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Berlin 41, 2nd July 1965

To the
Board of Evangelism and Literature
Rev. Dr. M. Bage, Chairman

Ranchi / BIHAR
INDIA

Subject: General support for mission work

Dear Brother Bage,

The financial support we sent to the Joint Mission Board until 1964 will now be sent to the Board of Evangelism and Literature. For the III. Quarter of 1965 (July - September), we have remitted

DM 12.000.--.

We would be glad to receive a report on the mission work which could be done in the Anchals. We like to obtain same at the end of the year. We would also be interested to hear which experiences have been made by the Board of Evangelism and Literature resp. the Acting Director and what has been newly planned to carry out the mission work in the GEL Church.

Sincerely yours,

signed P. Martin Seeberg

cc/ Dr. Bage 1x
cc/ Director of the
Board of Evangelism and
Literature, Rev. Tiga 1x
cc/ Rev. H. Kloss, 1x

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Berlin 41, den 8. Juni 1965

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Rev. J.J.P. Tiga
c/o P.P. Bijay
Kokar Chowk

Ranchi / Bihar
India

Dear Brother Tiga,

Thank you very much for your personal greetings from 27th May which you wrote on your Directive No. I to the workers who are under the Board of Evangelism and Literature. It was good to notice that you judge the results of our consultations we had in Ranchi this March as being helpful and positive. I, indeed, also hope that we shall make a new start with the new resolutions aiming at strengthening the responsibility of the G.E.L.C. for the mission work and making it clear that the G.E.L.C. - with the help of our Lord - will have to bear the main responsibility of it.

Thank you very much for confirming also my impression and my judgement.

Only in the coming months, it will be obvious where there will be the main points of your personal work, for in part-time responsibility you mainly will have to manage the evangelistic work of the G.E.L. Church. I am very keen to hear which experiences you will have made in some months.

On this occasion, however, I should like to refer to your responsibility for the development of the literature work of the GELC. once more. The literature work of the GELC is poorly developed. You will have to make all efforts for improving the situation. I am sure that this will now be much easier for you since you have your residence in Ranchi now and need not travel too much anymore. I am very glad for you in this respect, for in your age a bit more quietness is quite necessary. I am also glad that you only need to go into the country for certain meetings of the missionaries "at the front".

The Printing Press has now become so efficient that you should really make much more use of it.

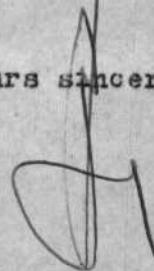
- a) Do not leave everything to the over-burdened Pramukh Adhyaksh and editor of the Gharbandu, regarding improvement of the contents, punctual publishing as well as well-organized distribution of it. Make the Board of Evangelism and Literature responsible for it and as Director press for improvement on this matter. It may be useful to have Mr. Tiwari in the Printing Press so that he could be supervised which is obviously necessary. Provision of manuscripts and planning of the monthly contents should by no means be left to him. A good editorial staff is necessary for it. You will have to take special responsibilities on this theme.
- b) Perhaps you could work out some good subject~~ions~~^{as} with some colleagues which could be published ~~in this~~ pamphlet and which in its missionary manner would address Christians and specially Non-Christians of Chota-Nagpur. I only repeat in this letter of what has been said personally in Ranchi.

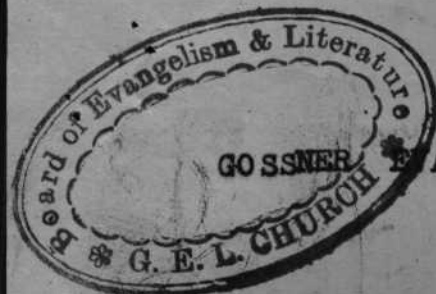
- c) You will find Mr. Mittenhuber quite ready to establish sales-organizations if he obtains people who are able and willing to do such work. Please, do not leave responsibility to Mr. Mittenhuber who will only work in your country for a couple of years. You, the Indian brethren, will have to take initiative and will have to give advice as to do it best.

In a nutshell, dear Brother Tiga: You are the Director of the Board of Evangelism and Literature. I hope that you will be able to tell us of much improvement on this important field of missionary tasks when you will come to Germany.

Remembering your great responsibility, I am with kind regards to you, your wife and your daughter in Khuntitoli,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature, likely of the sender, consisting of a stylized 'J' or 'H' shape with a vertical line extending upwards.



Eingegangen
1. JUN. 1965
ANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CH. NAGPUR & ASSAM
BOARD OF EVANGELISM & LITERATURE

Rev. J. J. P. TIGA,

DIRECTIVE NO. I
26.5.1965

C/o. P. P. Bijay
Kokar Chewk, RANCHI.

All workers who are under the Board of Evangelism and Literature of the Gossner Church have to submit their monthly reports in the prescribed form (Vide decision of the Board dated the 25th. May, 1965) to the Supervisors of Evangelistic works of the various constituencies of the G.E.L. Church, namely, the four Anchals, Khuntitely Syned and the Headquarters Congregation. The Supervisors of these Constituencies will send reports in the same form to the Director of Evangelistic works of the Gossner Church quarterly i.e; in the beginning of April, July, October and January. The reports of the Supervisors should give a picture of the work done in the whole of the jurisdiction under them.

The Director of Evangelistic work of the Gossner Church has to submit his reports for the whole Church to the Kendriye Salahkari Sabha through the Board of Evangelism and Literature whenever it will sit.

copy to : The Anchal Adhyakshes, Syned President of Khuntitely, the pastor of Headquarters congregation, Supervisors of Constituencies, the Chairman B.E.L., Secretary B.E.L. Secretary K.S.S., Treasurer K.S.S. Rev. H. Kless, and the Director of Gossner Mission

sd/- J.J.P. TIGA

27.5.1965

Dear Brother Berg,

Your last trip to us was again a very profitable occasion for us in many respects. The wise lead you gave for the solidarity of Evangelistic work of our Church and its constituent bodies in the various areas opened for preaching was indeed very wise and good. I am quite sure that this is the best way for the Church to do effective preaching. I am very grateful to you for your advices given to us collectively and to me particularly in our personal talks.

Yishusahay and Christian love to you and all my friends in Germany whom you may be able to convey.

Your brother in the Lord,

J. J. P. TIGA

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D. Christian Berg, Director,
Gossner Mission,
1 Berlin 41, (Friedenau)
Handjerystr-19/20 West Germany

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Sender's name and address :-

Rev. J. J. P. TIGA,

C/o. P. P. Bijay

Eohar Chowk, RANCHL

INDIA

GOSSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CHOTANAGPUR & ASSAM.

Ref. No. 4RC/65.

From :-

Rev. C.B. Aind,
Acting Pramukh Adhyaksh,
G.E.L. Church.

To,

Rev. C.S.B. Horo,
Adhyaksh, Assam Anchal.



Ranchi, the 15th May '65.

Dear Adhyaksh Horo,

With ref. to Dr. Berg's letter dated 3 May, 1965 and a copy of the same to you, I like to write to you the following :-

- (1) Detailed report of work at Rangagora (Mikir Hills) :- Please prepare a detailed report of work at Rangagora at an early date and send it to this office for mailing it to Dr. Berg for printing it in their "Gossner Mission".
- (2) Rs. 14-15000 :- As soon as this money will be received by our treasury further necessary step as desired by Dr. Berg will be taken.

Please note the contents of the last para of the letter under ref. you are to keep Dr. Berg in know of its further development work in Mikir Hills and its monetary requirements through this office.

May God bless you in spreading its Kingdom.

Yours Sincerely,

C.B. Aind
(C.B. Aind),
Act. Pramukh Adhyaksh,
G.E.L. Church, Ranchi.

C.C. to:-

1. Hd. Accountant.
2. Secretary K.S.S.
3. Treasurer K.S.S.
4. Dr. C. Berg, Director ✓
Gossner Mission.

Gossner Mission
1 Berlin 41 (Friedenau)
Handjerystraße 19/20

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Berlin-Friedenau, 3 May 1965

Pramukh Adhyaksh
Rev. Dr. N. Bage
G.E.L. Church Compound

Ranchi / Bihar
India

P. Sbg.
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14/6.

Subject: Support for Mission in Assam - Your report received 30 April 1965

Dear Brother Bage resp. Aind !

Thank you very much for your letters informing us of the amount of money which will be needed for Evangelistic work in Assam, after Rs. 5.000 have already been remitted for Assam.

We have requested the DEMR in Hamburg immediately to send you another amount of about 14 - 15.000 Rs. for the use of this work in Assam. We hope that you will receive the money soon and can transfer it to Adhyaksh Hero straight afterwards.

The report on the Anchal Assam for the Kalisha Sangh contained the news about the pleasing development of this work at Rangagora (Mikir Hills). We would be glad to receive a detailed report about it which we could print in our "Gossner Mission" and which could also be sent to those churches which have granted the necessary money for the work there.

Please inform Brother Hero as to let us know when further money will be needed and new work will be started so that we shall send another grant for this important work. We, however, like to have this information in time with a short description of the use of same.

With kind regards,
Yours,

cc/ Adhyaksh, Assam Anchal
Treasurer, KSS
Ed. Accountant, KSS
KSS Secretary's Office
Rev. H. Kloss

GOSSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CHOTANAGPUR & ASSAM.

Ref. No. 379/65

From :-

Rev. Dr. M. Bage,
Pranukh Adhyaksh,
G.E.L. Church.

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30. APR. 1965

Erledigt:.....

To,

Dr. Ch. Berg, Director,
Gossner Mission Society,
Berlin - Friedenau.
Handjerystr. 19/20,
Germany.

Ranchi, the 23rd April '65.

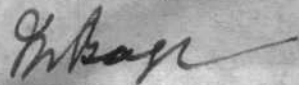
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As regards Gossner Mission special grant for Evangelistic Work in Assam please be informed that on submission of a request along with a rough plan and estimate by the Assam Adhyaksh the K.S.S. Treasurer has already remitted Rs. 5000/- (Five thousand) rupees for Assam. The rest of the amount will be remitted as soon as the amount with the K.S.S. Treasurer.

A copy of the request and that of the estimate is forwarded to you for your information.

With kind regards.

Yours Sincerely,


(M. Bage),
Pranukh Adhyaksh,
G.E.L. Church, Ranchi.

Copy to :-

1. Rev. H. Kloss, as requested in his letter dated 5-4-65.
2. Adhyaksh, Assam Anchal.
3. Treasurer, K.S.S.,
4. Hd. Accountant, K.S.S.,
5. K.S.S. Secretary's Office.

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GOSSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CHOTANAGPUR & ASSAM.

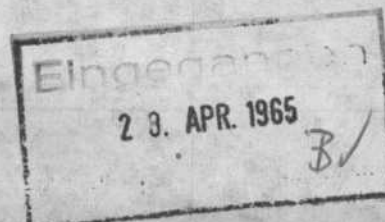
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M. Bage
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Pramukh Adhyaksh,
G.E.L. Church, Ranchi.

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3. Treasurer, K.S.S.,
4. Hd. Accountant, K.S.S.,
5. K.S.S. Secretary's Office.

Copy for Brother Seeberg, Berlin

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P. Seeberg

31.3.65

To

the Pramukh Adhyaksh of the G.E.L.Church

Dear Sir,

Please find enclosed four documents regarding the integration of the JMB area into the administration of the Gossner Church as per decision of the KSS, dated 11.-14. March 65

Kindly issue a cheque for Rs 3456,07 being the rest amount I had to expend for the JMB work in March. After receiving this I shall be able to send you the accounts of 1965 (Jan-March). Further I am going to forward to you the Minutes of the last meeting of the JMB.

x Attached:

I - IV

Sincerely Yours

Secretary-Treasurer of the Joint Mission Board

Hermann Kloss

I

Monthly Budget of the Former JMB Field being now under the
Supervision of the South-East-Anchal
(see Decision of the KSS 5 b, dated 11.-14. March 65)

1. Salaries, see attached list	Rs 1475,00
2. Travel expenses and meetings	Rs 250,00
3. Provident-Fund	Rs 20,00
4. Postage	Rs 20,00
5. Miscellaneous	Rs 40,00
6. Medical Treatment	Rs 60,00
7. Mending and repairs of houses	<u>Rs 70,00</u>
	Rs 1935,00

Item No. 7 means only the running costs of repair not the major projects and constructions. The authorities are requested to estimate the costs of the latter on the very spot.

The above figures are not to be understood as a stiff rule but are just to give an idea of the average expenses.

H. Klon

31. 3. 65

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Salary-List of the Former JMB Workers being now Workers under
the Supervision of the South-East-Anchal
(see KSS Decision 5 b, dated 11.-14. March 65).

Rev. Junas Soy	Rs 144,-	
" Christ Halan Samad	" 109,-	
" Mukut Topno	" 118,-	
Prach. Prabhusahay Topno	" 64,-	
" Johannes Kumar Hemrom	" 52,-	
" Manohar Bara	" 52,-	
" Gladson Surin	" 60,-	
" Johannes Melgandi	" 61,-	
" Israel Lugun	" 60,-	
" Israel Topno	" 60,-	
" Antony Soy	" 54,-	
" Simon Dang	" 53,-	
" Lukas Hassada	" 61,-	
" Rameshwar Baske	" 51,-	(less Rs 10,- cycle adv. of Rs 100,- fourth fifth time)
" Jotinath Marandi	" 50,-	
" Abhoycharan Singh	" 56,-	
" Jusaf Kandulna	" 52,-	
" Simon Bodra	" 51,- + 2,-	normally 61,- Rs
Vol. Prach. Daniel Birwa	" 10,-	
" " Habil Sanga	" 10,-	
" " Silas Soy	" 10,-	
" " Johan Tuti	" 10,-	
" " Masih Prakash Soy	" 10,-	
Part time		
Prach. Indar Muni Singh	" 15,-	
Prach Basudeo Soreng	" 15,-	
Chowkidar Anandmasih Barla	" 51,-	
Rev. P.C. Minz joined JMB in the middle of March again	" 134,-	

Rs 1475,00

H. Klon

31.3.65

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Monthly Budget of the Former JMB Field being now under the
Supervision of the ~~South East~~^{Oressa}-Anchal
(see Decision of the KSS 5 b, dated 11.-14. March 65)

1. Salaries, see attached list	Rs 562,00
2. Travel expenses and meetings	Rs 150,00
3. Provident Fund	Rs 5,06
4. Postage	Rs 15,00
5. Miscellaneous	Rs 25,00
6. Medical Treatment	Rs 30,00
7. Mending and repairs of houses	Rs 40,06
	Rs 827,06

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H. Klon
31.3.65

Salary List of the Former JMB Workers being now Workers under
the Supervision of the Orissa-Anchal

(see KSS Decision 5 b, dated 11.-14. March 65).

Rev. Christ Hardugan Tuti	Rs 121,-
Prach. Amus Aind	" 67,-
" Mansidh Dang	" 53,-
" Markas Surin	" 51,-
" Christochit Mundu	" 51,-
" Joshua Samad	" 54,-

Part time

Prach. Patras Barla	" 15,-
" Stiphan Lakra	" 15,-
" Israel Lakra	" 15,-
" Ishwarsahay Lakra	" 15,-
" Modmasih Lakra	" 15,-
" Johan Lakra	" 15,-
" Amua Guria	" 15,-
" Abraham Samad	" 15,-
" Junathan Lugun	" 15,-
" Amrit Minz	" 45, 15,-
" Johan Soreng	" 15,-

Rs 562,00

H. Klon
31. 3. 65

G. E. L. CHURCH

JOINT MISSION BOARD

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

Director.

C/o P. P. BIJAY,
KOKAR CHOWK, H. B. ROAD,
RANCHI.

Copy to Pastor Seeberg

The 9th. February, 1965

The Rev. H. Kloss, Treasurer, J.M.B.

Dear Brother Kloss,

With reference to Pastor Seeberg's letter dated the 21st. January, 1965 I have to point out as follows :

I. Mandli Andani (Congregation income) for 1962, 1963 and 1964 .-

Please add to this recent deposit	Rs. 2, 644 . 27
Please add also the following which are on the way to you as per report from Rev. Mukut Topone of Bersol, Midnapur.....	381 . 317
We should also add expected for 1964 :	
a. Mayurbhanj about Rs.	221 . 97
b. Sambalpur about Rs.	80 . 00
	100 . 00

Total ~~Rs. 2, 644 . 27~~
Rs. 3, 427 . 41

II. Total no. of Christians.... 2666

from offerings
From this we have to deduct the following because for some reason the Church income from these places are not being deposited with the J.M.B. Treasurer. This is a practise coming on and I don't know why it was decided by my predecessors. But it is a fact :

Angaon and Purnapani	196	Total 1015
Rourkela	366	
Gua	453	

2666 minus 1015 ----- 1651

Rs 3,427.41 divided by 1651 givesRs. 2.7 per capita

I have asked the pastors to deposit all the balances for 1964 without delay.

Yours Sincerely,

Copy to :

Dr. M. Bage
& Pastor M. Seeberg ✓

J. J. P. TIGA

G. E. L. CHURCH

JOINT MISSION BOARD

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

Director.

C/o P. P. BIJAY,
KOKAR CHOWK, H. B. ROAD,
RANCHI.

Copy for Rev. Seeburg

The 10th. February, 1965

The Officers of the Joint Mission Board
and the Manager, Property Board

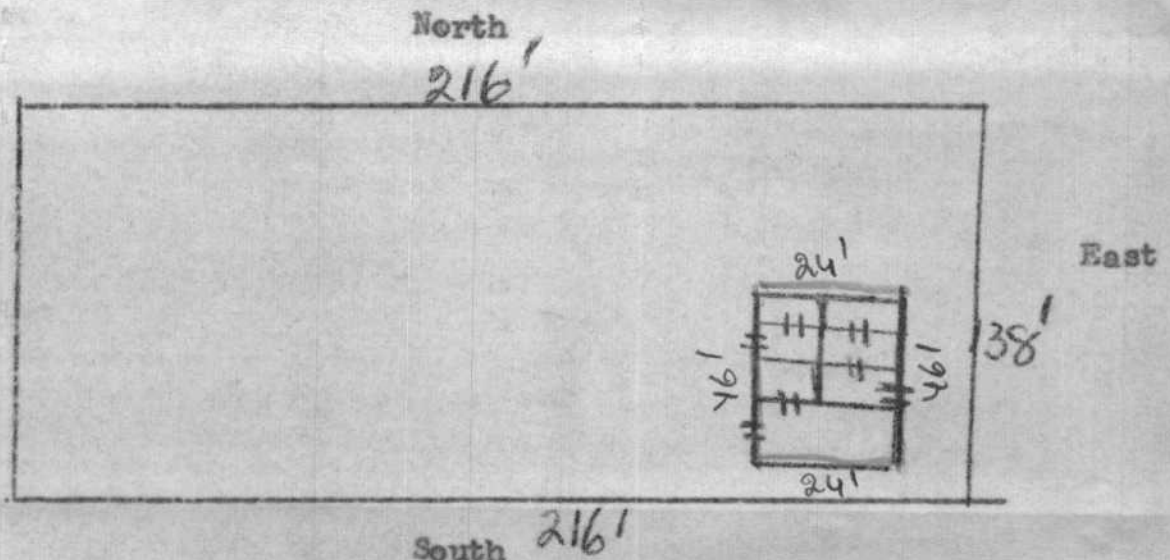
Subject : Transfer of land at Rangamatia
on exchange

Dear friends,

This is to inform you that I have taken necessary steps in the court at Baripada through a Munshi and a pleader for the proper transfer of the old piece of land to another and to get his land transferred in the name of the Church. As the old piece of land was registered in the name of Rev. Tuti, step has also been taken to get the land now registered in the name of the G.E.L.Church.

I am happy to inform you that instead of 18 ghents, 7 biswa and 16 gandas of land we are getting 25 ghents. This means that instead of 51 decimals of land we have got now 69 decimals of land without any extra cost for the land. We have, however to pay the cost of court which will be about Rs. 80/- for three documents, viz; (1) Rev. Tuti giving me a power of attorney to transfer the piece of land now in his name to the G.E.L.Church, (2) Transfer of the present land to the man who is giving land on exchange, and (3) The new piece of land transferred in the name of the Church by the new man.

The new land is somewhat of this shape :



We have started to construct the mission house .. the position is shown in red .

Yours Sincerely,

Copy to :

Rev. R. Kloss, Rev. Dr. M. Bage, Mr. H. Lakra, Rev. M. Seeburg

G. E. L. CHURCH

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Director.

C/o P. P. BIJAY,
KOKAR CHOWK, H. B. ROAD,
RANCHI.

Copy for Rev. Seebey

The Treasurer,
J.M.B.

Dear Brother Kloss, I give you an estimate below
for completion of construction at Champua
and for the repairs of mission house at
Jagannathpur.

I Champua

	Rs. P.
I Bricks 12,000 @ Rs 33/- per thousand	396.00
II Cement 52 bags including carriage	500.00
III Sand	160.00
IV Asbestos Sheets	250.00
V lime	80.00
VI Labour	450.00
VII unforeseen	164.00
	Rs 2000.00

II Jagannathpur

I 2 Pillars of 16' each @ Rs 20/- each	Rs 40.00
II 4 " " 12' " @ Rs 15/- " "	60.00
III 24 beams of 10' " @ Rs 4/- " "	96.00
IV 3 Top beams " 9' " @ Rs 10/- " "	30.00
V 6 side beams " 9' " @ Rs 4/- " "	24.00
VI 120 Bombos @ Rs 1/- each	120.00
VII Tiles	20.00
VIII Labour	92.00
	Rs 482.00

Signature
10/2/65

cc - (1) Dr M Bage Chairman (2) Pastor Seebey

Copy for Berlin!

Income and Expenditure of the Joint Mission Board
in 1965, Jan.-March

Income

Date	Sender(Purpose)	Amount
1.1.	Carried over for some building work budgeted in 1964	Rs 3000,00
22.3.	Received from Berlin through KSS	" 5732,43
21.1.	Amdani (out of this:Rs 223,25are from Bamra) rest up to 64	" 381,17
24.2.	Amdani,Sambalpur rest up to 64	" 205,00
"	" ,South-East " " " "	" 279,21
11.3.	" ,S.E.=Midnapore " " " "	" 149,43
31.3.	" ,Sambalpur " " " "	" 205,22
	Received from Berlin through the KSS	" 3456,07
	Total Income 65	Rs 13408,53

Expenditure

Salaries and Provident Fund	Rs 7244,40
Travels and Meetings	" 750,78
Postage	" 58,04
Miscellaneous	" 200,26
Medical Treatment	" 274,75
Jeep	" 1393,48
Buildings & Land-Matters	" 3486,82
	Rs 13408,53

H. Kloss
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C/o P. P. BIJAY,
KOKAR CHOWK, H. B. ROAD,
RANCHI.

Dear fellow-labourers,

Please find enclosed the following :

1. Sheet No. I ... Map of Keonjhar District where we have already undertaken evangelistic work in the Champua sub-division.
2. Sheet No. II ... Map of Mayurbhanj district showing the places where we are already engaged.
3. Sheet No. III... Map of Mednipur district where we are working in five centres.
4. Sheet No. IV.... Map of Sambalpur district showing our centres of activity.
5. Sheet No. V... Map of Singhbhum district showing our work mainly among the Ho people.
6. Sheet No. VI A ... Map of Assam .. This shows what our Church (Assam Anchal) has been doing and our immediate new responsibility
7. Sheet No. VI B ... Map of West Bengal, Bihar, Orissa and Madhya Pradesh showing what the Church is already doing and its immediate next responsibility :

Population in this area of the G.E.L.Church placed in our hands in order that the Word Of God may be preached by us unworthy vessels :

State	State	Area	Population
1.	Madhya Pradesh	1,71,210 sq.miles	32,394,375
2.	Assam	84,899 "	11,860,059
3.	Bihar	67,198 "	46,457,042
4.	Orissa	60,162 "	17,565,645
5.	West Bengal	33,928 "	34,967,634
			1,43,244,755

We have to cast our nets and to catch as many fish as possible. What shall we do ? Where is our strength ? Does the Lord expect anything from us weak and frail Gossner Church christians ? Are not others on whom the Lord could put the responsibility ? What is our position in the army of the Captain and Commander even our Lord Jesus Christ ?

As for myself, I remember what the Lord told Jeremiah :

" But the Lord said unto me, Say not, I am a child; for thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee, and whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak. Be not afraid of their faces: For I am with thee to deliver thee, saith the Lord ". Jeremiah 1 : 7 & 8

" EXPECT GREAT THINGS FROM GOD :

ATTEMPT GREAT THINGS FOR GOD "

Copy to :

The Rev. Dr. M. Bage, The Rev. H. Kless, The Rev. DR. C. Berg.

In the service of the Lord
J. J. P. TIGA
12/1/69

G. E. L. CHURCH

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The 26th. January, 64

The Rev. Dr. M. Bage, Pramukh Adhyaksh & Chairman J.M.B.
The Rev. H. Kloss, Secretary, Joint Mission Board
The Rev. Dr. C. Berg, Director, Gossner Mission

Subject : J.M.B. Field in Sambalpur District

Dear friends ,

Please find enclosed a map which I tried to prepare in order to show the field of the J.M.B. in the Sambalpur district of the Orissa Anchal. The centres are marked in red. It may be of interest for you to know the present census figures which I give here below :

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Name of the centre	Baptised members	Converts baptised in 1964
1. Kulpal including Katarkela, Rengarbera etc.	120	20
2. Goreyabahal	31	9
3. Bodrama	63	--
4. Durgadih		
5. Chhamra	79	..
6. Bihabari		
7. Borphenk	95	..
8. Sorgidih	32	..
9. Prhadih	98	1
10. Bhangamunda	61	...
11. Sobrepali	148	...
12. Kataikhuli	50	1
13. Tiklijharain	56	8
14. Dhajja	24	...
15. Amgaon	103	...
16. Purnapani	126	3
17. Renigula	46	
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Yours Sincerely,

J. J. P. TIGA

G. E. L. CHURCH

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Director.

C/o P. P. BIJAY,
KOKAR CHOWK, H. B. ROAD,
RANCHI.

The 26th. January, 64

The Rev. Dr. M. Bage, Pramukh Adhyaksh & Chairman J.M.B.
The Rev. H. Kless, Secretary, Joint Mission Board
The Rev. Dr. C. Berg, Director, Gossner Mission

Subject : J.M.B. Field in Sambalpur District

Dear friends ,

Please find enclosed a map which I tried to prepare in order to show the field of the J.M.B. in the Sambalpur district of the Orissa Anchal. The centres are marked in red. It may be of interest for you to know the present census figures which I give here below :

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Name of the centre	Baptised members	Converts baptised in 1964
1. Kulpal including Katarkela, Rengarbera etc.	120	20
2. Goreyabahal	31	9
3. Bedrama	63	--
4. Durgadih		
5. Chhamra 	79	..
6. Bihabari		
7. Berphenk 	95	..
8. Sergidih	32	..
9. Prhadih	98	1
10. Bhangamunda	61	...
11. Sebropali	148	...
12. Kataikhuli	50	1
13. Tiklijharain	56	8
14. Dhajja	24	...
15. Amgaon	103	...
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GOSSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
ASSAM ANCHAL.

REV. C. S. B. HORO L. TH.
ADHYAKSH,
ASSAM ANCHAL.

BAMUNI-HILLS
TEZPUR, ASSAM, INDIA.

Ref. No.

Dated 22/1/1965.
Camp : Ranchi.

To

The Pramukh Adhyaksh,
G. E. L. Church,
RANCHI, Bihar.

Sub:- Request for the remittance of the GMS grant to Assam Anchal
for the evangelistic works in Miki Hill.

Dear Sir,

Please find herewith a proposed plan and estimate of the money required for the works at Rangagora (Miki Hills) evangelistic field in Assam Anchal. The same is forwarded to you with a request for the sanction of remittance of the GMS grant from KSS treasury to the Assam Anchal to take necessary steps for the works to be done in due course of time.

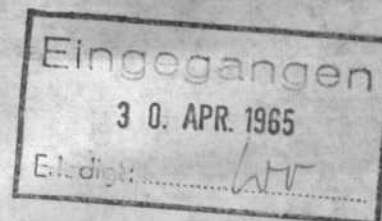
Yours Sincerely,

Sd/- C.S.B. Horo,
22/1/65.

Adhyaksh Assam Anchal.

Copy of the herewith attached
Estimate is to be forwarded to :-

1. Rev. H. Kloss.
2. Dr. Berg, G.M., Berlin.
3. Treasurer, K.S.S.,
4. Hd. Accountant, K.S.S.
5. K.S.S., Secretary.



TRUE COPY.

Plan & Estimate of establishment work of a Mission
Station at RANGAGORA (Mikir Hills)
evangelistic Field.

<u>Particulars of work.</u>	<u>estimated Expenditure.</u>
1. Purchasing 20 Puras of land at Rangagora Mikir Hills for Mission Station @ 500/- Per Pura.....	Rs. 10000.00
2. Registration and Namjari fees of Land.1.....	" 450.00.
3. Construction of a Pastors quarter.....	" 6500.00.
4. Construction of a Chapel.	" 1750.00.
5. Construction of a Catechists house.....	" 750.00.
Total Rs. 19,450.00.	

(Nineteen thousand four hundred and fifty rupees only).

Sd/- C.S.B. Horo,
22/1/55.
Adhyaksh Assam Anchal
G.E.L. Church,
Tezpur, Bamuni Hills.

Grundlegende Reform des Missionswesens gefordert

"Allasiatische Lutherische Konferenz" beendet

epd Ranchi (Indien), 16. Oktober. "Mutige und konstruktive Entscheidungen" zur grundlegenden Reorganisation des christlichen Missionswesens in Asien wurden auf der zweiten "Allasiatischen Lutherischen Konferenz" gefordert, die nach zehntägiger Dauer an diesem Wochenende in Ranchi im indischen Bundesstaat Bihar zu Ende geht.

Dr. David L. Vikner, Ostasien-Sekretär im Weltmissionsamt der Lutherischen Kirche in Amerika, fand die einmütige Zustimmung der 67 offiziellen Delegierten und Berater aus 23 lutherischen Kirchen in zehn asiatischen Staaten für seine Forderung, daß man die zahlreichen Missionsgesellschaften aus Europa und Amerika nicht mehr länger "auf eigene Faust" in Asien arbeiten lassen, sondern in jedem Einzelfalle untersuchen sollte, ob und wie sie den aktuellen Erfordernissen angepaßt werden könnten. "Einige Missionen werden ihre Tätigkeit einstellen müssen, andere sollten der Aufsicht von Kirchen oder Gemeinden unterstellt werden, und wieder andere sind in irgendeiner Weise in internationale Gemeinschaftsprogramme für die christliche Missionsarbeit in Übersee einzufügen," sagte Dr. Vikner. Er warnte jedoch vor überstürzten Maßnahmen und empfahl deshalb ein sorgfältiges Studium der jeweiligen örtlichen Gegebenheiten. Ziel der Reorganisation müsse sein, die einheimischen Kirchen in jeder Beziehung unabhängig zu machen; dabei könnten die Missionsgesellschaften weiterhin "Hilfe zur Selbsthilfe" leisten.

Diese Hilfe aus Europa und Amerika sollte sich nach Ansicht von Prof. Andrew Hsiao, Herausgeber des Lutherischen Schrifttumsdienstes für Hongkong und Formosa, nicht auf finanzielle Zuwendungen beschränken. "Das Problem Nummer Eins ist für uns der Mangel an geeigneten Mitarbeitern - weniger für die eigentlich seelsorgerlichen Aufgaben als vielmehr für die technischen Funktionen, die heute für die Verbreitung des Evangeliums notwendig sind; Texter, Film- und Funkfachleute, Drucker und Vertriebsexperten." Solche Mitarbeiter würde man freilich nicht "durch Zufall" finden, sondern sie müßten planmäßig und gründlich ausgebildet werden.

Gegenwartsaufgaben der Mission in Asien

Prof. Rajaratnam: Christen können nicht mehr im Ghetto leben

epd Ranchi (Indien), 16. Oktober. Methoden, Mitarbeiter und Mittel der christlichen Missionstätigkeit in Asien müßten genau den Anforderungen entsprechen, die sich aus der politischen, wirtschaftlichen, sozialen und kulturellen Lage der einzelnen Länder ergeben. Diese Ansicht vertrat Dr. K. Rajaratnam, Professor für Wirtschaftswissenschaften am christlichen College in Madras (Indien), dieser Tage auf der zweiten "Allasiatischen Lutherischen Konferenz" in Ranchi im indischen Bundesstaat Bihar. Wörtlich sagte er: "Die Zeit ist vorbei, in der der Missionar, der Heiden bekehren wollte, die einzige Repräsentanz des Christentums in Asien war, und in der die Kirche inmitten einer unchristlichen Umwelt eine Art Ghetto-Existenz führen konnte." Heute müßten die asiatischen Christen und die mit ihnen zusammenarbeitenden weißen Missionare die Sorgen der ganzen Bevölkerung teilen. Zur Gegenwartssituation der Asiaten sagte Prof. Rajaratnam, es herrsche eine gewisse Ratlosigkeit angesichts des gigantischen

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Problems, die Erwartungen und Versprechungen zu erfüllen, die man mit der Unabhängigkeit verbunden habe. "Dem nationalen Erwachen folgt nun das Ringen um soziale und wirtschaftliche Gerechtigkeit für jedermann, und vielfach herrscht bereits Verbitterung und Enttäuschung, weil dies Ziel noch nicht erreicht ist", erklärte der indische Sozialwissenschaftler. Aus dieser Situation ergäben sich neue wichtige Aufgaben für die christliche Mission, an denen vor allem einheimische und ausländische Laien mitarbeiten müßten.



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4. In besonderer Dankbarkeit und Liebe weiß sie sich mit der Kirche der Reformation in Deutschland verbunden, weil sie den Boten Vater Goßners ihr Leben und ihre Entstehung verdankt. Deshalb wird sie erfreut sein, gerade aus der deutschen Mutterkirche Mitarbeiter(innen) zu erhalten und hat in besonderem Maße Vertrauen zu der Goßner Mission in Berlin bei der ^{*Kooperation*} ~~Entwen-~~
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21.7.1964

An die
Mitglieder des Kuratoriums

bet. Änderung des Terms of reference

Liebe Brüder !

In dem Bericht über meinen Besuch der Goßnerkirche, den ich in der Sitzung des Kuratoriums am 8. April erstattete, erwähnte ich auch, daß das KSS unserer jungen Bruderkirche den Wunsch auf Änderung der "Terms of Reference" geäußert hat.

In der Anlage finden Sie diese in der Fassung sowohl des Jahres 1954 als auch in der neuen Fassung.

Das KSS hat grundsätzlich beschlossen, die zweite Fassung in Kraft zu setzen; möchte aber noch die im März 1965 tagende "Synode" dazu hören, so daß sie noch nicht abschließend gültig ist. Es wird Ihnen deutlich sein, daß eine charakteristische Wandlung eingetreten ist. Die alten "Terms of Reference" waren vertraglich zwischen dem Kuratorium und der Goßner Kirche vereinbart; die neuen "Terms of Reference" vom Jahr 1964 sind eine selbständige Willenserklärung der Goßner Kirche, wie sie das Kommen von Mitarbeitern(innen) aus Mission und Ökumene verstanden und gestaltet wissen will. Die grundsätzliche kirchliche Bedeutung dieses neuen Textes wird bei dem Vergleich der beiden Fassungen der "Terms of Reference" ohne weiteres deutlich.

Sollten unsererseits noch dringende Abänderungswünsche geltend zu machen sein, wäre es wohlgetan, diese auf der Sitzung des 14.10. festzustellen, um sie rechtzeitig unseren Brüdern in Ranchi mitzuteilen.

Gossner Mission
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Berlin-Friedenau, 17. Juli 1964

Pramukh Adhyaksh
Rev. Dr. M. Bage
G.E.L. Church

Ranchi / Bihar
India

Re: Amendment of the Terms of Reference for Foreign Missionaries;
letter from Rev. Tiga of 10th July, 1964

Dear Brother Bage,

Brother Tiga has been so kind as to send me copy of his letter to the secretary of KSS concerning the Terms of Reference. I should not like to miss defining my attitude regarding the four points raised by Rev. Tiga:

1. In my opinion the KSS of the Gossner Church is competent to represent the church in this matter. It may be considered whether the KSS should asked the responsible brothers of the Anchals, belonging to the KSS, beforehand to get the opinion of the different synods of the G.E.L.C. in their Anchals. But, in my opinion, the Kalishiya Sangh, according to its structure and very seldom meeting, is not the body to decide such matters as the change of the Terms of Reference.
2. Certainly, Dr. Berg as private person is not competent to make changes. According to a request of the President of the Gossner Church and the KSS, he - as director of the Gossner Mission - has made a draft for the new Terms of Reference. Beforehand, he has assured himself of the consent of the leading board of the Gossner Mission in the Kuratorium, that is, if he may and should do it. Dr. Berg has not done anything above his competence.

One thing, however, is important: Dr. Berg suggested not to make an agreement between GELC and GM concerning the new Terms of Reference. Dr. Berg - with the consent of the brothers in the Gossner Mission - has suggested to the GELC to feel competent for working out and issuing new Terms of Reference. That means that the GELC should declare as autonomous church under which conditions it welcomes co-workers from other churches in ecumenical fellowship.

3. I personally would prefer if in the § 6 and 7 the old conception "missionaries" were not taken over in the new Terms of Reference. But if the KSS should wish this, I am not against it, but would give my agreement. The leading body of the autonomous church in India decides about the principles, conditions and formulation of the new Terms of Reference. It invites brother churches all over the world to send fraternal workers under the mentioned regulations.
4. Point 4 of Rev. Tiga does not seem very important to me, but I would agree with him. I would rather prefer not to use the concept "foreign missionaries" in the new Terms of Reference of the Gossner Church, as a sign that a new period has begun for the young churches in Asia and Africa.

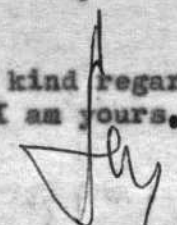
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Gossner Mission
Ranchi, India
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Anyhow, dear brother Bage, I did not want to miss telling you my opinion about it, before you leave Ranchi at the end of July.

Please send copies of my letter to Rev. Tiga, Rev. Kloss and brother Samad, the secretary of the KSS - if you feel like it.

With kind regards,
I am yours.



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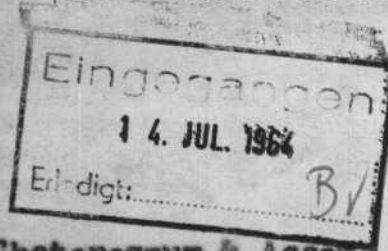
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RANCHI.



AUTONOMY DAY, 1964 (10th. July)

The Secretary,
G.E.L.Church in Chotanagpur & Assam,
Ranchi

- Dr. Berg*
1. Mine, - used 499 minutes
 2. G.H. - used 11.4.13
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Subject : Amendment of the Terms of Reference for
Foreign Missionaries .

Dear Sir,

This is to acknowledge with thanks your letter No. 575/64 dated the 2nd. July, 1964. I am also thankful to you for a copy of the minutes of the K.S.S.S. dated Ranchi, 14th. -17th. June, 1964. I want to make the following comments immediately on the resolution of the K.S.S.S. and the draft suggested by Dr. Berg (a copy of which you have sent to me) :

Resolutions of the KSSS dated June 14-17, 64 on TERMS OF REFERENCE : - On the one hand the KSSS says " After studying them (Dr. Berg's Terms of Reference and the existing Terms of Reference of the KSS) the KSS should also draw up its terms of reference and thus agreement might be reached so as to have the same between Dr. Berg and the KSS" and on the other in the same breath the KSSS says " The terms of Reference as drafted by Dr. Berg be approved in principle. Also resolved that Sl. Nos. 6 & 7 of the old terms of reference be included in the new one. "

I think that the KSSS has taken an action in approving Dr. Berg's draft in principle without consulting the Church and it is therefore a pronouncement before time and without proper consultations.

Further, in the resolutions the name of Dr. Berg appears three times in connection with the Terms of Reference. The G.E.L.Church has no business to draft or make any Terms of Reference with any individual. That is to be between the G.E.L.Church and the Gossner Mission Society. Once the Gossner Mission Society or the Gossner Church ceases to be as at present the Terms of Reference will become defunct automatically.

Then again, my third objection is regarding the pronouncement of the KSSS re. Sl. Nos. 6 & 7. Why should the KSSS dictate the Church? It is too early for the KSSS to pronounce anything. This is the time when the Church as a whole with Constitutionally rights and freedom speak out. The KSSS has taken a step to deprive the right of the Church. In this connection I want to draw the attention of the KSSS to Article Four Part II 6 (d) (ii), Article Twenty Three (6) where it says " The Kalishiya Singh shall formulate general plans, and programmes for the life and growth of the Church", and finally Article Twenty Five.

It is true that the said Terms of Reference is more than ten years old and the Church must review the whole matter connected with Article Twenty four " Foreign Missionaries " of the Constitution afresh in the light of the changed situations and circumstances and it will not be right to overlook them .

F.T.O.

Therefore, I have to add a fourth point to the three I have written above, namely, that the heading you have put as the subject should be revised to accommodate the idea that if it be thought expedient the entire Terms of Reference may be done away with. I would suggest the subject to be as follows:

The Terms of Reference for Foreign Missionaries".

May I say that I have many things to say in connection with this subject but I must keep them in reserve until a suitable time comes and an appropriate place is found. All the above four points I have raised are out of the document you have so kindly sent to me. I do hope that they will receive your full attention and in good time.

Yours Sincerely,

Copy to :

1. The Bramukh Adhyaksh, G.E.L. Church
2. Rev. H. Kless
- ✓ 3. Director, Gossner Mission Society

J. Shiga
10/7/64

Berlin-Friedenau, den 23.6.1964
Dr.Bg/Wo.

Herrn
Pfarrer H. Kloss
GEL Church Compound
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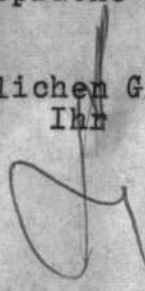
Betr.: Terms of Reference

Lieber Bruder Kloss!

Vielen Dank für die - wenn auch kommentarlose - Übersendung der neuen "Terms of Reference", deren Entwurf ich Bruder Bage zur Überlegung im KSS übersandt hatte und die Ihnen in Kopie zgingen. Bruder Bage hat mir geschrieben, daß er sie in den nächsten Tagen mit seinen Brüdern beraten werde und wir bis Ende dieses Monats hier im Goßnerhaus über das Ergebnis hören würden.

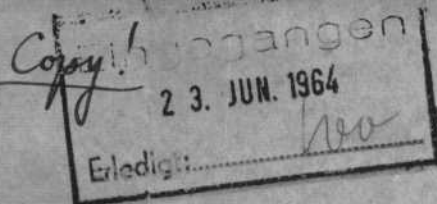
Lassen Sie mich einen Punkt klarstellen: In §9 haben Sie mein deutsches Wort "Berater" sehr pointiert mit "adviser" übersetzt. Das war durchaus nicht, jedenfalls nicht unbedingt unsere Meinung. Ich persönlich sähe es lieber, wenn dort stände "consultants". Zumindest sollte in dem Text dieses Paragraphen stehen "consultants" resp. Advisers". Sie erkennen natürlich ohne weiteres den gewichtigen Unterschied zwischen beiden Begriffen, und es muß uns durchaus daran liegen, den Akzent nicht einseitig auf die schärfere Formulierung zu setzen. Es kann durchaus sein, daß ein eingeladenener Mitarbeiter der Goßnerkirche in klarer Betonung den Status eines "advisers" erhält. In der Regel werden die Brüder und Schwestern, die in den boards mitarbeiten, als consultants anzusehen sein.-Dies ist jedenfalls unsere Meinung, und ich bitte Sie freundlich, den Pramukh Adhyaksh von dieser unserer Auslegung des betreffenden Paragraphen und jenes Begriffs in deutscher Sprache zu unterrichten.

Mit brüderlichen Grüßen bin ich
Ihr



✓ Rev. H. K. Loss

WV 8.7.64



15.6.64

Translation of the "Terms of Reference for Foreign Coworkers
of the Gossner Church"

drafted by the Kuratorium for the G.E.L.Church, May 64.

1. Having the membership of the Lutheran World Federation and participating in the fellowship of the World Council of Churches the Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church of Chota Nagpur and Assam has the desire that members of the other churches brother churches should cooperate in mastering the task imposed upon the Gossner Church. This desire is based on the Holy Spirit and ought to be the desire of every christian church in this age.
2. In ecumenical candour and freedom the Gossner Church claims the right through its constitutional authority to invite such "fraternal workers" who do "not dictate the terms of its faith" but "co-operate for its own happiness" (II Cor. 1:24); because the Gossner Church is not a "mission field" any more in the sense that without its agreement foreign church workers could be sent to it.
3. The Gossner Church emphasizes this right so much the more - also before the government of the Indian Republic - because
 - a) on the basis of its short history it is conscious of the possibility to receive valuable help and spiritual enrichment from such coworkers of friendly brother churches in the variety of works and services imposed upon the Gossner Church.
 - b) the Gossner Church knows that its autonomy is inviolable and respected by the non-Indian coworkers in full loyalty.
4. The Gossner Church is conscious of its relationship to the Church of Reformation in Germany with special gratitude and love, because it owes its life and origin to the work of Father Gossner's emissaries. Therefore the Gossner Church will be specially glad to receive (male and female) coworkers from the German mother church and has a special confidence in the Gossner Mission of Berlin nominating fit workers.
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5. During the period of work-being stipulated or not stipulated- these "fraternal workers" are responsible not only to the organizations of their home churches which have sent them, but also to the Gossner Church and its organised bodies.
6. The task of the coworker is to be expressed as precisely as possible and an indenture is to be drawn up in order to avoid possible misunderstandings and disappointments and to make rights and duties clear. The authorities of the Gossner Church still reserve to themselves the right to put up general terms of reference for such indentures.
7. The Gossner Church has the aim to grant dwelling and appropriate salary to the invited coworker. As long as the Church is not yet in the position to do that, it is grateful when help is given for this from the side of the sending organisation (Gossner Mission, ecumenical bodies, brother churches).
8. In principle all fields of church work (theological teaching, mission-work, "diaconia") and education, women- and youth-work etc.) are open for such coworkers. The KSS of the Gossner Church will let the brother churches and ecumenical institutions know for which work the cooperation of experienced foreign brothers and sisters is specially desired.

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9. They are requested to cooperate in those central boards of the Gossner Church which are related to their services, being -as a rule- "advisers". X The governing bodies of the church will from time to time receive them in their midst for report and discussion about their work.
10. The Gossner Church welcomes also the invitation of its own servants and coworkers as fraternal workers to other brother churches - whether for deepening their education and training or for their cooperation. Only in such a mutuality and such an exchange the Gossner Church sees the unity and practically proved community of Christ's body on earth, manifested.

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X Consultant
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Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church in Chotanagpur & Assam.

Ref. No. 505/64

From : $\frac{2}{1}$

The Pramukh Adhyaksh,
G.E.L. Church.

To,

The Director,
Gossner Mission Society,
Berlin - Friedenau,
Handjerystr. 19/20,
Germany.



Ranchi, the 15th June '64.

Subject :- Terms of Reference.

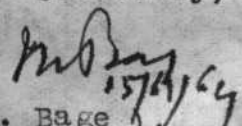
Dear Brother Berg,

Your proposed draft for the new terms of reference for the foreign workers in the Gossner Church has been received. I had to give my opinion by the 20th June '64.

As the K.S.S. Samiti is in session till to-morrow, permit me please that I give my opinion after I have consulted the K.S.S. Samiti. I shall be in a position to send my opinion or K.S.S. Samiti's opinion by the end of this week.

With best greetings from me and the K.S.S. Samiti.

Yours Sincerely,


(M. Bage)
Pramukh Adhyaksh,
President,
G.E.L. Church, Ranchi.

Berlin-Friedenau, 6.5.1964
Dr.Bg/Wo.

Rev. Dr. M. Bage
Pramukh Adhyaksh
GEL Church Compound
Ranchi/Bihar
INDIA

Betr.: terms of reference

Lieber Bruder Bage!

Sie erinnern sich gewiß gut, daß Sie von sich aus bzw. sogar seitens des KSS der Goßnerkirche eine Änderung der bis jetzt vereinbarten terms of reference für unbedingt erforderlich hielten. Ich stimmte Ihnen in unseren Gesprächen völlig zu und versprach, Ihnen in absehbarer Zeit einen ersten Entwurf zu übersenden. Ich habe mir nicht die Mühe gemacht, ihn ins Englische zu übertragen, weil es sich ja um eine erste Überlegung handelt. Wenn Sie ihn mit einigen indischen Brüdern besprechen möchten, müßte das wohl freilich bei Ihnen in Ranchi geschehen.

Auf jeden Fall wäre ich Ihnen dankbar, wenn Sie mir spätestens bis zum 20.6. Ihre Meinung mitteilen würden, ob Sie grundsätzlich einverstanden sind bzw. ob Sie größere Änderungen vorschlagen. Ich möchte das Einverständnis des Kuratoriums am 8.7. einholen, weil ja die alten terms abgelöst werden müssen.

Die grundsätzliche Änderung werden Sie gut und sofort erkennen. In diesem Entwurf erklärt die Goßnerkirche selber, unter welchen Voraussetzungen und in welchem Verständnis sie Mitarbeiter(innen) von auswärts bei sich willkommen heißt. Es handelt sich also nicht mehr um einen Vertrag zwischen Goßner Mission und Goßner Kirche, sondern um eine einseitige Erklärung der autonomen GEL Church selber. Das würde m.E. der Entwicklung entsprechen.

Ich bin also gespannt auf Ihre Reaktion und bin mit den herzlichsten Grüßen und Segenswünschen

Ihr



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6. Alle Missionare, die in der G.E.L.C. arbeiten, sind reguläre Mitglieder der Gossner Kirche.
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9. Für die Missionare draussen wird eine entsprechende Unterkunft von der G.E.L.C. gestellt.
10. Diese TERMS OF REFERENCE können mit gemeinsamer Zustimmung der jeweiligen Personen geändert werden.
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Berlin-Friedenau

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- 1/ The relationship between the Gossner-Evangelical-Lutheran-Church and the Gossner-Mission-Society shall be that of Daughter and Mother.
- 2./ The Kuratorium of the Gossner-Mission-Society will send missionaries to work in the G.E.L.C. on the request of the G.E.L.C.
- 3/ The missionaries on the field will work as friends and helpers in the development of the G.E.L.C. for specific periods by personally accepting the TERMS OF REFERENCE offered by the G.E.L.C. to the individual missionaries through the Kuratorium.
- 4/ The Kuratorium of the Gossner-Mission-Society in Christian love and charity shall undertake to support their missionaries on the Gossner field. The policy is to receive such help through the G.E.L.C. Treasury.
- 5/ All missionaries shall be invited to attend the meeting of the Mahasabha. The men missionaries will be invited to attend the meetings of the Church Council, one by one alternately. The missionaries will also be invited to attend the meetings of their respective synods. They shall be free to visit the congregations in any part of the Church and to attend the Church meetings as they find it possible with the information of the synod president.
- 6/ All missionaries working in the G.E.L.C. shall be regular members of the Gossner-Church.
- 7/ All ordained missionaries shall be members of the Gossner-Church-Ministerium.
- 8/ Each Missionary will be given a specific work in the church such as, evangelistic work among non-Christians, teaching in the Theological Seminary, production of Christian Literature, help running of charitable institutions etc.
- 9/ The G.E.L.C. provide suitable accomodation for the missionaries working in the field.
- 10/ These TERMS OF REFERENCE can be amended by the mutual consent of the bodies concerned.
- 11/ All former proposals or drafts of "Terms of Reference" are superseded by these TERMS OF REFERENCE.
- 12/ The "Joint Mission Field" will be administered by a "Joint Mission Board" incorporated in the G.E.L.Church, in accordance with the regulations adopted jointly by the Mahasabha and the Kuratorium (vide Mahasabha Minutes 1953 p.p.49-52).

Berlin-Friedenau,
May 14th, 1954.

Kuratorium of Gossners's Mission

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Berlin 41, den 13. Dezember 1965

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Betr.: Wellesley Square Church

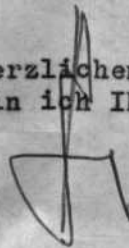
Lieber Bruder Montag !

Ihre Nachricht über die Besprechungen zusammen mit Rev. Ishida, die Sie mit Pastor Devadas hatten, samt der von ihm in Kopie beigefügten Erklärung haben mich außerordentlich erfreut. So haben Sie mit dem, was Sie bei unseren Gesprächen im Oktober hier äußerten, doch völlig recht behalten, daß er sich nunmehr vollends als loyaler Pastor der G.E.L.C. zu verhalten entschlossen ist.

Sehr begierig sind wir nun natürlich darauf, wie der begonnene court-case mit der Schottischen Freikirche ausfällt und ob er unserem Vorhaben bzw. dem des LWB endgültig grünes Licht verleiht. Sie werden uns gewiß berichten, sobald Sie eine präzise Nachricht über das ergangene Urteil in Händen haben, nicht wahr ? Es wird nun natürlich die Frage sein, ob aufgrund der neugeschaffenen Situation der LWB unter Förderung bzw. Empfehlung der Federation of Lutheran Churches in India das Anwesen ausbauen wird oder ob noch in begrenzterer Weise relativ bald die G.E.L.C. aus Mitteln des Ten-Years-Building-Plan etwas hineinsteckt. Angesichts von dessen knappen Mitteln wäre es natürlich schön, wenn wir gleich großzügig und generös den größeren Verbänden die Vorderhand ließen.

Lassen Sie uns doch auch über diesen Punkt, wie Sie ihn sehen, nach Ihren Gesprächen mit Rev. Ishida, ein Wort der Empfehlung und Ihres persönlichen Urteils zukommen. Jedenfalls danke ich Ihnen sehr für diese gute Nachricht, die für die Arbeit in Kalkutta neue Möglichkeiten eröffnet. Behalten Sie diese Frage so fest wie nur möglich im Auge.

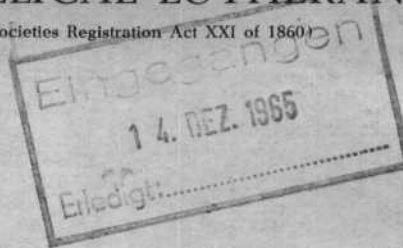
Mit herzlichen Grüßen
bin ich Ihr



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Ranchi, Bihar
India
Phone : 510

December 8th, 1965.

The Lutheran World Federation,
Route De Ferney 150,
1211, Geneva.20,
Switzerland.

Dear Revd. Ishida,

Subject: Wellesley Square Church.

It is with sincere hope that you have by now arrived safely back in Geneva, and have found your wife and family in good health.

As you already knew on leaving Calcutta, I had an appointment to see Revd. Cook and members of the St. Andrew's Church, which is of course the Church of Scotland in Calcutta. The outcome of these talks was that these gentlemen were in no way prepared to postpone the court case which was then proceeding against Pastor Devadas. Their views were that as Pastor Devadas, through his Counsel, had queried the legal ownership of the Wellesley Square Church, they had no other alternative but to establish what they claim is the legal ownership of the Church of Scotland. Personally I can understand this attitude, on the other hand I am sure we can all understand the attitude of Pastor Devadas, who on the advice of his Counsel, was doing all in his power to prevent the Church of Scotland selling the Wellesley Square Church and its site to any other body, other than for the purpose of using it as a Church for worship. As you now know the Church of Scotland had already made one very strong attempt to sell the Church and its site to a cinema owner, and were quite prepared to see the church pulled down, and the site taken over as a cinema hall.

However, Revd. Cook and company were of the opinion that it would do harm whatsoever if interested bodies were to start negotiations for the purchase of Wellesley Square Church. Herewith please find the name and address of the person in Scotland with whom contact should be made:-

Dr. A. King, D.D.
Secretary, Overseas Council.
121, George Street, Edinburgh.2. U.K.

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I feel I must now pass this whole case over to you for whatever action the L.W.F. consider necessary to take.

I would be most obliged if you could keep me in touch with any negotiations which you may have with the Church of Scotland, and the outcome of these negotiations.

With kind regards to Dr. Sovik and Christian greetings to all in Geneva.

Sincerely yours,

cc. The Gossner Mission, Berlin. ✓
The Pramukh Adhyaksh. Dr.M.Bage.

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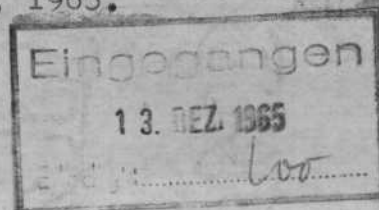
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December 6th, 1965.

Dr. C. Berg,
The Gossner Mission,
1, Berlin 41 (Friedenau),
Handjerystrasse 19-20,
West Germany.



Dear Dr. Berg,

Subject: Wellesley Square Church.

I met Revd. Ishida in Calcutta on the morning of the 1st December in order to carry on negotiations with both he and Pastor Devadas.

During Revd. Ishida's stay in Ranchi, we proved to him conclusively that Pastor Devadas was an ordained member of the G.E.L.Church, his ordination took place on the 1st January 1956. It is also on record in the G.E.L.Church files that the Wellesley Square Church congregation is officially affiliated to the G.E.L. Church. In view of the documentary evidence Pastor Ishida was already convinced of these facts before our meeting with Pastor Devadas.

By sheer coincidence it appeared that the F.E.L.C.I. had sent a commission to Calcutta for the purpose of acquiring a site for a Lutheran centre. This Commission had come to the conclusion that the best position was Wellesley Square, and that negotiations should once again be taken up with a view to acquire the Wellesley Square Church and its surrounding property from the Church of Scotland. Pastor Ishida was able to meet one member of the Commission who came to us together with the Revd. Devadas, and after long discussions Pastor Devadas declared he was willing to write the enclosed letter handing over full responsibility for the Wellesley Square Church to the G.E.L.Church. This step undertaken by Pastor Devadas once and for all removes any doubts which the L.W.F. may have had regarding the intentions of Pastor Devadas.

One coincidence seemed to follow another, when on the afternoon of the 1st December Pastor Devadas again visited us in our hotel with the information that the impending court case instituted by the Church of Scotland against him had commenced that morning. A full report on this subject will

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be sent to you as well as the L.W.F. in the next day or so, in the meantime I am sending you the copy with an original signature of Pastor Devadas, regarding the handing over of authority to the G.E.L.Church.

With Christian greetings.

Yours sincerely,

Robert Montag

Wellesley Sq. Church,
Calcutta.

1st December 1965

The G.E.L. Church
of Chotanagpur & Assam,
Ranchi,
Bihar.

Attention of : Pranaksh Adyaksh
Dr. M. Bage.

Dear Dr. Bage,

I confirm herewith that as an ordained pastor of the G.E.L. Church, and a member of the G.E.L. ministerium, I am fully prepared to hand over the full responsibility of the Wellesley Square Church in Calcutta, and its properties, to the G.E.L. Church of Chotanagpur and Assam, forthwith.

With Christian greetings.

Yours sincerely,



Pastor C. Devadas

cc to: Gossner Mission, Berlin ✓
L.W.F. Geneva
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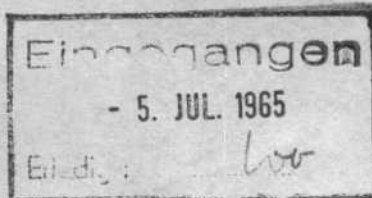
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June 28th, 1965

Dr. C. Berg,
The Gossner Mission,
1, Berlin 41 (Friedenau),
Handjyerstrasse 19-20,
West Germany.



Dear Dr. Berg,

Subject - Report on Wellesley Square Church, Calcutta.

During a recent visit to Calcutta, and at the request of the Pramukh Adhyaksh, Dr. Bage, I visited the above Church and have the following to report:-

I viewed this Church together with Pastor Devadas and find that in my opinion the general structural condition to be good. However, there are a great deal of decorative repairs to be undertaken both inside and outside the building.

By far the most important work which should be undertaken is the outside of the building, the plaster work in large areas has become detached from the brickwork, leaving the brickwork exposed. Another prime factor in this case is that Wellesley Square Church is situated directly on a main thoroughfare in Calcutta, and unless the building be put into good decorative repair, so making its appearance a pleasant one, instead of an eye sore, there is a very grave risk that the authorities will condemn the whole building.

During my stay in Calcutta, Pastor Devadas visited me at my hotel and we talked quite pleasantly for about four hours, during this conversation the following facts came to light:-

- 1) Although the Wellesley Square Church was sold by the Church of Scotland in the year 1950 for Rs200,000, this sale was never completed and a deposit paid by the buyer was returned to him.
- 2) The sale of this building was halted by the intensive efforts of Pastor Devadas who made a formal complaint to the authorities concerned.
- 3) The sale of this building was undertaken by an ordained minister, Matheson, who has since returned to Scotland.

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4) During the last world war the church and its other surrounding buildings was requisitioned by the British Army. After the withdrawal of the British administration, at the Independence of India, Pastor Devadas made a claim for compensation, the money to be paid to make good the damage caused by the occupation of the buildings during the war years. The British military authorities assured him that this compensation money would be granted.

Pastor Devadas did not receive any information regarding this compensation money for some years and in 1953 after enlisting the aid of a British Major, he received information from the Accountant General that the sum of Rs51,000 had been paid to MATHESON by the Accountant General in 1949.

5) There is still legal proceedings and a court case in progress between the Church of Scotland and Pastor Devadas. On the application of Matheson the last hearing took place in Scotland in October 1964. From my conversation with Pastor Devadas it appears that this court case could continue for another two or three years.

REMARKS.

I was very impressed with the apparent sincerity of Pastor Devadas. Whether this be a genuine sincerity, is, of course always debateable, but be that as it may, there is no shadow of doubt that had Pastor Devadas not established his rights in holding services in this church, it would have been sold many years ago and most probably now be a cinema.

During my conversation with Pastor Devadas, an interesting factor came to light, which is, there ~~is~~^{are} no ground deeds held by any of the parties concerned establishing the right of the land on which the church stands. I have advised Pastor Devadas to consult his solicitors, and if this should be a proven factor Pastor Devadas should, in the name of the Lutheran congregation in Calcutta, make an application to the town authorities to become tenants of this piece of ground. If this is possible it will become a deciding factor should we wish to buy the church from the Church of Scotland. Although it would be far better to come to an amicable settlement on an ~~amicable~~^{amicable} basis, we will be in a strong bargaining position, if the land on which the church stands is ours by right of tenancy.

GOSSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

PRAMUKH ADHYAKSH , Rev. Dr. M. BAGE
UP-PRAMUKH ADHYAKSH , Rev. C. B. AIND
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June 28th 1965.

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The situation would be that a fair offer could be made for the purchase of the church and if it were refused we could ask the owners of the building to please remove it from our ground, so that we can erect our own church building, and I doubt very much that the owners of the present building would want to do this.

Pastor Devadas has already affiliated his congregation to the G.E.L. Church, and is very strongly in favour of making permanent ties with the Lutheran church. He was very much in agreement with changing the name of Wellesley Square Church to that of the G.E.L. Church, Calcutta.

The only compensation that Pastor Devadas is requesting for all his efforts over the past few years, is, that he be allowed to remain with his family in a small house which he himself has remodelled and redecorated and stands within the Church compound. As there is a congregation hall situated on the compound which could be remodelled, and would make a very fine visitors' quarters able to accommodate at least 20 to 30 guests, it would be my suggestion that the request put forward by Pastor Devadas be granted.

In conclusion it is my opinion that every effort should be made to purchase this building from the Church of Scotland. Furthermore I suggest that negotiations with the Church of Scotland should be opened at a top level, and that every effort should be made to end the present court proceedings between that Church and Pastor Devadas.

It is also my opinion that Wellesley Square Church would make an ideal Lutheran Centre in this very large and important city of Calcutta, and the Lutheran Church here in India are in desperate need to establish itself in Calcutta.

It is also an immediate emergency that this building be put in some central control, in order that this church be saved from the imminent danger of being condemned.

Pastor Devadas has promised to inform me of the result of his consultation with his legal advisor regarding the tenancy of the land in Wellesley Square, on receiving this information it will be forwarded immediately.

Gossner With Christian Greetings,
Mission

Yours sincerely,

Robert Montague.

Vermerk für die Akten

Betr.: Central Meeting Place Khuntitoli

Es müssen einige schmerzliche Feststellungen getroffen werden:

1. Im November 1963 hat Dr. Junghans zum Aufbau des Rüstzeitenheims DM 25.000,- erhalten. Dringliche Bitte! Beschluß des KSS!! Personalproblem J. Lakra.
2. Über diesen Fonds hat Dr. Junghans nie abgerechnet.
3. Gebaut ist eine nicht fertiggestellte Mittelschule, die noch ca. 4.000,- Rs verursacht;
2 Zimmer f. J. Lakra.
4. Die alte Mittelschule, zumal noch in ihr Unterricht gegeben wird, ist nicht umgebaut.
5. Es wird stärkstes allseits in Khuntitoli bezweifelt, daß ein Tornado den Einsturz der Mauer im Bau der neuen Mittelschule verursachte, vielmehr Mängel und Fahrlässigkeiten beim Bauen.
6. Die Nachricht sowie ihre Publizierung und die Sonderspende des Spangenberg-Sozialwerks von 6.000,- DM waren also wohl unbegründet.
7. J. Lakra war sehr selten seit 1. April 1964 in Khuntitoli.
8. Das KSS soll jetzt fast entschlossen sein, den Central Meeting Place nach Ranchi zu verlegen!

Das Ganze ist ein unqualifizierbares Stück planerischen Dilettantismus' und finanzieller Vergeudung. Verantwortlich ist der bisherige Direktor des ATC.

Eine Unterstützung des Central Meeting Place im Jahr 1966 beim Budget der Goßnerkirche sollte nicht mehr erfolgen.

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Berlin-Friedenau, 21 May 1964

Padma Shri Rev. Joel Lakra
Religious and Social Development Centre

Khuntitoli P.O. Simdega
Dt. Ranchi / Bihar / India

Dear Brother Lakra,

Thank you very much for your letter of 10 May which I received straight after Whitsuntide. I was especially pleased to hear that you moved to Khuntitoli and that you are in the midst of your work as director of the Central Meeting Place. I am sure that our Lord will give you new strength and new ideas to fulfil everything to His honour. May the confereaces be blessed which you plan with the responsible men of the school work and other groups. And may the joy grow that this Central Meeting Place now belongs to the Gossner Church.

I was glad to hear that you have taken up your old love again and started writing. There are not many who can and do write in the Gossner Church. I, therefore, wish that all your smaller or bigger works will have good acceptance and good results in the congregations. At the inauguration of the printing press I requested to spread the truth of the Gospel in Chota Nagpur, especially by writing. Therefore, it seems to me that you have good and important work to do.

Mrs. Berg and I often speak of our visits in the various congregations to which brother Bage, brother Tiga and above all you escorted us. Looking at the pictures we took, we remember well the rich and blessed weeks we could spend with you. It was good to have received so much love from you all and to have seen so much so that we see everything much clearer now.

I also heard with great pleasure that you have resisted all group-thinking as former Pramukh Adhyaksh during your three-years office-term and as present director of the Central Meeting Place so that you could work and serve fully for the Gossner Church. This is, indeed, wise, dear brother Lakra, that you follow so clearly the will and the guidance of the Holy Ghost.

On 1st May I had all students, including Mini, at my home in the afternoon and evening. We have talked a lot and looked at many pictures. I am always glad to see Mini because she is mostly happy and gained her full health again. Mrs. Berg and I will gladly have an eye on Mini.

I hope that you will not feel too lonely at Khuntitoli and on the other hand will have the necessary peace there for your present service.

I am cordially and truly
Yours in the Lord,

Religious and Social Development Centre

Director

Padma Shri Rev. Joel Lakra,

M. A., B. D., S. T. M.



Dear Bro. Berg,

Many thanks for your kind letter expressing your appreciation of my company at Lohardaga, Singhani, Gumla, Chainpur and Ambikapur. It was really my pleasure to escort you at all these places and both Mrs. Bergg and yourself at Lohardaga, Singhani and Gumla. As we grow in years we shall realise more fully the effect of your visit to the field. It has more spiritual and social significance than mere survey of the field from business point of view. It was more the establishment and strengthening of a Family which I always experienced whenever I visited our brothers and sisters in Germany. Our Lord Jesus is the greatest Founder of that Family He Himself ~~being~~ the Head. This Family relationship between Germany and us will stand for ever and nothing can sever us, neither the Geography nor the Anthropology nor the changing Psychology and Sociology neither the two World Wars nor any suffering present or future. God led the German brothers and sisters to us and He found us for them and He will keep us and preserve us.

By the above address you can see that Khuntitoly has become my home. I have started my work in various ways. I am calling the Headmasters Conference of the G.E.L. Church at Khuntitoly from May 23- 26. Along with the Headmasters I have invited the Headmistress and Assistant Headmistress of Bethesda School and the Lady Superintendent of the Girls Training School, Ranchi. Also the Secretaries of all ~~every~~ our High Schools and the Pramukh Adhyaksh, the Adhyakhs, Anchall Supervisors of Schools and the Executive members of the Education Board are ~~arriving~~ ^{coming}. The ^{highest} Government Officers of the Education Department in Chotanagpur, the Regional Deputy Director of Education is inaugurating the Conference. There is going to be a big new experience in the Church.

I am also ~~Convenor~~ ^{Convener} of the Conference of the North India Lutheran Churches of the F.E.L.C. (Federation of the Lutheran Churches) I am trying to call —

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I am trying to call the Conference also in May, to continue into June. But I find certain difficulties.

In between the Conference I am writing booklet, and pamphlets, apologetics against Advantists, Jehova witness and small Baptistic groups, for these groups ~~are~~ trying to confuse the simple Gossner Christians. I am also writing against certain moral evils in the Gossner Church. These will all be published. Then I shall send you copies, although they are in Hindi which is generally understood by Gossner Christians in five big States of India in the NorthEast.

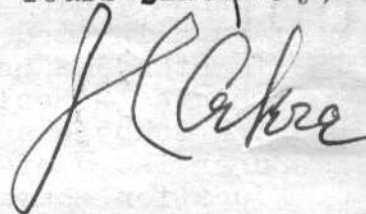
The next group I am thinking of calling at Khuntitoli Meeting Place, are Ilaka Chairman, Synod Sanchalaks, Adhyakshs, and Pramukh Adhyaksh. It may be possible during the Rainy Season.

Continue your prayer for the Gossner Church and for the Meeting Place specially.

Kindly have an eye on Mini to whom I am writing always. She needs your fatherly care.

Asseccionate greetings to Mrs. Berg and self.

Yours Sincerely,



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Berlin-Friedenau, 6 May 1964

Rev. Dr. M. Bage
Pramukh Adhyaksh
G.E.L. Church

Ranchi / Bihar
India

Ref. No. 374/64

Subject: Central Meeting Place at Khuntitoli

Dear Brother Bage,

When I returned from Geneva where I had a long, each other informing discussion with brother Sovik yesterday, I found your letter of 29 April 1964 on my desk. This letter concerns the Central Meeting Place about which you spoke with the brothers in Khuntitoli and which you wanted to be answered immediately.

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I could answer promptly that we shall fulfil your request and shall take over the amount of four to five thousand rupees in the budget of the Gossner Mission 1965. It would be another help for the start of this task. This task will really get started with next year after in our plans and talks for 1964 we only found it possible that there will be two meetings this year only after completion of the buildings.

I would, however, suggest that you will enter the running costs for the Central Meeting Place in your budget 1965 as expenditure, but at the same time enter them as receipts with the note that they are promised* by the Gossner Mission. +to be paid

You should act in the same way regarding the stipends. Generally, all requests, found necessary by the KSS, should be entered in the budget with the different notes: Paid by the Gossner-Church, requested from CWM resp. promised by the Gossner Mission. This would be the same in case of your participation on the plans of the industrial mission of Rev. Wright who applied to the Gossner Church. The reason of this advice is that the two bodies which support you most from abroad (CWM and GM) will know quite clearly all your requests.

With kind regards,
Yours,

cc/ Dr. Junghans

CN 11 Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church in Chotanagpur & Assam.

Ref. No. 374/64

From :-

The Pramukh Adhyaksh,
G.E.L. Church.

To,

The Director,
Gossner Mission Society,
Berlin - Friedenau,
Handjarystr. 19/20,
GERMANY.



Ranchi, the 29th April '64.

Subject :- Central Meeting place at Khutitoli.

Dear Brother Berg,

Just now I have come back from Khutitoli where I had been day-before yesterday together with brothers Rech, Adomeit and Schwerk. Last evening when I and brother Junghans were discussing certain matters in connection with the Central Meeting place at Khutitoli we both felt that we need an immediate clarification on ~~or~~ one matter from you. May I therefore immediately have your opinion on the following :-

It is clear that the G.E.L. Church takes over the payment of salary to brother Juel Lakra, but will the Kuratorium be willing to meet the expense needed for the program of this institution? ~~for 1965 and~~ This will include the costs for travelling, meetings, clerk, office maintenance, altogether excluding the pay of brother Lakra may amount to four to five thousand for a year. This is urgent because our 1965 budget will be soon finalised.

With kind regards.

Yours Sincerely,

M. Bage
29/4/64
(M. Bage),
Pramukh Adhyaksh,
President,
G.E.L. Church, Ranchi.

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25. NOV. 1963.

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Rev. Dr. M. Bage,
Pramukh Adhyaksha
G.E.L. Church, Ranchi, India.

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Hitchcock 45,
University of Chicago,
Chicago 37, Ill, U.S.A.
Nov. 21, 1963.

Dear brother Bage,

May I congratulate you once again for being the Pramukh Adhyaksha of the Gossner Church. It means a tremendous responsibility to be in that position, yet it gives a great opportunity to serve the Lord and His Church. Your coming into this office may give a real land mark, a turning point in the life of our beloved Gossner Church. I have great hopes and expectations from you as a representative of the new and younger generation. May God bless you and your service in His Church.

In her letter of Nov. 18, 1963, my wife tells me that there is a proposal to found a Centre for social and Spiritual development of the Gossner Church. This centre may be some what like and Akademies in Germany as the idea behind it seems to rest. I am personally delighted to hear about it. It is very encouraging to me that such an institution is going to be established in our Church. For the last couple of years I had been dreaming of an institution of this nature for the growth and development of our Church. In fact I had personally talked with our Mission Inspector when he was visiting our Church last time. I am happy that such an idea is finally going to be materialized.

There are, however, few points I would like to put before you for your kind consideration regarding this institution. I must confess that I do not have a clear idea of the nature, purpose, and the content of this institution, but whatever vague ideas come to my mind, I must communicate to you before it is too late.

I personally feel that we should not add one more institution in addition to our Theological college, Pracharak training school, and the Tabita school. By this I mean that the nature and purpose of this new institution should be different from these institutions. It must be an indigenous type of institution. I think that this must be a place where christian life and witness must be experimented in the context of the Adibasi or Tribal culture. This means that the pattern and idea of the German Akademi should not be carried over to Chotanagpur whole sale. This institution must be related to the down and earth situation of Chotanagpur life and marrow. In view of this concept of the institution may I be permitted to suggest the following points.:

1. That this institution should be a part of a local congregation
2. It should function in the context of the congregation.
3. That tribal cultural forms - particularly tribal tunes and arts be made a vehicle for religious expressions and experimentation.
4. A theological research of the relation between Christian faith and tribal religions be an on going task of this institution.
5. This institution should be a method of new missionary outreach in the twentieth century Chotanagpur.

These points lead me to determine the kind of place that this should be situated at. This can not be located in a city, not at a place which lies at the fringe of tribal life and culture; at the same time it can not be too far away from the town or city. After a great deal of consideration and questioning I have come to the conclusion that this institution should be founded in honour and memory of the leader of the first group of converts in the Gossner Church. It can very well be given a name like DOMAN JHARIA or NAVIN ASHRAM. Hethakotta seems to be one of the centres of tribal cultural life even at present, and since it is not very far away from Ranchi, may I suggest that this institution be located at Hethakotta. I hope, you and the K.S.S. would give a favourable consideration to this matter.

You might have already formed some idea about it already but please take mine also into consideration before coming to final conclusion.

I am doing alright here and hope you all do the same. Kindly

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Kindly greet for me your family, the K.S.S., and the Ranchi congregation.
May the Lord bless you and use you for His service in the Gossner Church .
Hoping to hear from you soon,

Your brother in the Lord,.

Rev. Nirmaal Mins.

CC.

Dr. Berg
Director, Gossner Mission Society
Berlin.

Rücksprache mit Dr. Junghans

Entwurf

19.11.1963

Adhyaksh Toppo

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Betr.: central meeting place

Lieber Bruder Toppo!

Wir haben uns hier im Goßnerhaus sehr darüber gefreut, daß auch Sie seitens des Nord-West Anchals die Schaffung eines Rüstzeitenheims für die Goßnerkirche so herzlich und warm begrüßen. In der Tat hat es der Missionsleitung und dem Kuratorium eingeleuchtet, daß eine solche Stätte geistlicher Zurüstung, gegenseitiger Begegnung und gemeinsamen Lebens und Arbeitens verschiedener Gruppen miteinander eine dringende Notwendigkeit für die Goßnerkirche ist.

In seinem Budget 1964 hat das Kuratorium einen Betrag von 25.000,- DM eingesetzt, der dazu dienen soll, dieses Heim zu errichten; einschließlich der Besoldung von Rev. Lakra während der nächsten 14 Monate, bis sein Gehalt im central budget der Kirche ab 1. Januar 1965 zu verankern sein wird.

Über den Ort der Errichtung dieser Stätte hat das Kuratorium seinerseits keinen Beschluß gefaßt, weil es dazu auch nicht zuständig ist. Diesen zu bestimmen ist Sache der autonomen Kirche, aber aus den Gesprächen über den Plan, die während des Besuches von Vizepräsident Dr. Bage geführt wurden und offenkundig auch das Einverständnis des früheren Präsidenten Rev. Lakra hatten, mußte es annehmen, daß Khuntitoli als zweckmäßig zu wählender Ort von den Verantwortlichen der Goßnerkirche selber ausersehen sei.

Dem Kuratorium erschien diese Wahl auch einleuchtend, weil die von Dr. Junghans geleitete Lehrfarm die Möglichkeit bietet, im Blick auf die Versorgung und Beköstigung die Arbeit des central meeting place sehr zu erleichtern. Es ist eben vielleicht und billiger, eine geplante Institution an eine andere schon bestehende anzuschließen, als sie irgendwo im Land isoliert zu errichten. Und auch die gewisse Distanz von Ranchi erschien dem Kuratorium als durchaus zweckmäßig und begründet.

Sollten ernsthafte Gegengründe eine nochmalige Erwägung nötig machen, lieber Bruder Toppo, so müßte die Angelegenheit im KSS nochmals besprochen werden. Gerade auch die finanziellen Fragen wären sehr stark zu bedenken, da sowohl die Errichtung des Baues selber und die laufende Versorgung sich sehr viel teurer gestalten würde, als es in Khuntitoli zweifellos der Fall sein wird.

Mit brüderlichen Grüßen bin ich
Ihr

V e r m e r k

für Herrn Dr. Junghans

Den beiliegenden Brief wegen des Central-Meeting-Places seitens des zurückgetretenen Adhyakhs Toppo vom North-West-Anchal können wir leider hier im Goßnerhaus seitens des Kuratoriums und der Missionsleitung nicht behandeln. Er hätte über den Pramukh Adhyakhs in aller Form übersandt werden müssen.

Ich wäre Ihnen deshalb dankbar, wenn Sie diese unsere Reaktion auf die vorgetragenen Wünsche von Bruder Toppo sowohl dem jetzigen Präsident Dr. Bage als auch Rev. Joel Lakra, als dem früheren Präsident, mündlich übermitteln und erläutern würden.

Wir wählen diesen Weg der indirekten Beantwortung durch Sie auch deshalb, weil jener Brief in den Tagen des Amtswechsels in der Leitung des North-West-Anchals geschrieben ist und offenbar nicht berücksichtigt, daß kurz zuvor das KSS Rev. Lakra zum Leiter des Central-Meeting-Places in Khuntitoli berufen hat, wie er in einem Handschreiben an mich mitteilte. Die Minutes dieser Sitzung liegen uns zwar noch nicht vor, aber ich habe keinen Zweifel daran, daß Rev. Lakra zutreffend berichtet hat. Wir würden also durch eine direkte Beantwortung des Schreibens Toppo in die Gefahr kommen, den Beschluß des KSS der Goßner-Kirche irgendwie zu tangieren, dessen Wortlaut wir noch nicht kennen. Der neue Adhyakhs des North-West-Anchals müßte darauf hingewiesen werden - wie immer sein Vorgänger sich bei der Beschlußfassung des KSS verhalten hat, seinerseits evtl. nochmals Initiative in dieser Sache im KSS zu ergreifen.

Damit trete ich auf die Sachfrage überhaupt in keiner Weise ein, ob es überhaupt möglich und ratsam ist, daran zu denken, den Central-Meeting-Place an einem anderen Ort als in Khuntitoli zu errichten.

Berlin, den 14.11.1963

Anlage

14.11.1963

Herrn
Dr. Heinz Junghans / Khuntitoli

zur Zeit im Hause

Betr.: Central-Meeting-Place

Lieber Bruder Junghans !

Nachdem gestern der Wirtschaftsplan 1964 vom Kuratorium verabschiedet wurde, sollen Sie gleich einen klaren Bescheid in der Frage der Errichtung des Central-Meeting-Places haben.

Wir haben uns schon in den Tagen zuvor ernsthafte Gedanken gemacht über die Finanzierungsmöglichkeit des Vorhabens, das ja gleich nach Ihrer Rückkehr in Angriff genommen werden sollte. Die Entscheidung war nicht ganz leicht, weil BROT FÜR DIE WELT Ihre Anträge erst im Februar vorlegen will und darum die von dort erhofften Summen erst einige Monate später als erwartet fließen, wenn sie bewilligt werden. Eine kleine Unsicherheit liegt auch noch darin, daß der NW-Anchal durch Adhyaksh Toppo gegen Khuntitoli plädiert und das Rüstzeitenheim näher nach Ranchi in seinen Bereich haben möchte. Aber Lakra selber und Dr. Bage sind sich offenbar so völlig einig über Khuntitoli als geeigneten Platz, daß der Einspruch Toppos überwindbar sein wird.

Unter Vorgriff auf das Budget 1964 stellen wir also jetzt bereits Ende November 1963 den Betrag von

DM 25.000,--

zur Verfügung in der Hoffnung, daß Sie damit den Central-Meeting-Place errichten können. Ihre Schätzung bei unserem letzten Gespräch über diesen Punkt ging auf 18.000 - 20.000 DM.

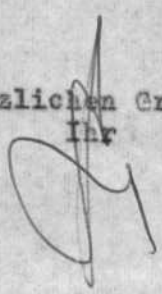
In dem Ende November zu übersendenden Betrag ist die Summe eingeschlossen, die nach unserem Gespräch nötig war für die Gehaltszahlung an Rev. Lakra während der nächsten 14 Monate vom November 1963 bis einschließlich Dezember 1964. Ich würde raten, daß Sie den dafür erforderlichen Betrag, nachdem die Höhe des Gehaltes für Rev. Lakra festgesetzt ist, an die Kasse der Goßnerkirche überweisen lassen, damit unser Freund von ihr dann bis Dezember 1964 das Gehalt empfängt. Lassen Sie bitte darüber keine Zweifel aufkommen, daß nur bis zu diesem Zeitpunkt die Goßner-Mission hier in Deutschland überbrückend das Gehalt Lakra übernommen hat und daß ab 1. Januar 1965 die Goßnerkirche selber wieder eintreten muß.

Mit einem besonderen kurzen Schreiben werde ich Dr. Bage mitteilen, daß Sie den genannten Betrag für die Errichtung des Central-Meeting-Places empfangen haben. Es wäre sehr unzweckmäßig, den Betrag über die Goßnerkirche an Sie gelangen zu lassen.

Ich hoffe sehr, im Januar und Februar 1964 persönlich sehen zu können, wie dies Vorhaben gedeiht als eine Stätte gesegneten Dienstes für die Goßnerkirche und auch als eine Bereicherung für das ATC in Khuntitoli, weil die Wechselwirkungen zwischen ihm und den Gemeinden der Goßner-Kirche dadurch verstärkt werden.

Mit herzlichen Grüßen

Ihr



cc/ Herrn Salkowski mit der Bitte, den Betrag zur Verfügung zu stellen aus Kto. Kap. II, A, 1 b unter Vorgriff auf Wirtschaftsplan 1964.

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Berlin-Friedenau, 14 November 1963

Pramukh Adhyaksh
G.E.L. Church
Rev. Dr. M. Bage

Ranchi / Bihar
India

Subject: Central-Meeting-Place

Dear Brother Bage,

Many kind greetings from all brothers who were present at the meeting of the Kuratorium yesterday. I also want to tell you how happy we have been to perceive from your answer to our message on occasion of the change of position in the leadership of the Gossner-Church that you have been pleased about our message.

As Dr. Junghans is returning to Khuntitoli at the end of this month and since the Kuratorium has granted the money in the budget 1964 for building up the central-meeting-place, I have asked Dr. Junghans to start erecting the place after his return to India so that President Emeritus Rev. Lakra, your predecessor, will obtain a place for his future work. We have, however, not received the minutes of the last KSS-meeting yet, but Brother Lakra has informed us shortly before his departure to the conference at the Phillipines that he has been appointed director of the Religious and Social Development Centre at Khuntitoli. I have no doubt that this information is correct so that the building up of this place has now to be done quickly. Therefore, we shall transfer to necessary amounts in advance to the budget 1964. Dr. Junghans will also tell you - which I only want to mention here shortly - that considering your budget situation, we have taken over the monthly salary for Rev. J. Lakra from 1 November 1963 until 31 December 1964, based on the salary rate which is fixed by the KSS for Rev. Joel Lakra. From 1st January 1965, the salary of your predecessor - if he keeps on working in Khuntitoli - has to be taken over in the central budget of the Gossner-Church.

Anyway, I am glad to let you know this good resolution which will surely relieve you and which will enable the KSS to realize its plans.

Ever in the Lord,
Yours,



cc/ Dr. Junghans
Secr. of KSS
Ing. Thiel

+ to Dr. Junghans

Ref:
From:

Ranchi, 23rd October 1963

Rev. J. Toppo, Adhyakhs,
North-West Anchal
G.E.L. Church, Ranchi
Bihar / India

To:
Dr. C. Berg
Director, Gossner-Mission Society,
Berlin-Friedenau
Germany

Dear Mr. Berg,

It is a matter of deep appreciation and gratitude that the Kuratorium has very kindly offered to build up a Religious & Social Development Centre in the Gossner-Church at Khuntitoli and recommended Pramukh Adhyakhs Emeritus Rev. J. Lakra for the directorship of the same and that the Kuratorium is ready to subsidize the Centre for the present. The Gossner-Church must be greatly indebted to the Kuratorium for such a generous act. This is a great token of love between the Mother and the daughter Church.

In this context, The North-West Anchal of the G.E.L. Church desires to submit that none of the Development Centres are situated within the area of the North-West Anchal. It would be a great boon if this one Centre is built up within the North-West Anchal area and for the North-West Anchal is ready to offer a suitable place of tranquil haven near about Ranchi. Khuntitoli in our opinion will be^a far distant unapproachable place out of the reach of the intelligentsia and elites of the society, a barren place in itself for the self-development of Rev. J. Lakra himself mentally, socially and bodily in all perspectives.

With the above assurance it is respectfully requested the Religious & Social Development Centre be built up on this ground which the North-West-Anchal is ready to allot and hand over to the G.E.L. Church for this purpose.

The North-West Anchal will be grateful to hear from the Kuratorium if this offer of the North-West-Anchal is accepted by the Kuratorium.

We beg to remain, Sir,
Yours sincerely,

(J. Toppo)

Adhyakhs, North-West-Anchal,
G.E.L. Church, Ranchi

OFFICE OF THE NORTH WEST ANCHAL, G.E.L. CHURCH IN CHOTANAGPUR AND ASSAM

Ref:
From :

C.M.P.
Dated Ranchi, the 23rd October 1963

Rev. J. Toppo, Adhyakhs,
North-West Anchal,
G. E. L. Church, Ranchi,
Bihar/India.

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Eledigt:

To,

Dr. C. Berg,
Director, Gossner Mission Society,
Friedenau - Berlin,
Germany.

1) P. Seiberg for R
2) Kuratorium B. II.

Dear Mr. Berg,

It is a matter of deep appreciation and gratitude that the Kuratorium has very kindly offered to build up a Religious & Social Development Centre in the Gossner Church at Khuntitoly and recommended Pramukh Adhyakhs Emeritus Rev. J. Lakra for the directorship of the same and that the Kuratorium is ready to subsidise the Centre for the present. The Gossner Church must be greatly indebted to the Kuratorium for such a generous act. This is a great token of love between the Mother and the daughter Church.

In this context, the North-West Anchal of the G.E.L. Church desire to submit that none of the Development Centres are situated within the area of the North-West Anchal. It would be a great boon if this one Centre is built up within the North-West Anchal area and for the North-West Anchal is ready to offer a suitable place of tranquil haven near about Ranchi. Khuntitoly in our opinion will be far distant unapproachable place out of the reach of the intelligentsia and elites of the society, a barren place in itself for the self-development of Rev. J. Lakra himself mentally, socially and bodily in all perspectives.

With the above assurance it is respectfully requested the Religious & Social Development Centre be built up on this ground which the North West Anchal is ready to allot and hand over to the G.E.L. Church for this purpose.

The North West Anchal will be grateful to hear from the Kuratorium if this offer of the North West Anchal is accepted by the Kuratorium.

We beg to remain, Sir,
Yours sincerely,

(J. Toppo).

Adhyakhs, North West Anchal,
G.E.L. Church, Ranchi.

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Berlin-Friedenau, 3 Oct 1963

The
Pramukh Adhyashkh
Rev. Joel Lakra
G.E.L. Church Compound

Ranchi / Bihar
India

Re: My letter of 30 September; central meeting place and your possible service.

Dear Brother Lakra,

Brother Junghans, who arrived from West-Germany today, will be with us here in the Gossnerhouse for another few days. Amongst many other important matters, we also discussed my letter of 30 September concerning the central meeting place.

In general, brother Junghans agrees with it. But he pointed out that certain difficulties may arise for you personally as well as the KSS. The central budget of the Gossner-Church has no funds to cover your salary for November and December 1963. Although the budget for 1964 has been passed by the Lutheran World Federation without any item for the salary of the superintendent of our proposed central meeting place. Therefore, a favourable resolution of the KSS may be blocked.

I should like to give you the assurance that we are willing to pay your salary according to the existing pay role of the Gossner-Church for these 14 months until funds are provided in the central budget of the Church in 1965.

I do hope that this addition to my letter of 30 September will be a help to the Gossner-Church as well as for you personally. Dr. Junghans shares my opinion in this matter.

We hope you will choose the right way with the help of our Lord.

Yours in the Lord,

cc/ Up-Pramukh Dr. Bage
Secretary of KSS
Dr. Junghans

The
Pranukh Adhyashk
Rev. Joel Lakra
G.E.L. Church Compound

drbg/br
Berlin-Friedenau, 30. Sept 63

Ranchi / Bihar
India

Dear Brother Lakra,

I should like ^{to} answer your letter of 21 September immediately which contains the very important question regarding your personal future and your service in the Gossner-Church after your resignation of Pranukh Adhyashk.

We sent you the follow cable today:

"See good possibilities for your task in Khuntitoli.
Letter follows."

Berg.

I do hope that this cable will enable you to choose the right way in the consultations and decisions in the coming days.

Amongst the different letters which we wrote after departure of Dr. Bage in summing up the matters of conversation, was also the one concerning the central meeting place in Khuntitoli. You may have noted that this question - independent from your letter - has played a part in the different talks with your successor. We also talked with Dr. Junghans, who is in Mainz-Kastel at the moment, about it a few times. We can tell you the following today:

- 1) The Gossner-Mission is willing to help building up a central meeting place in Khuntitoli quickly, that is if the K.S. of the Gossner-Church passes an official resolution which contains the wish to obtain such a place for meetings which should be academy-like - but we possibly want to avoid the name academy -. We can take further steps after the autonomous church has passed this resolution.
- 2) Dr. Junghans has promised that he will start building up the necessary buildings immediately upon his return to India in the middle of November. A plan has certainly to be made for an apartment for the leader in the meeting house.
- 3) Discussing the possible leader, your name, dear brother Lakra, has *prima loco* been mentioned. All agreed that the best start for the work in the central meeting place would be if the former Pranukh Adhyashk took over the religious and pastoral responsibility and the leading until further on.

The consequence of the resolution of the K.S. about the central meeting place and the concerning application to the Gossner-Mission for help is - as we see it - that the Gossner-Church will pay the salary for the leader for the central meeting place.

We would very much ask for it that this will be done because it does not seem right to us if the autonomous church gets the money paid and guaranteed from a foreign country for an important pastoral function in its church. This is possible for a mission task but not for a ministry which serves the building up of the inner life of the church.

We do hope that we have given you the necessary clearness to your letter of 21 Sept. You can now decide and are not forced to take on the office of a Adhyashk which is difficult for your age and is also combined with a lot of travel. The quiet task and the religious work in Khuntitoli seems to be much more suited to you.

It was very interesting to hear that the East-Asia-Christian meeting expects you for special consultations at the Philippines and that thus the ecumenical cooperation of the Gossner Church will become more broader and continuous.

I wish that the church election may be blessed by God and remain with brotherly greetings, also from pastor Seberg,

Ever in the Lord
Yours,

P.S.

^{privat}
My new address is: Berlin-Zehlendorf, Leo-Heck-Straße 22.

cc/ Up-Prasukh Adhyashk Dr. Bage
Secretary of KSB
Dr. Junghans
Ing. Thiel

b.w.

Lieber Bruder Thiel !

Hier ist wahrscheinlich die Erklärung für das in Ihrem heutigen Brief mitgeteilte Schweigen Rev. Lakras auf die Dinge der Errichtung seines Hauses. Er hofft offenbar seit einigen Wochen darauf, nach Khuntitoli gehen zu können. Nachdem sich Dr. Bage und Dr. Junghans dafür ausgesprochen haben auch unter der Erwägung, daß es gut sei, wenn Rev. Lakra von Ranchi fort sei nach seiner Amtsniederlegung, wollen wir aus sachlichen und personellen Gründen dazu die Möglichkeit bieten.

Sie erkennen, daß wir die Gehaltsfrage auf die Goßner-Kirche zurückverwiesen haben; wahrscheinlich wird sie ihm nur eine Aufwandsentschädigung zu seinem Ruhegehalt anbieten für seinen Dienst im zukünftigen Central-Meeting-Place - - aber wie immer Sie das ordnet, wir können uns diese Kosten nicht aufbürden lassen. Ich nehme an, daß auch Sie es so sehen und beurteilen.

Mit herzlichen Grüßen
Ihr

Telegramm an Rev. Lakra, G.E.L. Church Compound, Ranchi / Bihar / India
am 30. September 1963

See good possibilities for your task in Khuntitoli. Letter follows."

Berg

From Rev. J. Lakra

G.S.L. Church.
Ranchi
21/9/63

Dear Bro Berg

We were glad to welcome back Dr. Bage on the 19th Sept. and he brought the greetings of you all, for which send you our grateful thanks.

I am writing this letter specially to you, for now preparation is being made for the next election. I must hand over charge to Dr. Bage, perhaps, even before the 1st of November, as I am expected to leave India for Philippines to attend an East Asia Christian meeting of culturally minority communities i.e. the Tribals, and

and before I leave I want to hand over charge, by Oct. 20th or 30.

So, there is hardly one month now, and affairs are coming that I take over the Adhyaksh's position of the North West Anchal. With Dr. Junghans we already had a talk that I come to R. K. Kuntola. I wrote to Bro. Junghans, but he has not replied. I have not responded to North West Anchal's request. Now, you must help me even by sending a cable. Dr. Junghans and I thought that I do Academy work from Nov. 1, 1963. In the absence of Bro. Junghans

reply I am in the dark etc.
 As Academy worker I could
 organise meeting of Pastors
 and Catechists, also of lay-
 men, also cooperate with
 Ecumenical workers etc etc.
 But who pays me and such
 other questions remain un-
 answered. Therefore I am
 writing this to you to
 clarify my future position.
 I need your help in this
 respect. You may talk
 with Bro. Jungmann
 and let me know by cable
 for the new election is
 already on. May God
 guide you in this and
 His Holy Will be done.

Ever in the Lord
 Yours very sincerely
 J. C. Kra

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The Rev. Dr. Christian Berg,
 Director, Gossner Mission
 Berlin - Friedenau
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Rev. J. C. Kra
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 Ranchi
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Berlin-Friedenau, 17 Sept 1963

The
Pramukh Adhyashkh
Rev. Joel Lakra
G.E.L. Church Compound

Ranchi / Bihar
India

Subject: Central meeting place of the G.E.L. Church

Dear Brother Lakra,

In our conversation with brother D.r. Bage we also talked about the matter of establishing a central meeting place. We learned with great pleasure from these talks that our own thoughts met with those of the leading brothers of your church. We considered for some time that there should be a place in the Gossner-Church where there could be held courses for pastors and Pracharakhs, for women and for the youth. One should also invite non-christians for conversation and for handling of important general questions with the brothers of the Gossner-Church. The name of academy which is common here in Germany, is in my opinion too much for such a place. But we should have a hostel, in short an inviting, comfortable, favourably placed meeting place.

I heard that there are thoughts of establishing such a place in Khuntitoli and that brother Dr. Junghans has also been informed about such thoughts. He has basically given his consent to it and is willing to build such a house for about 18.000 Rs. Exact plans are not yet made. My question today is:

- 1) Is the Gossner-Church really interested in the establishment of such a central meeting place? Would it pass an official resolution about it?
- 2) If this is the case, would the Gossner-Church ask the Gossner-Mission for help to build up such a place? We would be willing to fulfil such a request if possible.
- 3) Has the Gossner-Church already thought about a leader of such a central meeting place?
If this place should be a blessing for the whole Gossner-Church, there should be a fulltime-worker who should have pastoral qualifications and should be able to handle people, groups and the different classes.
- 4) What about the running expenditures? Dr. Junghans was of the opinion that they are low and that there are essentially travelling costs which have to be met for the distant members of the meetings (for instance from Assam).

In short: I should be grateful for a responsible answer in this matter so that we could on the part of the Gossner-Mission place a corresponding amount in our budget of 1964. Here in the Gossnerhouse there is perfect unanimity as to the necessity of building such a place.

With brotherly greetings,
Yours, *Dr. Junghans*

cc: Dr. Bage
Secr. of KSS
Dr. Junghans

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Berlin 41, den 13. Dezember 1965

Herrn
Robert Montag
G.E.L. Church Compound
Lal-Bungalow

Ranchi / BIHAR
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Betr.: Pension Fund

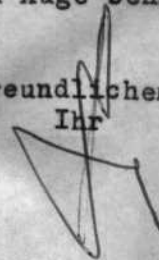
Lieber Bruder Montag !

Überrascht und auch erfreut hat mich Ihre Nachricht über die Beurteilung in der Schaffung des Pension Fund der G.E.L. Church. Daß der nüchterne und in dieser Frage besonders kundige Rev. Ishida mit dabei war, beruhigt mich vollends, und ich bin gewiß, daß hier nüchtern und sorgsam verfahren wird. Jedenfalls, wie ich Rev. Aind im Oktober in jenem nicht ganz leichten Gespräch zusagte, werden wir in das Budget des Gossner Wirtschaftsplanes 1966 DM 20.000,-- als Beisteuer für den Pension-Fund einsetzen. Wir werden diese Summe wegen vordringlicher, anderer Aufgaben sicherlich erst im Sommer verfügbar machen können, wenn aufgrund Ihres Urteils und der bis dahin fertiggestellten Regulationen eine Auszahlung empfehlenswert und möglich ist. Aber selbst, wenn das nicht der Fall sein sollte, bleibt die Summe verfügbar und wird auch 1967 in gleichem Betrag wieder in unserem Budget erscheinen.

Wir beurteilen es jedenfalls wie Sie, daß die Schaffung und Wirksamkeit eines solchen Fonds ein großer Segen für die Gossner Kirche sein wird. Aus den Regulationen werden wir jedenfalls auch ersehen, welche Beiträge die Pastorenschaft selber beiträgt und vor allen Dingen, ob diese tatsächlich auch eingehen.

Ich bin gewiß, daß Sie auch diese Frage sehr im Auge behalten und uns über neuere Entwicklungen berichten werden.

Mit freundlichem Gruß
Ihr



GOSSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

(Rgd. under Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860)

PRAMUKH ADHYAKSH : Rev. Dr. M. BAGE
UP-PRAMUKH ADHYAKSH : Rev. C. B. AIND
SECRETARY : Mr. H. SAMAD
TREASURER : Mr. C. A. TIRKEY
FINANCIAL ADVISER : Mr. R. MONTAG



December 6th, 1965.

Dr. C. Berg,
The Gossner Mission,
1, Berlin 41 (Friedenau),
Handjerystrasse 19-20,
West Germany.

Dear Dr. Berg,

Subject: G.E.L. Pastors' Pension fund.

During the Revd. Ishida's stay in Ranchi, both he and I worked for many days and brought out the following rules for a Pastors' pension fund to be augmented in the G.E.L. Church.

At the coming K.S.S. Officers' meeting on December 15th, this pension fund will be discussed and amended if necessary. As soon as I am in possession of the resolution, or amendments, if any, I will let you have this. You will note that we have not been able to work out exactly what this Pension fund will cost from year to year. Unfortunately there are no records available for the G.E.L. Church, giving the exact date of the pastor's joining service with the Church, therefore we have had to circularise all the pastors to gather this information.

From the records we did have available, both Pastor Ishida and myself were of the opinion that it would be possible to start the pension fund almost immediately, and even pension off those pastors who were already due for retirement. In the year 1966 there are only 9 pastors who would have reached retirement age of 65. In 1967 this number will only increase to 10, in 1968 to 12. From this it would seem possible that at a very small cost or initial outlay we could retire these pastors immediately. I did not have to tell you what a blessing this would be to the G.E.L. Church in the case of Pastors who are merely being employed for the sake of paying them a salary.

Your comments to the above would be gratefully appreciated.

With Christian greetings,
Yours sincerely,

Robert Montag

G.E.L. CHURCH PASTORS' PENSION FUND RULES.

Pastor Ishida, L.W.F. Geneva, has kindly presented this suggested scheme, based on his experiences of a similar scheme which he helped institute in Japan some years ago, and which is now running very successfully.

1. Purpose.

The following rules are laid down for the purpose of providing a pension in order to secure the future of pastors and their dependents.

2. Categories.

Incorporated into the rules are the following categories:-

- (a) Normal pension.
- (b) One-time-payment pension.
- (c) Pastors' widows' pension.

3. Income of the Fund.

The pension fund should be kept in a special account, and be supervised by an authorised body set up by the K.S.S. The income is derived from the following sources:-

- (a) Pastors' monthly contributions Rs.....
- (b) Contributions from local pastors' congregation Rs.....
(for those pastors who do not serve in a congregation, contributions will be made by the K.S.S.)
- (c) Contributions from the K.S.S. for each pastor Rs.....
- (d) Designated contributions (from any outside source).
- (e) Interest from monies deposited by the fund.

MONEY IN THE PENSION FUND IS NOT TRANSFERABLE TO ANY OTHER FUND.

4. Conditions laid down for the recipient of normal pension.

Pastors entitled to receive normal pension must have served the Church for more than 25 years:-

- (a) Have reached the age of 65 years.
- (b) or must retire due to sickness or any other valid reason, which is approved by the K.S.S.

5. Amount of normal pension.

A pension will be paid for the duration of the Pastor's life according to the following scale :-

- (a) A pastor who has served from 25-30 years Rs.....
- (b) A pastor who has served from 31-35 years Rs.....
- (c) A pastor who has served from 36-40 years Rs.....
- (d) A pastor who has served for more than 41 years Rs.....

6. Conditions laid down for the recipient of a One-time-payment Pension.

Pastors who have served for less than 25 years are entitled to receive the one-time-payment pension.

7. The amount of a One-time-payment pension.

(a) A pastor who has served more than one year and less than 16 years will receive the amount of his basic salary at the time of ceasing his Church service, multiplied by the number of years he has served.

(b) A pastor who has served more than 16 years, and less than 19 years, will receive an amount of Rs..... multiplied by the number of years served.

(c) A pastor who has served more than 19 years and less than 22 years will receive the amount of Rs..... multiplied by the number of years served.

(d) A pastor who has served more than 22 years and less than 25 years will receive the amount of Rs..... multiplied by the number of years served.

8. Conditions laid down for the recipient of Pastor's Widow's pension.

When the recipient of a normal pension, dies, the widow shall receive one half of that pension.

9. Priorities for the recipients of the Pastor's Widow's pension.

(a) Pastor's wife.

(b) If the pastor's wife is deceased before his death, recipients will be his children who have not yet reached an adult age.

(c) Any parent over the age of 60 years.

10. Should a pastor die before serving the church for the minimum period of the 25 years required, the total amount of the one-time-payment pension due to him, will be given to the persons falling within the priorities mentioned in paragraph 9.

11. Payment of the Pension.

Monthly payments will be made on an agreed date, to those recipients entitled to receive payment, or to their consignee.

12. Management of the Fund.

The K.S.S. will be responsible for the management of the fund.

13. Pastors not entitled to receive pension.

(a) A pastor who prior to his ordination or appointment was employed by any other agency, and is already receiving a pension.

(b) A pastor who has been loaned for service in another Church, and is receiving a pension from that Church, and has returned to the service of the G.E.L.Church.

(c) A pastor, who during his service in the G.E.L.Church, ceases to serve the Church without permission.

(d) A pastor who has not contributed to the pension fund, as required by the rules laid down by the K.S.S.

(e) A pastor who has been dismissed from the Church through disciplinary action.

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14. Amendment or abolishment of rules.

Any amendment or abolishment of rules may only be undertaken by the K.S.S. at a meeting, with more than a two thirds majority.

15. Rules will come into effect on.....19.....

Byelaws of

Byelaws to these rules are as follows:-

The calculation of the number of years service, commences with the month in which a pastor is appointed for work in the G.E.L.Church. Only completed years of service will be taken into consideration, and not parts thereof.

2. The period in which a pastor takes leave, due to sickness, or any other reasons approved of by the Church, will be excluded from the calculated number of years, unless all contributions continue to be paid by all those parties concerned.

3. For a pastor who has resigned and resumed his work after a period of time, the calculated number of years of service commences with the month in which he resumes his work.

4. Any pastor who through necessity is re-appointed by the Church during the period of his pension, will not receive his pension for that period.

5. A pastor who is receiving a pension, who engages himself with work for any other Church, will have his pension terminated.

6. If a pastor is put under discipline for any reason, he will have his pension withheld for the period in which he is under discipline. Only after his re-acceptance into the Church, will his pension be continued.

7. If the recipient of a Widow's pension dies, notice must be given to the K.S.S. within 20 days.

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drbg/br
Berlin 41, 12 October 1963

To the
Chairman of the KSS
President Mr. H. Bage
G.E.L. Church Compound

Ranchi / BIHAR
INDIA

Subject: Pension Fund

Dear Brother Bage,

I want to tell you that Rev. Aind has talked about the above mentioned subject in great detail and quite passionately. We, therefore, had the opportunity of discussing the matter at great length.

It was good that not only the brothers Montag, Seeborg and Weissinger took part in the discussion, but also Rev. Ishida from Geneva. Rev. Ishida has gained much experience from this work in his church in Japan. He started the pension fund there some time ago. For this reason, I think that our discussions have been on quite a realistic basis and have shown some results.

I want to assure you that the Gossner Mission is still very interested in a pension fund for the Gossner Church. We hope that it does become effective some day. We realize that it would be a close tie for your Church. And even more, if it would also become effective not only for pastors and their widows, but also for other people in the church (e.g. preachers, qualified laymen and teachers in the Gossner Schools), one day.

We shall include in our budget - if the Kuratorium agrees - the sum of DM 20,000,- from next year. We shall be collecting this amount every year up to the day when the pension fund will become effective in the Gossner Church. We shall, then, send you the whole amount. After careful considerations, we have come to the conclusion that the pension fund cannot be started either in 1966 or 1967.

There are the following reasons:

1. After a quick calculation of the money needed, we found that at least 300,000 Rs. would be needed to start with. It will take you some years to collect this sum of money. We have not yet received any calculations from an expert insurance authority.
2. Brother Ishida warned us of starting with a payment of 2/3 of the last salary. They have started with 1/3 in Japan. It would be very bad to promise too much at the beginning, without, perhaps, being able to keep the promise later on.
3. Unfortunately, we have not seen any remarks concerning widows or orphans in the minutes of the meeting of the KSS in January 1965, translated by Brother Aind from Hindi into English.

It is our opinion, however, that they are the ones who need help most.

4. We missed exact calculations. I already stated that a good calculation is most necessary, which was also confirmed by Rev. Ishida.

I think that it is enough, dear Brother Rago, to convince you of the fact that the pension funds could not be started with now, although some of the older pastors might press you. It is better to start with a pension fund on a more solid basis a little bit later than to start with it now and then collapse in a few years.

Besides, Brother Montag and Brother Aind will give you further explanation on their return to India. Brother Montag was quite surprised that he had not heard anything of this very important plan of the GELS before.

In short: We shall try to include the mentioned sum in our budget from next year. You might note from it that we are much interested in it and that we shall do our best to help you. We trust that the Gossner Church will also make efforts to collect means which are necessary for the pension fund.

I do not think that I have to mention the fact that the 50.000 DM, which we included in our budget in 1963, are not at hand anymore. The amount was spent for something else. During my talk with President Lakra in 1963, I did not perceive any efforts on the side of the Gossner Church.

With kind regards and best wishes for your important meeting of the KSS,

I am Yours Sincerely,



cc/ Vice-President Rev. Aind
Financial Adviser Mr. Montag
Rev. Ishida, IMF

G.E.L. Church Pastors' pension fund rules
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(Adopted by the full KSS January 17-22, 1965) Item: 16-1
of the minutes.

I. Which Pastors will receive pension:

All Pastors will receive pension excepting the Pastors mentioned in No. II.

II. Which Pastors will not receive pension:

1. Those Pastors, who have served less than ten years (excepting those, who become invalid due to illness or sudden accident).
2. The Pastor, who was in another job (within or outside the church), from where after retiring, he receives pension.
3. The Pastor, whose service is lent for any other church, and he has returned to the GEL Church, but gets pension from the church where he was working.
4. The Pastor, who has been dismissed due to his bad character (immorality) or any other cause.
5. The Pastors, who retires due to his own family cause (though he has served more than ten years), but has subscribed towards the pension fund, will receive the amount three times his subscription.
6. The Pastor, who has joined any other church without the consent of the GEL Church.
7. The Pastor, who has not subscribed towards this fund according to the rules of the KSS.
8. The Pastor, who has been given to serve another church in formal way and after spending most of his time for the service of that church, has come back for the service of the GEL Church, but he will receive three times the amount he has subscribed.
9. The Pastor, who has served less than ten years, will receive three times of his subscribed amount.

III. Period of pension:

Retiring age: A Pastor has to retire at the age of 65 from the date of his birth.

Note: After 65 years of age also, the KSS may allow those Pastors to serve whose health is good and are willing to serve, but they have to apply to the KSS, along with their medical certificate of fitness. The KSS can extend their service for five years, but along with their medical certificate, they have to apply every year to the KSS. In any case, the KSS will not allow anybody to work after 70 years of age.

IV. Rate of pension:

Pension will be given $\frac{2}{3}$ of ones pay according to scale (excluding allowance) on the day of his retirement.

V. Duration of pension:

In general, pension will be given until the end of life, but -

- a) due to the need of the church, if a pension holding Pastor be re-admitted for work in the church, pension will not be given to him for such period.
- b) If the Pastor, holding pension, joins to serve the other church, then payment of pension will be stopped.
- c) For some reason, if a pension holding Pastor be excommunicated, his pension will be stopped until the day of his readmission. After re-admission only pension will be given again to him.
- d) The Pastor acting or leading others to act against the constitution of the church, his pension will be stopped.