

An die Gemeinde T i n s u k i a / Assam

z.H. Rev. M. HEMROM, Adhyaksh G.E.L. Church Assam-Anchal

T e z p u r Dt. —

Assam

Liebe Brüder, liebe Schwester in Christus !

Ihr seid von nah und fern nach Tinsukia gekommen, um das G o l d e n
J u b i l e e dieser Gemeinde festlich zu begnhen .

Ihr habt Euch versammelt, um miteinander Gott zu loben und zu preisen,
weil er in den 50 zurückliegenden Jahren Großes an Euch getan hat.

Auch wir hier in Deutschland, die wir mit Euch in Liebe verbunden
sind, stimmen in den Lobpreis Gottes mit ein. Wir grüßen Euch im

Namen des Kuratoriums der Goßner-Mission mit den Worten des Propheten
Jesaia (40,8): "Das Gras verdorrt, die Blume verwelkt; aber das Wort
unseres Gottes bleibt ewiglich. "

In den 50 Jahren, die seit der Gründung der Gemeinde und Kirche in
Tinsukia vergangen sind, ist viel geschehen. Während dieser Zeit ist
vieles entstanden und vergangen. Zwei Weltkriege haben in der Spanne
dieser Zeit Angst und Schrecken, Leid und Zerstörung über die ganze
Welt gebracht. Ihr seid durch Gottes Güte bewahrt geblieben, obwohl
auch Ihr von Not und Gefahr bedroht wart. Dafür wollen wir Gott loben
und ihm danken.

Während der letzten Jahrzehnte hat sich vieles in der Welt und in
Indien verändert. Auch in der Goßner-Kirche in Indien ist vieles anders
geworden, als es vor 50 Jahren war. Damals waren es die Missionare der
Goßner-Mission, die in Assam gearbeitet und das Fundament der Kirche
gelegt haben. Aber schon längst ist die Goßner-Kirche selbständig
geworden; und jetzt seid Ihr es, liebe Brüder und Schwestern, die Ihr
selber die Verantwortung für die Kirche und die Mission in Assam trägt.
Wir freuen uns über diese Entwicklung und bitten Gott, daß Er Euch die
Kraft des Glaubens und die Freude zum Zeugnis schenken möchte,
die Ihr braucht, um Gottes Auftrag zu erfüllen.

Tinsukia

Dear Brothers and dear Sisters in Christ,

You have come from near and far to Tinsukia in order to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of this congregation.

You have assembled in order to laud and praise God because He has done such great things among you in these past 50 years. We too, here in Germany who are connected with you in love, join in your praise to God. We greet you in the name of the Kuartorium of the Gossner Mission with the words of the prophet, Isiah (40,8) "The grass withereth, the flower fadeth; ~~because the breath of the Lord~~ but the word of our God shall stand for ever."

In these past years since the foundation of the congregation and church in T..... much has happened. During this period much has come into existence and much has passed away. Two world wars have brought fear and terror, grief and destruction to the whole world. You, by the grace of God have been spared, although distress and danger have threatened you. ^{for} Let us thank God for this.

During the past decades much has changed ~~in the world and~~ in India. In the Gossner Church in India too much has ~~changed~~ become different from what it was 50 years ago. At that ^{time} ~~xxx~~ it was missionaries of the Gossner Mission who worked in Assam and laid the foundations of the Church. But the Gossner Church has long become autonomous, and now it is you, dear brothers and sisters who ~~bear~~ the responsibility for church and mission in Assam. We rejoice at this development, and pray to God that He grant you strength of faith and joy ~~in proclaiming the Gospel~~ of witness that you so need in order to fulfill God's command. We remember you in these days in our prayers. May the word of God with which we greet you bring you comfort, hope and confidence. It is true and you have witnessed it yourself in this half century ^{of} ~~what~~ this word of God reminds you: "All things in this world perish, but one thing remains: the Word of God." And all those who come into ^{abundant} contact with this word, that hear it and obey it, have the promise of eternal life.. Therefore we greet you with this word of the prophet, by joining with you anew in the faith of Jesus Christ: "The grass withereth, the flower fadeth; but the Word of our God shall stand for ever."

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost be with you all.

In the name of

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Wir denken an Euch in diesen Tagen in herzlicher Fürbitte. Möge Euch das Gotteswort, mit dem wir Euch grüßen, mit Trost, Hoffnung und Zuversicht erfüllen. Es ist wahr und Ihr habt es selbst in einem halben Jahrhundert erfahren und mit eigenen Augen gesehen, was dieses Gotteswort Euch vor Augen hält: "Alles in dieser Welt vergeht", aber eines bleibt bestehen: das ist Gottes Wort. Und auch die, die es mit dem Wort zu tun haben, die es hören und ihm gehorchen, haben die Verheißung des ewigen Lebens. Darum grüßen wir Euch mit diesem prophetischen Wort, indem wir uns mit Euch aufs Neue in dem Glauben an Jesus Christus zusammenschließen:

"Das Gras verdorrt, die Blume verwelkt; aber das Wort unseres Gottes bleibt ewiglich!"

Die Gnade unseres Herrn Jesus Christus, die Liebe Gottes und die Gemeinschaft des Heiligen Geistes sei mit Euch allen!

Im Namen des

K u r a t o r i u m s
der

GOSSNERSCHEN MISSIONSGESELLSCHAFT

Dr.Hans LOKIES · Dr.Christian BERG

Miss. Dir. H. Lokies
Berlin-Friedenau
Handjerystraße 19/20

Berlin-Friedenau, 17. Februar 1962

Lo/Su.

Rev. M. H e m r o m , Adhyaksh
G.E.L.Church Assam Anchal
T e z p u r / Dt.Darrang - Assam

INDIA

Dear Brother Hemrom !

I read your news about the "Golden Jubilee" of the Tinsukia Church to the assembled members of our last Kuratorium meeting and they all expressed their joy and thankfulness.

Especially Brother Berg and I were very pleased to receive your kind invitation to attend the Jubilee festival, but we are sorry to say that both of us are unable to make the long journey to Assam. I regret it especially, because I always have still in good memory my visit to the Assam Synod and the congregation of Tezpur ^{and Tinsukia} in 1954. So we are unfortunately restricted to sending you the greetings and good wishes of the Kuratorium by letter. You will receive an official letter from the Kuratorium in time for the festival.

We are all very pleased that you have also invited our German brothers: Rev.Kloss, Dr.Junghans and Mr.Thiel to join the festival as guests. We hope that at least one of them will be able to come.

We have also requested Brother Kloss to present you in the name of the Kuratorium with the sum of

1.000.- Rupies

as gift for the Congregation of Tinsukia. -

You may be assured, that in the days of the festival we shall remember you and the whole Assam Synod and the missionary work in Assam in our prayers.

Cordial greetings especialle to you and your family

Mine sincerely

PS. The requested fotos
were dispatched on
February 16th as reg.
letter by air mail.

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Berlin-Friedenau, 16. Februar 1962
Lo/Su.

Rev. M. H e m r o m, Adhyaksh
G.E.L. Church, Assam Anchāl
T e z p u r / Assam

INDIA

Lieber Bruder Hemrom,

Ihre Mitteilung über das "golden jubilee" der Tinsukia Kirche habe ich in unserer letzten Kuratoriumssitzung vorgelesen. Sie wurde von allen Anwesenden mit großer Freude und Dankbarkeit entgegengenommen.

Im besonderen sind natürlich Bruder Dr. B e r g und ich ~~für~~ über die Einladung, an dem Jubiläum teilzunehmen, hocherfreut. Leider ist es uns beiden nicht möglich, die weite Reise nach Assam zu unternehmen, obwohl mir persönlich der Besuch der Assam Synode, im besonderen auch der Gemeinde Tezpur im Jahre 1954 unvergesslich geblieben ist. So bleibt uns nichts anderes übrig, als die Grüße und Segenswünsche des Kuratoriums zum Jubiläum der Kirche Tinsukia schriftlich auszusprechen. Ein Schreiben des Kuratoriums an den Jubilar geht Ihnen noch rechtzeitig zu.

Wir freuen uns alle sehr darüber, daß Sie auch unsere deutschen Brüder Kloss, Dr. Junghans und Ing. Thiel als Gäste und Teilnehmer am Jubiläum bei sich haben möchten und hoffen, daß wenigstens einer von ihnen kommen kann.

Zugleich haben wir Bruder Kloss gebeten, der Gemeinde Tinsukia eine Festgabe in Höhe von 1 0 0 0 . - Rupies im Namen des Kuratoriums zu überreichen.

Sie dürfen dessen gewiss sein, daß wir in diesen Tagen Ihrer aller, der ganzen Assam-Synode und der Missionsarbeit in Assam in Fürbitte gedenken werden.

Herzlichste Grüße, vor allem auch an Sie persönlich und Ihre Familie.

Ihr

PS. die erbetenen Fotos sind
bereits am 16. ds. per Einschreiben
und mit Luftpost an Sie abgegangen.

Registered

Berlin-Friedenau, 16th February 1962
Lo/Su.

Rev.M. H e m r o m , Adhyaksh
G.E.L. Church, Assam Anchal
T e z p u r / Assam

INDIA

Dear Brother Hemrom !

I am sending you first the pictures you desired.

I hope that they will arrive at time. Letter follows.

With heartily greetings and the best wishes for you and your family

sincerely Yours

H. L.

Encl. : 2 pictures.

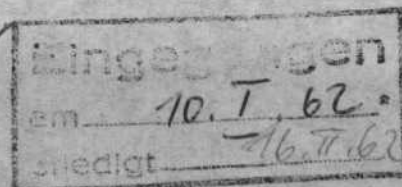
OFFICE OF THE GOSSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH.

CHOTANAGPUR & ASSAM.
Assam Anchal.

From:- Rev. M. Hemrom, Adhyaks.
G.E.L. Church, Assam Anchal.

G.E.L. Church, Tezpur,
Assam India.
January, 4, 1962.

Dr. Hans Lokies,
Director Gossner Mission Society,
Berlin /Friedenau,
Handjerystrasse.--19/20. Germany.



Dear brother Lokies,

Amidst the importance and multiplicity of affairs in which your great Office engages you, I take the liberty of recalling your attention for a moment to Assam Anchal, and will not prolong the interruption by ~~an~~ an apology, which your character makes needless.

It is long since I received your last, to which I have as yet returned no answer; nor is it possible that, though I write, I should ever now reply to it. It contained, I remember, many kind expressions, which would have encouraged, perhaps, and consoled any other than myself; but I was even then, out of the reach of all such favourable impressions, and am at present less susceptible of them than at any times since I saw you last. I once thought to see such days as these, for almost in the moment when they found me there was not a man in the world who seemed to himself to have less reason to expect them. This you know; and can I say of myself that you do not know?

I will only add, therefore, that Assam Anchal is going to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of Tinsukia Church from March 2nd to 4th, 1962, and I cordially request you to help us with your prayer and further request your personal presence if possible on the occasion of Jubilee celebration. If not I would request Rev. H. Kloss to represent the Home Board in the Jubilee Celebration. As this Anchal is never visited by the Missionaries, so I am inviting brothers Thiel and Dr. Junhans to visit us on this particular auspicious occasion. Hope they will not disappoint the Assam Anchal. And I believe you would not object if the desire so. I am inviting all the KSS Officers and the Adhyaksas of all Anchals. The Governor of Assam is going to be moved to Inaugurate the Jubilee and to Unveil the memorial. In the memorial I am going to inscribe the names of the Directors of Berlin Home Board who visited Assam during the last Fifty Years. I assure you and it is my great pride that your name will appear in the Golden letters on the memorial stone of Jubilee.

In the last month I could not visit Ranchi for KSS meeting with Dr. Meyer due to lack of permission for plane journey. At the same time I missed Dr. Berg in Ranchi, and I regret very much for the same. In spite of my great attempt for Dr. Berg to visit Assam but it was not possible for him. Nevertheless I would be grateful if I am provided a photograph (Portrait) of Dr. Berg for Jubilee Magazine. Very kindly remember me to Dr. Berg. At the same time I would request you to give me your photograph including Mrs. Lokies for Jubilee Magazine. Pray to be excused for the trouble.

With all best wishes and greetings for the season especially Bright New Year.

Your Brother in Christ.

M. Hemrom 4/1/62

GOSSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, ASSAM ANCHAL.

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G.E.L. Church, Tezpur.Assam,
(India).
February 15,1962.

From;-Rev. M. Nemrom. Adhyaksh,
Assam Anchal.

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Dr. Hans Lokies,
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Berlin -Friedenau,
Handgery Str.-19/20.West Germany.

Dear Director Lokies,

Your long silence has set me thinking very seriously.Is it that you are not well? Or can it be that you had gone somewhere else ? But I Doubt very much that my letter dated January 3,1962 has ^{not} been received by you due to postal anomaly. If not you have been wounded very much by my letter.In this case,let Amor vincit omnia,and hence I beg you to pardon me. And further I request you to release my anxiety by sending me a few lines.I am sending you today my this letter along with my previous letter,d-dated 3.1.1962.At the out set I request you to send me a message of encouragement and good will for the Tinsukia Golden Jubilee scheduled to be celebrated on March 2-4,1962.For this I have moved the Governor of Assam to inaugurate and unveil the Jubilee Memorial on March 3 at 10.A.M. I invited the Pastor Kloss and brothers Thiel and Dr. Junghans to represent the Home Board on this particular auspicious occasion,but I have been informed that they are unable to visit Assam on this occasion.Indeed I am awfully sorry to miss them. Please write to me in Tinsukia address as I would be in Tinsukia from 23rd February to 4rth March 1962.Awaiting the favour of your reply by return,

With Cordial greetings.

N.B. Tinsukia Address;

G.E.L. Church,
P.O Tinsukia.
Dist, Dibrugarh
Assam, India.

Yours Sincerely,

M. Nemrom 15/2/62

Chairman Reception Committee,
Tinsukia Golden Jubilee.

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