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To
Rev. Mrs. U. Hecker
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FAX 030 - 6361198

Dear Mrs. Hecker,

Many Greeting from our G.E.L.Church Central Council Office, Ranchi. The other day I could not talk to you over telephone. I am really very thankful that you have taken a serious step to invite our young people for seminar in May, 1996. But I am sorry I have some problem when you say two persons from Rajgangpur. Would you be able to take only ONE from Rajgangpur either Mr. Ruphus Tirkey or Mr. Johan Hemrom. In this case I will be able to take ONE person from Kharia Community of the same standard as you are proposing from any where in the G.E.L. Church. You know, it is because in doing so the Kharias are also not neglected.

Please reply me soon so that the young people can go ahead with their preparations. We are still awaiting name from Bokaro while we have already received a name from H.E.C. Ranchi.

The FIVE names with their addresses will be given to you including only one from Rajgangpur, either Mr. Ruphus Tirkey or Mr. Johan Hemrom according to your proposal by 2nd Feb/1996. I hope, you will be able to send your reply with your comments soon.

I have really been so busy that I am not able to make up my time to attend the Kuratorium meeting in April; therefore I will attend the meeting in October.

With kind regards,

Yours Sincerely,
[Signature]

[Signature] (Most Rev.C.S.R. Topno)
Moderator
G.E.L.Church.



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To
Dr. Klaus Roeber E.M.W.
Association of Protestant Churches &
Mission in Germany.

Dear Dr. Roeber,

Many thanks for your message received through fax.
We wish you, your colleagues and friends, a blessed and prosperous
New Year.

It is our pleasure to invite you, 4 men and 6 women
including yourself for a visit of our Congregation in the G.E.L.C.
IN CHOTANAGPUR & ASSAM for 2 weeks, i.e. January 26 to February 9
1996. We hope ! this visit will certainly bring closer relationship
between you, your association on the one hand and the G.E.L. Church
on the other.

As I was out of station for several days, the reply to your letter
was delayed, please excuse us. It is hoped that every thing will be
all right with regards to your dates and visit of different places
in the G.E.L. Church.

With prayerful wishes,

Yours Sincerely,


(Most Rev. C.S.R. Topno)
Moderator
G.E.L. Church, Ranchi.



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Ryan Topno

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28.12.1995

To whom it may concern

Two years ago we had the opportunity to visit the cement factory in Rajganspur. A worker of your factory, Mr. Ruphus Tirkey, was showing us around, explaining everything with deep knowledge of technology and great interest and concern. We had the impression that he is a very committed and faithful worker who is identifying himself with his work.

As Gossner Mission has a long standing cooperation with factories, management and workers we got the idea that an exchange of experience would be good. So we plan a 3 weeks exposure program for May 1996 in Germany to which we would like to invite Ruphus Tirkey.

We have heard it is difficult in India to have holidays for more than 2 weeks and that it could be difficult for him to we. It is my humble request if it would be possible for Ruphus Tirkey additional 10 days leave for it is not suitable to have a program in Germany less than 3 weeks. It could be also unpaid leave so that Gossner Mission is taking over the 10 days salary. We wouldn't like if Mr. Tirkey would have any disadvantage because of the journey to Germany.

Thank you very much for listening and thinking about our request. We would be happy if you could resolve it positively.

rs sincerely



Ursula Becker,
Indian Secretary

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To the
Pramukh Adhyaksh
C.S.R. Topno
G.E.L. Church Compound
Ranchi 834 001 - India

Invitation

This is to certify, that Gossner Mission has invited Rev. C.S.R.Topno, President of the Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church in Ranchi, Chotanagpur for a visit to Germany from the 4th to the 25th of October 1995. Rev. C.S.R.Topno will visit churches and congregations in Germany and take part in the celebrations of the 150 years' Jubilee of his church in Berlin Germany. Gossner Mission guarantees to bear all costs of his travel to Germany and his stay here according to the rules of the German Government. We also will arrange for his Health insurance during his stay with Ecclesia Versicherungen. - We look forward to the visit of Rev. C.S.R.Topno which will strengthen the relationships between the Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church in Chotanagpur and Assam and the German churches through Gossner Mission.

Berlin, 23. September 1995



Rev. Dieter Hecker
Director

Gossner Mission Fennstraße 31 D-12439 Berlin

To the
Central Office of G.E.L. Church
Rev. C.S.R. Topno / Mr. Bage
G.E.L. Church Compound
Ranchi 834 001

Berlin, den 14. November 1995

Dear Mr. Bage,

we all have returned safely again from India and are busy working up all the piles of letters and other papers which are lying on our tables. We do want to thank you once more for the kind hospitality, which the G.E.L. church has showed us during the whole jubilee and we hope, that the Jubilee has been an encouragement for the whole church for the coming years.

When we have been in India, our office has dispatched a consignment of 33 kgs with the English edition of our "Gossner Mission" by Airfreight to the address of the G.E.L. Church. Unfortunately, they did not know how to handle the matter and did not forward the documents for clearing, so that the whole parcel will be lying with the Customs at New Delhi. I have now sent the Air Waybill to Rev. Borun Bishwas, so that he may clear the consignment on your behalf and forward it to Ranchi. We do hope, that there is no difficulty with it. If necessary, you could send an authorization to Rev. Borun Bishwas, so that he may clear it on your behalf.

We do hope, that things will turn out well and you shall have the copies soon for distributing it among the families in the GELC.

With all good wishes and again many thanks to all those who have participated to make the jubilee a success, I remain with a cordial Yishu Sahay,

Yours sincerely,

Rev. Dieter Hecker
Director

Copy for information !!



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To Rev.
Borun Bishwas
14 Jangpura B
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New Delhi 110 014
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November 13, 1995

Dear Rev. Borun Bishwas,

I have arrived safely in Germany. Just now I remember that you might you have waited for me at the airport. I had to change my plans and came via Patna on the morning flight of Sahara Airways. I had been with Dr. Ulrich Meyer and his family at the rest of the day.

There is one problem which we have to solve. Our office has sent the english language additions of "Gossner Mission" for the jubilee by airfreight on the 26.10.1995 to Delhi. Unfortunately the papers for clearance have not be forwarded so far. Therefore the pacel of 33 kg must still be lying at the customs of the Delhi freightairport. Therefore we enclose the airwaybill No. 074 4723 6965 which is needed for clearance. Could you please take this document and try to clear the consignment either personally or through an agent. Naturally we shall refund the costs of the same. You could than decide how to send the whole packet to Ranchi. May be you take out of copy for the Delhi congregation. We do hope that there will be now further delay in this matter.

We hope you enjoyed the jubilee in Ranchi and are back to your work again at Delhi. - Rev. Jürgens is still waiting for the original of the letter of Prof. Moltmann in his name which is with you. Could you send that occasionally to our address.

With best wishes and a cordial Yishu Sahay, also from your Guru, Mrs. Ursula Hecker,

Your sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading 'Dieter Hecker'.

Rev. Dieter Hecker
Director

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Certificate

This is to certify that the consignment of booklets: Gossner Mission 150-jubilee of the Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church in India (airwaybill No. 074-4723 6965 Dt. 26.10.95 gross weight 33 kg) is a free gift from Gossner Mission to the Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church of Chotanagpur and Assam. It is ment for free distribution and has no commercial value. We request the concerned authorities to clear this consignment without putting commercial taxes on this parcel.

The barer of this document and the original Air Waybill is authorized to clear the consignment at Delhi Airport and forward it to the consignee KSS Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church Compound attn. Rev. C.S.R. Topno.

Berlin, 13. November 1995



Rev. Dieter Hecker
Director



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Rev. CSR Topno
KSS Office
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Ranchi 834001
INDIA

27-2-1995

Dear Rev. Topno,

many greetings to you. I am sorry that you don't get proper letters from here - only requests and faxes etc. But right at the moment I seem to be a travel agent for India ...

As I am not sure if you get all the messages I just want to give some information again.

Mr. Schwerck, his wife and son are coming to Chotanagpur from the 11th till 24th of March. Arriving by train from Calcutta at the 11th of March. They would be very glad if you could provide the Lal Bungalow and a transportation (I hope you have got the detailed plan of their journey.) Mr. Schwerck will also bring some letters.

Next visitors: The group with Rev. Voß - I also sent a detailed program already. I was just talking to Rev. Dang. may be this group should celebrate Easter in Govindpur instead of Ranchi (my husband's group wants to be in Ranchi). Otherwise for none of the groups it would be possible to be in Govindpur.

Mr. Vorberg and wife: It is still not clear if Mr. Vorberg will come to India. But if he comes he definitely has to leave again at the 18th because of the end of his holidays.

Rev. Michael Heß: He has a request if you could provide a church accommodation for 8 people between the 13th till 24th of October. It must not be in Ranchi (I told him already that this might be difficult). It could be Gumla, Khunti or somewhere else - not to remote.

Visitors of former missionaries: It seems that there will be a group coming to the jubilee but they prefer travelling around after the 2nd of November not before in October. I am not quite sure if you appreciate this. There will be also a few of the official guests from the churches who only could stay for some time after the jubilee, not before.

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To Rev. C.S.R. Topno
Pramukh Adhyaksh of
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Ranchi 834 001 - India

Dear Rev. Topno,

As I had told you on the phone, I send herewith a letter with questions for an interview with one of the women in GELC, who are in leading positions either in the congregation, in any institutions or in the Mahila Sangh. It would be very helpful for us, if you could find someone and send the answers till the 10th of June by Telefax, since we are just about to finish the collection of manuscripts and shall give the text to the printer soon. - Please do remind Dr. Paul Singh also about his contribution.

The church of Daraula has decided to cut off subsidy, which had been fully for India so far. I shall send you the letters and would request you to write to them directly about this. Maybe they are still willing to change their minds.

With best wishes and kind regards,
Yours sincerely,

Dieter Hecker
Rev. Dieter Hecker, Director

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To
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Pramukh Adhyaksh
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10-1-1995

Dear Rev. Topno,

I hope you have come safely back to Ranchi. All the best for you and your family in the coming year! It will be a year of big changes for you and also for the church - as we all hope. But it will be a long and strenuous way to find a new and good constitution for the church. I wish you not too many frustrations and disappointments, but enough hope and energy and health to do the necessary things.

At the 23rd of December 1994 we have transferred some money to your church account as you have requested. I will send the list along with this letter that you will know for what purpose the money was sent.

There is some response for the financing of leadership training - not very big amounts, but enough to guarantee a further theological study and I hope also to finance a course may be in England or so. We will see. It would be good if we could talk about these needs in April, when I am in Ranchi.

In the Christmas holidays the two Bossey people had been in Berlin along with a colleague of the Tonga Islands. We really had a Chotanagpur Christmas with drumming etc. It was nice to have had them here. And a very delightful thing is that also Rev. Kispotta got adjusted to Europe and even speaks English without denying his principles and traditions (for example not drinking alcohol). We had the impression that Bossey is a good place for them to get a broader view of the worldwide church. At the end we would like to have them in Berlin for about two weeks so that they will go back at around the 8th of March. I hope it will be alright with your church plans.

It would be good to make an evaluation with them, if we should try to get more stipends for Ecumenical Institute in Bossey.

About the visitors for the jubilee I cannot tell you definite plans because just now the preparations start. But there will be definitely a church group with Rev. W. Voß in the Easter holidays (1st - 21st of April). At the same time my husband is leading a group of the Freundeskreis and will be in Chotanagpur for some days during the same period.

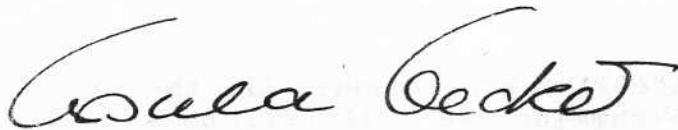
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In October there will be the group of participants for the seminar and a group of friends and former foreign appointees in the Gossner Church and a group of official representatives. But how many and who is not yet fixed.

Right at the moment my husband is in Zambia for 12 days. In Berlin the weather is changing between really cold, spring warm, stormy rainy, snowy and the danger of ice on the streets - a not very healthy combination and therefore there are also many sick.

Once more all the best and may sincere regards

Yours

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading 'Ursula Hecker'. The signature is fluid and elegant, with a large initial 'U' and a long, sweeping underline.

(Ursula Hecker)
Secretary of India

Transfer of money to the church account at the 23rd of December 1994:

DM 30.000,-- last installment for BEL (Mission department)
DM 30.000,-- last installment for GEL Church hospital Amgaon
DM 20.000,-- Theological College Ranchi
DM 30.000,-- Pension fund
DM 3.976,-- Stipend for girls in the Theological college in Ranchi
DM 2.000,-- BD-Stipend Madras
DM 1.000,-- Salary jubilee coordinator (for one year)
DM 500,-- Medical treatment for BD-student in Madras (TB)
DM 2.500,-- MTh stipend A.S. Hembrom Madras
DM 150,-- Tabitha School in Govindpur
DM 500,-- for Pracharaks and pracharikas (may be medical treatment, pension fund etc.)

DM 120.626,--
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We transferred DM 90.626,-- to the KSS account and DM 30.000,-- directly to the Amgaon hospital account.

THE LEIPZIG EVANGELICAL-LUTHERAN DEPARTMENT FOR WORLD MISSION

MISSION DEPARTMENT OF THE CHURCHES OF MECKLENBURG · SAXONY & THURINGIA

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18.10.1995

The blessing of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all! Amen.

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Today I want to send hearty greetings and many thanks to all those ones who welcomed me with friendliness or love and also to all those who accompanied me to different places of my visit.

Meanwhile I'm going to do my daily work at Leipzig Mission and at home. But many meetings in your country have made quite a strong impression on me, which I can't forget. They influence my work and my thoughts furthermore. On the one hand my eyes were opened for the good community between Christians in the TELC and for their trial to go towards non-Christians, too. But on the other hand the present difficulties in your Church give me a very deep cause of concern. Nevertheless I'm convinced that these different experiences will be helpful for our better mutual communication.

It was very interesting for me to get to know some schools and, in particular, the Theological Colleges. Here is growing up a young generation, which is educated to the future with the high aim as Christians to become active organizers of a modern Indian society. Together with some partners of conversation I hope that you will find a balance between keeping good old traditions and a courageous start to the future.

We as your brothers and sisters in Christ want to try going this way together with you. Therefore my request to you: Remain closed to us with prayers and intercession, with the exchange of information, visitors, students, teachers and so on, and with the intention of trusting cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

Hildegunde Sames

Rev. Hildegunde Sames
India Secretary

Respected Pramukh Adhyaksh, dear Saban,
It was nice to hear your voice at the telephone. Thank you very much for all your love regarding my visit Ranchi and surrounding. I felt like a close friend with you and the other sisters and brothers. - Your jubilee is coming, soon, therefore I will pray for you and all the services, seminars, festivals etc... I hope to hear from you, soon. Please give my hearty greetings to Rev Ravi Kumar Topno, too - Dr. Singh and Mrs Bhengra I'll write personally, yours in Christ
Hildegunde Sames

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Der Superintendent des Kirchenkreises Herford

Kirchenkreis Herford, Schützenstr. 6, 32049 Herford

Herford, den 9. Oktober 1995

Grußwort zum 150jährigen Bestehen der Gossner-Kirche in Indien

"Wendet euch zu mir, so werdet Ihr gerettet, aller Welt Enden; denn ich bin Gott, und sonst keiner mehr." (Jes. 45,22)

Mit den Worten der Jahreslosung für 1995 grüßt der Kirchenkreis Herford mit seinen 38 Kirchengemeinden und über 150.000 Gemeindegliedern die Christen der Gossner-Kirche in Indien ganz herzlich zum Jubiläum und zum Gedenktag ihres 150jährigen Bestehens.

Verkündigung des Evangeliums in aller Welt, die Aufforderung, sich von den vielen Göttern und Götzen unserer Zeit loszusagen, um sich dem einen, wahren Gott, der diese Welt geschaffen hat und sie in Händen hält, zuzuwenden - das war der Inhalt der Botschaft jenes zweiten Jesaja, dessen Worte wir in unserer diesjährigen Jahreslosung in Jesaja 45 vernehmen. Die Gossner-Kirche in Indien ist in ihrer Geschichte geprägt von diesem biblischen Impuls, von diesem Ruf und dieser Einladung Gottes.

Wir sind dankbar und froh, daß viele Menschen diesen Ruf an- und aufgenommen haben und wissen uns als Christen in Europa, in Deutschland und besonders in Westfalen mit den indischen Christinnen und Christen im Glauben und in der Liebe verbunden. Möge Gott Ihre Kirche und die Gemeinden in Indien auch weiterhin segnen und mit seinem Schutz und Beistand begleiten! Möge die Botschaft von Jesus Christus in den Gemeinden und darüber hinaus weiter kräftig sein zum Lobe seines Namens und zur Erbauung unserer Gemeinden!

Mit herzlichen Segenswünschen

für den Kirchenkreis Herford


(Dr. Hoffmann)
Superintendent

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IN CHOTANAGPUR & ASSAM

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NEW DELHI PARISH/ILAKA

November 27, 1995

To

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Gossner Mission, Fennstrasse 31
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Fax : 030 6361198

From Rev Borun Biswas

Fax : 462 3681

Dear Sir,

Youshusahay. I waited for you at the airport and I came back with little frastation. As I had to discussed many things regarding 'Eight Points Programmes'. Please convey my regards to all my friends who visited us here in Delhi. In response to your letter dated 13.11.95 I would like to inform you that on 22.11.95 I attended the KLM cargo and they asked me to go to custom office for clearence. However the custom office gave permission for release on 22.11.95. Unfortunately at the time of examine of the magazine they pointed out the map on P.18/ of the printed magazine appears to be highly objectionable as almost whole of Jammu and Kashmir has not been shown. As you know this is most sensetive issue in our country. They told me that the map itself is a political language. I tried to defend on behalf of my church. As it is true that the GEL church collectively far away from the present political activities. I told them that our task is for development. Now I will suggest you very faithfully that the magazine should not be distributed till the map is reprinted correctly. Other wise the church may suffer for other things. However I am trying to clear the situation. On 28.11.95 I have to be present there at custom office to know about the result of group discussion. Please give me reply with your suggestion.

With warm regards.

Yours faithfully

Rev. Borun Biswas

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RUNDBRIEF ZU WEIHNACHTEN 1995

***Das Licht der Herrlichkeit
scheint mitten in der Nacht.***

***Wer kann es sehn?
Ein Herz das Augen hat
und wacht.***

(Angelus Silesius)



Liebe Freundinnen und Freunde!

Maria, das Symbol für den glaubenden Menschen, trägt Gott in ihren Armen. Sie ist voller Aufmerksamkeit für dieses Kind. Im sichtbaren Bild ist das Unsichtbare spürbar... Aufmerksamkeit meint ein waches Hinhören und sich öffnen für den anderen, um Antwort zu geben im Alltag.

Das Geheimnis der Heiligen Nacht, das Weihnachtsgeheimnis, erinnert uns an eine Vision: An die Ankunft Gottes bei den Menschen. Auch in uns will Gott geboren werden, will Raum bekommen.

"Wir können mit den Augen sehen, doch das Herz sieht besser" - mit diesen Worten empfing uns der Kirchenvorstand, als wir mit einer Gruppe von Buddhisten aus Thailand die christliche Gemeinde in Wackernheim besuchten.

Sie waren aus Südostasien gekommen, um uns zu befragen, wie wir mit den Konflikten und Problemen in unserer Industriegesellschaft umgehen, die sie nun auch in ihrem eigenen Land - in Thailand - erleben. Motiviert durch ihren Glauben wollen sie nicht zusehen, wie ihr Land durch Investitionen des Kapitals zerstört wird. Sie haben erfahren, daß die Wirtschaftsordnung der reichen Industrieländer überall ihre Spuren hinterläßt. Ausländische Firmen lassen sich nieder in der Nähe von Bangkok in den sog. Billiglohnländern, Familienstrukturen werden zerrissen, Sextourismus blüht. Welche Antwort hat unsere Gesellschaft auf Armut und Arbeitslosigkeit, auf prekäre Beschäftigungsverhältnisse, auf das Zerbrechen von Familienstrukturen, auf die Verseuchung von Erde, Wasser, Luft?

Noch bevor die sozialen Folgen der Arbeitslosigkeit und der Armut für den einzelnen und die Gesellschaft diskutiert werden, stehen sie als Kostenfaktor auf der Tagesordnung. Wir werden unbarmherzig mit einem Billigangebot der Krisenlösung konfrontiert, das heißt: Senkung der Sozialleistungen, Öffnung der Tarifstruktur, Schaffung billiger Arbeitsplätze. Mit dem Herzen sehen - das heißt für uns immer wieder, die Sichtweise "von unten" in den gesellschaftlichen Diskurs einbringen, für die Bedürfnisse der Ausgegrenzten und Armen streiten.

Ebenso muß ein zukunftsfähiger Gesellschaftsvertrag auch die Situation von Frauen, auf deren Kosten der Sozialstaat lebt, thematisieren.

Unsere buddhistischen Freunde kamen mit nach Hamburg, wo die Missionsakademie gemeinsam mit der Gossner Mission, dem Kirchlichen Dienst in der Arbeitswelt (KDA) und Vertretern der Urban Industrial Mission (UIM) aus Großbritannien ein 50-jähriges Jubiläum durchführte. Die gemeinsame Erinnerung an die Geschichte und Entstehung der KDA/UIM-Arbeit machte deutlich, wie wichtig der Einfluß des Gründers unseres Hauses, Horst Symanowski, war, der die Sicht von unten und die Parteilichkeit kirchlicher Präsenz in der Arbeitswelt praktiziert und gefordert hat. Doch ein Grundkonflikt war damit gelegt, der sich offenbar bis heute durchgehalten hat: Kirche als neutrale Vermittlerin oder Parteilichkeit für die Armen.

Auch im "Gemeinsamen Wort" der Kirchen spiegelt sich dieser Konflikt wider. Die Option für die Armen wird durch die marktwirtschaftliche Perspektive des Gemeinwohls ergänzt. Doch die theologische Reflexion im ökumenischen Kontext erinnert an den Gott der Bibel, der Partei nimmt für die Armen und Schwachen. Diese Thematik haben wir jetzt bei der Diskussion um das gemeinsame Sozialwort der Kirchen eingeklagt.

Angeichts des tiefgreifenden Wandels der Industriegesellschaft sowie der Entindustrialisierung in Teilen Europas und der brutalen sozioökonomischen Konflikte wurden Klagen laut und Ohnmachtserfahrungen benannt, doch es gab auch gelungene Austauschbeziehungen von KDA und UIM (z.B. von Betriebsräten), die eine Gegenwehr mobilisierten. Ein Votum aus der Arbeit der Urban Rural Mission (John Garbutt) forderte, die Stimme der Marginalisierten in Europa wieder deutlicher zu machen. In einer komplexen Welt müßten wir ganz einfach sein, und wie im Symanowski-Modell mit Leuten an der Basis Erfahrungen machen.

Unsere FreundInnen aus Thailand berichteten von einer Aktion für die Umwelt. Als Bäume gefällt werden sollten, wurden sie geschmückt mit Symbolen, die sonst nur Mönchen zustehen. Die Bäume wurden "ordiniert". So konnten religiöse Formen und symbolische Handlungen für soziale Prozesse genutzt werden und viel Aufmerksamkeit erreichen.

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AM: Sonntag, 21. Januar 1996

UM: 15.00 - 21.00 Uhr

IN: Gossner Mission,
Albert-Schweitzer-Str. 113-115
55116 Mainz

THEMA: ***40 Jahre Espelkamp und die Folgen***

1. Teil - Horst Symanowski im Gespräch mit
Horst Krockert
2. Teil - Was ist aus den Ideen geworden?
Projektberichte aus verschiedenen Regionen
Ost und West
3. Teil - Zukunftsperspektiven

Wir beginnen um 15.00 Uhr mit Kaffee und Kuchen,
Abendessen ist für 18.30 Uhr vorgesehen.

VERANTWORTLICH: Ingrid Borns-Scharf, Mainz
Peter Heyroth, Quedlinburg
Barbara Ziegler, Hannover

Bitte unbedingt anmelden unter: Tel. 06131-287440/Fax: 06131-238216

Jubiläen und geschichtliche Erinnerungen haben offenbar Konjunktur.

"40 Jahre Espelkamp und die Folgen" - Ein Gespräch mit Horst Symanowski heißt das Thema, zu dem der Gossner Konvent und das Arbeitszentrum Mainz für den **21. Januar 1996** einladen (Einladungen umseitig).

Einen Gruß möchten wir noch schicken an unsere katholischen Freundinnen und Freunde, die in monatelanger Kleinarbeit Unterschriften zum Kirchenvolksbegehren für eine geschwisterliche, demokratische Kirche gesammelt und nun 1,8 Millionen Stimmen erhalten haben. Auch in unserem eigenen Interesse und für die Zukunft der Ökumene, wünschen wir einen fruchtbaren Reformdialog.

Rückblickend auf das Jahr 1995 hat es für die Gossner Mission - sowohl in Berlin als auch in Mainz - einschneidende Veränderungen gegeben. Auf die Stelle von Karl-Heinz Dejung wurde Pfr. Dr. Wolfgang Gern ab Februar 1996 berufen. Ab 1.2.1996 wird Michael Sturm für die gesellschaftsbezogenen Dienste in Berlin arbeiten und Ingrid Borns-Scharf wird mit einem halben Dienstauftrag die Industrie- und Sozialarbeit für Rheinhessen übernehmen.

Mit einem kleiner gewordenen Team sind wir auf Bündnis- und KooperationspartnerInnen angewiesen. Die Mittel werden knapper und landeskirchliche Zuschüsse wurden gekürzt, die Gürtel werden enger sein. Doch wir möchten nicht kürzen bei den engagierten Initiativen, die in einer rigider werdenden Gesellschaft neue Armut bekämpfen:

- * Nicht bei den Arbeitslosen
- * nicht bei den Ausländerinnen und Ausländern
- * nicht bei den Armen in unserem Wohnheim

Wir brauchen Ihre Unterstützung durch Mitarbeit und Weitersagen, aber auch durch Ihre Spenden. Sie unterstützen damit nicht nur die Gossner Mission in Mainz, sondern viele Menschen, die dies dringend brauchen.

Wir wünschen Ihnen eine gute Zeit des Advents und eine gesegnete Weihnachtszeit.

Mit herzlichen Grüßen

Ihre

I. Borns-Scharf
(Ingrid Borns-Scharf)

Ihr

Michael Sturm
(Michael Sturm)

Anlagen

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z. Hd./Attn.: Rev. CSR Topno
Von / From : EMW, Herbert Meissner and Dr. Klaus Roeder
Datum / Date : 01.11.95

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Dear Brother President Topno,

We greet you in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. We appreciate your invitation to participate in the celebrations to remember the arrival of the four German missionaries in Ranchi 150 years ago. Unfortunately, we are not able to come to India, therefore please accept our greetings and good wishes in writing.

Since their arrival the people of Chotanagpur accepted the messengers of the Gospel from different parts of Germany. So many of our congregations and missionboards are aware of Pastor Johannes Evangelista Gossner and of the missionaries, who in obedience to our Lord Jesus Christ were ordained and sent by Pastor Gossner and following directors of Gossner Mission. Your own evangelists, catechists, teachers and pastors, Bible women and many helpers were and are able to preach and to teach the Gospel in your own languages and in their own responsibility, because their hearts were converted to the grace of Jesus Christ. That's also the reason, that Gossner's name is still remembered. His understanding in mission was, that the whole church is involved in mission to develop the human resources deeply to fulfil the great task that there is more justice, more peace and integrity of the creation in church and in the society. We pray to God, that He may give your Church wisdom and empowerment for all your tasks and responsibilities, which have been vested in you after the changes from a German missionsfield into an autonomous Gossner Church. We pray for our brothers in the new leadership positions to find a common way in witness and service.

We are glad with you and praise the Lord, that he has given many gifts, talents, cultures and challenges to the Adivasi and all the people in India. This is an encouragement for us, because it not only preserves a great heritage, but also presents tremendous opportunities to participate in shaping church and society.

Our task as Association of Protestant Churches and Missions in Germany is to find a way for all our members to stay united in mission. On that way we are also connected with your church and churches and interdenominational church organizations in Chotanagpur.

Together with you they celebrate your jubilee. We greet you, your church and your guests with the Watchword of the Bible of the 1st of November, 1995:

"You are the source of all life, and because of your light we see the light." (Ps. 36,9)

Yours sincerely,

Herbert Meissner

Herbert Meissner
Director

Klaus Roeder

Dr. Klaus Roeder
(Asia / Middle East Desk)

G.E.L. Church.

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To all Christians of Gossner Church, India:

I wish to express my deepest congratulations
for your grand-jubilee!

I feel honoured that I was able to
learn about Gossner Church and to
meet the Christians in 1994, a church
which looks back in these days at such
a long history.

I wish for your celebrations a good spirit
and God's blessings for the future
of Church and all members.

In warmest remembrance,

for sake,

brother Jörg Jeline

Tübingen, 30/10/92

To the grand jubilee of Gossner Church:

With me celebrate the celebration of celebrations!

Rejoice sad families.

Clean the darkness from the streets.

Let empty tables bow.

Open closed barrels.

With me enjoy the wonder of all wonders!

Come out of the houses of fear.

Open closed doors.

Tear open dark windows.

Jump into bright freedom.

With me laugh filled up with the joy of joy!

The grave of all graves was blown up.

The stone of desperation was carried away.

The man of pain lived with us.

The new world has got it's first day.

With me sing about the victory of all victories!

Drive away the fear from the hearts.

Laugh in the face of the dark powers.

Resist the masters of yesterday.

Today try out the life of tomorrow.

Tübingen, 30/10/55

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To Mrs.
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INDIA

Invitation

This is to certify, that Gossner Mission has invited Mrs. Manonit Topno Assistant Teacher at Eidness High School Takrama for a visit to Germany from the 30th of August till the 30th September 1995. Mrs. Topno will visit churches and congregations in Germany. Gossner Mission guarantees to bear all costs of her travel to Germany and her stay here. We also will arrange for her Health Insurance during her stay with Ecclesia Versicherungen. - We look forward to the visit of Mrs. Manonit Topno which will strengthen the relationships between the Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church in Chotanagpur and Assam and the German churches.

Berlin, 5th July 1995

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Dieter Hecker".

Rev. Dieter Hecker
Director



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To Mrs.
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Invitation

This is to certify, that Gossner Mission has invited Mrs. Ashrita Topno from Ranchi for a visit to Germany from the 30th of August till the 30th September 1995. Mrs. Topno will visit churches and congregations in Germany. Gossner Mission guarantees to bear all costs of her travel to Germany and her stay here. We also will arrange for her Health Insurance during her stay with Ecclesia Versicherungen. - We look forward to the visit of Mrs. Ashrita Topno which will strengthen the relationships between the Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church in Chotanagpur and Assam and the German churches.

Berlin, 5th July 1995



Rev. Dieter Hecker
Director



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(Bei Antwort bitte angeben)

Dear Brother Topno, dear Brothers in Sisters in Christ:

On the occasion of the 150th anniversary of the Gossner Lutheran Church in Chotanagpur and Assam I greet you on behalf of the Evangelical Church in Berlin-Brandenburg with the watch word for today from Joshua 23:11

"Take good heed to yourselves, therefore, to love the Lord,
your God."

150 years ago four missionaries from Berlin set out for Ranchi to preach the Gospel because they loved the Lord and obeyed his call. Today we rejoice with you that God blessed their faithfulness and that this was the beginning of a large and significant church. It is your prayer that you, dear brothers and sisters, love the Lord so much that you, too, wish to pass on the Gospel to others so that the Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church will continue to grow.

Since many years our Churches have been linked in partnership. Our congregations pray for one another, we have exchanged co-workers and we try to help each other. We here in Germany can learn from your faith experience. Our Lord Jesus Christ has given us the same great commission to preach the Gospel in India and in Germany. Let us continue to share joy and sorrow in the same way as the Apostle Paul wrote about the members of the body of Christ.

We had hoped that you would celebrate this jubilee together with the brothers and sisters of the North-West Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church. Although there were signs of a unification this goal has not been reached. We pray that God may show the way to the unification of the church and by his love reunite those who are now separated.

During this time of celebration we want to thank God for the Church in India and for the people who participate in it. We would like to continue to build the partnership, God willing, between the Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church and the Evangelical Church in Berlin-Brandenburg.

In His Spirit we call to you
Jesus sahay

Wolfgang Huber

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Dear Rev Topno, greetings to you. Unfortunately Rev Hecker was not able to reach you by phone yesterday evening. Anyway, she suggests to send Praxessat Miss Bahalan Kenduina or/and Mrs Guria from Jamshedpur. Both seem to have passports already. If Manonit Topno manages to get her passport in time please consider to send her together with her friend Bahalan. Please try your best. Thanks for all the efforts you put into it.

Greetings, yours

A. Strittmatter
Aloisia Strittmatter (with talked together yesterday)

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To C. E. L. Church, Ranchi

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Kindly hand over this bill to Mrs. Eshan Bhengra before her departure to Geneva.

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Rev. C. S. R. Popno
Promukh Adhyaksh

Dear sir, just I received
a telephone from Pall
Travels that we have
to enquire from Mr. Hecker
the latest position about
your VISA matter.

Will you please send
me the telephone number
of Mr. Hecker. Today
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Yours sincerely
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Date. 25.9.95

To

German Consulate
Calcutta

Subject : Issue of VISA

Sir,

Mrs. Esran Bhengra and I have been invited by the Gossner Mission, Berlin, Germany to visit Germany from 4th to 25th October 1995.

Necessary papers regarding the above subject are sent herewith.

You are requested to issue us the VISA.

Thanking you,

Yours Sincerely

(Rev. C. S. R. Topno)

Pramukh Adhyaksh

(President)

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

(President)
G.E.L. Church in Chotanagpur
and Assam, Ranchi

Wolfsburg 21.3.95

Lieber Herr Topno!

In diesem Jahr habe ich Ihnen noch nicht geschrieben, aber wir hoffen, daß es Ihnen und Ihrer Familie gut geht. Frau Kongari schreibt uns über die neueste Entwicklung in der Gosner Kirche. Wir hoffen sehr, daß in Laufe der Zeit die beiden Kirchen wieder ~~wieder~~ zusammenwachsen. Diese Einheit ist notwendig, um u. a. den politischen Druck zu ertragen.

Wir machen uns große Sorgen um die politische Entwicklung in Indien. Die Zeit wird immer schwerer für die Christen.

Obwohl die Christen in Deutschland nicht verfolgt werden, treten immer mehr Menschen aus der Kirche ^{aus} und der Zulauf bei den Sekten und anderen Religionen ist groß. Wir müssen deshalb verstärkt Partnerschaft mit den Gemeinden in Deutschland aufbauen.

Im Augenblick führen die Kirchen-Austritte, Arbeitslosigkeit und wenig Nachwuchs im Gemeindeleben auch zu finanziellen Engpässen in den Landeskirchen. Deshalb müssen wir in Indien

überlegen, wie wir in der Gossner Kirche durch praktische Projekte die Finanzen aufbessern können.

Ich denke wir müssen viel mehr den Jungen Menschen Möglichkeit geben, in der Kirche mitzubestimmen. Ich hoffe, diese Probleme werden wir bei der Jubiläumsfeier besprechen können.

Ich bin sehr gespannt auf das Jubiläum und freue mich auf das Wiedersehen mit all' den vielen Freunden.

Ich werde mit unserem jüngsten Sohn Markus Anfang November in Ranchi ein-
treffen.

Wenn Sie einen Wunsch haben oder irgend etwas brauchen für das Fest, bitte teilen Sie es uns mit, wir würden uns freuen.

Ich schicke Zeitungsausschnitte, vielleicht interessiert es Sie.

Nun grüßen wir Sie alle ganz herzlich.
Gott behüte Sie.

Ihre
Familie Kandulua

P.S. wir legen 20,- DM als kleinen Beitrag für die Gemeinde in Ihrem Heimatort.

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Dieter und Ursula Hecker

St Petersburg, 3rd August 1995

To the G.E.L. Church Ranch:

The Pramukh Adhyaksh Anchal, the Director B.E.L., the Adhyaksh S.E. Anchal, the Ilaka Chairman of Burju Ilaka and the members of Burju Congregation of G.E. L. Church

Dear Rev. C.S.R. Topno, dear Dr. Paul Singh, dear Rev. M. Barje, dear Rev. J. Topno, dear members of the Burju Congregation,

we are just on a short 10 days' holiday at Sankt Petersburg in Russia, a city with dozens of palaces, museums and cathedrals. The churches and cathedrals are mostly in other use since the time of the Communist Government. Only slowly the churches get them back for worship. As an example we send you two postcard of the Lutheran St. Peter's Church, which looks very normal from outside, but inside a swimming pool had been installed, which they are just now reconstructing by making a fresh floor, putting benches and an altar again. Meanwhile the Lutheran congregation is having its services at St. Anna's Church, which has been transformed to a cinema hall and is only leased on Sunday morning for church services. Outside it also looks like a normal church. But the congregation is growing. They are using both Russian and German language for worship. Each Sunday they close with the famous hymn in German language written by Father Gossner, "Segne und behüte" (Bless and keep us now).

We have not only visited the Lutheran congregation, but also the church, in which Father Gossner was preaching from 1820 to 1824, the so called Maltrésian Chapel with about 400 places within the premises of the palace Woronzow. At present this whole compound is a military Academy and thus normally closed to the public. This church had also been used for other purposes, but is at present restored into its original shape as a church by the military authorities. It is a very impressive building in the so called classical style with big marble columns and a nicely painted ceiling. We have made some photos and shall send them to you along with the original letter.

We were just thinking, it would be a good idea at the occasion of the jubilee, if the G.E.L. Church as a whole, but also specially the congregation of Burju could send a letter on the occasion of the Jubilee to the Lutheran Congregation of St. Petersburg in commemoration of the special relationships between these two places. As far as we know, Burju was first called Patrasburj and the finances for the foundation came also from there. We are just trying to find out, who was responsible for that support. It seems, that Rev. Hermann Dalton, who was the pastor of the Reformed Church in St. Petersburg in the later part of the 19th century and who wrote a famous biography of Gossner was the contact person there.

The address of the Lutheran congregation in St. Petersburg is:

Lutheran Church in Russia and other States (ELCROS) Congregation St. Petersburg
c/o Rev. Heinz Kitzka, Newski Prospekt 22-24, 191 166 St. Petersburg - Russia.
Fax: 007-812-3102665.

Actually since the letters will take a long time, it is advisable to send any message by fax first, which has a quite good connection, or send the fax through us. In any case we would appreciate to get a copy of any such message.

We wish you all the best for the jubilee preparations. With kind regards and a warm Yishu Sahay we remain,

Yours sincerely,

Dieter and Ursula Hecker

Dieter and Ursula Hecker

Gossner Mission

Fennstr. 31, D-12439 Berlin, Tel. 030/6317809 / Fax: 030/6361198

By Telefax!**To**

Rev. C.S.R. Topno
G.E.L. Church Compound
Ranchi 834 001- Bihar / INDIA

St. Petersburg, 31-7-85

Dear Rev. C.S.R. Topno,

we have come for ten days' holidays to St. Petersburg through friends, which we got to know in Germany. We have contacted the Lutheran Congregation, which has just got back St. Peter's Church on the main avenue of St. Petersburg, Newski Prospekt No 22. This church had been made a Swimming Pool during the Communist Era and you still can see that from the enclosed Post Card. They are now just repairing and reconstructing as a church. At present they have their services in St. Anna's Church, which is run as a Cinema Hall. Only on Sunday morning, they are allowed to put up an altar. If they want additional services, they have to rent the Church at the rate, which a cinema performance would cost. They do it normally on Good Friday. The Lutheran Congregation still today closes every worship with the hymn "Segne und behüte, uns durch Deine Güte..." which has been written by Father Gossner, and they still sing it in German only as they do with the apostles creed and the Lord's Prayer, although many of them as Russians don't speak German any more!

Furthermore, we have contacted a lady doing historical research and she promised us to get permission to the "MALTESIAN CHAPEL", in which Father Gossner preached from 1820-1824. It is now in a military area and normally closed to the public. But they are also restoring it in the old form, i.e. the Municipal Authorities are doing that, although it is not yet clear, what shall be done with that church later. Occasionally Father Gossner also preached in the St. Catherine's Cathedral on Newski Prospekt, which was in the hands of the Dominicans as it is again today after "Perestroika". But the Dominicans as well as the other Roman Catholic priests did not like his evangelical preaching and so they did not want to have him there. So his influence was more among the other denominations than with his own Roman Catholic Church. We have made some photos of the Maltesian Chapel and shall send them to you later.

As far as we remember Burju was originally called "Patrasburg", because the Mission Station there was financed through friends of Gossner in St. Petersburg long after he had left that city. It might be a nice gesture in the year of the jubilee to remember this fact and send the Lutheran Church in St. Petersburg a message with this content. - They would definitely be happy to read that out in one of their services. They have many contacts to churches and Christians in Germany and Western Europe, but I am sure, that they don't have such contacts to Asia or Africa. I think it would also be a good idea to forward the information about the fact, the Christians in St. Petersburg still remember Father Gossner and also the G.E.L. Church also to the Gharbandu and to the members of IBEL.

Wishing you all the best, we remain with a cordial Yishu Shalom

Yours sincerely,

Dieter and Ursula Hecker

The address of the Lutheran Church in St. Petersburg is (cf. leaflet):
Evangelical Lutheran St. Petri Church, Rev. Heinz Kitzka, Newski Prospekt 22-24, 191186 St. Petersburg, Russia. They also have an address in Finland, which seems to be more reliable: Ev.-Luth. Church in Russia and other States (ELKROS, Bishop Prof. Kretschmar, Post Box 8, SF-53501 Laapeenranta, Finland). - The best way would be through Fax: No. 007-812-3102365.

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Dear friends of our church and parish,

The work to reconstruct a Lutheran church in Russia needs your financial support. Any gifts are welcome and needed badly for our work. "Let each person do what he has decided in his heart, not grudgingly or as a result of pressure, because God loves a cheerful giver." (1 Cor. 9:7)

If you would like to support our work, we ask you to send a check to the Lutheran Board for Mission Support, Inc., 2135 Mummasburg Road, Gettysburg, PA, 17325-7421. The memo could be: 1. St. Petri-Church restoration, 2. Mission of ELCROS, 3. Seminary, 4. ELCROS-parish St. Petersburg.

For the reconstruction of the "swimming pool church" we need financial support especially from other countries. It will cost millions of dollars to turn the building back into a church.

When the government gave us back our church it was as well a sort of rehabilitation for the parish after the times of suppression. The abuse of the church as a swimming pool has to be understood as well symbolically. What they did to our church, they did as well to the believers and the parishes of our church. With your giving you are helping to rehabilitate the parish and the church. If you want to support the reconstruction, please write on the memo: St. Petri-church restoration.

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Russia and other States (ELCROS) is the biggest Lutheran Church in the world in means of the territory. There are about 600 parishes from Kaliningrad, in the western part of Europe, to Vladivostok, in the eastern part of Russia. Our church has parishes on the Volga, in the Ukraine and in Middle-Asia.

The Bishop's office in St. Peter's church tries to help these parishes to become again a united church. In September 1994 in St. Petersburg took place the first General Assembly of our church since 1924 (!). If you want to support the work of the ELCROS, please write in the memo: Mission of the ELCROS.

We are now building a theological seminary. Some weeks ago we bought an old Lutheran church near St. Petersburg. It has been totally forbidden to even worship in Lutheran churches for most of the times of the communist era so to study theology was not possible at all. Therefore on the ELCROS there are only a few pastors that studied at a theological seminary. The seminary will provide theological lessons for all preachers on the ELCROS. If you want to support the seminary, please write in the memo: Seminary.

Our parish at St. Peter's has about 800 members. We have an active choir, youthgroups, groups for the elderly and diakonian station to help old and sick members of the parish. We also distribute humanitarian aid and help set up new parishes in towns near St. Petersburg. Your help is needed if we are to continue these efforts. If you want to support the parish in St. Petersburg, please write in the memo: ELCROS-parish St. Petersburg.

For your gifts we thank you very much!!!!

God be with you!

Klaus Tschentscher

Klaus Tschentscher, chief administrator of the Bishop's office

GOSSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
IN CHOTANAGPUR AND ASSAM.

KSS OFFICE
G.E.L.Church
Ranchi.
Dated 01-9-95.

Ref. 420/95/KSS-246

To
Rev.(Mrs) Ursula Hecker
Asia Secretary
Gossner Mission
Fennstra -31
D-12439 Berlin
Germany.

Fax 0045 6361198


Dear Mrs. Ursula,

Please note that German Consulate, Calcutta, Frau Schrede is not issuing the VISA for our two ladies. She says that - the invitation to them be sent in the INVITATION FORMAT and also Paragraph 84 also to be written very clearly.

Now you have to send this format to the German Consulate also copies to Mrs. Topno and Mrs. Hero or you should convince the Frau Schrede by talking to her over telephone.

The contact number will be 033 - 4796821. She can be contacted between 9 and 12 hrs. (forenoon) on 2nd and 3rd September.

However, if you cannot contact on 2nd or 3rd September, you must contact on 4th September between 9 and 12 hrs. Because the ladies are to take flight on 5-9-95 from Ranchi to Delhi and 6-9-95 at 1.30 A.M. from Delhi to Berlin by Lufthansa.

With many thanks

Yours sincerely,


(Rev. C.S.R. Topno)

N.B. Telephone no. for normal days i.e. Monday to Friday will be :

033/ 4792150
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Ref.408/95/KSS-246

Dated 28th Aug.1995

To

Rev.(Mrs.) Ursula Hecker

Asia Secretary

Gossner Mission

Fennstra -31

D-12439 Berlin

Germany.

Fax 040 6361198

Dear Mrs.Hecker,

As per our telephone talk on 26-8-95, it is to say that MRS. NELAN SWARNLATA HORO was contacted by me, and she is willing to go to Germany along with my wife. You are therefore requested to send invitation to Mrs.Nelan Swarnlata Horo. You are also requested to send copies of invitations (both of Mrs. Horo and Mrs.Topno) direct to German Consulate in Calcutta, so that their Visa may be issued soon on our approach.

The Fax no. of the German Consulate is as follows:-

German Consulate, Calcutta

Fax. 033 - 4793028

You are also further requested to send a request to Rev.H. Barutta, that he should send a meditation / sermon / or message to be published in our Souvenir being published in the occasion of 150 yrs. Jubilee of the G.E.L. Church as soon as possible, may be he sends it to you and you send it through Fax to us.

With many greetings

Yours sincerely,


(Rev.C.S.R.Topno)
Pramukh Adhyaksh.

NB: The German Consulate Calcutta
should also be requested to issue

VISA soon to Mrs.Ashrita Topno & Mrs.Nelan Swarnlata Horo.

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Mr. U. Sanga Head Office :
G. E. L. church, Ranchi
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Ref.....179/95/KSS-246

Date 23-5-1995

To
Rev. (Mrs) U. Hecher
Asia Secretary
Gossner Mission
Fennstraße 31
D-12439 Berlin
Germany.

Fax 030 6361198

Dear Mrs Hecker,

It is indeed gratifying to note that the Gossner Mission is bringing out a special issue on the Jubilee year of the Gossner Church to mark the 150 yrs. of its work in Chotanagpur and its neighbouring regions. When we, the members of the Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church look back to the history, the then situation of our fore-fathers, the religio, socio-political life of those days, we cannot but bow our heads with praise and thanksgiving to God, who inspired Father Johannes Evangelista Gossner to send out four missionaries, who in their turn came and brought the true life and light of the world to us.

It is the risen and Gracious Lord, who made a great impact on the total life and history of Adibasis in this part of the country. As a result, the life of the people was totally changed. We are therefore highly obliged and grateful to the work of Gossner Mission.

Of course, it is true that its work in Chotanagpur was disturbed time to time both from within and without, which on the one hand affected its numerical growth of the Church, but on the other it strengthened its spiritually. The year 1914 saw still a great political calamity in the form of first world war. The British Government the, then ruler of India ordered and even forced the German missionaries to leave the country, who with great pain left the Gossner Church in an im-mature state. However, the Gossner Mission continued to support it, through its prayers and letters even after the Church became autonomous since July 10, 1919. When the situation of India became favourable to Germans, once again Gossner Mission took initiative to support the Gossner Church by sending finance and personnel. But once again the German Missionaries were disturbed by the 2nd world war and left India. In spite of all, the Gossner Mission continued to support the Gossner Church in many ways.

After 1969, when the Gossner Church celebrated its 50 yrs. Jubilee of its Autonomy there is an understanding that the Gossner Mission and the Gossner Church are two sisters, and we enjoy this relationship as equal partners in the work of mission and development of the Church,

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Our words cannot express our thanks to the Gossner Mission for its manifold support and we hope this will continue even in the future.

May the Almighty and Everlasting God shower His blessings on us so that we may as partners and fellow workers in the vineyard of the Lord may work hard for his glory and that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow in heaven and on earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (Philippians 2:10-12).

With prayerful wishes,

Yours sincerely,


(Rev. C. S. R. Topno)
Pramukh Adhyaksh, GELC

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24-5-95

Date.....

Ref..... 186/95/KSS-6

To
Rev. Prasanna Kumari
Executive Secretary
UELCI
1, First Haddows Road
Madras - 6

Dear madam,

Greetings in the name of Jesus from KSS Office, GELC.

Please find below the copy of the Express Telegram sent to you on the 20th and 22nd of May, 1995 for your information.

I ARRIVING ON MAY TIIRTY FOR DRAFTING COMMITTEE MEETING MISS BHENGRA? MESSERS TIRU, MINZ, MYSELF. SECONDLY, RESERVATION REQUESTED FOR JUNE ONE IN ALEPPY- MADRAS-BOKARO EXPRESS, TWO BERTHS BHENGRA (F 60), MINZ (M 60) FOR RANCHI AND TWO BERTHS G.TIRU (M 62), C.S.R.TOPNO (M 50) FOR JAMSHEDPUR.

C.S.R.TOPNO.

II CORRECTION RETURN JOURNEY ONLY FOR G.TIRU = KINDLY RESERVE BERTH FOR G.TIRU (M 62) IN SECOND/FIRST CLASS FROM MADRAS TO GUAHATI IN TRIVANDRUM-GUAHATI EXPRESS ON SECOND JUNE MORNING

REV.C.S.R.TOPNO.

Thanking you

Yours sincerely,

(B.S.Bage)
Office Superintendent
KSS Office, GELC.

K22 Office, CERC.
Office Superintendent
(B.S. Bada)

Yours sincerely,

Thanking you

BEA.C.S.B.TOBNO.

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C.S.B.TOBNO.

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sent to you on the 20th and 22nd of May, 1922 for your information.
Please find below the copy of the Express Telegram
Greetings in the name of Jesus from K22 Office, CERC.
Dear madam,

Madras - 2
T. P. H. Haddome Head
CERC
Executive Secretary
Rev. P. S. B. Tobno
to

Ref: 182/22/K22-2

Date: 24-2-22

Respectfully,
M.A.B.M. Th.
Rev. C.S.B. Tobno

Rev. P. S. B. Tobno

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Ref..... 174/95/KSS- 246

Date... 20-5-1995

To
Rev. Volker Jurgens
DER LUTHERISCHE LANDESSUPERINTENDENT
FUR DEN SPRENGEL OSTFRIESLAND
JULIANENBURGER STRASSE 23
26584 AURICH
WEST GERMANY.

Most Respected Superintendent Jurgens,
Greetings to you in the
name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

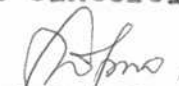
I extend my hearty thanks
for the help you rendered to us by sending our invitation to
the Bishops and Presidents of the Churches connected with
the work of Gossner Mission. I am sorry that I could not
write you earlier.

Now at present the
weather is very hot in Ranchi, but by wether forecast it is
expected that the monsoon will start sometime by June 12.

We are keeping well,
and remember you all in our prayers. Please pray also for us
so that we may be by God's Grace be able to do our work,
and at the same time celebrate the 150 years Jubilee
successfully for the glory of God.

With Kind regards

Yours sincerely,


(Rev. C.S.R. Topno)
Pramukh Aghyaksh, GELC

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(Бел. С. С. * 1010)

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Greetings to you in the
Most Respected Superintendent Sirs,

WEST GERMANY.

20284 MUNICH

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Miscellaneous

Get Copy Radio

FROM :-

Mr. Zachariah Lakra,
Secretary,
GEL Church,
KADRU

C/o Dr. J.E.P. Tiga,
Kadru Road, Kadru,
Ranchi-834 002.
Bihar(INDIA)

XSS-246

TO

The Director,
Pastor Dieter Hecker,
Fennstrasse 31,
O-1190 BERLIN
Neue PLZ 12439,
GERMANY

(THROUGH : PROPER CHANNEL)

Subject : CHURCH CONSTRUCTION & PARTNER
CONGREGATION.

Dear Sir,

We are very glad to introduce ourselves to you. We are humble christian brothers & sisters of Kadru congregation, Ranchi. Kadru congregation is approx 3KM. South-West to G.E.L. Church Head Quarters congregation, Ranchi. We are 150 Lutheran christian families. We have unavoidable and practical difficulties to attend church services on Sunday and other festival services at christ church of Head Quarters congregation. We have difficulties due to great distance on foot, old age, accompanying children, rough weathers in rainy and winter seasons, hot weather in summer, costly conveyance by rickshaws and tempos and trekker.

We are glad to inform you that Head Quarters congregation has permitted us to hold Sunday church services and festival services at Kadru and also to build a church building. Formerly we conducted church services in a private house of Mr. Chonhas Minz, a retired Government

Officer and now in the house "MARTHA BHAVAN" of Rev. Dr. C.K.Singh, the director Board of Evangelism and literature, G.E.L. Church, Ranchi.

Now we have already purchased a plot of land with total area of 6 Kathas. It bears the plot Nos. 438, and Thana No. 208, and lies in the centre of the city. Six Kathas land cost of Rs.100500/-, on our contribution. Out of remaining collection Rs.124000/-, construction work is going on. It has been legally registered with registration office, Ranchi. Map for church building has been duly approved by the Improvement Trust, Ranchi. 17 pillars' foundation have already been dug, and further construction is going on.

We have already purchased iron rods of approx Rs. 48000/-(Rupees fortyeight thousand only). A Civil Engineer with licence has made drawings for foundations and elevations on payment basis. Purchase of Cement, bricks for foundations' soiling, stone chips and small bolders and sand has been order peaced. We have now approx. seventy six thousand only left with us. Different regular collections have been continued for the purpose.

We very much desire to construct a church building with a multi-lateral social service christian centre on the first floor, as there are hundreds of non-christian tribble, Hindu, Muslim, and non-Lutheran families dwelling amidstur in this part of our big industrial twin city of Ranchi-Hatia. In first step we will construct the ground floor for our worship.

We the members of the church buliding committee have decided to write an appeal to you. Kindly patiently , consider the following points :

- A) Please arrange for us one or two partner congregations and kindly guide us to correspond with them.

Kindly for-give us, if we may be allowed to say that the total estimate of the construction up to first floor amounts to approx. five lakh rupees, we shall be ever grateful to you and christian brothers and sisters of Germany, if you would be able to contribute something towards the completion of construction of church and most wanted multilateral social service christian centre.

B) In view of the tentative date of the inauguration of partly completed or incomplete construction on the historic occasion of 2nd November, 1995, we request you to provide us the following :-

1. One medium size church bell.
(congregations area $2\frac{1}{2}$ X $1\frac{1}{2}$ KM2)
2. One pulpit made of brass (Light design)
3. One (Baptismal) Font (Light design)

Ground floor will cover 60 X 30 Sq.Ft. internally, excluding both the alter area and vestri room.

Please forgive us for this heart felt appeal and kindly consider our requirements.

Thanking you,

Ranchi.

Yours faithfully,

CHAIRMAN

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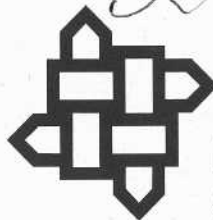
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Dear President Topno,

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ from Neuendettelsau.

Thank you very much for your letter of January 20, 1995 replying our invitation to the Summer School in 1995. We are grateful that you are interested in our programme and willing to send two delegates from your church.

We understand your request for financial support concerning the cost for the flights to Germany and back to India.

We have discussed this matter and decided to wait with the final decision until April. Then we will have all applications for financial support, so that we may decide then how many persons we may support from India. So please wait for the final decision in April.

In the meantime you may contact your overseas partners and ask them how far they will be able to support your delegates. If you are successful, please inform us.

Many greetings to you and God's blessing for the work of your Church.

I am yours sincerely,

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To
Prof. Dr. Dieter Becker
Anjustana Hochschule
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Germany.

Dear Dr. Becker,

Wish you a blessed and prosperous new year in the name
of our Lord and saviour Jesus Christ.

As Dr. Klaus Roeber informed me about you it is really
good for us to have some lectures from you to our theological
students & staff here in the Gossner Theological College, Ranchi.
It is always very important for them to meet the foreign scholars
and get different insights. On behalf of the Gossner Theological
College and the Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church, I cordially
invite you to stay with us during the time Feb. 28 to March 12
1995.

We in the G.E.L. Church will be certainly very happy to
meet you in our midst.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,


(Rev. C.S.R. Topno)
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