from Gossner Church will be able to tell you about this.

I shall include in this letter two invitations, separate for each one of the proposed visitors, so that they can use it for getting the visa to West Germany. Most probably they will arrive in Frankfurt and come to GDR via Berlin. If they could come on April 13th, they could come in the same plane as Mrs. Hecker and their party.

I am sorry, that there are so many points for you to settle now. We shall also be busy in the next weeks preparing both our visit to India and the program of the two visitors here.

Once more with all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

(Dieter Hecker)
Director Gossner Mission

GOSSNER MISSION
BERLIN

1 Berlin 41
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To the
Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church
c/o Pramukh Adhyaksh
G.E.L. Church Compound #
Ranchi 834 001 - India

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Berlin, den 1. 2. 1985

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An finally our most difficult request: If possible, we would be very much interested to visit Assam Anchal, preferably during the last part of our visit to India, so that we could start on our return from Calcutta to Kathmandu. I shall send you the details of our passport and two photos from each one, so that you could apply for a permission beforehand.

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GOSSNER MISSION

Handjerystraße 19/20
1000 Berlin 41
February 14, 1985

Rev. Mohan M.G.
GEL Church Compound
Ranchi - 834 001
Bihar / India

Dear Rev. Mohan M.G.,

Please find enclosed several copies for your information, as follows:

invitations for Dr. Dang and Rev. Ekka (in double)
letter to Dr. Dank and Rev. Ekka
letter to Dr. Bage

With the best greetings from Gossner Mission
Yours sincerely

G. Lischewsky, secretary

Encl.: 6

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Ref. No. 798 /85/KSS-78

Date 30/1/85

From: Rev. S. Mohan MG,
Pramukh Adhyaksh
G.E.L. Church, Ranchi.

To,
Pastor Dieter Hecker,
Director, Gossner Mission
Berlin

Dear brother Hecker,

Greetings in His Name.

Rev. M. Tete, Shri Bimal Minz, Shri P. Topno and myself thank you so much for your kind letter of 7.1.85 bringing your good wishes to all of us for the New Year and your promise of the continued co-operation with and support for the Gossner Church which we value so much.

May God shower His blessings on us the Gossner Mission and the Gossner Church. Since you are coming to this Church in March next I shall make passing references to some of the points made in your kind letter under note (i) Yes an amendments bill on the foreign Contributions regulation Act 1976 is in the Lok Sabha(Parliament). There is nothing to be alarmed about it. It makes certain rules for registration of institutions for receipt of foreign funds through a particular bank to be named by us or by all seeking registration and not through second or third bank or branch. Second important requirement is that all subsequent receipts also have to be reported to the Ministry of Home Affairs Govt of India for example if we receive any fund from UELCI which it received from any foreign donor agency. We have again to report about it Previously it was not necessary so to do .

We have already submitted the registration papers both for KSS as well F.T.T.C. Fudi. Even KNH Homes have been asked to register themselves a_n_d report is that they all did so as we did within the stipulated time viz 31.12.84.

ii) Regarding correspondence regarding new work of Dr. M. Bage the working committee meeting on 22.1.85 has after consultation with Dr. Bage decided that all correspondences be addressed to the KSS with copies to Rev. Dr. M. Bage at Govindpur.

iii) As to visa of Dr. W. Jaco-b and of his wife Rev. Dr. Linn writes that on the advice of the Indian Ambassador at Berlin(East) they have since applied for 10 months visa which the Ambassador thought could help. Let us see the result . Meanwhile we decided on 22.1.85 to contact the concerned officials at Delhi.

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iv) The KSS(Working Committee) has on 22.1.85 taken suitable resolution Welcoming the Berlin-Brandenburg Church's invitation to two theologians to visit their Church. Rev. Dr. Royan Dang and Rev. Manmasih Ekka have been nominated as our visitors. Official invitation is awaited. Similarly for Rev. C.S.R. Topno we have requested them to send him official invitation a 12 month study tour asking South East Anchal to relieve him.

v) We have tentatively fixed Oct 16 and 17, 1985 for Kalisha Sangh Conference to enable Rt. Rev. Grottfried Frock and his companion to attend and address on Oct 18th and 19th Pastors Refreshers Course has been planned. Dr. Frock can fly back on 19th or 20th as it suite him. This is subject to change. You will be informed of the developments.

vi) We are glad to know of your projected visit and accordingly the W.C. has decided to hold KSS Samiti meeting on 22nd to 24th March keeping 24th exclusively for meeting with your kindself. We suggest that you visit Assam after your meetings in Nepal. We shall be thankful to receive your final schedule.

vii) I thank you very much for informing us in advance points for discussion. All the points need discussion person to person. These therefore are not touched in this letter. Your visit to Assam will be a much awaited event I am writing to Adhyaksh Assam Anchal for entry pass etc.

About our contribution about the Gossner Church in the projected booklet on the occassion of the 150th anniversary of the Gossner Mission I shall be thankful if you let me know about the things to be included in survey write up. Of course we from our own side will try to provide all relevant materials in the writeup. Details will be discussed with you in person.

Enclosed kindly find a copy of our Panjika 1985 for your record.

With kindest regards,

Yours in the Lord,

RW SMG
30.1.85

(Rev. S. Mohan MG)
Pramukh Adhyaksh

To the
Pramukh Adhyaksh of G.E.L. Church
G.E.L. Church Compound Ranchi
Ranchi 834 001

Berlin, 7.1. 1985

Dear Rev. Mohan M.G.!

First of all I want to send you the best wishes for you, your family and the Gossner Church for the New Year 1985. We hope and pray, that God's rich blessings may be with all of you, so that we can all join in the universal praise of our Lord God and serve him in the right way. These wishes are especially for the newly elected office bearers of the KSS, about whom you have informed us in your letter dated 6th December. Please give our wishes and Yishu Sahay to Rev. M. Tete, Mr. P. Topno and Rev. Bimal Minz. We hope, that the good cooperation, which we had so far will continue in the coming years also. We also do thank for the greetings which reached us through the two ladies from GDR who have visited the Gossner Church last Year. We are glad to know, that their visit could take place with no difficulties through all the political turmoil which took place after the death of Mrs. Indira Gandhi.

Today I have several points of information and requests:

1. From Dr. Paul Singh we heard, that there has been a new bill about transfers from foreign countries, which might make things more complicated. We shall continue with our transfers as usual. If there are any changes or restrictions, please let us know immediately, preferably by cable.
2. We are not quite sure about the correspondence relating to the new work of Dr. Bage. Normally both sides, the KSS-Office and Dr. Bage himself should be informed. How shall we proceed? - Shall we send letters to your office only with copies included for Dr. Bage or shall we send separate letters to Ranchi and Govindpur.
3. In GDR I heard, that they are a little bit worried about the visa of Rev. Willibald Jakob. Do you have any new informations about him or any advice what we or the GDR people could do?
4. About our visitors from India this year: Dr. Linn has informed you, that the church in GDR would be interested to have two persons as guests from the area of theological education. Our proposal would be, that the same persons could also visit Western Germany either before or after the visit to GDR. We would be interested to hear, if any decision has been taken and what would be the proposed dates for their visit. Dr. Linn thought, that May/June might be a suitable date. Please let us know about the plans of the Gossner church.
5. Visit of my person together with Rev. Droege, member of the Kuratorium to India: As we had informed you already earlier, we would like to come for a visit to the Gossner Church. My proposal would be, that we come from March 23rd to April 13th, because I shall have to be for a meeting to the board of the United Mission to Nepal on 16-18 April. Please let us know, if this date is suitable to you. We can correspond about the details of our program later. Here are only a few points of interest, which we have: There are a number of questions to discuss with the KSS Office, for example the general policy of funding applications of certain institutions, the future of the support of the mission work, if the amount in the annual budget should be left like now or changed. Furthermore there should be a discussion with the Fudi Trust or some people of the same about questions of the budget and also the plans to restart production again.

5. continued:

I would be interested in visiting the Bokaro congregation and Govindpur. I do not know, if there will be time for a visit to Amgaon, especially since there will be a group of friends from Gossner Mission with Sister Ilse Martin and the Seebergs to go there now in January, so that we would get the latest news from them. But I would be very much interested to go to ASSAM, since I have never been there so far and also other visitors came there very seldom. I shall give you the details of my passport and also send some photos, so that you can apply for a permit to go there beforehand. I do not know, if this could be accommodated within these three weeks, so that both of us could go there or if this would have to be done after my return from Kathmandu for about one week. Please let us know your opinion about that.

6. You will know, that Gossner Mission will celebrate the 150th anniversary in 1986. We shall publish a special booklet for that occasion, for which a contribution from the Gossner Church would be most welcome. We would also like to discuss, if for that occasion a special visitors program might be planned, possibly for the first time with some music group. This is only a first information. the matter should be discussed during our visit before starting detailed planning.

7. We got a letter of Bishop Dr. Nirmal Minz from 29.10.84 requesting us to reimburse the amount of Rs 11,476.- being loans, which had been given to Rev. Dharam Das Toppo and Rev. Obed Toppo during the time, when they were still under the North West Anchal before the Division of the church. Apparently they did not refund the amount after returning to the KSS. I include a copy of the letter for your information. We shall write to Dr. Nirmal Minz, that this is an affair, which has to be settled within the Gossner Evangelical Church and the North West G.E.L. Church. We do not see any reason for interfering with this matter.

I am sorry, that there are so many things, but I have not found time to write for a long time. It is not necessary, that all items are answered immediately. Some of them will have to be discussed anyway.

Please give our regards also to the other officers in the KSS Office and Dr. Singh with the BEL:

With all good wishes, I remain,

Yours in the Lord,

(Dieter Hecker)
Director Gossner Mission

Encl.

PS: You will know, that the liturgy for the Women's World Day of Prayer 1985 at March this year has been prepared by Christian women from India. Therefore there is much interest in the position of women in India, both in the church and outside in our country. I assume, that in the congregations of the Gossner Church this day will also be celebrated. If there is any additional material available with you, we would be interested in getting some of it. I would also be interested in getting a copy of the Panjica for our files as a document.

Enclosure: as above.

OFFICE OF THE G.E.L. CHURCH IN CHOTANAGPUR AND ASSAM RANCHI

No. 670 /84/KSS-147

Dated the 6th Dec 1984

From: Rev. S. Mohan MG,
Pramukh Adhyaksh
GEL Church, Ranchi

To,
Rev. D. Hecker,
Director, Gessner Mission
Kuratorium, Berlin



Dear Sir,

Greetings in His name.

In the new KSS meeting held from Nov. 27 to 30, 1984 following office bearers (including ~~7~~ me) were elected for 1984-89 term

- 1) Pramukh Adhyaksh -Rev. S. Mohan MG (taken over on 1.11.84)
- 2) Up-pramukh Adhyaksh- Rev. Martin Tete
- 3) Secretary- Shri Paulus Tepne
- 4) Treasurer - Shri Bimal Minz

Address of all, being -

KSS Office, GEL Church Compound, Main Road, Ranchi- 834001.

All semi official letters meant for them may be addressed to them at the above address.

With kind regards,

Yours in the Lord,



Copy to :

(Rev. S. Mohan MG)

- ✓ 1) Chairman GM
2) Rev. Dr. V. Stiegkitz
3) Dr. K. Rajaratnam, Executive Secy, UELCI, Madras
4) The Rev. K. Nathaniel, President, AEL Church Guntur, AP
5) The Rt. Rev. M. Samuel, Bishop of Arcot LC Cuddalore
6) President the Rev. John D. Hus, Bishop of IEL Church
7) Rt. Rev- Dr. Jacob Nag, Bishop JELC
8) Bishop S. Ahlad, Luther Bhavan, Chhindwara, MP
9) The Rev. T. Anatham, President SAL Church Tirupathi
10) The Rt. Rev. Jayaseelan Jacob, TELC, Tranquebar
11) Shri Mathai Zachariah, Gr. Secy, ~~UELCI~~ NCCI
12) Paster, G. Lin, ~~UELCI~~
13) LWF

OFFICE OF THE G.E.L. CHURCH IN CHOTANAGPUR AND ASSAM, RANCHI.

No. 488 /84/KSS-78-73

Date 7/11/84

To,

Pastor Dieter Hecker,
Director, Gossner Mission,
Berlin-Friedenau
Handjerysstr, 19/20
Germany (West)



Dear brother Hecker,

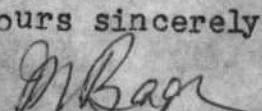
As scheduled Rev. S. Mohan M.G. has taken over charge of pramukh-adhyaksh-ship on 1st November 1984. The adhyakshas met and have ~~decided~~ elected Rev. Martin Tete as the Up-pramukh adhyaksh which means that Rev. Tete will succeed Rev. S. Mohan M.G. as the pramukh adhyaksh. The K.S.S. could not meet on 5th November because of the disturbance caused by the death of Mrs Indira, our late Prime minister. The K.S.S. will meet on Nov. 26-30 1984.

As I am now free from the Central responsibility, it is expected that I engage myself in getting the " New Life Light " programme at Govindpur implemented. In this connection I have one problem in the very beginning which I had not expected. This is the very reason why I am writing this letter to you.

In order not to decrease the standard of the pracharakas it is being suggested that the training period be for three years instead of two. It is planned that the trainees to be admitted for the three years course should not have to pay their fee. I also want that the KSS which is struggling for collecting the necessary amounts needed as stipend for the trainees of the two years course should not be forced to pay an additional amount to this institution. In order to make it possible I have the plans that the trainees must physically work in the farm during 1st year and that the wages payable should be used for their fooding and boarding expenses. This could be possible and should be possible. However, after coming back from Germany I found that the present situation of the farm being run by Mr. Kanduln-a is such that I, when I take over, may not have sufficient capital for farm investment and for meeting the labour expenses of our new trainees. Under the circumstances, may I request that the G.M. somehow finds Rs. 12000/- for that new trainees only for the year 1985. This will not be needed later, I hope.

I shall be very thankful if you could inform whether this could be possible so that I, accordingly, take necessary steps for admitting the new trainees.

Yours sincerely,


(Rev. Dr. M. Bage)
Ex - Pramukh Adhyaksh

CC. Pramukh Adhyaksh,
GEL Church, Ranchi.

To the
Pramukh Adhyaksh of
E.E.L. Church Rev. S. Mohan M.G.
G.E.L. Church Compound
Ranchi 834 001 - India

Berlin, 1-11- 1984

Dear brother Mohan, M.G.!

With a great shock we have heared the news about the murder of Mrs. Indira Gandhi, the Prime Minister of India on the 31st October. We are deeply concerned about the outbreak of violence in the spere of politica and share the concern and mourning of the members of the Gossner Church and all the citizens of your country over thes cruel act and the loss for India and the total world community.

This is not the time and place to evaluate all the political decisions of the government of Mrs. Gandhi, but we know, that the Christian churches have appreciated her decisive standing for a secular democracy in India and a safeguarding of the rights of all religious and ethnic minoritées against all communal pressure of any group. We do hope, that this will continue to the best of your country and of the churches. We also hope and pray, that peace and unity can be kept also through the critical days and weeks that follow this crucial event. We want to assure you and all the members of the Gossner Church that we are with you in our thoughts and prayers to God, that he may bring about peace in spite of all the forces of violence which are existing not only in your country, but everywhere in the world.

Expressing once more our deep concern
and wishing you much steadfastness
I greet you from Gossner Mission,
also from Prof. Hans Grothaus, the
chairman of our Kuratorium,

Yours in Christ,

(Dieter Hecker)
Director, Gossner Mission

PS: Today we dispatched a telegram: "Express deep concern over the murder of Mrs. Gandhi. Hope and pray for unity and peace in India."

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Berlin, 2910 1984

Ref.: Letter 472/84/KSS-78

Dear Rev. Mohan M.G.!

I am very sorry, that I have not written to Ranchi for such a long time. At the beginning, there were visitors from your church, so that we could talk about the G.E.L. Church and after that we had been so busy with other visits in different congregations. - We do hope, that all the visitors are back safely. Dr. Bage has written us already. We didnot hear anything so far from Mrs. Kerketta and Mrs. Sokey and Mrs. Kujur left only a few days ago, so that no letter could arrive yet. Dr Bage must have informed you about the decisions relating to the Gossner Church of the Kuratorium. We are looking forward to the further development of the contacts between the Gossner Church and the United Church of Zambia. About the application of Khuntitoli, we are in a difficult position. We would have to find other donor agencies than Gossner Mission and it is extremely difficult to get anyone nowadays to finance buildings for church schools. Furthermore we would need a detailed plan for the buildings to be able to do anything. But the greatest difficulty is, that we do not see any planfor the total science education in the Gossner Church. You will understand, that it will be impossible to get one dozen buildings subsidized. From your decision of the KSS it does not become clear, if there are other schools also with building needs, so that we really donot know, if this application will be the only one in the next five or ten years. We therefore agreed with Dr. Bage, that the best would be to have some discussion about this whole question at our next visit to India.

We have not yet fixed the date of Rev. Werner Schröder in Aurich and myself for the visit to the Gossner church in 1985, but it will be around the middle of April, since I shall be attending the board meeting of the United Mission to Nepal in Kathmandu from 16 - 18 April. So our visit to India will be either before or after that. I dondot know, if Dr. Bage has informed you already, that I would be very much interested to visit the Assam Anchal as well. You might inform us abouth the sucess of the two ladies from GDR in obtaining a permit for that.

As for the above quoted letter of Dr. Bage, I want to inform you, that we have not known so far, where the money for the Govindpur project, that Dr. Bage is beginning now, will be needdd. The donation of Mr. Vorberg from Aurich is lying with us and we shall send it within the next few days to your account. Similarly, we have not yet dispatched anything for the salaries of Dr. Bage and the candidate, who is going to assist him. So we would request you to start paying the salaries till the remittance for that purpose will reach you. We have given order to trans-fer DM 5000.- for the beginning. We hope, it will reach you soon. We would be grateful, if you could send us a budget for the whole expenses involved in the same, so that we also can plan financially. Please inform us also about the timings at which intervals, which sort of regular transfers are needed.

As for the two sums of DM 20000 .- and DM 12.000.- , we shall have to inquire from Hamburg, where they got stuck. We shall inform you as soon as we do know more details.

I think, these were the most urgent points to be dealt with immediately. I shall have to look up in the older correspondence, if there are other points open. Please do not hesitate to write. Slowly I get a little bit more insight into the details of the correspondence and times to be thought of.

At the end I want to wish you all the best for your new responsibility as a Pramukh Adhyaksh and God's guidance and blessing for all your work. We thank Dr. Bage for the cooperation and fellowship we had in the past years through his Pramukhship and also his participation in the meetings of the Kuratorium. We are very confident, that there will be no weakening of our mutual solidarity in the service of the one God and our Lord Jesus Christ.

With thankfulness and greetings

I remain with all good wishes from
the members of Gossner Mission

Yours sincerely,

Dieter Hecker

(Dieter Hecker)
Director

Rev. Dr. Marsallan Bage
GEL Church Compound
Ranchi - 834 001
Bihar / INDIA

October 24, 1984

Dear Dr. Bage,

First the best greetings from here. Unfortunately your time in Berlin-West and West-Germany was so much limited this year that there was no opportunity to sit together and discuss our new involvement at Govindpur and the procedure of the exchange between your Church and the UCZ.

Let me begin with the new agricultural training programme. You may know that Mr. Helmut Vorberg and his new society being founded in favour of supporting agricultural projects of your Church have remitted to us DM 4.399,69 in May. This amount is at your disposal at any time and I would be very glad if we can transfer the money as soon as possible. During the first week of October I spent a mission week in Aurich and met the Vorberg-family. Mr. Vorberg wanted to know what the money has already been used for. I tried to explain to him the programme will be embarked right after your retirement from the Pramukh-Adhyakship.

In January 1985 the society is holding its annual meeting. It would be very important if you can write a short report to inform the members about the steps you are going to implement first. The DM 4.399,69 perhaps could be used for the construction of the pigsty or any other stable which you feel crucial at the beginning.

You can expect that the society is willing to support your programme with DM 5.000,-- to DM 6.000,-- per annum.

In regard to the mutual visit between the GELC and the UCZ the best would be that the two Churches fix the time and make the preparations. We could arrange the booking and payment in our office if you agree to fly with Zambian Airways or Indian Airways. As far as I know Zambian Airways has direct connection between Lusaka and Bombay which however needs to be clarified. With Indian Airlines I am not quite sure.

With brotherly greetings and wishes for your new task and greetings to the KSS and all Church members
yours

Rev. Erhard Mische

GOSSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Ref No 472 /34/KSS-78

Date October 18, 1984

Pastor Dieter Hecker
Director Gossner Mission
Berlin-Friedenau
Handjeystrr -19
West Germany



Dear Brother Hecker,

We have received a letter from Mr. Helmut Vorberg from Aurich. He writes that on 28.3.84 he sent a special donation of 4.499,69 DM for the new project at Govindpur. I checked up with our Accountant whether we have received the amount here, but it could not be traced. This means that the amount is still in Berlin with the Gossner Mission. Please check up and clarify whether the amount has been transferred to our account or is still with Gossner Mission in Berlin. An information of this should also be sent to Mr. Vorberg in Aurich. They have further 3000,- DM for the project. I am requesting him to send this amount to Gossner Mission so that you may transfer it to our account.

As you know that from 1st November I shall be relieved from the Central office at Ranchi, I shall engage myself fully for the project of the programme at Govindpur as soon as I am free from here. It will be appreciated if you could transfer the amount budgeted there for meeting my salary as soon as possible. Please also send me a copy of each letter that may be sent to our Central office but will be connected with Govindpur so that I may have an up-to-date information of the actions being taken in this regard either here or at Berlin.

Please also note that we may need an amount for payment of salary to one young candidate who is now under training to take up responsibility to run the project at Govindpur after me. His present salary will be Rs 400/- (four hundred) per month. Thus the amount for the whole year will be Rs 5000/- (five thousand) rupees). In this connection please send the address of the Bishop of the Lutheran Church in Philippines, which Dir. Fugmann from Neuendettelsau gave you, so that I can enquire from him about the similar training they are giving to the lay-leaders there.

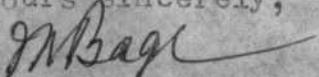
Lastly, I would like to inform that the amount of 20000. DM which the GM office as per letter of 21.5.84 informed us to have transferred to our church account has not yet reached here. Similarly the amount of 12000. DM sent for Pastors pension Fund as per your letter of 8.8.84 too has not reached us. We have to find out whether it has got stuck.

We are still waiting for the positive or negative information about the entry visa^{for} family Jacobs. I have requested NCC-I Secretary to find out the up-to-date position about Government's action on this, but no reply has yet come.

I hope that everything went on well with Mrs. Sokey and Mrs. Kujur and that they will be back soon.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

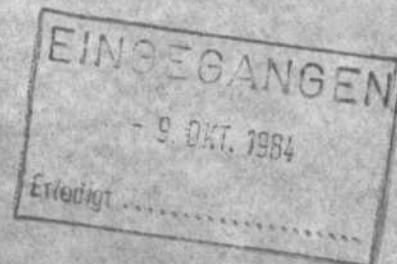


(Rev. Dr. M. Bage)
Pramukh Adhyaksh

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October 5, 1984

Rev. Dr. Marsallan Bage
Pramukh Adhyaksh
G.E.L. Church
Head Office
Ranchi 834001
Bihar/ India



Dear brother Bage,

I hope you had a good journey and a safe return to Ranchi. Today our Church Council has evaluated the various conversations we had during your visit here dealing with the content of our partnership. Let me inform you and through you the K.S.S. for respective decisions on your side about the result of the discussion today: (I enclose a copy of the German paper of our Church Council for you. Before the meeting of our Church Council I could discuss all the details with Director Hecker).

1. We would be happy if our two churches could go on to have an exchange of official visitors every year.

1.1. For 1985 we invite the G.E.L. Church to send two representatives of the Theological Seminary in Ranchi to visit our church and its respective institutions for about 4 weeks in April and May, 1985. We would be very glad if the visitors could be here early enough to address our Synod whose yearly meeting is scheduled for April 12-16th. After the visit here the two theologians might be invited for an additional visit in West Germany. As soon as you can inform us about the names of your delegates we will send them the necessary official invitation letters. Please, inform us about their personal data we need for the application for entrance-visas. We can apply without passport-number, but not without birth-date (and place)!

We thank for the invitation of K.S.S. for our bishop to visit the G.E.L. Church in October, 1985, together with a second person to accompany him. It would be good to get a respective official invitation letter early next year. We understand that the Kalishya Sangh Assembly will be included in his visit-programme.

1.2. For 1986, we would like to invite the G.E.L. Church to send two of their Church-youth-leaders as official visitors to see various youth activities of our church in June and July, 1986. Those delegates may be invited for a visit to West Germany before coming to us in May, 1986.

Vice versa we would like to send two representatives of our church youth-work to visit the G.E.L. Church in autumn 1986.

1.3. For 1987, we would like to invite the G.E.L. Church to send two Christians who are working in agriculture and are living in villages - Christians involved in the wholistic approach of your church to further the spiritual life and the socio-economic development of rural congregations as well. We suppose that April and May may be good months for their absence from their fields. They may be invited for an additional visit in West Germany, too.

- Vice versa we would like to send two representatives of our church living and working in rural areas to visit the G.E.L. Church in autumn, 1987.
2. Our church invites the G.E.L. Church to send particular pastors who are expected to take over leading responsibility for a longer study time in the GDR. We are happy that the State Secretary on Church Affairs affirmed that this could be realised. So we ask you to select candidates for the respective scholarship of our church during the next year. It would be good to help these candidates to learn German before coming here. We would like to ask to send the first candidate for the period August 1, 85 to July 31, 86. We understand that church administration should be a major subject of the study programme here.
3. English is the medium we use for our partnership - a foreign language for both partners. We are very happy that at least a small number of representatives of the G.E.L. Church speaks German - and others are going to learn it. Vice versa we have the plan to encourage some younger church workers to learn Hindi - to become future bridge-builders for our mutual relationship. The beginning of the first course is planned for February, 1985.
4. As soon as we find respective possibilities we will go on to buy and to send to the G.E.L. Church High Schools educational materials for biology, chemistry and physics.

Our two ladies will arrive at Ranchi November 16th coming from New-Delhi about 9 o'clock in the morning. They are looking forward to see you again and to meet the Christians of the G.E.L. Church face to face.
With regard to the entrance-visas for Mr. and Mrs. Jacob we have no news so far.

With all the best wishes for you and all members of K.S.S.
and cordial regards

Yours sincerely

Gerhard Linn
(Gerhard Linn, OKR,
Secretary for Ecumenical
Relations)

GOSSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Ref No 434/84/KSS-1

Date 2/10/84

To,

All Concerned,

EINGEGANGEN

12. OKT. 1984

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Sub : Change of Pramukh Adhyaksh-ship with effect
from 1st November 1984.

Dear Sirs, ,

As per constitutional provision of the Govvner Evangelical Lutheran Church (GELC) in Chotanagpur and Assam, my term as Pramukh Adhyaksh will end on 31st October 1984. From November 1984 I will be succeeded by Rev. Surendra Mohan M.G. as the Pramukh Adhyaksh of the GEL Church for the next term. While I am thankful to all for the nice co-operation I got and for the hidden prayers which upheld me during my Pramukh-ship, may I wish that the similar co-operation and prayers be continued also for my successor.

Remaining in fellowship for the service of the Lord,

Yours sincerely,



(Rev. Dr. M. Bage)
Pramukh Adhyaksh

CC. Rev. S. Mohan M.G., Pramukh Adh.

OFFICE OF THE G.E.L. CHURCH IN CHOTANAGPUR AND ASSAM, RANCHI.

No. 4751 /84/KSS-1

Dated 2 / 10/84

To,

Pastor Dieter Hecker,
Berlin
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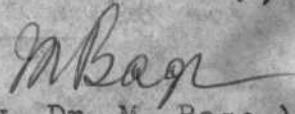
Dear Brothers in Christ,

Thanks to God that I have arrived from my Germany visit yesterday safe and sound.

I look back to the days I could spend in Germany during whole of September. For the programme that was made for my visit to different congregations, for meeting the different church organisational leaders, for the provision made for my personal meeting with old and new friends and for the nice hospitality offered to me, I am extremely thankful to all concerned.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,


(Rev. Dr. M. Bage)
Pramukh Adhyaksh

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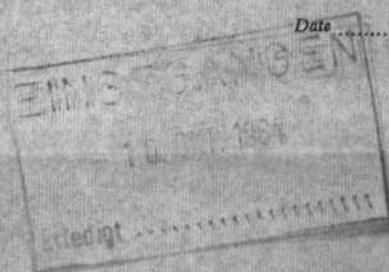
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Ref No 429 /84/KSS-78

Date

1/10/84

Paster Dieter Hecker,
Director, Gossner Mission
Berlin-Friedenau
Randjerystr. 19



Dear Brother Hecker,

I am back this morning in my house. In Delhi I found that, my earlier ticket which was for my flight from Calcutta-Delhi was converted ~~airmail~~ for flight Delhi-Ranchi and was already confirmed. As the ticket booked at Berlin for Delhi- Ranchi flight was not confirmed, I used the confirmed one. I am therefore, sending the ticket booked at Berlin back to you. You may, if possible, claim refund or use it for some one.

May I also request you to see whether the office has already booked, tickets for Mrs Sokey and Mrs Kujur for Delhi-Ranchi flight. I had asked the office at Berlin to see to this. They will fly from Frankfurt to Delhi on 21st Oct. reaching Delhi on 22nd morning. They will fly from Delhi on 23rd October.

I have asked the Delhi people to meet the two ~~s~~ sisters at the air-port at Delhi on 22nd morning. Most probably Rev. Biswas will meet them.

With hearty greetings,

CC.1. Mrs Sokey & Kujur

2. Rev. Berun Biswas, New Delhi, with a request to meet the two sisters at Delhi air port on 22nd October.

Yours sincerely,

(Rev. Dr. M. Bage)
Pramukh Adhyaksh

Dr. M. Bage
Pr. Adhyaksh
G.E.L. Church

Flensburg, the 25th Sept. 1984

Pastor Dietrich Hecker
Director, Gossner-Mission
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Sub:- Govindpur project

Dear brother Hecker,

Hereby I would like to mention two of my concerns connected with Govindpur project. It was unfortunate that we could not discuss this in detail this time because of our preoccupations.

The first concern is that we have to prepare a young pastor, who will get ~~the~~ into the thinking, planning and implementing of the project from the very beginning and will carry it on when we, particularly I, withdraw from working there. The request will be to contribute towards his salary which will not be more than Rs. 500/- per month. This will be also for three years only.

The second concern is a help to repair the building, where the couple Jacobs will live at Govindpur. They will occupy the western part, but the whole building may need repairs. This will be the repair of Ceilings ^{not} I shall approach Mr. G.M. because Mr. Bp. Bd. may not be able to help at present. This I shall take up immediately after my return.

Yours sincerely,
M Bage
25/9/84

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Ref No A09 /84/KSS-78

Date September 20, 1984

From : Rev. S. Mohan MG
Acting Pramukh Adhyaksh
KSS GEL Church
Ranchi

To : Pastor D. Hecker,
Director Gossner Mission

Dear brother in Christ,

Yishsahay.

In the course of discussion in a meeting with some of the KSS members and its Officers in Dec 1893 the Rev. Dr. Stieglitz had suggested to the KSS to examine the possibility of sending an Evangelist Revivalist pastor to Germany. While making the above suggestion he was recalling the visit and stay of the late Rev. Hanukh Minz in Germany years back in the above capacity.

This was readily accepted by the KSS who in its Samiti meet held at Tezpur (Feb 24-26) and full KSS meeting at Rajgangpur (June 19- this year decided to ask the Anchals to send names for selection. Three names were received and the Working Committee in its meeting held on 31.8. 84 has selected Rev. Wilhelm Kandulna, Supervisor Orissa Anchal Mission Field GEL Church, At & PO Kuchinda, Dt. Sambalpur (Orissa) vide copy enclosed.

If the proposal and action of the KSS thereon fine favour with the Gossner Mission I request that steps for further action may please be taken in this behalf.

Rev. Kandulna had ~~been~~ his B.Th. degree from Theological Seminary Kotpad (Orissa) of the Jeypore Evangelical Lutheran Church. He has two small children. Further particulars will follow.

I have received Dr. M. Page's letter of 12th Sept 1984 from Berlin. Schedule of KSS (new) meetings from Nov. 1 to 8, 1984 has been prepared for issue to all new members.

With kind regards,

Yours in Christ,
Rev. S. Mohan MG
(Rev. S. Mohan MG)

CC. Rev. Dr. Klaus von Stieglitz
for information

GOSSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Vide No.237 - J of 30-7-1921

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Ref No 376 /84/KSS-77

Date Sept. 5, 1984

Rev. Joel Sisanga
General Secretary
The United Church of Zambia

Dear Rev. Chisanga,

Greetings in His Name.

This is to acknowledge your letter of 23rd August 1984 to the Rev. Dr. M. Bage, Pramukh Adhyaksh, Gossner Church, Ranchi on the question of visits of two pastors from the United Church of Zambia and of two from our Church to your Church.

Further communication will follow after return of the Rev. Dr. Bage on or about 2nd October 1984 from Germany. I may inform that from 1.11.94 a New Kendriya Salakhari Sabha (Central Advisory Council) will be constituted and New Pramukh Adhyaksh (President) will take over.

This body will have occasion to consider your letter noting the change in the schedule.

I may add that we are not a little thrilled to receive your very kind letter bringing in great hope of growing partnership between the two Churches.

2 Pastor E Hische

With kind regards,

Yours in the Lord,

Copy to:

1 Pastor D. Hecker Dircal
2 Pastor E Hische

(P. Topno)
Secretary KSS, GELC
Dictated but not signed

To Dr. M Bage
c/o Rev. Borun Vishwas
Mahdev Road 2
New Delhi 110 001

Berlin, 21-8-1984

Dear Dr. Bage,

I hope you will get this letter and have received our telegram. There has been much confusion about different dates of the flights and also due to the changes in the office here.

Unfortunately we have left your flight to Berlin open and also not given you a private telephone number either of myself, since we got telephone only recently, not of Mr. Kriebel and the office will be closed on Saturday. You must have received our telegram in Ranchi which informed you, that we have booked for you Pan Am flight No. 3646 at 4 p.m. from Frankfurt to Berlin, so that you have a little time, if there is a delay in your flight from India. If there are no changes, I shall see you at Tegel airport in Berlin and there is no necessity to phone me, although you can do that to confirm your scheduled arrival. In case, you should come earlier or later due to delays or something else, I would ask you to phone my number and inform me about the exact arrival, so that I can come to the airport and see you there. Our telephone is 030/4136050. Mr. Kriebel would also be available on phone 030/786 3031. But better contact me, since we are living quite near the airport.

I hope, that everything will turn out well finally and you will have a good flight. Wishing you all the best and greeting you and the two ladies, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

Dieter Hecker
(Dieter Hecker)

To
Dr. M. Bage
or Mrs. Taylor
(or Mrs. Sooley)

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To Rev. Borun Vishwas
2, Hahadev Road
New Delhi 110 001

Berlin 1101061 1984

Dear Rev. Borun Vishwas,

as you will certainly know, Dr. Bage and Mrs. Kujur and Mrs Sokey are on their way to Gossner Mission and will leave Delhi on Saturday morning. I hope, they will contact you on Friday or possibly R v. Rao, but I think you should be able to contact them, in case you get this letter early enough.

Please do hand over the enclosed letter either to Dr. Bage or one of the two ladies, since there are arrangements for their reception in it.

Sorry, we are quite in a hurry here with preparations for different programs of our Indian guests.

Thanking you for your support and wishing you and the whole Delhi congregation all the best for your service and witness,

I remain,

Yours sincerely,

(Dieter Hecker)
Director

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Ref. No. 352 /84/KSS-78

Date August 06, 1984

Rev. Joel Chisanga
United Church of Zambia
Synod Headquarters
PO Box 50122
Lusaka/Zambia
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17 AUG 1984

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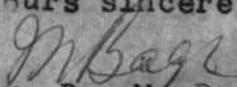
Dear Joel Chisanga,

On behalf of the Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church (G.E.L.C.) in India may I have the pleasure and privilege to extend greetings to the United Church in Zambia in the name of our Saviour and Lord Jesus Christ.

Pastor Erhard Mische, the Gossner Mission Secretary for Africa had suggested to us to think of establishing direct link between the GELC and United Church in Zambia and had expressed the readiness of the Gossner Mission to help us financially in the beginning in such involvement. Our Church Council (KSS) received this suggestion with appreciation and joy.

Accordingly, I am hereby extending to you and one more representative of your Church an invitation to visit the GEL Church sometimes between November 15 and December 10, 1984. We shall appreciate if the exact time of your possible visit is communicated to us at an early possible date.

With best wishes and regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Rev. Dr. M. Bage)
Pramukh Adhyaksh

CC - Pastor E. Mische,
Gossner Mission, Berlin

Registered!

Rev. Dr. M. Bage
GEL Church Compound
Ranchi - 834 001
Bihar / India

August 6, 1984

Dear Dr. Bage,

Please, find enclosed the tickets for Mrs. Sokey and Mrs. Kujur. Please, note that these tickets are special tickets which must be reconfirmed before the departure of the two ladies! Otherwise transport cannot be granted.

We hope you have received our cable in the meantime, because we would be glad to know as soon as possible if you need a ticket or not. Please, contact us immediately by cable.

As a further enclosure you will find copies of the minutes of the India-committee of January 24, 1983 and December 21, 1983 for your information. Please pay attention to TOP 4 in the January 24, 1984 minutes and to TOP 5 and 6 in the December 21, 1983 minutes because the members of the India-committee would be glad to be informed on the development of these items.

With best wishes for your journey
sincerely yours,

in the name of Rev. Hecker

G. Lischewsky (Miss)
secretary

encl.: 2 tickets
2 minutes

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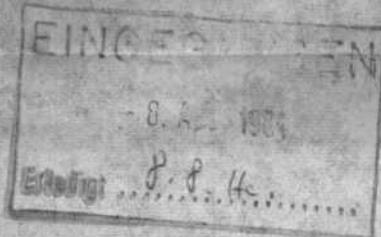
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Ref. No. 324 /84/KSS-78

Date July 28, 1984

Pastor Erhard Mische
Gossner Mission Society
1 Berlin 11 Friedenau
Hanjerystr 19/20
West Germany



Dear Brother Mische,

Please refer to my letter of 2nd May 1984. By mistake I have given a wrong figure as the 2/3 cost of the 500 pieces of handloom cloth. The total cost is Rs. 60,521=00. for 482 pieces. We have to get from the Gossner Mission as the GM contribution plus contribution from the Friends of Chotanagpur, Karlsruhe Rs. 40347-00 and that we have to get Rs. 20174-00 from the congregations. I have noted that you have already sent Rs. 18496--. We have still to receive Rs. 26851.-

I am sorry for the mistake made in the earlier letter.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Rev. Dr. M. Bage)
Pramukh Adhyaksh

CC. 1. Mr. A. Barla, Acctt, KSS
2. Mr. P.K. Mukherjee
Export Executive
Biscomaun Building
Patna-800001.

To the
Pramukh Adhyaksh
Dr. M. Bage
G.E.L. Church Compound
Ranchi 834 001 - India

Berlin 8.8.1984

Ref. Your letter dated July 28th No. 32 A/84/KSS 78

Dear Dr. Bage,

Just now we got your letter to Mr. Mische, who is in holidays at present. I was wondering earlier already about the low amount of your information. We shall in the next days send the remaining Rs 26.851.- which are quoted in your letter as the 2/3 from Rs 60.521/-. We shall also get half of the amount from Freundeskreis Chotanagpur again. Mr. Mukherjee from Patna seemed to be worried about the payment already. So I would request you, if possible to make part payment with the amount, which has already been sent from Berlin to Patna and inform him about the rest.

We hope, that this is a help for the congregations of Gossner Church to get their churches really made a little bit more truly Chotanagpur looking with the Samasi cloth.

Wishing you all the best,

I remain,

Yours sincerely,

(Dieter Hecker)
Director

To the
Bihar State Export Corporation
Biscomaun Building
Patna 800 001 - India

Berlin, 8th August 1984

Ref.: Sales of altar cloth to the Gossner Evangelical Lutheran
Church, Ranchi

Dear Mr. Mukherjee,

as you can see from the letter on the back of this page, I have started my new appointment in Berlin with Gossner Mission. Regarding the altar cloth you sold to the G.E.L. church, we have naturally no possibility to say anything about their mode of payment. You can see however from the letter on the back, that there had been a mistake from Gossner Church in Ranchi about the amount involved. They asked for a much lower subsidy than the actual value was. We have now just sent the rest of the support of the sales. I would assume, that you will get the payment then immediately after the arrival of the remittance from Germany.

Wishing you all the best,

I remain,

Yours sincerely,

(Dieter Hecker)
Director

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Ref No. 319 /84/KSS-78

Date 28/7/84

Pastor Erhard Mische,
Gossner Mission Society
Berlin Friedenau
Handjerystr. 19/20
Germany

EINGEGANGEN

2. AUG. 1984

Erledigt

Dear Brother Mische,

You might have already received my letter of 21st July informing that my visit to Budapest was cancelled. As such I have to change my programme a bit. As per revised programme I shall reach Berlin on 28th August along with Mrs. Sokey and Mrs Kujur and shall cross over to G.D.R. possibly the same day. From G.D.R. I shall(alone) cross over to West on 10th September and then shall stay in the West till the Kuratorium meeting in Berlin is over.

During this visit I wish to visit three places, one is in Bavaria(Bayern) where Neuedetalsau mission has some institute for Biblical as well as agricultural orientation course to the boys and girls of the agriculturists. Second is any place in Denmark possibly near Flensburg, where the 'Volk Schule' is being run. You know, this is a different kind of 'Volk school' than that of Germany and that this was initiated by the church. This is Bonn. Mrs Fischer Ulm and her husband from Bonn met me here at Ranchi and in course of our discussion promised me to show a school where attempt is being made to combine the academic teaching along with some vocational orientation. About Denmark I would like to have suggestion or guidance from Mr. Grothaus. The rest is left to you for programming.

I am sorry, I had to shorten the period of my stay under the fresh arrangement.

The dates and timing of our arrival will be confirmed as soon as our tickets are booked.

Yours sincerely,



(Rev. Dr. M. Bage)
Pramukh Adhyaksh

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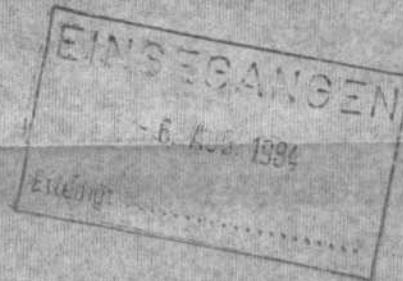
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Ref No 309 /84/KSS-78

Date 24/7/84

Mrs. Sushilmani Kerketta,
LWF ASSEMBLY NSI
Budapest (Hungary)
Pf. 94
H-1442



Dear Mrs. Kerketta,

I am extremely sorry for my inability to join you. The UELCI Office did not inform us properly of the booking they had made for the flight from Calcutta-Delhi. I hope you have been able to join the group and are at Budapest. My worry is now for your visit to Germany.

Please contact Pastor Linn in East Berlin and Pastor Mische in West Berlin about your visit to Germany yourself. I have informed them of my absence in Budapest. I personally shall fly along with Mrs. Sokey and Mrs. Kujur towards the end of August.

Yours sincerely,

- CC. 1) Pastor Gerhard Linn (Rev. Dr. M. Bage)
Consistorialrat
Pramukh Adhyaksh
Berlin-Brandenburg, 1020 Berlin.
Neuegrunestrasse 19/22, Germany.
- ✓ 2) Pastor E. Mische,
Gossner Mission Society
Berlin-Friedenau, Handjerystr 19/20
Berlin-21, Germany.

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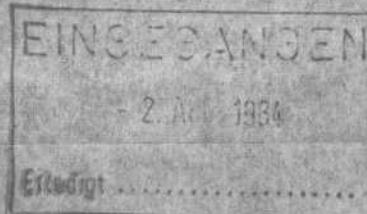
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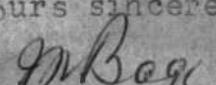
Pastor E. Mische
In-Charge
Gossner Mission Society
Berlin Friedenau
Handjerystrasse 19/20
Berlin 21
Germany



Dear Brother Mische,

For reasons unavoidable I have got my visit to Budapest cancelled. As such I shall have some change in dates of my visit to Germany. I shall inform you of the change next week.

Yours sincerely,


(Rev. Dr. M. Bage)
Pramukh Adhyaksh

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Ref No 276 /84/KSS-78

Date July 12, 1984

Paster Gerhar Linn
Consistorialrat
Berlin-Brandenburg Church
1020 Berlin
NeueGruntrasse 19/22

Dear Brother Linn,

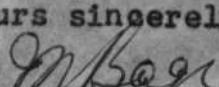
As it has been received now in our office I am giving below the required information in respect of the two ladies from the Gossner Church expected to visit Berlin-Brandenburg Church.

I - Name - Mrs. Nilmani Sokey
Date of birth - 15th December 1938
Permanent address | New Garden Siromtoli,
Present address | Club Road, Ranchi 834001,
Bihar, INDIA
Profession - Service
Passport - No. W 009673
Issued by - Passport Officer, Patna
On - 18th June 1984
Valid up to - 17th June 1989.

II - Name - Mrs Jyoti Alice Kujur
Date of birth - 9th September 1932
Permanent address | G.E.L. Church Compound,
Present address | At & PO Rajgangpur,
Dist. Sundargarh,
Orissa, INDIA
Profession - Teacher
Passport - No. T 954263
Issued by - Passport officer, Passport office, Bhubaneswar
On - 29.6. 1984
Valid up to - 28-6-1989.

Date of arrival at Berlin should be the same as suggested in earlier letter. Please inform about the air tickets as well as the route to be followed.

Yours sincerely,


(Rev. Dr. M. Bage)
Pramukh Adhyaksh

CC - Mrs. Sokey
Mrs. Kujur

Rev. Dr. Marsallan Bage
GELC
Ranchi-834 001
Bihar - INDIA

May 21, 1984

Dear Dr. Bage,

Thank you very much for your letters of March 30, and May 2, 1984.

1. In these days we shall transfer the amount of Rs. 13.496,-- as our part for the handloom cloth.
2. It is good to hear that the KSS has made a positive sign on our proposal to establish contacts between the United Church of Zambia (UCZ) and the GEL Church. In March I have been in Zambia again and have discussed with the Moderator, Rev. Sikazwe, and the General Secretary of the UCZ, Rev. Chisanga, this contact-programme mutually. Both showed much interest to pursue the idea and suggested that first a Zambian delegation is visiting India at the end of this year. My proposal now is that you write a letter to the General Secretary of the UCZ inviting two members of the UCZ to India in November or December if this is suitable for you and KSS. Next year a delegation of your Church is visiting Zambia in reverse.
Gossner Mission will become responsible for the flight-costs for the Zambian guests to India and next year for the GEL-Church representatives to Zambia.

The address of the General Secretary is:

Rev. Joel Chisanga
United Church of Zambia
Synod Headquaters
P.O. Box 50122
Lusaka / ZAMBIA
Africa

3. From Rev. Hecker we have heard that the KSS is about to chose two women to visit our country in addition to your coming. Please, let us know how far the preparation has already been developed for our own consideration and planning because during the same period of September and October we expect a group of Zambian pastors. We hope to inform you about your itinerary in West-Germany in June.

Attached you find a brief letter of Mrs. Meyer.

With many kind greetings to your family and the Christians of the GELC
I remain
faithfully yours,

Rev. Erhard Mische

enclosure

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Ref No 93 /84/KSS-78

Date 2nd May 1984

Pastor E. Mische,
Director-in-charge
Gossner Mission
Berlin

EINGEZA

Erledigt

Dear brother Mische,

As per letter of the director, Gossner Mission of 8.3.1984, I am now offering to GELC Congregations 500 pieces of handloom cloth with cross on them on payment of $1/3$ of the total cost. The second $1/3$ part of the cost will be borne by the Gossner Mission and the rest $1/3$ to be borne by the 'Friends of Chotanagpur'. Please collect the amount from the Friends of Chotanagpur, their share and together with that of the G.M. share transfer the total $2/3$ of the cost to the GELC account so that we will make payment to the office dealing with the weavers, tot the total $2/3$ of the cost will be Rs. 13496/- *Mr. 25.5.84 d/b*

Yours sincerely,

M. Bage

(Rev. Dr. M. Bage)
Pramukh Adhyaksh

CC. Mr. P.K. Mukherjee,
Export Executive
Biscomaun Building
Patna-800001.

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Ref No. 31 /84/KSS-78

Date March 30, 1984

Pastor E. Mische
Director-in-charge
Gossner Mission Society
Berlin-Friedeau
1 Berlin 41
Handjerrystrasse 19-20

Dear Brother Mische,

This has a reference to a letter of Pastor Kriebel dated 8.3.1984 and is connected with Miss Mridula George from South India.

- 1) Please be informed that we have not received any money from her and, as we do not know her address, we cannot write to her about it.
- 2) About the mutual contact between the United Church of Zambia and the GEL Church of India, our reaction is positive. We have now to think of a concrete step about which you may give some suggestion or may discuss with me when I will be in Germany.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,
M. Bage
(Rev. Dr. M. Bage)
Pramukh Adhyaksh

Dr. Marsallan Bage
G.E.L Church
Ranchi - 834 001
Biahr, India

8.3.1984

Dear Dr. Bage,

This is my last day in the Mission Office, since I have left some annual leave days for the rest of this month. Therefore this will be my last letter to you in my capacity as India Secretary of Gossner Mission. Let me thank you very, very much for the wonderful co-operation and understanding which I enjoyed with you. It was most encouraging for me to have you as a partner for discussions and co-operation. Many thanks and greeting also to all the other friends in the leadership and membership of GELC. My best wishes and prayers are with you and ~~Whit~~ GELC. Nevertheless, in September we shall meet once more in Berlin and I am looking forward to this occasion

Finally I have compiled some items for this letter:

1) Mridula George from South India

You may remember, that some time ago we informed you that a Miss Mridula George had informed us of the transfer of Rs. 3,000.00 to GELC in return for our service of sending her private luggage from here to Madras. Please inform us definitely, whether this money has arrived in GELC or not.

2) Donations from GDR

May I remind you that Christians in GDR continue to collect monthly contributions from church workers for church workers in GELC, and that we decided recently, to send this money separately to GELC for being distributed to all GELC church workers in equal shares once a year. Last year we sent a special donation from Westfalia for this purpose, but this year 1984 we shall send the collection from GDR from two years. It is much less, than the amount from Westfalia, therefore we collected the money from two years, in order to make it a bit more. But in future we shall send always the annual collections from GDR, as they arrive here in our office, for additional distribution amongst the GELC church workers. I wanted to inform you about this, so that you ~~are~~ are informed when you visit GDR.

3) Contact to UEZ

Erhard Mische informed me that the United Church of Zambia is interested to establish contacts to GELC. He will tell you about this himself. Please inform him, whether GELC is also interested.

4) Dieter Hecker informed me about Lal Bungalow

We have no objections that you instal a second bath-room in the guest wing of Lal Bungalow. Dieter Hecker found it convenient, so that visitors have their own bath-room on each side of the guest wing. We shall bear the cost for this, I think it will not cost much anyway.

5) Altar covers from Chotanagpur Weavers

May I repeat, that Gossner Mission is willing to bear one third of the

price of those altar covers which have been made by Chotanagpur weavers and which have not been exported to Germany. The agreement with Dieter HEcker is, that one third of the price is born by his "Friends of Chotanagpur", Karlsruhe, one third by Gossner Mission, Berlin, and one third has to be paid by the congregations in GELC who wish to buy one for their church building. In this way the covers should be quite cheap for the congregations. GELC should purchase the covers from the weavers in bulk (i.e. all of them), and then sell them to congregations. When you inform us about the share of Gossner Mission, then we shall send the money.

6) Transfer

These days we transfer the following amounts to GELC:

for WMCA slum projects in Ranchi	DM 2.022,10
for construction in Jamshedpur Gitilipi	200,--
for church construction fund	50,--
for Bible School Govindpur	290,--
for slide and film projectors	2.000,--
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to GELC account	DM 4.562,10
to BEL account	81.000,--
to Takarma account	10.000,--
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total transfer	DM 95.562,10
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BEL: 80.000 1st instalment 1984
 1.000 donation Dr. von Stieglitz for missionaries in MP

Takarma: 10.000 to Gossner Mission subsidy for 1984

Thank you for your letter Nr. 837 of 10.1.1984. We also received the papers about Govindpur Seminary. I fully support the plan in this form. Please give your comments to the ideas of Rev. Jakob as described in one of my last letters.

With cordial greetings
 yours in Christ,

SK
 Siegwart Kriebel

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EINGEGANGEN

26 JAN 1984

Erledigt

Date January 10, 1984

Pastor S. Kriebel, Director
Gossner Mission, Berlin
1 Berlin 41 (Friedenau)
Hand jerysstrasse
Berlin, West Germany

Dear Brother Kriebel,

Thank you for your letter communicating the transfer of money to various accounts. I have noted the kinds of funds transferred. As you know, I am now getting more and more involved with the planning of the Development project connected with the Pracharaks' Training of Govindpur, it is natural that I think of availing every possibility of materialising the plan.

Pastor Mische's letter he wrote after his return from here and even your last two letters have been quite encouraging. For me this is not only an encouragement but a burden, because I no longer take it as a mere talk but this has to be worked out. I have been discussing with my colleagues here of whom I think it is necessary to make them understand. Almost all with whom I discuss approve of such need. The challenge is, how to get it materialised.

This idea which I have as a background for such project, I have tried to express on the papers which I am enclosing herewith. These are yet to be presented to the K.S.C. members for necessary consideration and approval. I hope, however, that this will get the approval of the KSS members. I am thankful for your ~~xxxxxx~~ assurance that the Gossner Mission will be prepared to support the project by way of payment of the promoter's salary for a three years' period. No matter whom we put as the promoter.

As I feel that a film or slide projector will be quite helpful for the programme, I have asked our Accountant Mr. Barla to keep the amount transferred as a reserve. We shall see how and where this can be best used. Similarly, I have directed the Accountant to keep the money which is meant for purchase of cows. Today I have received a letter from Mr Helmut Vorberg, Oppelner Str, 3, 296, Aurich informing that, as per wish of his daughter Karin they have collected DM 4.500.- which they want to donate for any Agricultural development project. I am directing the account to keep this amount, when it comes for meeting the cost of construction of a small cow shed, a ~~xxxxx~~ small pig house and a poultry house connected

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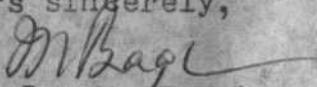
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with the above mentioned project. I am writing him about this.

My Statement on the papers herewith enclosed will give you some idea of the planning I have in mind. Your suggestion and criticism in this regard are welcomed.

Yours sincerely,


(Rev. Dr. M. Bage)
Pramukh Adhyaksh

CC- Dr. Hans Grethous

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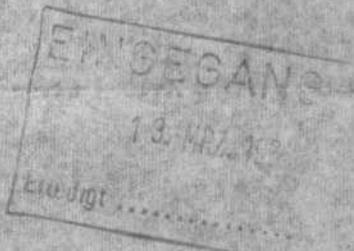
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Date 6th March 1984.

To,

Paster Gerhard Linn,
Evangelisches Konsisterium
Berlin- Brandenburg
1020 Berlin
Neue Grünstrasse 19/22



Dear brother Linn,

Thank you very much for your letter of 17.2.84 along with a copy of your letter of 25.11.83.

I have in the meanwhile already received a letter from Sam Issac/ CICARWS, Geneva in connection with Rev. Willibald Jacob and his wife. On this I have already written to our NCCI Secretary Mr. Matha Zachariah to take necessary steps to obtain entry visa for coming to India. It is certainly a matter of joy as well as of pride that brother Jacob has been able to submit his doctoral thesis before coming to India. God prepares his servants in time as required.

I have almost completed the planning of the project to be taken up at Govindpur. The KSS Samiti of the GEL Church (Church Executive) has in its meeting on Febr. 24-25, 84 endorsed the project for implementation. Thus, I hope that from January 1985 we shall be able to start the programme. Some preparatory works may have to be taken up even this year towards the end.

Our KSS Samiti (Church Executive) has also decided to invite the Rt. Rev. Dr. Gottfried Ferck to visit the GEL Church in 1985 most probably during the time when we shall have our Kalisha Sangh. I shall be glad to meet personally and talk to him about this when I am in Berlin in August this year.

It is true that I shall be participating in the LWF Assembly to be held this year at Budapest from July 22- August 5, together with Mrs. Sushilmani Kerketta and not with Miss Bhengra. Accordingly I am planning to spend our time in GDR area after 6th August that is after Budapest upto 26th August. Therefrom-after we shall be in Bundes Republic up to September 23, 1984.

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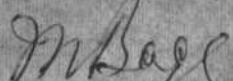
The suggestion made by the Berlin-Brandenburg Church for the exchange programme during 1984 has been accepted by our Church. We are asking our Women Committee to name us two ladies to be sent on delegation. As soon as we get the names we send the same to you. On receipt of the two names please send us in the name of each of them a document stating the following :-

- a)- That, she is invited to visit Germany as a delegate of the GEL Church and -
- b)- That, the Berlin-Brandenburg church gives a guarantee to meet the cost of travel as well as of stay during her visit to Germany (Sept.- Oct., 1984).

Please find herewith enclosed our invitation letter for Mrs Sames and Mrs Palt to visit Gessner Church in November this year.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,


(Rev. Dr. M. Bage)
Pramukh Adhyaksh

c.c. Pastor S. Kriebel
Director, G.M.
Berlin

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Ref No 941 /84/KSS-9

Date 1st March 1984

To,

The General Secretary,
NCC-I, Christian Council Ledge
Nagpur- 440001 (M.S.), India.

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13.02.1984

Dear Mr. Zachariah,

Please refer to the letter of Mr. Samuel M Isaac,
Secretary for Personnel, WCC, Geneva dated the 9th February 1984.

As you might already known that the GEL Church is interested in availing the services of pastor Willibald Jacob and Mrs Jacob in its training centre for Pracharaks and rural community development at Govindpur, we are thankful to the WCC office for expressing its readiness to find financial resources necessary for the expenses to be incurred in respect of Rev. and Mrs. Jacobs' stay in India.

May I request you to kindly advise and guide us as regards the necessary steps we should take on our part to help them in getting entry visa for the said purpose.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,

M Bage

(Rev. Dr. M. Bage)
Pramukh Adhyaksh

CC.1. Mr. Samuel M Isaac,
Secretary for Personnel
WCC, Geneva.

2. Pastor S. Kriebel, Director,
Gossner Mission Society, Berlin.

Dr. Marsallan Bage
G.E.L. Church
Ranchi

20.2.1984

Dear Dr. Bage,

This is to inform you, that we shall transfer DM 30.000,- these days as part of the Fund for Theological Education, in order to be deposited in Ranchi.

Yours in Christ,


Siegwart Kriebel

Dr. Marsallan Bage
G.E.L. Church
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Bihar, India

17.2.1984

Dear Dr. Bage,

Many thanks for your 2 letters, the second one including the papers on New Life Light Programme. Some congregations have already shown interest in this programme, and some donations can be expected soon, for construction as well as for animals.

Is there any progress about Mr. Jakobs work permit?

Rev. M.G. has asked us for Rs. 13,000 für a film projector to be used in Orissa Anchal. I shall not respond directly to this request, for I think, this programme of helping purchasing ~~slide~~ slide and film projectors should be administered from Ranchi, so that each Anchals gets a chance. We shall therefore send donations for this purpose to Ranchi, and it will be up to the center then, how to distribute the money among the Anchals.

From Dortmund-Brechten we received DM 2.000,- for this purpose, from Dortmund-Husen-Kurl we got DM 420,- already last year, directly after the visit of the 2 brothers. I think, we have transferred this amount already. The other amount of DM 2.000,- will come with the next transfer.

But: Since the price of film projectors seems to be very high in India, I shall write to WEM (Wirtschaftsstelle Evangelischer Missionsgesellschaften) in Hamburg, who purchase in India through their own office at concessional rates. I shall ask them to give me the price, at which they can buy a film projector in India and then I shall give you this information. Then you can decide, whether it is worthwhile, to purchase the projector through WEM. In this case we shall keep the money here for direct payment to WEM.

GELC should, however, feel free to decide, whether you want to buy a film projector at all, or whether you would rather prefer to buy some more slide projectors for other Anchals. Because of such a basic decision I prefer to leave the decision to GELC, rather than accepting the Orissa request rightaway. You remember that we proposed, that only 50% of the price should be subsidized by this programme, whereas the other 50% should be raised by the receiving body.

The letter from the Andamans had no name, but only "pastor in charge". The address was different from the address in the Panjika. I decided to use the address of Panjika for my answer. The address on the letter was P.O.Shadipur, Naya goan dudh Line, Port Blair.

So much for today.
Best wishes and cordial greetings,
yours in Christ,


Siegwart Kriebel

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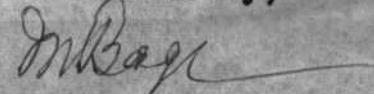
Sub : Acknowledgement of receipt of the 8th Annual
Report (1982-83) of CROSS

Dear Miss D'cruz,

Thank you very much for a copy of the
the report of CROSS. This was received this morning .I
do hope that the report will entice us with the information
about what CROSS is doing.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,


Rev. Dr. M. Bage

CC- Pastor Sigwert Kriebel,
Director, Gossner Mission
Berlin.

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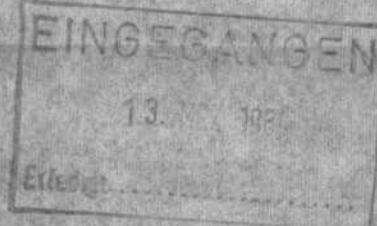
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Ref No 942 /84/KSS- 78

Date 2nd March 1934

Pastor S. Kriebel,
Director, Gossner Mission
Berlin.

Sub : Handloom Cloth for Church Altars.



Dear Brother Kriebel,

I am here referring to your earlier letter in this connection the Export in charge at Patna, Mr. Mukherjee met me a few weeks back and discussed with me about the possible disposal of 434 pieces of cloths made by the Weavers with whom 'Friends of Chotanagpur, is in touch. I am now going to assure the congregations, which will be interested in buying the same. That they will get 50% subsidy or help. The other 50% we expect will be met by the Gossner Mission. Thus the costs and the share of the congregation and of the Gossner Mission will be as given below :-

<u>Size</u>	<u>No of pieces</u>	<u>Rate per piece</u>	<u>Total</u>
.90x 90 C.M.	17	Rs. 56.90 (x 17)	= 967.30
.90x1.20 C.M.	39	Rs. 77.30 (x 39)	= 3014.70
1.20x1.20 C.M.	245	Rs. 105.00 (x 245)	= 25725.00
1.20x1.80 CM .	141	Rs. 153.00 (x 141)	= 22278.00
1.20x 20 C.M.	42	Rs.209.50 (x 42)	= 8799.00
Total: Rs. 60784.00			

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Rev. Dr. M. Bage)
Pramukh Adhyaksh

CC. Mr. P.K. Mukherjee, Export Executive.
Pastor D. Hecker.

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Ref. No. 846 / 81/KSS-70

Date 18/1/81

Pastor S. Kriebel, Director,
Gossner Mission Society
Berlin, West Germany.



Dear Pastor Kriebel,

Please refer to my office letter No. 837 of 16.1.81. I have mentioned in the letter that some papers in connection with the Govindpur plan were being enclosed with the letter. By mistake the letter was despatched without those papers. As such they are enclosed herewith.

I have in the meanwhile received your letter of 1.1.81. Khutitoiy application mentioned in your letter will be discussed in our next K.S.S. Samiti meeting to be held in the end of February.

Yours sincerely,

(Rev. Dr. M. Bage)
Pramukh Adhyaksh

CC. Dr. Hans Grothaus.

Dr. Marsallan Bage
G.E.L.Church
Ranchi - 834 001
Bihar, India

4.1.1984

Dear Dr. Bage,

Before you will get the minutes, I shall report some points of our last India Committee meeting on 21.12.83 in Frankfurt. But at first I wish you a blessed new year 1984, for yourself and your family as well as for GELC.

About Delhi we were happy to hear that Rev. Biswas is there and that it might be possible to rent Mr. N.E.Horo's house from government in "Erbpacht". In this case it seems not be be so urgent any more to build a very expensive and economically very risky center.

From Khuntitoli we received a request for building a science block for Khuntitoli High School amounting to about 10.8 lakh Rs plus teaching materials for about 1.5 lakh Rs. When Rev. Mische and Dr. von Stieglitz were there, they were told of teaching materials only, not of construction of a building. The request does not show the endorsement of KSS (or CC). We therefore hereby refer this matter back to KSS for its comment and proposal in this matter. If we try to find donors, it will be very difficult, since school buildings are not high on the priority list of donors, as you may know. Moreover, if we try to get this request approved here, it may prevent us of placing other requests to the same agencies. KSS therefore should take a polica decision, which projects should be sent to Germany for funding. We shall not act on the Khuntitoli request without the approval of KSS.

Our Kuratorium will be asked to officially support your planned Govindpur seminar for rual development, in order to give you our best backing. But we should like to get from you detailed information about the planned programme of the seminar, also something about the planned structure, follow-up work, and economics. Your salary is approved for the first three years, but we also need an official request for this. So far we have nothing in writing from GELC about it.

We also agreed to help translating some relevant Luther texts into Hindi or English. It should be good to contact other Lutheran churches in advance in order to make it a combined programme for all Lutheran churches of one language. Since we have some money for theological books for the Theological College here, perhaps some English Luther texts could be bought as a start. This could be discussed with Dr. Singh.

Re. "Spezialvikariate" Rhineland has shown no interest at present, but Hannover will come back to the idea this year. From other churches we have no reactions yet. It seems that they will need some time to come to some conclusion. Let us not get impatient!

Please letu s know soon about your comments to my questions about visitors in 1984.

Dr. Klimkeit has written to me, that he will not be able to come to Ranchi for teaching at the Theological College at the end of 1984, because he has just returned from a study tour to China and will not get another study leave next year. Please, inform the Principal of the Theological College accordingly. From Dr. Dell-George I did not hear anything recently. I therefore think that preparations for his visit to Ranchi are going ahead according to plans.

Rev. Dieter Hecker will be proposed as our next India Secretary and Director. It is not yet decided, whether there will be a second candidate, but it looks as if Rev. Hecker will be the only one. The election will be at the end of next week, on 14.1.84. After that I shall write immediately. Greeting, yours,

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