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4. KSS
5. Finanzen
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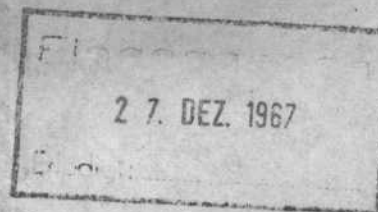
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Ranchi the 21st Dec' 1967

Director Dr. C. Berg  
Gossner House  
1 Berlin 41 (Friedenau)  
Handjerystrasse 19/20  
West Germany



Subject : Construction of ten hostels in the Gossner Church.

Dear brother Berg,

*for the mission*  
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*for the mission*  
*supper*

Drawing your kind attention on the above subject, may I point out the following for your information and consideration. That construction of hostel has been started at Kadma Khunti. It has been noticed that there is no provision for kitchen and quarter for the hostel Superintendent. However, after discussion Director Schwerk agreed to include the kitchen. Now the question comes for the Superintendents' quarter. In the beginning when we started talking about this hostel project, quarter for the Superintendent was also in our mind, but that has been not included in the plan.

In my opinion, quarter for the Superintendent also be included, if the hostel is going to be administered on the line as we had in our mind in the beginning. Director Schwerk was saying that extra Rupees six thousand (Rs.6,000/-) will be needed for each hostel for the inclusion of hostel superintendent's quarter.

I am writing this in advance, hoping that you would kindly start considering about it. If you are in favour of it you may please direct Director Schwerk to take up the construction of Superintendent's quarter also just at a time when construction of hostel is going on. If construction of Superintendent's quarter be taken up after the completion of the hostel, it may involve more financial expenses.

Wishing a joyous Christmas and New Year to you

Yours Sincerely  
With brotherly love and Christian Greetings.

*Pravinkumar Singh*

BY AIR MAIL  
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To Dr Christian Berg  
Director Crosses Mission  
1 Berlin 41 (Friedenau)  
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West Berlin.

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SENDER'S NAME AND ADDRESS:-

G. C. C. Ranchi  
Bihar  
India

18 December 1967  
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Rev. C. B. Aind, President  
G.E.L. Church Compound  
Ranchi, Bihar  
I N D I A

Dear Brother Aind:

Subject: History of the Gossner Church

Today in the morning after only five days your letter under the above subject arrived, and I am glad to get such a precise comment of you, especially as it is obviously discussed and decided by the KSS.

However, there is a misunderstanding, Director emiritus H. Lokies did not finish this work, so that it would be ready after some days or weeks. He is still collecting material and then will start. I am convinced that the manuscript will not be finished before the autumn 1968. Please kindly clarify this misunderstanding. I sincerely hope, that then it will not be too late to get the work of our honored former director translated into Hindi, so that it will be ready in time for our jubilee of the autonomous Gossner Church. We were glad to learn, that the KSS wished, that the Principal Professor S. Surin should make a comment to the manuscript with regard to any possible addition, omission or alteration of the manuscript. We agree with that, dear Brother Aind, as we do not want to publish such a "history of the Gossner Church" in German or in Hindi before the leading brothers of our autonomous Gossner Church have made a detailed comment on it.

We pray to our Heavenly Father, that He may give our dear Dr. Lokies strength and health for the completion of this important work, and we hope, that then we all will find agreement about the manuscript.

With heartfelt Christmas greetings to you  
and all the friends, I remain,

Yours in the Lord,

(Director Dr. Ch. Berg)

cc: Rev. D. Hans Lokies



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SENDER'S NAME AND ADDRESS:-

G. C. C.  
Rauha  
Bikaner / India

Ref. No. 655/67/PA-13.

Ranchi the 13th Dec 1967.

Director Dr. C. Berg,  
Gossner House.  
1 Berlin 41 (Friedenau).  
Handjerystrasse 19/20.  
Germany.



Subject : History of the Gossner Church.

Dear Brother Berg,

During my stay with you in Gossner House, Berlin in last October, 1967 in course of our talk on the above subject, I was told that Dr. Lokies was preparing the same and he would complete it within short days. Soon after its completion the same manuscript will be sent to the KSS Office for any addition, omission and alteration and finally to be translated into Hindi for publication during the coming 50th Autonomy Anniversary of the G.E.L. Church.

In accordance with the report on the above talk the KSS Samiti has decided to entrust the above work to Prof. S. Surin. You are therefore, kindly requested to send the same as soon as it comes to your hand for further necessary action.

With brotherly love and Yisusahai.

Yours Sincerely

*Ch. B. AIND*  
( C.B. AIND ).  
Præmukh Adhyaksh,  
G.E.L. Church Ranchi.

c.c. : For information to  
Prof. S. Surin.



GOSSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH RANCHI.

No.642/67/PA-15

Ranchi Dated 8th Dec.67.

To

Rev.Yoshiro Ishida  
Secretary for Asia DWM/LWF  
150 Route de Ferney  
1211 Geneva-20

*P. Leber*  
4 DEC 1967  
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Dear Pastor Ishida,

With reference to your circular letter dated Jun 14, 1967 to all the heads of Lutheran churches and Theological Seminaries in Asia, I, on behalf of the Gossner church apply for assistance for a pastors' refresher course, scheduled to be held from March 1-10, 1968.

According to the circular the application had to be sent on a date not after 31st October '67. But unfortunately because of various reasons, the matter was out of my mind so long; and so the application could not be sent in time. I do not know whether this late request will be treated genuine or not. Even then I request the LWF to assist the Gossner church for running the pastors' refresher course. With hope I apply for this.

The pastors from all over the Gossner church will take part in the refresher course which is to be held at Ranchi in the first week of March 1968.

Half of the fooding charge will be realized from each of the participants for the period of their stay at Ranchi for the refresher course. The KSS will also contribute some amounts towards the expense.

LWF is requested to subscribe Rs.5472.00. As three honourable guests from West Germany are due to visit Gossner church during the same period when our refresher course is scheduled and as they have already been requested to take part in the above programme, we do not need other lecturers from LWF in the next refresher course.

I am thinking to put two main subjects, i.e. "Renewal for Mission" or "Revival" and "Stewardship".

The time for the whole course is for 10 days, and most of the hours of the day will be utilised for Theological study and spiritual retreat.

Along with this application I send a Budget Estimate for next pastors' refresher course and respectfully request the LWF to grant us the amount applied for and thus enable us to run the refresher course.

With love and brotherly greetings.

Yours Sincerely,

*P. Leber*  
Premukh Adhyaksh  
GEL Church Ranchi

cc; for information to:-

Dr. C. Berg, Berlin.

*He is informed in advance that if no help will be possible from LWF, G.M. will be approached.*

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To Dr. Christian Berg  
Director Gossner Mission  
1 Berlin 41 (Friedrichs)  
Hindenburgstr. 19/20  
West Berlin.

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SENDER'S NAME AND ADDRESS:-

G. E. C. Ranchi  
Bihar  
India

29 November 1967  
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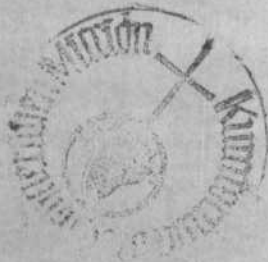
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To whom it may concern

It is herewith certified that Rev. C. B. Aind / Ranchi / India has been invited by the Kuratorium of the Gossner Mission and its chairman, Bischof D. Scharf, DD./Berlin to come to Germany and hold negotiations about relations between the G.E.L. Church and German Churches in 1968.

We hope that this visit of our distinguished guest will contribute to deepen and strengthen the fellowship between the Protestant churches of India and Germany.

The Gossner Mission will meet his travelling expenses as well as all the costs of his stay here.



*Christian Berg*

( Kirchenrat Dr. h.c. Christian Berg )  
Director

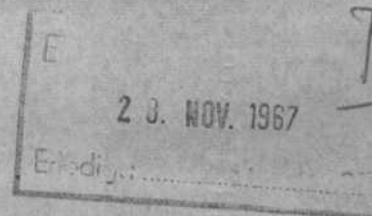


Ref No. 583/67/PA-70

Ranchi the 21st Nov' 1967.

To

Director, Dr. Christian Berg,  
Gossner Mission,  
1 Berlin 41 (Friedenau).  
Handjerystrase 19/20.  
West Germany.



Dear Brother Berg,

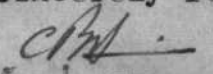
After coming back to Ranchi, I like to write to you this letter. Well, I and Mr. Tirkey could not come to Ranchi on 14.11.67. We could not get flight from Delhi to Ranchi. Our booking to Ranchi from Delhi was cancelled by the Lufthansa on 8.11.67 and the reason was not known. We stayed there till 15th night and came by morning flight to Ranchi. The weather at Delhi was bad due to rain and therefore, the flight was started four hours late reaching Ranchi at 3 P.M.

I was in the Gossner House, Berlin for one full week beginning from Nov' 6-12. I felt there quite at home. I am very grateful to you for all hospitalities and help rendered to me by the G.M., Mrs. Berg, Mrs. Seeberg and Prof. Vogel. Greetings to them all.

There is one wish of mine which was whispered to you there at Berlin and I hope you will not mind to fulfil it. That is I like to extend my Passport which will expire on next February, 1968. I shall be much thankful to you if you could give me an invitation to come to you in 1968. This invitation is needed only for the extension of my Passport as it was done in 1966.

With best compliments and kind regards.

Sincerely Yours

  
C.B. AIND.  
Pramukh Adhyaksh,  
GFL Church, Ranchi.

Received the 21st Nov, 1967.



To  
Director, Dr. C. Berg.

Gossner Mission.

1 Berlin 41 (Friedenau)

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SENDER'S NAME AND ADDRESS:

G. C. Church

Rauchi/Bihar  
India

Sincerely Yours

G. C. Church  
Rauchi, Bihar  
India

20.11.1967  
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Rev. C. B. Aind, President  
G.E.L. Church Compound  
Ranchi, Bihar  
I N D I A

Subject: Your Discussions in the Gossner House Berlin with  
Inspector Seeberg in November 1967

Dear Brother Aind:

Enclosed please find the minutes of the discussions you had with Brother Seeberg during your visit in Berlin as well as his covering letter. I was sorry, that I could not participate in these discussions, however, I studied them carefully. Several problems will be discussed again, when our inspector will come to Ranchi in February 1968. We will think about the questions concerning our Gossner Mission.

We were very glad indeed to have you with us in our Gossner House. We hope, you will return safely und will find your family, friends, and coworkers healthy.

We are looking forward to seeing you here in summer 1968 in connection with the great ecumenical conference in Upsala, Sweden.

With cordial "yeshusahay" greetings,  
Very sincerely yours,

Encl.

(Director Dr. Ch. Berg)



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Rev. C. B. Aind, President  
G.E.L. Church Compound  
Ranchi, Bihar  
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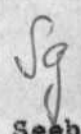
Dear Brother Aind:

I tried to recall our discussion of November 7th in the Gossner House, and I send you the minutes about it. If you like to change something, please inform me, so that I can correct my memory.

Furthermore I send you Mr. A. Minz's correspondence, which I did not mention in the minutes, together with a copy of our short answer, which we sent to Mr. Minz.

With brotherly greetings I remain,  
Very truly yours,

Encls.

  
(Rev. Martin Seeberg)

Conversation between Rev. Aind and Rev. Seeberg on 7 November 1967  
in the Gossner House

- 1.) Rev. Aind reminds Rev. Seeberg of his promise given shortly before his return to Germany at the end of February 1967, that Director Schwark should receive the amounts still outstanding for 1966 - mainly for mission work - totaling Rps 15.762,66. Rev. Seeberg is surprised, that Director Schwark did not yet settle this matter.
- 2.) Rev. Aind mentions a letter, which he wrote some weeks ago about two students outside Ranchi, who should receive theological education. This letter did not arrive and therefore was not answered. A copy of this letter shall be sent to Berlin as soon as possible. Rev. Seeberg promises, that according to former agreements the Gossner Mission is also willing to pay stipends for students of theology from the G.E.L. Church, who study at Gurukul or at another place in India. As the expenses for the education are higher than in Ranchi, the Gossner Mission will make an amount of 1000 Rps available to these two students for 1967.
- 3.) The President asks to answer his request for financing a stock of rice in the three theological institutions as soon as possible. Rev. Seeberg promises, that during the next days the requested advance payment (stipends 1968) in the amount of Rps 26.000 shall be remitted.
- 4.) The President of the G.E.L. Church recommends emphatically, that Professor Vogel should come again to India during the winter 1968/69. His task should be the preparation of a theological confession together with the leading brothers of the Gossner Church.  
  
However, Rev. Aind desires a detailed consultation with the pastors of the G.E.L. Church before he will invite Professor Vogel officially. This consultation should take place at the end of February 1968 during the pastors' course.
- 5.) The preparation committee for the jubilee celebration in July 1969 did not start its work yet. It expects new impulses and suggestions by the visit of Rev. Seeberg in the G.E.L. Church in spring 1968.
- 6.) In this connection President Aind expects, that the 100 years jubilee of the Govindpur Synod will take place on the 26th October 1969. The Synod itself endeavours to announce or finish the new building of a big second highschool for girls at that time. It should be considered, whether part of the announced jubilee gift for the whole church from Germany should be given for this particular purpose, as the new highschool for girls would serve the whole church. As the Bethesda highschool in Ranchi is at present overcrowded, the project of the Govindpur Synod is still more urgent.
- 7.) Rev. Aind asks for a written history of the 50 years of the G.E.L. Church. He deems such a written history very important for the use in India. He says, he is very glad, that Dr. Lokies as an objective reporter has the full confidence of the KSS for this work.



- 8.) President Aind and the Gossner Mission agree, that soon an exact regulation should be found and passed, in which the rights and duties of the theological institutions regarding the whole church should be settled.
- 9.) The renting of plots of land in Ranchi for commercial use is recommended by the President and the KSS, but not by the Subcommittee of the Property Board. Nevertheless, during the last months the Subcommittee changed its mind, so that a positive resolution can be expected. The offer of the Gossner Mission to commission a non-Indian expert (perhaps Mr. Montag) with the commercial negotiations with seriously interested parties shall be carefully examined by President Aind after his return to Ranchi.
- 10.) The KSS is worried about the situation in Purulia, which is still difficult to survey, although it seems to be more relaxed, as the machines could be transferred to Fudi. However, Rev. Hemron declared again his readiness and ability to establish a small holding in Purulia. Rev. Seeberg's objection, that concrete and promising plans should be the basis of a new investment, was not refuted. A new failure after a second start in Purulia would be still harder to bear.
- 11.) There was agreement, that the plans for the building of a studio in Ranchi for RVOG should be postponed until Rev. Seeberg would discuss the matter in Jabalpur in spring 1968.
- 12.) President Aind reports that Sister Ilse's dispensary work was highly appreciated by the KSS and was also supported by the different synods. After the training of a male nurse from Govindpur, the synod Kinkel now wants to train a dispensary nurse, they chose already a suitable person. Further came an application from the Synod Khuntitoli to establish a new dispensary in Bagaima (mission field). Also the Synod Karimati is interested in a dispensary. Rev. Seeberg encourages the President to have two nurses trained, who should be sent to Takarma.
13. Rev. Aind thinks, that courses for a basic training of nurses are necessary. They could take place in the Pracharak School as well as in the Tabita School in Govindpur. Rev. Seeberg thinks, that the just planned dispensary in Govindpur could not be charged with such a special project. The Board of Theological Education should consider, whether the employment of a further teacher for both school was financially advisable.
14. President Aind reports about a request of the Synod Govindpur to use the good paddy fields in Govindpur more intensively for agricultural purposes. The help of Director Bruns was urgently recommended. Rev. Seeberg will see to these plans in spring 1968.
15. Rev. Seeberg asks the KSS to consider a division of the Board of Education and Literature, which is too extensive, in order to facilitate a more intensive work in both parts. Rev. Aind agrees with this proposition and will discuss it with the KSS after his return.



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November 7, 1967

The Rev. Christ Bijoy Aind  
Pramukh Adhyaksh, President  
Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Kadma (Khunti) Dt. Ranchi

B i h a r / I N D I A

Subject: CDS 62 - Demonstration Farms at Sarnatoli and Lali

Dear President Aind,

This is just to remind you of the accounting that we need for the above project. As we wrote to you on September 19, 1967 we have asked Rev. Bage to send us this accounting but we have not received it so far. As you perhaps know the Donor Agency requests accounting for all funds paid. On May 20, 1966 we transferred the amount of \$ 2,735 for this project. As you will understand we urgently need the accounting for these funds and we therefore ask you to supply it as soon as possible.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

*Ch. Knutson*  
for Robert K. Knutson

cc: Dr. Berg ✓

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Nov. 3rd, 1967  
drbg/go

Rev C. B. Aind  
Gossner House

Subject: Basic Resolution of the Kuratorium of the Gossner Mission  
of 10/11 October 1967

Dear Brother Aind:

As you know, the Kuratorium is involved in a frank and brotherly discussion about the tasks after 1970, after the KSS of the Gossner Church agreed in February, that after the jubilee of the Gossner Church in July 1969 our dear Indian brotherchurch will do its work not only in an official autonomy, but also in a financial independence.

After these negotiations the Kuratorium passed the enclosed resolution of 10/11 October 1967. Please make this resolution known to all the members of the KSS at the next meeting, and at best add it as an appendix to the minutes of your meeting.

As you see in number 1) of this basic resolution, it was agreed upon the further cooperation between the G.E.L. Church and the Kuratorium after 1970. With regard to our agreement you are most interested in the mission work of the Gossner Church, the strengthening of the pension fund, and your request to have a German lecturer in the Theological College also in the future.

Some other questions are still open, for instance, whether the Kuratorium wants to include a certain responsibility for the medical work of the G.E.L. Church in the support of the missionary responsibility. However, these open questions should be trustfully discussed until July 1969.

Asking you and the dear brothers in the KSS to bear the responsibility of the Kuratorium in mind during the next years, I remain,

With cordial yeshusahay greetings,  
Very truly yours,

Encl.

(Director Dr. Ch. Berg)



E x t r a c t

from the Minutes of the Kuratorium Meeting of the Gossner Mission on the 10th/11th of October 1967 in the Gossner House in Mainz-Kastel

According to the resolution of their last meeting on May 16th, 1967 the Kuratorium gratefully heard the votes of their guests Rev. Ishida (LWF/Genf), Dr. Löffler (WCC/Genf) and Dr. Hoffmann (DEMR/Hamburg) and had a fertile discussion with them about their aspects for a possible new task of the Gossner Mission starting 1970.

The leadership of the mission is requested to consider the different suggestions and recommendations and to submit their concrete propositions in detail at latest after one year to the Kuratorium, so that resolutions can be passed as clearly as possible.

Based on the discussions today it seems to the Kuratorium, that the future tasks of the Gossner Mission will possibly go into three directions:

- 1) At the last meeting there was already a fundamental clarification about the cooperation within and with the Gossner Church - especially their mission work - going on after 1970.
- 2) The urgent appeal of the Department of World Mission and Evangelization of the Ecumenical Council expressed by Dr. Löffler to the Gossner Mission to cooperate in some functional tasks overseas, which should still be determined (for instance literature, industry mission etc.) is deemed reasonable by the Kuratorium, as the Lord gave manifold blessed experiences in this sphere of working to our brothers in Mainz-Kastel. The request for strengthened cooperation in this task of the world mission, which becomes more and more important, should therefore be considered in the planning.
- 3) Finally it seems desirable to the Kuratorium, that calls and questions for a cooperation of the Gossner Mission in limited territories, which are not yet reached by the mission, in Asia or Africa should be carefully and seriously examined as to whether or not they could be complied with.

With regard to the planning requested by the leadership of the mission the Kuratorium thinks, that the present financial capacity of the Gossner Mission should be taken as a basis, and the future tasks should for the present be considered accordingly.

Just in this period of our Gossner Mission's history we pray for the blessing, guidance and clear leadership of the Lord of Christianity and his mission, so that all future work will be done in obedience to HIM and his mission.

We ask all our friends to think faithfully of our great responsibility in intercession and devotion.



October 27th, 1967  
drbg/go

Rev. C. B. Aind, President  
G.E.L. Church Compound  
Ranchi, Bihar  
I N D I A

Akte Gossnerkirche

Dear Brother Aind:

Some months ago I wrote you already, that Superintendent Dr. von Stieglitz, Dortmund, on commission of the Church of Westfalia wants to visit the Gossner Church next winter. He had intended to come to Berlin for one day in order to see you and make your acquaintance, if you would come to Berlin at the beginning of November to the jubilee.

As unfortunately you do not come, what we regret as well as Dr. von Stieglitz, I can only inform you today, that we have the travel schedule of Dr. von Stieglitz, that he will start his voyage with his wife on the 14th of December from Germany to Beirut, Amman and Teheran, where he wants to visit places of German missionary work. He hopes to arrive in Ranchi with a plane from Calcutta at 7.50 a.m. on the 23rd of December. In case of a change of this date, he will inform you by cable.

Please be aware, that he is a representative of the church in Germany, which supports the Gossner Mission most of all, just as much as the Church of Hanover. You could trust Dr. von Stieglitz gladly with the Christmas service in Ranchi. I informed him, that probably he would be asked to hold the divine service. I suppose you will gladly prepare a program for his visit and take care of it, as you always did.

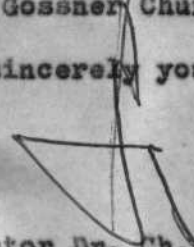
Brother von Stieglitz would certainly be glad, if you would write him some words of welcome to his address:

Superintendent Dr. Klaus v. Stieglitz  
46-Dortmund (Germany)  
Fr. Engels-Str. 10

At the same time I inform Brother Dr. Dell, so that he could talk and discuss this visit with you and also care for the accommodation of Dr. and Mrs. von Stieglitz.

Hoping that this third visit of a notable representative of the churches in Germany will be a blessing for the Gossner Church, I remain,

Very sincerely yours,



cc: Dr. Thomas Dell

(Director Dr. Ch. Berg)

October 27th, 1967  
drbg/go

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G.E.L. Church Compound  
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*P. Seeberg S. Kk*

GEL Church Ranchi  
Dated 25th Oct. 67.

To

Director Dr. C. Berg  
Gossner Mission  
1 Berlin 41 (Friedenau)  
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West Berlin.



Dear Brother Berg,

Received your letter of October 19, 1967.  
Thank you for that. Also on behalf of the Gossner Church let me express my heartfelt gratitude to the Gossner Mission through you for the grant of Rs. 20,000/- (Twenty thousand) for housing project at Rajgangpur.

I am glad to inform you that I am leaving Ranchi to-day for attending the 450th Reformation anniversary at Bittenberg. I shall be in West Berlin also for attending the 150th Anniversary of the Evangelical Church Union from November 2, 1967. Hope to meet you there and discuss some important matters.

With brotherly love and greetings

Yours in the Lord,

*CPA*  
Pramukh Adhyaksh,  
GEL Church Ranchi.

cc; Dr. M. Bage  
Adhyaksh Orissa Anchal.



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Gossner Mission Society  
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SENDER'S NAME AND ADDRESS:-

Rev. C. B. Aind  
G. E. C. Ranchi  
Bihar, India

26.10.1967 drbg/go

Dear Brother Aind:

I held this letter back, because I thought, I could talk with you about it on your stay in Germany. As you cannot come, I send it to you, although it is already some weeks old. Also Brother Montag, who is just visiting us today, and who read the letter and the Ranchi Committee Report, which interested him very much, advised me to send it to you.

Pastor Seeberg will certainly in February 1968, when he will be with you, talk about this matter with you.

October 19th, 1967  
drbg/go

Rev. C. B. Aind, President  
G.E.L. Church Compound  
Ranchi, Bihar  
I N D I A

3.5.7.

Subject: Houses for Rajgangpur from the 10-years-building-plan

Dear Brother Aind:

Fortunately I can inform you today, that we could decide to make the requested amount of 20.000 Rps available for the above project, sending the amount directly to Director Schwerk. You or Brother Bage may contact straight away Brother Schwerk in planning and starting this urgent project.

Thus we need not wait with this matter until you will come to Berlin soon. We are looking forward to your arrival, and there will be enough other questions to be discussed. However, I hope that this good news will come to you before your departure.

May the Lord protect you on your voyage, may He bless your experiences in Wittenberg and the joyful reunion with us in the Gossner House.

Brotherly greetings from all of us,  
Yours in the Lord,

(Mission Director Dr. Ch. Berg)

cc: Director Klaus Schwerk



Department of World Mission LWF  
150, route de Ferney  
GENEVA, SWITZERLAND

*T. Seeburg a. R.*  
19. OKT. 1967  
*56 R*

18th October 1967  
*Kindly put forward to Seeburg!*  
*[Signature]*

The Rev. C. B. Aind, Pramukh Adhyaksh  
Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Ranchi  
Bihar State  
India.

Dear Pastor Aind:

On my way to Hong Kong in connection with the Asian Church Leaders' Consultation, I find it possible to spend a few days in the Ranchi area. This is at rather short notice but I would appreciate meeting you and other church leaders during my brief visit to Ranchi. I will be arriving in Ranchi from New Delhi on November 4th at 11:55 by IC411. I am scheduled to leave Ranchi for Calcutta on the 7th at 12:20.

I hope these dates will suit you. Among others, I would like to discuss with you about the Lal Bungalow, part of which had been occupied by the Rev. and Mrs. C.G. Schmidt during their services with the GELC. I would also like to discuss with you your financial requests to the CWM for the future.

You may be interested to know that I attended the Gossner Mission Kuratorium meeting which took place in Mainz Kastel on October 10th and 11th. Some of the deliberations at the meeting led me to believe that we ought to seriously consider our future relationship with the GELC.

I will be looking forward to seeing you.

Sincerely yours,

*[Signature]*  
Yoshiro Ishida

c.c. The Rev. M. Seeburg, Gossner Mission

YI/md

September 27th, 1967  
drbg/go

Rev. C. B. Aind  
G.E.L. Church Compound  
Ranchi, Bihar  
I N D I A

Subject: Quarters on Rajgangpur Compound

Dear Brother Aind:

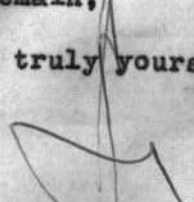
After my longer absence from the Gossner House I was very glad to read, that the registration formalities for the acquirement of Tezpur, Bokaro and Hatiya land are already settled or on the way to be completed. That is an important step forward at three significant points of the work of the Gossner Church. When you are here, we will have to speak about the further development especially in Hatiya and Bokaro.

First of all I want to speak today about Brother Bage's and your urgent request to make funds available still in 1967, so that the establishment of some houses on the Rajgangpur compound can be started at the same time when Brother Schwert will start the establishment of the planned hostel. I understand, that some families in Rajgangpur urgently need the possibility of an accommodation in such houses on the compound of the G.E.L. Church in Rajgangpur.

However, this plan was part of the 10-years-building-plan 1967. Only your unexpected and urgent request for Tezpur and Bokaro made the realization uncertain. Today I can only promise you, dear Brother Aind, that we will carefully check our financial situation in the light of your urgent request until your visit, and that you will take home the final answer at your departure to India. For the present time you and Brother Bage should reckon, that with 51 % possibility we will be in a position to make the still requested 20.000 Rps for this project available. Unfortunately, this is the utmost to write you in this matter today. I personally sincerely hope, that we can change the 51 into 100% at our common discussions here in the Gossner House about the quarters in Rajgangpur.

With a cordial yeshusahay to all the friends  
and brothers, I remain,

Very truly yours,

  
(Director Dr. Ch. Berg)





The Rev. Christ Bijoy Aind  
Pramukh Adhyaksh, President  
Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Kadma (Khunti) Dt. Ranchi

Bihar / INDIA

Subject: CDS 62 - Demonstration Farms at Sarnatoli and Lali, India

Dear President Aind,

On October 3, 1966 we wrote to Rev. Bage and asked him to send us an accounting for the above farms. On November 24, 1966 we wrote once again and reminded him of the accounting that we needed.

We have still not received this accounting and therefore we ask you if you would be kind enough and furnish us with it.

With best regards,

Sincerely yours,

Robert K. Knutson

cc: Dr. Berg ✓

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From Rev. C.B. Aind,  
Pramukh Adh. GELC.

Eingegangen No 47/ /67/PA-13

19. SEP. 1967

Ranchi 14th Sept. 67.

To

Rev. Martin Seeberg,  
Inspector Gossner Mission.

Eiledigt: .....

Subject:-Registration of plot of land at Bokaro.

Dear Brother Seeberg,

*days before* I was waiting for information regarding the registration of Roy's Bungalow at Tezpur and therefore I kept silence to communicate to you the news regarding the above mentioned subject, about which I was informed same/On 11th September 1967, I got informed ~~by xxxxx~~ unofficially by Mr. C.K. Tirkey, KSS member from Assam Anchal about the registration of Roy's bungalow at Tezpur. I take this news to be true.

In this way now the registration of the land at Chas for Bokaro Steel Project and the Roy's Bungalow at Tezpur has taken place on 23rd and 31st August '67 respectively. I was informed that altogether Rs. 55500/- (Rupees fiftyfive thousand & five hundred) was spent for Roy's Bungalow at Tezpur, the registration fee may be inclusive.

Yashusahay

Yours Sincerely

  
Pramukh Adhyaksh  
GEL Church Ranchi-



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Pastor M. Seiberg  
Inspector Gossner Mission  
1 Berlin 41 (Friedenau)  
Handjensstr. 19/20  
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SENDER'S NAME AND ADDRESS:-

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Bihar / India.

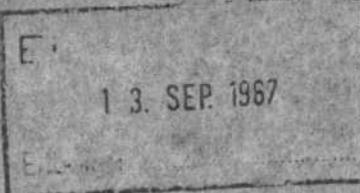


From Rev.C.B.Aind  
President GELC.Ranchi

No. 457/67/PA-69  
Ranchi Dated 7th Sep.'67.

To

Dr.Christian Berg  
Director Gossner Mission  
1 Berlin 41 (Friedenau)  
Händjerystr 19/20



*in Ranchi*  
Subject:-Recording Studio, to serve as feeder studio  
for CARAVS.

Dear Brother Berg,

drawing your kind attention on the above mentioned subject, may I request you to go through the enclosed letters on the same subject. I hope you are acquainted with the subject. This subject was introduced first by Rev.C.G.Schmidt in the full KSS meeting of Jan.23-Feb.2, 1966 when the KSS had passed a resolution in favour of this project (Extract of this resolution is appended) Again in accordance with the letter of Mr.C.P.David dt.25th July (copy of which is enclosed) the same subject was discussed in the KSS meeting of July Aug.6-13, '67 the resolution of which is also enclosed for your ready reference.

According to the aforesaid letter of Mr.C.P.David it seems that the establishment cost will be borne by the DWM/LWF. However this project cannot come into existence without your co-operation and helping hand. Hence you are requested to find means to carry on the burden of the recurring expenses for the project which will come about Rs.4000/- annually. Now may I know your reaction regarding this new project.

With brotherly greetings and Christian love,

Yours Sincerely,

*Prmukh*  
Prmukh Adhyaksh,  
GELChurch Ranchi.

- cc; Mr.C.P.David,  
In-charge CARAVS Jabbalpur.  
2.Dr.S.Aske, Director DWM/LWF Geneva.  
3.Rev.Ulbrick Fick  
Oberpirchenrat, 7 Stuttgart  
Ameinsebergstrasse 80.a.Germany.

Resolution of KSS dt.28Jan.-Feb2'66 item 11(d) Evangelism through Radio Program  
Rev.C.G.Schmidt gave a talk to the KSS telling that a room of the Youth centre could be used for radio-programme provided the KSS coped with the need of equipment and personnel. So far as the capital cost is concerned the KSS may get helps from outside but the running cost of about Rs.4000/- per annum is to be met by the KSS. If it agrees to take up this programme necessary advice can be obtained from a German expert now working in the CARAVS.

Resolved that the starting of radio-programme in the church be accepted in principle with the hope that atleast for next five years foreign help will be available to meet the recurring cost.

Further resolved that the Prmukh Adhyaksh and Rev.Schmidt be requested to deal with the concerned bodies in this respect."

Resolution of the KSS dated 6-13 Aug.'67, item 24. Radio Centre:- A letter dated July 25'67 from Rev.C.P.David, CARAVS, Jabbalpore informs that a radio centre be opened at G.E.L.C.Ranchi.

Resolved that the project be accepted and further correspondence be made to implement it."



Rev. Aind  
Presidence Gessener Church  
RANCHI (Bihar)

25th July 1967

Dear Rev. Aind,

About a couple of years ago, opening of a feeder studio in Ranchi was discussed. Since then it seems that we have all been quiet about it. Few years ago Rev. Karl Johansson who was working as the Assistant Station Director of the Radio Voice of the Gospel had suggested this, and when Pastor Ulrich Fick, the programme director visited India he also stressed on the need and it was also discussed in Ranchi. It seems that there is still a great deal of interest in ~~having~~ having a recording studio in Ranchi which would serve as a feeder Studio for CARAVS (The Christian Association for Radio and Audio Visual Service). The programming details can be worked out later.

I suppose there are two or three primary requirements. First a place for construction of a small studio will be needed. Then of course some equipment by way of tape recorders will be required and then there certainly will be a need for a suitable worker.

I went to Addis Ababa in April of this year and I discussed at length about this project. There was not only considerable interest shown but a suggestion was made by Dr. Sig Aske that if the President of the Gossner Church approached the Lutheran World Federation, with a request for construction of a small studio and some tape recorders - that it will be given full consideration. As a matter of fact it is more than possible that the request will be granted. This way the capital expenses can be taken care of. How much would be needed for capital expenses can be worked out in consultation with our technical Director Mr. Jurgen Layer - whom you may have met.

Then I understood that Gossener Church in Germany - Dr. Seeberg could be approached for the running expenses and there was quite a bit of hope that such a request will be granted.

May I request you on behalf of CARAVS as this letter is being written after consultation with the Executive Secretary, Rev. K.D. Bhaskar to kindly start correspondence on these matters. A request for the construction of a Studio and initial equipment could go to Dr. Aske whose Head Office is in Geneva (Lutheran World Federation Office). The request for the recurring grant could go to Dr. Seeberg of Germany. A suggestion was made that the funds for this ~~project~~ project be channelled through CARAVS but I feel this is negotiable.

I would further request you to send copies of the correspondence to Rev. Ulrich Fick, Oberpirchenrat, 7 Stuttgart, Ameinsebergstrasses 80a, Germany. Since he knows the history of this project I am sure he will be of great help.

Kindly consider this urgent as it seems that two years have passed and nothing definite has emerged. I sincerely hope and pray that with God's Guidance in this matter we will be able to get a Studio functioning in Ranchi to help us in the task of communication of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Yours sincerely,

Rev. C.P. David  
Incharge,  
CARAVS RADIO DEPARTMENT,  
15, Civil lines, Jabalpur,  
M. P.

September 6th, 1967

psb/go

WIEDERVORLAGE 15. OKTOBER

Rev. C. B. Aind  
Pramukh Adhyaksh  
G.E.L. Church  
Ranchi, Bihar  
I N D I A

Subject: Designated Gift for Women Work in the G.E.L. Church

Dear Brother Aind:

We received from friends a gift in the amount of 600 Rps., which is designated for the support of women work in the G.E.L. Church.

I want to ask you, whether you are ready to accept this special gift for the above mentioned purpose and to place the amount at the disposal of the women work in your church. If you agree, please pay this amount to the Women Work, we will refund it to the Head Accountant with our next remittance.

Very truly yours,

*Sg*

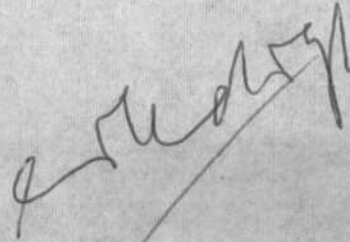
(Rev. Martin Seeberg)



September 6th, 1967  
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WIEDERVORLAGE 15. OKTOBER

Rev. C. B. Aind  
Pramukh Adhyaksh  
G.E.L. Church  
Ranchi, Bihar  
I N D I A



Subject: Registration Plot of Land in Bokaro and Steel Plant

Dear Brother Aind:

We would be grateful, if you would inform us, whether Rev. Hemron succeeded in getting the registration of the plot of land for the church in the Bokaro area.

With kindest regards,  
Yours sincerely,



(Rev. Martin Seeberg)



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UP-PRAMUKH ADHYAKSH : Rev. B. MINZ  
SECRETARY : Rev. Dr. M. BAGE  
TREASURER : Mr. C. A. TIRKEY

*Your most respectful*

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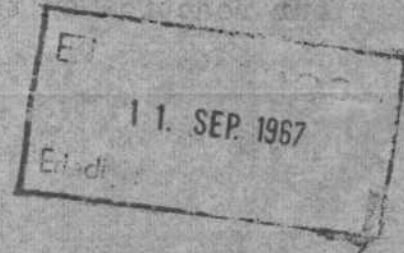
HEAD OFFICE  
G. E. L. Church, Ranchi  
Bihar/India  
Phone: 510

No. 415/67/PA-13

Ranchi Dated 23rd Aug. 1967.

To

Dr. Christian Berg,  
Director Gossner Mission,  
Berlin.



Dear Brother Berg,

After an interval of about a month, please allow me to write about the following:-

(1) Registration of Bungalow at Tezpur and land at Bokaro and Mesag:-Registration of 1 acre of land at Mesag for Matia project was completed on 21st of August 67. Registration of land at Chas for Bokaro project is on the process. Registration of Roy's bungalow at Tezpur is delayed due to one occupant a (Baptist Missionary) and therefore it is also on the process. This time Adhyaksh Hero could not attend the KSS meeting, held from 6-13 Aug. 67 due to some reason. Information will be communicated to you soon after the completion of these registrations.

(2) Hostel Project:-In order to facilitate the construction work for T.T.C. Phudi, the following groups of the places where hostels to be constructed are prepared:-

1. Ranchi, Khunti, Lohardaga.
2. Chainpur, Jashpurnagar, Sundargarh.
3. Rajgangpur, ~~Kavindapur~~, Simdega, Govindpur.
4. Chaibassa.

The above groupism has been made with the advice of Director Schwerk, who has to start construction work serially starting at Ranchi, from No. 1 and after some intervals work will be started at Khunti and Lohardaga and xxx so on.

I have an unofficial information from Director Schwerk that you have requested him to start the construction work immediately.

(3) Construction of apartment in the compound of Rajgangpur:-Dear Brother Berg it is learnt through your letters dated July 19 '67 and July 25 '67 that due to the exhaustion of Planning Commission money you are not in a position to grant money for the construction of apartment in Rajgangpur Compound. I understand this financial deficiency of the GM. This news was verbally communicated to Dr. M. Bage. Hearing this Dr. M. Bage requested me to place up before you the urgency of the proposed rented quarters at Rajgangpur and request you again to reconsider about the possibility of constructing the same in continuation of the construction of hostels at Rajgangpur. The urgency is this that the employees of the United Commercial Bank Rajgangpur are badly in need of living quarters and Dr. Bage has already agreed to offer them the proposed rented quarters. Hence if this project could be started in ~~construction of the~~ continuation of the hostel construction, the proposed quarters could be allotted to the persons mentioned above who seemed to be faithful tenants. I therefore request you respectfully to

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to find out possible ways and means to enable you to grant us the amount at least needed for the construction of the rented houses at Rajgangpur. The amount will be nearly 20000/- (Twenty thousand rupees).

Your reaction on this request is being awaited.

With brotherly love

Yours Sincerely,

Pramukh Adhyaksh,  
GEL Church Ranchi.

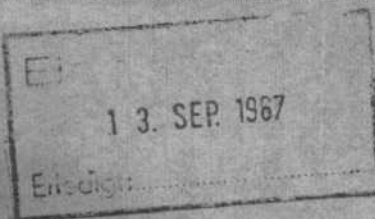
cc; Adhyaksh Orissa Anchal.



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TREASURER : Mr. C. A. TIRKEY



HEAD OFFICE  
G. E. L. Church, Ranchi  
Bihar/India  
Phone : 510

No. 456 /67/PA-69

Ranchi Dated 8th Aug. 1967.

To

Rev. Sigurd Aske,  
Associate Director DWM/LWF  
150 Route de Ferney  
1211 Geneva-20 Switzerland.

Subject:-Recording studio in Ranchi to serve as a feeder studio  
for CARAVS.

Dear Sir,

As per direction of Mr. C. P. David, incharge CARAVS Radio department Jabbalpore, dated 25th July '67 the copy of which is attached herewith for your information, may I draw your attention on the above subject. The subject was discussed in the KSS (Church Council) of the Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church and the project was accepted. An extract of the minutes on the subject is appended herewith for your information and ready reference. Hence you are requested to take further step for the establishment of this project here at Ranchi. The Gossner Church will willingly allot the required portion of land or place for the construction of this proposed studio.

Also as per direction of Mr. C. P. David contained in his aforesaid letter, a separate letter of request for recurring grant for the running of the proposed studio is being made to the Director, Dr. Christian Berg, Gossner Mission, Berlin.

With love and Christian greetings,

Yours Sincerely,

  
Pramukh Adhyaksh,  
GEL Church Ranchi.

- cc; Mr. C. P. David, Incharge CARAVS  
Jabbalpore (M.P.) 15 Civil Lines.  
2. Rev. Ulrich Flick  
Oberpirchenrat, 7 Stuttgart  
Ameinse bergstrasse 80 a, Germany.  
3. Dr. C. Berg, Berlin.





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7000 STUTTGART 1, 26.7.1967  
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**Sehr geehrter Herr Präsident!**

Für Ihr Schreiben vom 11.7.1967 danken wir Ihnen vielmals, müssen Ihnen aber zu unserem Bedauern mitteilen, dass alle Fahrzeuge, die für das Feed the Children Aid Programme benötigt wurden, zwischenzeitlich verteilt sind. Wir können Ihnen daher einen Wagen leider nicht zur Verfügung stellen.

Herr Direktor Kirchenrat Dr. Berg hat uns in dieser Angelegenheit auch bereits angesprochen, und wir mussten ihm die gleiche Auskunft geben. Er wird Ihnen aber auch noch direkt hierzu schreiben.

Wir bedauern, Ihnen keinen günstigeren Bescheid geben zu können, und sind

mit freundlichen Grüßen  
Im Auftrag

gez. H.-J. Zieger

D: Herrn KR Dr. Berg, Berlin,  
mit der Bitte um Kenntnissnahme.

July 10th, 1967

psb/go

Rev. C. B. Aind, President  
G.E.L. Church Compound  
Ranchi, Bihar  
INDIA

Subject: Plot of Land near Hatia

Dear Brother Aind:

We were very glad that Rev. Toppe obviously negotiated about the plot of land near Hatia. I personally regret, that not the piece of land, which we visited, but the less suitable one at the East side of the Main Road was chosen. Although the financial situation of the Gossner Mission is tense, we see the importance of the construction of a church in this industrial district, and we want to do our utmost in order to help you with the purchase of this piece of land. Fortunately the Gossner Mission deposited already 1966 Rps. 11.000 for this purpose at the Treasurer of the G.E.L. Church.

Please use the above amount as a payment on account for the purchase of the plot of land and expect a remittance of the rest of Rps. 9.000 during the next weeks from us.

With kind regards, I remain,

Very sincerely yours,

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(Rev. Martin Seeberg)



Berlin, July 7th, 1967  
psb/go

Rev. G.B. Aind, President  
G.E.L. Church Compound  
Ranchi, Bihar  
INDIA

Subject: Professor Tiga's Visit to Germany

Dear Brother Aind:

Thank you very much for your information of July 3rd concerning Rev. Tiga's Joint Mission Board affair. Unfortunately your letter of May 16th did not reach us, so that finally your last letter clarified the matter.

In the meantime the preparations for Professor Tiga's voyage are finished. The flight ticket is paid, and the plan for his Germany tour is also finished. I enclose it for your information.

Yours sincerely,

*Sg*

Encl.

(Rev. Martin Seeberg)

cc: Professor J.J.P. Tiga



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G. E. L. Church, Ranchi  
Bihar/India  
Phone : 510

No. 366 /67/PA-13

Ranchi Dated 3rd July 1967.

To

Pastor Seeberg,  
Inspector Gossner Mission.

Eingegangen

- 7. JUL. 1967

Erledigt: .....

Sub: Professor Tiga's Germany visit.

Ref: Your letter dated 22nd June '67 addressed to Rev. Tiga with a copy to me.

*Jy. 1967!*  
Dear Pastor Seeberg,

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With reference to your letter under reference I would like to inform you that our letter No. 227/67/PA-40 dated 16.5.67 clearly indicates that all matters relating to Rev. Tiga's J.M.B. affairs have been settled and that there is nothing on the way to prevent him from visiting Germany.

This action was taken consequent to your letters dated 15.2.67 and 19.4.67. Please therefore treat this matter as finally settled.

WO IST DIESE BRIEF?

Yours Sincerely,

*CPA*  
Prāmukh Adhyaksh,  
GELChurch Ranchi.

Copy to:-

Ref. Prof. J.J.P. Tiga  
for information.

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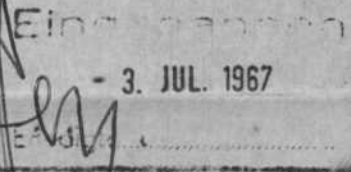
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Phone : 510

No. 306/67/PA-13

Ranchi Dated 26th June 1967.

To

Pastor M. Seeborg,  
Inspector Gossner Mission  
1 Berlin 41 (Friedenau)  
Handjerystr 19/20



Dear Brother Seeborg,

With reference to your letter dated June 16, 1967 on the subject Money Transfer June 16th, 1967 approx. Rs. 21,000/- let me express the thankfulness of the Gossner church to the G.M. for its prompt action.

You have mentioned in your same letter that Rs. 21,000/- contains two items:-  
1. The amount of Rs. 18400/- for Bokaro  
2. The amount of Rs. 2470/- for Dr. M. Bage for Rajgangpur well.

Following is my comment regarding under No. 2. It seems that Dr. M. Bage had requested the two German Congregations to help for digging a well in Rajgangpur. Accordingly the two German congregations filled with sympathy collected Rs. 2470/- and gave the same to the GM for transferring it for the use requested for. The two German congregations who collected this amount are worthy of praise for their generosity.

I am sure and confident that Dr. M. Bage has not asked for his personal benefit, but the way of his approach for help is not proper. This sort of individual direct or indirect actions with foreign bodies will be a cause of envy for others and thus ultimately lead us towards unavoidable misunderstandings and troubles.

I remember in my last days in Berlin in October 1965, in the Kuratorium there was a suggestion of arranging friendship with individual congregation of Germany with the congregation in Gossner Church. Also there was a suggestion of helping the poor students in Gossner church by some interested individuals of the German congregations. I was requested to place these suggestions in the K.S.S. of the Gossner Church. I quite remember that on 20th October '65 the next day of my return to the Gossner church, I placed both the suggestions in the KSS under the chairmanship of Dr. M. Bage. There the KSS did not accept the suggestions on the ground that it will be an envious material for those congregations and individuals who will not have any friendly connection of the German congregations and individuals.

Hence as President of the church I am of strong opinion that such individual correspondences or appeals be discouraged and stopped. This short of my comment may displease many in the Gossner Church but yet I felt it is my responsibility and duty to give such comment.

With brotherly love & Christian greetings,

Yours Sincerely,

Pramukh Adhyaksh.

cc; for information to:

All officers of the KSS, All Adhyakshes,  
Rev. Dr. M. Bage.



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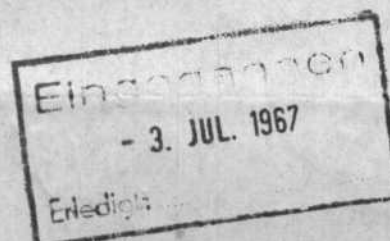
G. E. L. Church, Ranchi  
Bihar/India  
Phone : 510

No. 305/67/PA-13

Ranchi Dated 26th June 1967.

To

Rev. M. Seeborg,  
Mission Inspector  
1 Berlin 41  
Handjerystr 19/20



Dear Brother Seeborg,

Many thanks for your letter of 16th June '67. We are really glad that Rs.18,400/- has been made available for Bokaro project. Arrangements are being made for registration of the land at an early date.

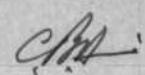
It appears from your above quoted letter that no further funds are available for help during the year 1967. We have now come to the settlement with the owner of the land at village Hesag near Hatia on the eastern side of the Main Road. This plot of land you have already seen. The cost of the land (1 acre in area) is Rs.20,000/-. We intend to purchase this land as this is urgently needed.

In view of your above letter I would like to know whether the financial impossibilities of Gossner Mission for 1967 is equally applicable in this case also ?

Hoping to hear early from you,

With brotherly greetings,

Yours Sincerely,

  
Pramukh Adhyaksh,  
GELChurch Ranchi.



June 16th, 1967  
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Rev. C. B. Aind  
Pramukh Adhyaksh  
G.E.L. Church  
Ranchi, Bihar  
I N D I A

WV 1.9. 1967

Sg

Subject: Bokaro Steel Plant Area

Dear Brother Aind:

Thank you very much for your letter of <sup>June</sup> April 10th, 1967. We are glad, that Rev. Hemron came to a quick success with the negotiations.

As the prices for real estate in the Bokaro area will probably increase, we shall not lose time. The treasurer of the Gossner Mission has been advised to remit the amount of

Rps. 18.400.--

to the account of the G.E.L. Church. We hope the registration will follow soon. With this the financial possibilities of the Gossner Mission for the building project are nearly exhausted, at least for 1967. Therefore, we ask you to prolong the negotiations for the second plot in Bokaro, if possible, until spring 1968.

We keep in mind, however, that there are still assigned Rps. 20.000.-- for building expenses of the Central Office (see my letter of February 10th, 1967) and for the building of houses in Rajgangpur and Parulia, Rps. 90.000.--. The first amount will be paid by us in due time. The second amount, we hope, will only partly become due in 1967, as the planned activities will probably drag on until 1968.

With brotherly greetings,  
Yours sincerely,

Sg

cc: Treasurer of the G.E.L. Church  
cc: Head Accountant KSS

# GOSSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

(Rgd. under Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860)

PRAMUKH ADHYAKSH : Rev. C. B. AIND  
UP-PRAMUKH ADHYAKSH : Rev. B. MINZ  
SECRETARY : Rev. Dr. M. BAGE  
TREASURER : Mr. C. A. TIRKEY

HEAD OFFICE  
G. E. L. Church, Ranchi  
Bihar/India  
Phone : 510

No. 268 /67/PA-50

Ranchi Dated 10th June 1967.

To

Pastor Seeberg,  
Inspector Gossner Mission  
1 Berlin 41 (Friedenau)  
Handjerystr 19/20  
West Germany.

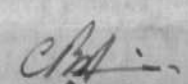
Dear Brother Seeberg,

During these days I have received several letters from you concerning Dr. Annie Bage, Gossner Mission's contribution towards Board of Evangelism and Literature, stipend for theological students for third quarter, dispensary programme in the Gossner church and purchase of land in new industrial places like Hatia and Bokaro. Thank you for ~~these~~ all these kind letters.

At present I am dealing with only Bokaro steel plant area, about the rest you will shortly hear from me. Two sites have been selected at Bokaro, one at Chas (towards the eastern side of the plant) and the other is just on the roadside ~~of the plant~~ (towards the southern side of the plant). The second one is under negotiation. The plot at Chas is 23 decimals and the cost is @ Rs. 800/- per decimal comes to Rs. 18,400/- (Rupees eighteen thousand four hundred). Rev. Dorepha Hemrom has requested me to contact you regarding the cost. Please let me know about your view regarding this plot. If it is agreeable please send the money. Soon after the money will be available, the registration of the plot will be done by Rev. D. Hemrom.

With brotherly greetings,

Yours Sincerely,

  
Pramukh Adhyaksh,  
GEL Church Ranchi.

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May 19th, 1967  
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Rev. C. B. Aind, President  
G.E.L. Church Compound  
Ranchi, Bihar  
I N D I A

Dear Brother Aind:

Subject: Visitors from Germany during the Next Winter

It is perhaps a little early, but not too early to inform you and the brothers in the KSS - and perhaps also through the "Garbandu" the whole Gossner Church - that also next winter visitors from Germany can be expected. I hope they will be welcome.

At the same time with this information I want to convey to you cordial greetings of the Kuratorium, which held a meeting on May 16th and 17th. As soon as the minutes are written, I will inform you about an important resolution.

1. After in winter 1965/66 the Evang. Luth. Landeskirche of Hannover sent Landessuperintendent Peters and you welcomed him gratefully, and last winter the Church of Berlin-Brandenburg sent Professor Vogel to Ranchi upon your invitation, where he held lectures especially in the Theological College and participated in the every-day life of the Gossner Church, what he liked very much, the Church of Westfalia now decided to send the President of their Missionary Councils, Superintendent Dr. von Stieglitz, the Synodical President of the big city of Dortmund, to visit the Gossner Church. He accepted the resolution gladly and probably will start his voyage to Chotanagpur with his wife shortly before Christmas. The exact date of his visit is not yet fixed, but it is possible that he will leave Germany before Christmas in order to be among you during the Pastoral Refresher Course at the end of February next year. This visit is especially important, as there are a lot of friends of the Gossner Church just in Westfalia.

Brother von Stieglitz - his name means a special kind of bird (goldfinch), so that he seems to be related to Professor Vogel (bird) - is an old friend of the Gossner Mission, and three years ago he visited the church in North Tanganika sent by the Bethel Mission. Thus you will understand, that he is not inexperienced visiting young churches, and he will be able to compare the churches, when he will participate in the life of the Gossner Church during these few months. He is a friend of Vice President Dr. Timme, who kindly welcomed us, dear Brother Aind, in the autumn 1965, when you visited the Headquarters of the Church of Westfalia in Bielefeld.

2. At the same time I wish that Inspector Seeberg will again next winter go to Ranchi, and I think that the Kuratorium will in due time confirm it. Brother Seeberg will work with you and consult with you, perhaps from the end of January to the beginning of March, and give you his advice from his manifold experiences. I am sure you will be glad about this information.



In the meantime we confidently hope to have your messenger Professor Tiba from the beginning of September to the end of November here in Germany, and the programs for his itinerary are just being made. We intend to send him as a representative of the Gossner Church in India to the reformation celebration at the end of October in Wittenberg etc., as obviously Brother Schottstädt forgot, that there is no special money for your direct coming.

At any rate I sincerely hope, that these reciprocal visits will strengthen the solidarity between you and us just during the time before the jubilee of the Gossner Mission in July 1969.

*Church*  
With brotherly yeshusahay greetings,  
Very cordially yours,

  
(Director Dr. Berg)

cc: Herrn Superintendent Dr. von Stieglitz

cc: Secretary of KSS Dr. Bage

May 11th, 1967  
psb/go

Rev. C. B. Aind, President  
G.E.L. Church Compound  
Ranchi, Bihar  
I N D I A

Dear Brother Aind:

Enclosed please find my answer to the coworkers of the KSS and the Property Board answering their letter to me of April 26th, 1967. I could not say more because of our agreement, that the correspondence should be exchanged between the President of the Church and us. I know the difficulties of a better pay regulation very well.

However, I want to tell you, that I think the letter of the coworkers is justified. Indeed, the salaries are too low, and I understand, that the coworkers' interest in the work will decrease.

At any rate the present situation should be improved. I was surprised that the salary scale of the Anchal coworkers is different from the salary scale of the KSS coworkers. In any case I would advise you to arrange, that there will be a pay scale which is obligatory for the laymen workers of all the Anchals and of the Central Office. Indeed, dear Brother Aind, you will get better coworkers in Ranchi only, if the salaries are adequate. Would this be reached, if only three of the five laymen would remain in a steady job and receive a higher salary? In the present situation I do not think the Anchals would be ready to give higher allowances for the administration in Ranchi. It is possible, that the Anchals think, that the administration till now does not work effective enough. You should inform the Adhyakshes, that the work in the central office could improve only if qualified coworkers could be employed.

I heard that N.E. Horo has got a vacation of half a year without pay. This means perhaps that during the next months a new superintendent of the KSS office cannot be employed. This is a pity. Now the laymen have to receive work from you, but as you are often absent from Ranchi, the administrative work will often be interrupted, as long as there is no superintendent of the KSS office. I know you want to save and have to save money. But I wonder whether the central administration of the G.E.L. Church can afford such an economization. Perhaps there are other items in the general budget which could be decreased.

I am glad that you received in the Govindpur Synod so quickly a new proposal for the dispensary program.

With kindest regards I remain,  
Very sincerely yours,

(Rev. Martin Seeberg)

Encl.



May 9th, 1967  
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Rev. C. B. Aind, President  
G.E.L. Church Compound  
Ranchi, Bihar  
I N D I A

Dear Brother Aind:

Subject: Two Aid Amounts for Anchal Assam  
Your letter of April 22nd, 1967

I am very glad to inform you, that we hope to be in the position to send 36.000 Rps. to the Treasurer of the G.E.L. Church still in May of this year.

This amount is meant for the Anchal Assam:

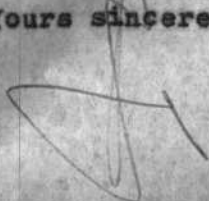
1.) 32.000 Rps. for the purchase of Roy's Bungalow at Tezpur. After the KSS at its meeting on April 11th to 12th - about which you sent me the extract from the minutes - agreed with my proposals for the raising of the total amount, I send you now the missing 32.000 Rps. from the funds of the 10-years-building plan.

May the legal acquisition of the site and the bungalow in Tezpur take place soon and help the work of the Gossner congregation in Tezpur.

2.) 4.000 Rps. shall also be sent immediately, which make it possible that the Adhyaksh Horo will receive a motor-cycle and thus his service and his pastoral care should be intensified.

I thank you very much, dear Brother Aind, for the greetings, which Brother Dr. Bage brought to Vienna and which Brother Seeberg imparted to us here in the Gossner house.

With brotherly greetings,  
Yours sincerely,



cc: Head Accountant

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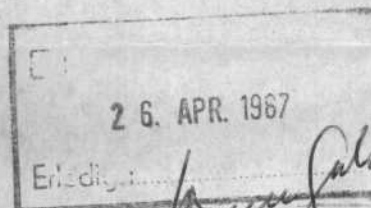
G. E. L. Church, Ranchi  
Bihar/India  
Phone : 510

No.175/67/PA-50

Ranchi Dated 22nd April 1967.

To

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



Sub:- Purchase of Roy's Bungalow at Tezpur.

Dear Brother Berg,

*resolved* In accordance with your letter dated April 4th 1967 re: above subject, the KSS Samiti in its meeting dated 11-12 April '67 has accepted the conditions as laid down in your letter under reference and has ~~reduced the amount~~ accordingly. The copy of an extract from the minutes of the KSS Samiti is attached herewith for your information and needful.

On behalf of the Gossner Church I extend hearty thankfulness to the G.M. for its readiness to grant the help of Rs.32,000/- Now may I request you to send this amount at an early date.

With Christian greetings and brotherly love,  
Yours Sincerely,

Enclos: Extract from KSSS  
meeting minutes of  
11-12 Apr.67 item-10

*C.B. Aind*  
(C.B.Aind)  
Pramukh Adhyaksh

cc:for information to  
1.Dr.M.Bage,Secretary,  
2.Rev.C.S.B.Horo Adhyaksh Assam Anchal.



Extract from the minutes of the KSS Samiti meeting held at Ranchi on 11-12 April 1967 item No.10.

Item No.10 Purchase of Roy's Bungalow at Tezpur:-

The Chairman informed that negotiation had been made to purchase the Roy-bungalow since long and that now it would be possible to get it for 52000/-rupees. He also informed that the G.M. would be prepared to pay an additional amount of rupees 32000/- if the KSS agreed to use for this purpose also Rs.5000/- the balance now held by Assam Anchal out of Planning Commission Money for 1966 and also Rs.15000/- the Planning Commission money for 1967 due to be paid to Assam Anchal.

Resolved that the suggestion of Dr.Berg be accepted and that the money for the purchase of Roy-bungalow at Tezpur be made available from the following sources.-

|                              |            |
|------------------------------|------------|
| Balance with Assam, out. of. |            |
| Planning Commn. amount.....  | Rs.5000/-  |
| 1967 Planning Commission     |            |
| money for Assam.....         | Rs.15000/- |

Additional grant from G.M. in 1967 Rs.32000/-

Total Rs.52000/-

19th April 1967

To the  
President of the GELChurch  
Rev. C.B. Aind  
G.E.L. Church Compound

Ranchi  
BIHAR  
INDIA

Subject: Dispensary-program of the Gossner Church

Dear Brother Aind,

We have received first reports from Ilse Martin from Takarma. We are glad that she could take up her work as agreed upon. We are also pleased that you had an opportunity to pay a visit to Takarma so early. There seem to be quite a number of patients coming to the dispensary. Ilse Martin is very satisfied with the start.

But I was not pleased to hear that the nurse from Govindpur has not arrived yet. Her name had already been mentioned during our visit to the Synod there.

The time of Ilse Martin's service is not unlimited. We have to take care that the Synods which are interested in her work will make use of it. If we want to establish a number of dispensaries in the near future, the plans will have to be carried out. We agreed that the nurses who will be responsible for the dispensaries will work with Ilse Martin at Takarma for six months. We would very much regret if the Synod of Govindpur were not interested in caring for its ill people anymore. I kindly and urgently request you to talk again with the President of the Synod. If there is no nurse available at Govindpur, another Synod should take the chance and send a trained nurse to Takarma for six months immediately. I like to repeat that the Gossner Mission is ready to pay the salary for the nurse during her six month's training. We are also willing to grant a certain amount of money for furnishing a new dispensary. We keep in mind that the first two dispensaries to be furnished could get an amount of money for medicine which has already been given to the Gossner Church by the Lutheran World Federation.

I should be grateful if you could clear up the matter to be sure that the service of Ilse Martin can be carried on according to our plans.

With brotherly greetings,  
Yours,

P.S.

Dr. Berg likes to tell you that the money for the motor-cycle for Assam will be included in our next remittance to the GELChurch.



psb/br

19th April 1967

To the  
President of the GEL Church  
Rev. C. B. Aind  
G.E.L. Church Compound

Ranchi  
BIHAR  
INDIA

Subject: Professor Tiga's visit to Germany

Dear Brother Aind,

After my return, I have informed the "Deutsche Evangelische Missionsrat" about the dates of Professor Tiga's visit to Germany. The tickets have already been ordered. I am naturally very interested if the matter has, in the meantime, been settled about which I left behind a letter shortly before my departure. As you will remember, it concerns a settlement on purchase of property in the former Joint Mission Area which has still to be done.

I should be grateful to you if you could give us information on it so that Professor Tiga's visit will be quite clear.

With brotherly greetings,  
Yours,

Sg

cc/ Professor Tiga

Entwurf

18. April 1967 /Psb/el.

Präsident Aind  
G.E.L. Church Compound

R a n c h i /Bihar  
I N D I A

Betr.: Besuch von Professor Tiga in Deutschland

Lieber Bruder Aind!

Nach meiner Rückkehr habe ich beim Deutschen Evangelischen Missionsrat die Termine angegeben für den Besuch von Prof. Tiga in Deutschland. Die Fahrkarten sind inzwischen bestellt, und so bin ich natürlich sehr interessiert daran, ob die Angelegenheit, über die ich Ihnen kurz vor meiner Abreise einen Brief hinterließ, inzwischen geregelt worden ist. Es handelte sich wie Sie sich erinnern werden, um eine noch zu erledigende Abrechnung von Grundstückskäufen im ehemaligen Joint Mission Gebiet.

Ich wäre Ihnen dankbar, wenn Sie darüber uns eine Mitteilung geben könnten, damit der Reise von Prof. Tiga nichts mehr im Wege steht.

Mit brüderlichen Grüßen

Ihr

Kopie  
Professor Tiga



Entwurf

18. April 1967  
psb/el.

Präsident Aind  
G.E.L. Church Compound

R a n c h i /Bihar  
I N D I A

Betrifft: Dispensary-Programm der Gossnerkirche

Lieber Bruder Aind!

Inzwischen liegen die ersten Berichte von Schwester Ilse Martin aus Takarma vor. Wir freuen uns, daß sie ihre Arbeit, wie verabredet, übernehmen konnte, und daß Sie bereits in den ersten Tagen Gelegenheit hatten zu einem Besuch in Takarma. Die Patienten scheinen bereits in größerer Zahl zu kommen und Schwester Ilse schreibt sehr befriedigt von diesem Neubeginn.

Weniger zufrieden war ich durch die Mitteilung, daß die Schwester aus Govindpur, die bei unserem gemeinsamen Besuch in der dortigen Synode schon namentlich genannt war, noch nicht gekommen ist.

Die Zeit, in der Ilse Martin diesen Dienst tut, ist nicht unbegrenzt, und wir müssen darauf achten, daß ihr Dienst von den interessierten Synoden wahrgenommen wird. Wenn wir in absehbarer Zeit eine Anzahl von Dispensaries <sup>ein</sup>richten wollen, müssen die einmal gefaßten Pläne durchgeführt werden. Wir hatten vereinbart, daß jene Schwestern, die für die Dispensaries verantwortlich sein sollen, ein halbes Jahr lang mit Schwester Ilse in Takarma zusammenarbeiten. Wir würden es sehr bedauern, wenn die Synode Govindpur für die Versorgung ihrer Kranken kein Interesse mehr hätte. Ich möchte ~~xxx~~ Sie herzlich und dringend bitten, noch einmal mit dem Synodenpräsidenten zu sprechen und ihn zu erinnern. Wenn in Govindpur keine Schwester verfügbar ist, sollte eine andere Synode jetzt die Möglichkeit ausnutzen und sofort eine ausgebildete Schwester für 1/2 Jahr nach Takarma senden. Ich wiederhole, daß die Gossner Mission sich bereit erklärt hat, für diese halbjährige Ausbildungszeit das Gehalt dieser Schwester zu zahlen und für die Neueinrichtung einer Dispensary einen bestimmten Betrag zu geben. Dabei halten wir uns vor Augen, daß die zwei ersten neu-einzurichtenden Dispensaries einen Betrag für Medikamente bekommen können, den der Lutherische Weltbund der Gossnerkirche bereits zur Verfügung gestellt hat.

Ich wäre Ihnen dankbar, wenn Sie diese Angelegenheit klären könnten, damit wir die Gewißheit haben, daß der Dienst von Schwester Ilse Martin in Takarma nach unseren Plänen weitergehen kann.

Mit brüderlichen Grüßen

Ihr

P.S.

Dr. Berg läßt Ihnen mit freundlichen Grüßen sagen, daß der Betrag für das Motorrad für Assam bei der nächsten Überweisung an die G.E.L. Church mit-einbezogen wird.

Kopien:Präsident Aind  
Dr. Dell  
Dipl.-Ing. SchwerkHerrn  
J.S. Luther  
G.E.L. Church Press  
Main RoadR a n c h i /Bihar  
I N D I A

*mit der Hoffnung persönlich Herrn Mittenhuber! evtl. h.*  
*18.4.*  
*für J. S. Luther*

Es ist mir, als hätten wir gestern noch zusammengesessen, um über die Fragen, die Sie in Ranchi sehr bewegen, zu sprechen, und doch sind es schon mehr als zwei Monate her, daß Sie mit anderen Freunden mich auf dem Flughafen in Ranchi verabschiedeten. Daran wurde ich sehr erinnert, als Herr Gupta kürzlich einige nette Fotos schickte, die mir viel Freude gemacht haben. Ich bitte freundlich durch Sie, Herrn Gupta meinen herzlichen Dank für seinen Brief und die Bilder auszusprechen.

Wie Sie erwartet haben, konnte ich in diesen Wochen ausführlich mit Missionsdirektor Dr. Berg über alle Fragen der Druckerei sprechen, nachdem er Ihre Briefe sorgfältig gelesen hatte. Es handelt sich dabei um Ihre Briefe vom 10., 13. und 20.2.1967. Dazu lag uns Ihr Jahresbericht vor, der noch durch meine mündlichen Darstellungen ergänzt werden konnte.

Herr Dr. Berg hat Ihnen vor einigen Tagen bereits persönlich geschrieben und dabei seinen allgemeinen Eindruck vermittelt. Es ist meine Pflicht, nun noch einer Reihe von Einzelfragen nachzugehen, die der Klärung bedürfen.

Zunächst müssen wir in Erinnerung rufen, daß das Interesse der Gossner Mission für die Druckerei in Ranchi immer sehr groß gewesen ist. Wir haben den Neuaufbau vorangetrieben und die Entsendung von Herrn Mittenhuber empfohlen, ohne dessen Mitwirkung die jetzige Entwicklung nicht denkbar wäre. Dabei stand uns als Ziel vor Augen, daß die Presse auf Grund der erheblichen Investitionen und einer sachgemäßen Leitung durch den deutschen Druckmeister und danach zu unserer sehr großen Freude durch einen indischen Kollegen in die Lage versetzt würde, für sich selbst zu sorgen und als solides Geschäftsunternehmen unabhängig zu sein. Auf jeden Fall wollten wir vermeiden, eine neue unterstützungsbedürftige Institution der Gossnerkirche ins Leben zu rufen oder wiederzuerwecken. Immerhin ließen wir uns überzeugen, daß eine gewisse Gebäudeverbesserung noch notwendig sei und der Eingang der Druckerei von der Hauptstraße her erreichbar sein müßte. Noch drei andere Dinge, die unserm stetiges Interesse und Wohlwollen bekunden, sollen aufgeführt werden: Wir haben im Dezember 1966 einen verlorenen Zuschuß in Höhe von 10.000,-- Rps. der Printing Press übergeben, damit Betriebsmittel zur Verfügung stünden. Weiterhin haben wir aus unserem Bau-Sonderplan Mittel zur Verfügung gestellt, damit in unmittelbarer Nähe der Druckerei ein Gebäude errichtet werden konnte, daß in Kürze an eine Klischeeanstalt vermietet wird. Schließlich haben wir - zur Entlastung der Druckerei - immer sehr darauf gedrängt, daß Verlag und Druckerei getrennt werden müßten, so daß die Druckerei nicht das Risiko des Verlages zu tragen habe. Auch dies ist in der Zwischenzeit geschehen, nachdem das Komitee mit Ihrer Zustimmung die Einzelheiten beschlossen hat. Wir haben also, lieber Herr Luther, jederzeit ein offenes Ohr gehabt für Ihre Sorgen und wir haben nicht nur zugehört, sondern im Rahmen unserer Möglichkeiten etwas getan. X

Ohne daß wir uns das Recht anmaßen, den Aufgaben des Managing Committee vorzugreifen, möchten wir für die zukünftige Entwicklung der Druckerei nun einige Ratschläge geben, die in einem unmittelbaren Zusammenhang mit Ihren Briefen



und den darin enthaltenen weiteren Wünschen stehen.

- 1) Wir möchten der Druckerei eine langsame aber gesunde Entwicklung wünschen. Wir sind nicht der Meinung, daß jede sich bietende Gelegenheit in Ranchi ausgenutzt werden muß. Die Printing Press in Ranchi ist eine kleine Druckerei, die einer kleinen Kirche gehört. Ein Großbetrieb paßt nicht zu den Zielen, die sich die Gossnerkirche mit ihrer Druckerei gesetzt hat. Das besondere Merkmal dieser Druckerei, die zugleich ein besonderer Beitrag der Gossnerkirche für diese Art Unternehmungen ist, soll die Qualität der Erzeugnisse sein.
- 2) Die Konsequenz des ersten Satzes liegt in folgender Feststellung: Die Vermehrung des Maschinenbestandes halten wir für nicht ratsam. Wir sind an diesem Punkte zwar keine Experten, aber wir haben dabei das Urteil von Herrn Mittenhuber zu unseren Gunsten anzuführen, der mehrfach ausgesprochen hat, daß ~~ex~~ die jetzt vorhandenen Maschinen völlig ausreichend sind. Es mag sein, daß sich nicht vorhergesehene Umstände ergeben, die einen weiteren Einkauf von Druckmaschinen rechtfertigen. In diesem Ausnahmefall sollten aber alle Beteiligten - also Betriebsleitung und Managing Committee - sich gemeinsam dafür einsetzen. Wir sind also nicht in der Lage, Ihre Bitte um weitere Druckmaschinen zu erfüllen, es sei denn, daß wir überzeugt würden, daß die Existenz der Druckerei davon abhängig ist.
- 3) Der Kundenkreis der Druckerei sollte mit Absicht klein gehalten werden. Sie erwähnten öfters "nicht wiederkehrende Gelegenheiten". Wir können Ihnen nicht zustimmen. Es wird in Indien und besonders im Industriegebiet von Ranchi gerade in Zukunft viele Kunden geben, die sich um eine gute Druckerei bemühen werden. Die Printing Press in Ranchi sollte rigoros solche Kunden ausscheiden, die mit der Bezahlung ihrer Rechnungen zögern. In den Geschäftsbedingungen der Druckerei sollte ein Termin angegeben werden, bis zu dem die fälligen Rechnungen zu bezahlen sind. Geschieht dies nicht, sollten neue Aufträge nicht angenommen werden. Es darf nicht dahin kommen, daß etwa größere Unternehmungen mit größeren Aufträgen einen Druck ausüben können. Wir sind uns deswegen nicht sicher, ob Ihre bisherige Geschäftspolitik, sich hauptsächlich an einen Großkunden zu hängen, ratsam ist. Über kurz oder lang werden Sie von diesem Hauptkunden abhängig sein und die Existenz der Druckerei kann dadurch gefährdet werden.
- 4) Auf Grund des oben Gesagten sollte Ihre Kalkulation schärfer sein. Die Preise in der Druckerei der Gossnerkirche sollten aus Konkurrenzgründen nicht niedrig gehalten werden. Qualitätsarbeit hat Ihren Preis. Wer gute Druckerzeugnisse wünscht, soll also mehr dafür bezahlen. Wer mit schlechten Druckerzeugnissen zufrieden ist, sollte getrost sich eine andere Druckerei wählen können und weniger bezahlen.  
Die Schlußabrechnung der Printing Press wird danach besser aussehen.
- 5) Eine gut arbeitende Druckerei wie die jetzt vorhandene in Ranchi sollte es sich zur Ehre anrechnen, aus eigenen Kräften zu arbeiten und eine stetige Entwicklung aus eigenem Verdienst zu ermöglichen. Es ist der Gossner Mission grundsätzlich nicht möglich, einem solchen funktionierenden Betrieb noch weitere Betriebsmittel zu geben, nachdem die Anlaufzeit überwunden ist. Es ist andererseits für jeden Geschäftsbetrieb im höchsten Maße ungesund, wenn außerbetriebliche Mittel für die laufende Unterhaltung eingesetzt werden. Jeder Betrieb kann selbstverständlich investieren, aber ebenso gewiß ist, daß dieser Betrieb die laufende Arbeit nur ~~so~~ so tun kann, daß die Ausgaben den Einnahmen entsprechen.
- 6) Die Zusammenarbeit mit dem Managing Committee der Druckerei muß erheblich verbessert werden. Es darf auf keinen Fall irgendwie der Eindruck entstehen, daß hier Personen gegeneinander arbeiten. Es ist wohl müßig, Untersuchungen anzustellen, ob die Betriebsleitung oder das Managing Committee hier etwas versäumt hat. Es scheint z.Zt. ein gegenseitiges Mißtrauen zu herrschen, und das ist ein Zustand, der nicht nur für eine kirchliche Institution unmöglich ist,

sondern für jedes geschäftliche Unternehmen schlechthin. Wahrscheinlich ist in der Vergangenheit nicht sorgfältig genug bedacht worden, welche Pflichten und Rechte der Betriebsleiter auf der einen Seite und das Managing Committee auf der anderen Seite wahrzunehmen hat. Darüber sollte baldmöglichst in aller Offenheit gesprochen werden. Zunächst wahrscheinlich am besten im kleinen Kreis und danach im Managing Committee. Da dieser Brief nicht an das Managing Committee, sondern an Sie, lieber Herr Luther, gerichtet ist, möchte ich noch folgendes hinzufügen: Der Superintendent der Press hat die Aufgabe, aus dem gegebenen Betrieb das Bestmögliche zu machen. Wenn Sie als Superintendent der Press große Pläne machen, die erhebliche Veränderungen zur Folge haben, dürfen Sie sich nicht wundern, wenn Zweifel oder sogar Proteste von Seiten des Managing Committees laut werden. Leider ist es Ihre Art, nicht nur Vorschläge zu machen, die ja diskutiert werden könnten, sondern ultimative Forderungen zu fixieren, auch Ansprüche persönlicher Art. Zum Wohl der Druckerei und auch zum Besten für Ihre persönliche Zukunft müssen wir Ihnen sehr raten, vorsichtiger und weiser Ihre Gedanken zu äußern.

- 7) Ihre Wohnung ist gewiß nicht ideal, und so ist es verständlich, daß Sie auf Änderung bedacht sind. Das geht Ihren Nachbarn auf dem Compound, den Professoren am Theologischen College, nicht anders, zum Teil sind diese noch bescheidener untergebracht. Im übrigen werden Sie wahrscheinlich nicht wissen, daß der Lutherische Weltbund in Genf darum gebeten hat, die zweite Wohnung im Lal Bungalow freizuhalten für einen evtl. Nachfolger von Pastor Schmidt. An diesem Punkt können wir in Berlin ohnehin keine Entscheidung treffen. Mit dem Property Board in Ranchi besteht immerhin eine Vereinbarung, daß das Lal Bungalow und die zweite Hälfte des Jubilee Bungalows nicht besetzt werden sollten, sondern für oekumenische Mitarbeiter und Besucher zur Verfügung steht. Wenn ein Teil dieser Räume dennoch eines Tages durch indische Mitarbeiter benutzt werden sollte, müßten wir uns selbstverständlich darüber mit der Kirchenleitung verständigen.

Sie, lieber Herr Luther, haben in der Gossnerkirche einen verantwortungsvollen Dienst übernommen. Wir wünschen uns nichts mehr, als daß Sie Freude daran behalten und daß auch die indischen Brüder der Gossnerkirche Freude an Ihnen behalten. Das erfordert einen guten Willen und Selbstlosigkeit auf beiden Seiten. Wir bitten herzlich, daß Sie das Ihre tun und ein gutes Beispiel geben. Nur miteinander - wenn auch in verschiedenen Aufgabenbereichen - aber niemals gegeneinander können wir Zeugen unseres Herrn Jesus Christi sein.

Mit brüderlichen Grüßen aus dem Gossner Haus  
bin ich Ihr



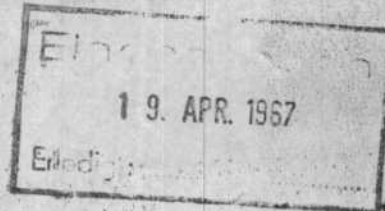
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## HEAD OFFICE

G. E. L. Church, Ranchi  
Bihar/India  
Phone : 510



No. 152/67/PA-35

Ranchi Dated 13th April 1967.

To

Rev. Yoshire Ishida,  
Secretary for Asia LWF.  
150 Route de Ferney  
Geneva Switzerland.

*T. Seeborg*

Dear Pastor Ishida,

Further to this office letter No. 15/67 dated the 18th February 1967, forwarding the budget estimate of the G.E.L. Church for the year 1968, we are forwarding herewith the requisite forms of Specific Projects duly filled in. Other connected documents e.g. blue prints, certificates etc. are also enclosed as desired.

The Specific Projects are (1) construction of a church at Dhanbad with Pastor's quarter, in South East Anchal. (2) School building programme at Chainpur, North West Anchal.

With kindest regards,

Yours Sincerely,

Enclos:

*C.B. Aind*  
(C.B. Aind)  
Pramukh Adhyaksh,  
GEL Church Ranchi.

Copy for information to:-

Dr. Christian Berg,  
Director Gossner Mission Society,  
Berlin.

File No. VI Budget-1968.

*Während der CLM Sitzung  
in Berlin 1967 abgehandelt*

*Sg 3-15-*

*Frau Jordienko*

*3. Antw. Dr. J. in engl. u. 4 Copien!*

Präsident Aind

Gossner Haus, 7. April 1967  
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Ranchi/Bihar

INDIA

Lieber Bruder Aind!

Ich schreibe Ihnen heute in einer delikaten Angelegenheit, weil sie uns mit großer Sorge erfüllt. Das heißt nicht, daß Sie nicht schon seit längerer Zeit als Präsident der G.E.L. Church von sicherlich größerer Sorge erfüllt sind. Aber die Tatsache, daß ich mich deshalb schriftlich an Sie wende, mag Ihnen zeigen, wie sehr uns die Angelegenheit bewegt: Es handelt sich um die zukünftige, gedeihliche Arbeit der Printing Press. Bruder Schwerk hat diese Sorge letzthin in zwei Briefen sehr klar zum Ausdruck gebracht, aber wir waren schon vorher in dieser Sache in Unruhe.

- 1) Sie betrifft einmal die Person von Herrn Luther, der nun seit einem 3/4 Jahr als Nachfolger von Herrn Mittenhuber als Superintendent wirkt. Wir schätzen seine Fähigkeiten hoch. Aber es ist ohne Zweifel, daß er durch seinen Eifer und seine Herkunft, die eben nicht in Chotanagpur liegt, in mancherlei Differenzen mit manchen Gliedern in der G.E.L. Church kommt. Seine Forderungen sind sehr hoch gesteckt, und er ist nach unseren Eindrücken zu ungeduldig. Die Kopie eines Briefes an ihn, der schon vor einigen Tagen geschrieben, aber noch nicht abgesandt ist, mag Ihnen zeigen, daß unter den Sorgen um die Printing Press durchaus auch die Person von Herrn Luther eine nicht geringe Rolle spielt. Dieser, mein grundsätzlich seelsorgerlicher und ermahnender Brief an Herrn Luther wird ergänzt werden durch ein Schreiben von Herrn Pastor Seeberg, in welchem er zu einer Reihe von finanziellen und geschäftlichen Fragen, die Herr Luther vorgetragen hat, Stellung nehmen wird.
- 2) Noch ernster ist die andere Sorge, daß sich Mitglieder des Managing Committee der Printing Press den Blick für die großen Fähigkeiten und die Hingabe an die Sache Gottes, die beide bei Herrn Luther vorhanden sind, trüben lassen und ihn zu beseitigen versuchen. Es mögen hier die unguten Ereignisse aus dem letzten Jahr nachwirken. Wir können das nicht beurteilen von hier aus, müssen es aber befürchten. Wir wollen deswegen keine direkte Klage oder Anklage erheben; aber das Instrument der Printing Press ist zu kostbar für die zukünftige Missionsarbeit der Kirche, es ist zuviel gerade auch von der Gossner Mission finanziell und personell investiert worden, als daß es durch persönliche Feindschaft und Eifersucht zerstört werden dürfte. Sie werden nicht so rasch einen Ersatz für Herrn Luther in der Leitung der Presse bekommen, wenn es den destruktiven Gegnern gelingen sollte, ihn zu beseitigen.

Meine herzliche Bitte an Sie ist deshalb eine zweifache:

- a) Sprechen Sie doch bitte mit Bruder Schwerk vor seiner Abreise in den Urlaub die ganze Frage noch einmal durch, wie die Dinge zum besseren zu wenden sind. Ob Sie auch Gelegenheit nehmen, mit dem Sekretär des MC, Herrn Khess, zu sprechen, muß ich Ihnen überlassen, auch wann und unter welchen Umständen ein solches ernstes und persönliches Gespräch stattfindet. Er scheint das Zentrum des Widerstandes gegen die Arbeit und Person von Herrn Luther zu sein.
- b) Nehmen Sie doch bitte als Chairman des MC - gerade in der Abwesenheit der Brüder Schwerk und Dell - in den nächsten Wochen und Monaten Ihre Möglichkeiten voll wahr, indem Sie jeden Beschluß unterbinden, der ein



formelles Mißtrauen gegen die Arbeit des Superintendenten der Printing Press darstellen würde. Ich vertraue darauf, daß es Ihrem Geschick, lieber Bruder Aind, und Ihrem Wissen um die Wichtigkeit der Press gelingt, böse Entwicklungen zu verhindern.

*Ein*  
x die Nochmals, weil wir so viel an den Aufbau der Printing Press gewandt haben und sie für ~~das~~ eminent wichtiges Instrument der missionarischen Arbeit der Gossnerkirche auf dem Sektor der Literatur erachten, sind wir so besorgt. Dies ist der Grund für diesen Brief an Sie, den, wie Sie verstehen werden, <sup>x</sup> Brüder Schwerk und Dell zur Kenntnis erhalten.

Indem ich Ihnen gerade in dieser Sache, aber auch für Ihre sonstige leitende Aufgabe Weisheit von Gott und Festigkeit erbitte,

bin ich Ihr Ihnen brüderlich verbundener

*Encl.:*



April 7th, 1967  
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Rev. C. B. Aind  
The President of the  
G.E.L. Church

Ranchi /Bihar

I N D I A

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Therefore I kindly ask you to do the following:

a.) Please speak with brother Schwerk about the matter before his departure for vacation, and try to find a solution of the problem. I leave it to you also to speak with Mr. Khess, the secretary of the MC, about it and how you would arrange such a serious and personal discussion. He seems to be the centre of resistance against Mr. Luther's work and person.



- b.) You as the Chairman of the MC -in absence of the brothers Schwerk and Dell- should please prevent during the next weeks and months any resolution of distrust against the work of the Superintendent of the Printing Press. I trust that you, dear Brother Aind, with your skill and knowledge about the importance of the Printing Press will succeed in preventing unfavourable developments.

Once more, just because we invested much into the development of the Printing Press and deem it an especially important instrument of the mission work in the field of literature, we care so much about it. This is the reason for this letter to you, which, as you will understand, also brother Schwerk and brother Dell shall receive.

Praying for the Lord's wisdom and strength for you in this affair and in your other tasks, I remain,

With brotherly greetings,  
Very sincerely yours,

*Christian Berg*

Encl.

(Director Dr. Ch. Berg)

cc: Herrn Dipl. Ing. Schwerk

cc: Herrn Pastor Dr. Th. Dell

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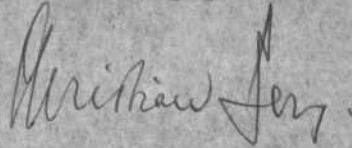


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Very sincerely yours,



(Director Dr. Ch. Berg)

Encl.

cc: Herrn Dipl. Ing. Schwerk  
cc: Herrn Pastor Dr. Th. Dell

April 4th, 1967  
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Rev. C.B. Aind  
The President of the  
G.E.L. Church  
Ranchi, Bihar  
I N D I A

Subject: Your Request for Help to Purchase Building in Tezpur

Dear Brother Aind:

With thanks I acknowledge receipt of your several letters of the end of March (Mikir Mission Visit, copy of letter to von Brück; letter to Schottstädt; letter to Dr. Dell),

We read everything with great interest and will answer them in due time, however, the letter concerning the above subject seems to be most important.

We were glad to hear from you, that you received soon the two amounts for S. Lakra and the discretionary fund for cases of illness. And now your requests:

1.) We were glad that the Anchal Assam decided to accept the motor-cycle for his Adhyaksh. This shall be ordered. We will include this amount in our next remittance to the Gossner Church, and we hope the motor-cycle will make Rev. Hero's service easier and more intensive, and that he will use it without accident.

2.) Upon your request we will grant the necessary allowance for Roy's bungalow in Tezpur from the second sector of the fund "Ten Years Building Plan". However, we hope, that the plan for building houses or flats resp. in Purulia and Rajgangpur will not be postponed, and that it will be completed soon, so that you can request the necessary means from us. I remember from my visit in Assam 1964 the importance of the purchase of the Roy bungalow for the congregation in Tezpur.

The precondition for our help is, that the credit balance of about 5000 Rps from 1966, and the amount of Rps 15.000 for the Anchal Assam for the year 1967 will also be used. It would not be fair to expect from the Gossner Mission to give the total amount of 52.000 Rps over and above all plans additionally to the Anchal Assam. This does not seem possible for us.

Please state in the next KSS meeting or in a conference with the Anchal Assam that our above condition has been accepted, then we will agree to send the additional amount of 32.000 Rps to the Treasurer of the Gossner Church during the month of May for the purchase of the Roy bungalow in Tezpur.

Hoping that we reach an agreement in this matter, and with prayers that the Lord may bless your daily work, I remain, sincerely yours,

dictated by: Dr. Ch. Berg  
signed in his absence:

cc: Secretary of KSS  
cc: Treasurer of KSS

Secretary



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No. 127/67/PA-3

22 - 4. APR. 1967

Encl :

Ranchi Dated 30th March 1967.

To

Dr. C. Berg,  
Director Gossner Mission Society.

Dear Brother Berg,

Received your letter dated March 17, 67. Thank you for that. Our treasury is waiting for the receipt of the two payments mentioned in your letter (I) amount of Rs. 2,640.33 credited to Mr. Herman Lakra and (II) amount of Rs. 4000/- towards the discretionary fund of the Pramukh. In advance on behalf of the Gossner Church and my own behalf let me extend hearty thanks to you for your above grants.

Now I like to put forth two requests before you for your consideration and necessary action:-

(I) Motor Cycle for Assam Anchal; - Formerly Assam Anchal was not in favour of keeping the motor cycle, thinking that it will not be of great service. But in its meeting dated 15-16 March '67 the Anchal Sabha has decided in favour of keeping the motor cycle, and the same request has been sent to me for further arrangement. Hence please send the amount for motor cycle for Assam Anchal to the KSS Treasury.

(II) Purchase of Roy's Bungalow at Tezpur: - Dear brother Berg I believe you have seen this Bungalow in question. You may remember that it is just near our church bungalow. Besides the bungalow there are kitchen house and motor garage. Some part of its compound lies within our compound. There is a case regarding the same in the district court against Assam Anchal. It seems that the request of Mr. Roy will be granted. His request is to record the portion of land of the church compound, now in his possession, in his favour. But if he will file a civil suit, the case may be decided in his favour.

Under such circumstances the Assam Anchal has made up its mind to purchase the bungalow, for which the owner is ready and negotiation is going on. Mr. Roy has agreed to sell it for Rs. 52,000/- It seems that this is a reasonable amount. Even Mr. Montag has suggested in his survey report that the valuation will be about Rs. 50,000/-. I was told that if it can be bought, the church will get nearly Rs. 400/- per month as rent.

Therefore if the Gossner Mission could help out of the other half of the building programme (Rs. 90,000/-) to be spent for money fetching schemes, the bungalow in question can be bought. I know that out of this amount for 1967, the KSS has already taken action to construct rented houses at Rajgangpur and Purulia. However if you agree to this proposal, you may try to help by advancing the required sum immediately out of any fund, which will be recovered from 1968 budget, under this head or considering it to be a special urgency, you may if possible find other means to help.

Your early reply is solicited.

With brotherly love and Christian greetings,

Yours Sincerely

Pramukh Adhyaksh  
G.E.L.C. Ranchi.

cc: for information to:-  
Adhyaksh Assam Anchal

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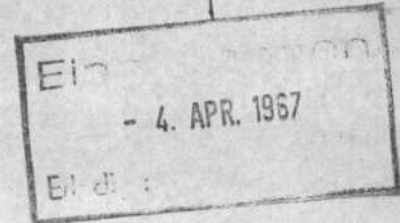
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No. 124/67/PA-33

Ranchi Dated 30th March 1967

To

Paster Schettstaedt,  
Director, Gossner Mission in GDR  
1052 Berlin, Gohrver Str. 11



Dear Brether Schettstaedt,

I received one letter from the Board of Trstees of the Gossner Mission in the G.D.R. The writers signature is illegible. The contents of the letter is re; inviting me and two other delegates from the Gossner church to participate in the 450th Anniversary of the Reformation in the GDR to be held on October 31st, 1967. I accept the invitation with gratitude. Further I like to know about the following in full detail for necessary arrangement

1. Fresh letter of invitation be sent to me stating as to who will bear the travelling costs both-ways together with the living costs when staying in Germany.
2. Excluding me how many more delegates, two or three, are to take part in the function and what about their travelling and other costs. All these be stated so that delegates can be elected and their names be communicated to the Board of Trustees. Our Council is meeting on 11-12 April '67 where selection of delegates can be possible. Only after this meeting the names of the delegates can be sent.

With brotherly love and greetings,

Yours Sincerely,

(C.B. Aind)

Pramukh Adhyaksh (President)  
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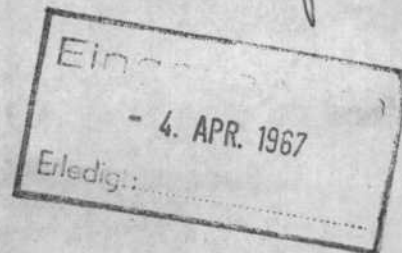
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Phone: 510

No. 125/67/PA-50

Ranchi Dated 30th March 1967



To

Herr Ulrich von Bueck  
Assistant to Bishop Der Bevollmaechtigte  
der evangelischen Landes und Freikirchen in der  
DDR. Puer "BROT FUER DIE WELT"  
8032 Dresden, Lukasstrasse-6  
East Germany.

Dear Brother U.V.Bueck,

Received your letter of 15.3.67. Thank you for that. Indeed I am very glad to learn your willingness and readiness to assist the Gossner church in its hospital programme. Well, at present we have a hospital at Angaon, Orissa and two small dispensaries at Takarma and Govindpur, Bihar. Angaon hospital is mainly run with the help of the Gossner Mission in West Berlin. Pastor Schettstaedt was trying to help the Takarma dispensary, but up till now no fruitful step has been taken. I would suggest that your helping hand can be directed for the dispensary at Govindpur, which is newly started dispensary.

For further necessary arrangement with Red Cross in India may I know in full detail as to what sort of help you are ready to give. Accordingly I shall make correspondence with the Red Cross Society in India.

To be acquainted with our hospital programme, you have expressed your willingness to come over to us. Personally I shall be happy if that arrangement can be made and I am sure that the Gossner Church will be blessed through your visit.

I shall be waiting for your reply.

With brotherly love and Christian greetings to you,

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(C.B. Aind)

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No. 116 / 67/52

Ranchi Dated 23th March 1967.

To

Dr. T. C. Dell,  
Prof. Th. College,  
Ranchi.

- 3. APR. 1967

Filed at: .....

Sub: FURNITURE-LAL BUNGALOW

Dear Dr. Dell,

I would like to invite your attention towards the letter of Rev. Y. Ishida, dated February 7 '67 to my address with a copy to you and others.

Kindly verify according to the inventory sent by Rev. Ishida as to whether the furnitures listed are in good condition and safe custody. If these are not in your possession kindly take them in your possession now and maintain them according to the suggestion of Rev. Ishida.

It would be highly appreciated if you kindly inform us of your action taken on this subject.

With thanks,

Yours Sincerely,

(C. B. Aind)

Pramukh Adhyaksh,  
GEL Church Ranchi.

cc: Rev. Y. Ishida

Very much thanks for his suggestions.  
Necessary steps are being taken to implement your suggestions and you will be informed of action taken in due course.

2. Rev. C. G. Schmidt, Calcutta.
3. Dr. C. Berg, Berlin for information.



# GOSSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

(Rgd. under Societies Registration Act XX1 of 1860)

PRAMUKH ADHYAKSH : Rev. C. B. AIND  
UP-PRAMUKH ADHYAKSH : Rev. B. MINZ  
SECRETARY : Rev. Dr. M. BAGE  
TREASURER : Mr. C. A. TIRKEY

## HEAD OFFICE

G. E. L. Church, Ranchi  
Bihar/India  
Phone : 510

No. 114/67/KSS-126

Ranchi Dated 23rd March 1967.

To

Rev. Y. Ishida,  
Secretary for Asia, LWF.  
Route de Ferney 150  
1211 Geneva 20 Switzerland

Sub: Information form for Lutheran Churches/Missions  
for the year 1966.

Dear Brother Ishida,

While thanking you for your letter of 9th December 1966  
I am forwarding herewith two copies of the Information Form duly filled in  
as far as could be practicable.

The delay is very much regretted, as we could not send  
the forms earlier. However we hope the form will be received by you in due  
time before the meeting of the Commission on World Mission.

With kindest regards,

Yours Sincerely,

*C.B. Aind*  
(C.B. Aind)  
Pramukh Adhyaksh,  
GEL Church, Ranchi.

Enclos. 2 forms.

Copy with a copy of the form to

Dr. C. Berg, ✓  
Director, Gossner Mission Society,  
1 Berlin 41 (Friedenau)  
Handjerystr 19/20  
West Germany.

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# INFORMATION FORM FOR LUTHERAN CHURCHES and/or MISSIONS for the year 1966

Please complete this form, using estimates where exact figures are not available. Send

2 copies to:

Lutheran World Federation  
Dept. of World Mission  
150 route de Ferney  
1211 GENEVA 20, Switzerland

1 copy to:

each mission board or  
society assisting in  
this field, and keep  
1 copy for your files.

PLEASE MAIL THE COMPLETED FORMS NO LATER THAN APRIL 1, 1967

## A. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Country **INDIA**
2. Exact name of church and/or mission
- Church **Gossner even, Lutheran Church**
- Mission **in Chotanagpur & Assam**
3. Boards and societies assisting the mission and/or church

| Name of<br>Board or Society                             | Financial/Personnel<br>(check one or both) |
|---------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| <b>Gossner Mission Society Berlin</b>                   |                                            |
| <b>Lutheran World Federation<br/>Geneva Switzerland</b> |                                            |

4. Has an indigenous church been constituted? **In 1860**  
yes when

### 5. Head of church

**Rev. C.B. Mrid Prasad Adhyaksh**  
name and title

**G. E. L. Church Ranchi, Bihar, India**  
address

cable address and tel No.

## Head of Mission (on the Field)

name and title

address

## B. THE CHURCH

1. Number of Congregations **1120**

### Number of Preaching Places

(Where the ministry of the word is regularly carried on, but where believers are not formally organized into a congregation; or one of many local units within a single congregational structure.) **1060**

2. Total baptized membership at end of year 1966

|          |               |
|----------|---------------|
| Men      | <b>119724</b> |
| Women    | <b>119598</b> |
| Children |               |
| Total    | <b>239322</b> |

- a) Communicant membership at end of year

|       |              |
|-------|--------------|
| Men   | <b>69319</b> |
| Women | <b>73892</b> |

- b) Number of adults baptized

during year **973**

- c) Number of children baptized

during year **6483**



d) Number confirmed during year

Adults . . . . . 4036

Children . . . . .

### 3. National Staff

a) Number of ordained pastors . . . . . 145

b) Number of other paid evangelistic workers  
(exclude teachers, nurses medical, office, etc. workers)

Men . . . . . 1021

Women . . . . . 15

#### 4. a) Women's organization:

G.E.L. Church Mahila Sangh

Head of organization: Miss Anugrahit Minz

b) Youth organization: G.E.L. Church

Youth Organisation

Head of organization: Rev. M. Tete, Director

c) Other organizations (Men, Student, etc.):

#### 5. Missionary activity (missionaries sent to areas outside this church):

a) Within the country-number . . . . . 5

b) To other countries-number . . . . . X

c) Number supported by this church alone . . . . . X

d) Number supported jointly with other churches . . . . . 5

#### 6. Radio Evangelism:

Did your church/mission engage in radio evangelism during the year? . . . . . NO  
(Explain briefly)

#### 7. Relationships:

This church holds membership in the LWF; WCC; National Council; Conference; Federation, etc.  
(Please underline)

## C. EDUCATION

#### 1. Elementary or Primary Schools

(including kindergartens) (1st - 6th school years)

a) Number of schools . . . . . 175

b) Number of pupils . . . . . 16915

c) Number of national teachers . . . . . 678

#### 2. Secondary (Middle) Schools (7th - 12th school years) operated by this church/mission alone

a) Number of schools . . . . . 47

b) Number of pupils . . . . . 5439

c) Number of national teachers . . . . . 351

#### 3. Secondary (Middle) Schools operated jointly with other churches/missions/organizations if other than listed in Part A above

a) Number of schools . . . . .

b) Number of students from this church/mission . . . . .

c) Total number of students . . . . .

#### 4. Institutions for Higher Education

(College or University level)

a) Operated by this church/mission alone

Name . . . . .

Location . . . . .

b) Operated jointly with other churches/missions if other than listed in Part A

Name . . . . .

Location . . . . .

c) Totals for above (a and b)

No. Christian students . . . . .

No. non-Christian students . . . . .

No. national Christian teachers . . . . .

No. national non-Christian teachers . . . . .

#### 5. Theological Seminaries

Name Lutheran Theological College Ranchi

Cooperating churches/missions if other than listed in Part A above

Number of national teachers . . . . . 5

Number of students from this church/mission . . . . . 22

Total number of students . . . . . 25

#### 6. Bible Schools

Name Tabita Bible School Govindpur I

Pracharak Trg. School Govindpur II

Cooperating churches/missions if other than listed in Part A above

Number of national teachers . . . . . I II 3 + 2

Number of students from this church/mission . . . . . 35 + 48

Total number of students . . . . . 40 + 48

## 7. Teachers Training Schools

Name Bethesda Womens' Trg. School

Cooperating churches/missions if other than listed in Part A above

Number of national teachers 4

Number of students from this church/mission 46

Total number of students 50

## 8. Nurses Training Schools

Name

Cooperating churches/missions if other than listed in Part A above

Number of national teachers

Number of students from this church/mission

Total number of students

## 9. Other Medical Training Schools

Name

Cooperating churches/missions if other than listed in Part A above

Number of national teachers

Number of students from this church/mission

Total number of students

## 10. Other Training Institutions

(agricultural, industrial, etc.)

Name and type 1. Agri. A.T.C. Khutitoli

2. Tech. T.T.C. Fudi

Cooperating churches/missions if other than listed in Part A above

Bread for the World

Total number students in these schools 40

Number of national teachers 4

## 11. Sunday Schools

Total number 1490

Number of pupils 33150

Number of teachers 1774

## 12. Student Hostels

Locations Gossner College Hostel Ranchi

Bethesda Girls' College Hostel

Total number resident students Boys 80

Girls 30

## D. Welfare Work

### 1. Hospitals

Locations Angaon, Orissa No. beds

52

Total No. national physicians 1

Total No. national nurses 12

Total No. other national (government-recognized) medical workers (medical assistants, rural medical aids, etc.)

Number of bed-patients during the year 1700

Number of out-patients registered and treated 30000

### 2. Dispensaries

(not located at hospitals — include clinics, polyclinics, medical stations, etc.)

Number 2

Number of registered patients X

Number treatments given 900

(Fill in one or both of the above two rubrics depending on how records are kept.)

### 3. Other Charitable Institutions

(Orphanages, leprosariums, etc.)

Location

Type of Institution

Number cared for

Location

Type of Institution

Number cared for

### 4. Did your church/mission engage in the distribution of aid to the poor, refugees, etc., during 1966?

(List actions)

Yes under Feed the Children Aid Programme

## E. LITERATURE

### 1. Periodicals published by this church/mission alone for its own constituency

(not by and for home board)

a) Name Gharbandhu

Language Hindi

Number copies 1500 Number pages 20

Frequency Monthly



b) Name .....

Language .....

Number copies ..... Number pages .....

Frequency .....

2. Periodicals published jointly with groups other than listed in Part A

Name of publication .....

Language .....

Number copies ..... Number pages .....

Frequency .....

3. Any other publications Religious Books  
used in the Church

4. Do you control or share control in a publishing agency?

If so please give its name and address .....

We control

#### F. FINANCES

Please estimate if exact figures are not available and convert to U.S.\$

1. Total cash contributions received in local churches

U.S.\$ 80000--

2. Estimated value of gifts in kind

U.S.\$ .....

3. Estimated value for donated services  
(e.g. building, etc.)

| Nature of Service | Value |
|-------------------|-------|
|-------------------|-------|

U.S.\$ .....

U.S.\$ .....

U.S.\$ .....

4. Special income received from non-church sources  
(government grants, fees, etc.)

| Nature of income | Amount |
|------------------|--------|
|------------------|--------|

Govt Grant U.S.\$ 300--

U.S.\$ .....

U.S.\$ .....

5. Receipts from mission sources for all the work on this field,  
excluding missionary salaries

LWF 31953.5  
QM 37250--

U.S.\$ 69203.5

#### G. FOREIGN STAFF

Please sub-divide the total number of foreign staff into the categories given below (a to h). Include those on furlough. If a person can be listed in more than one category, list him under his main work only.

All  
Workers  
Pastors

- a) Administrators . . . X . . . . .

- b) Evangelistic workers . . . . .

Men . . . X

Women . . . X

- c) Teachers . . . . .

Men Women

elementary schools . . . . .

secondary schools . . . . .

teachers' training schools . . . . .

universities and colleges . . . . .

theological schools . . . . . 2

other schools (specify) .....

- d) Physicians . . . . .

Men . . . 1

Women . . . 0

- e) Nurses . . . . . 4

1 laboratory Asst.

- f) Literature workers . . . . .

- g) Other lay staff (specify) . . . . . 3

T.T.C Fudi - 2

A.T.C.Khukhuli - 1

- h) Wives (not included above) . . . . . 5

TOTAL . . . . . 16

Remarks: Please include here or on attached sheets comments on items where your activities do not fit the questions asked. Thank you!

March 17th, 1967  
drbg/go

Rev. C. B. Aind  
The President of the  
GEL Church  
Ranchi /Bihar  
I N D I A

Re: Two Payments

Dear Brother Aind:

I just received your letter thanking the Kuratorium for the visit of Rev. Seeberg in the name of the Gossner Church. I appreciate that your letter is substantial, and I thank you, that you formulated it in significant wording.

The Kuratorium will be very glad to hear that you really appreciated the sending of Rev. Seeberg, and we will duly discuss your request written in your letter, that the Kuratorium should send at the beginning of 1968 someone from the Gossner House to Ranchi, either Rev. Seeberg again or myself.

I thank you again very much that you promptly complied with my request to write a letter!

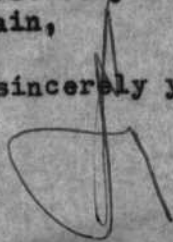
Now a short information about two payments, which we will arrange within these days.

1.) The treasurer of the Gossner Church credited Herman Lakra with 2.640,35 Rps for traveling expenses and 10 months study in Japan. You will get this amount within the next days.

2.) We will send an amount to you -just as we sent one to your predecessor, the former president of the GEL Church- which will enable you to help immediately and effectively in severe illnesses of pastors and other servants of the church. I know, there is nothing in your budget for this purpose, and therefore I send you the rest of a fund in the amount of 4000.-- Rps.

With kindest regards from all of us in the Gossner House, in which yesterday Professor Vogel held his first very impressive lecture about his experiences in India, I remain,

Very sincerely yours,





Übersetzung.

GOSSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
The President

Ranchi, March 9th, 1967

Liebe Brüder im Kuratorium!

Die letzten Monate waren angefüllt mit Arbeit, Freude und besonderem Segen. Es war die Zeit da die Weihnachtsglocken läuteten und das neue Jahr heraufzog. Unter uns waren besonders wertvolle Besucher, Herr Missionsinspektor P. Martin Seeberg und Professor D. Heinrich Vogel. Sie kamen, lebten und arbeiteten mit uns und sind nun nach Hause zurückgekehrt.

Wenn wir auf diesen Besuch zurückblicken, so empfinden wir ihre Besuche als wirklich reich gesegnet und ausserordentlich wertvoll für uns. Wir sind voller Lob und Dank für ihr Kommen und ihren Dienst bei uns, und wir preisen unseren Herrn für seine Gnade, der all das planvoll geordnet hat.

Inspektor Seebergs Besuch hatte besondere Bedeutung für die Gossner Kirche, sowohl durch seine vielen Gespräche mit uns, in denen er uns Anregungen gab und uns seinen erfahrenen Rat erteilte, die wir unsererseits mit mancherlei Gedanken, Plänen und Programmen beschäftigt waren, um unsere kirchliche Arbeit in Zukunft besser tun zu können.

Wir haben in der Tat eine Fülle von Gesprächen während seines Aufenthalts hier gehabt, in welchem P. Seeberg ausserordentlich hilfreiche Beiträge leistete. Das Protokoll der Kirchenleitung von Anfang Februar 1967 zeigt die getroffenen Entscheidungen. Ich muss sagen, dass seine Anwesenheit für uns eine grosse Hilfe war, und wir hatten alle gern gewünscht, dass er hätte länger bleiben können. Darüber hinaus möchte ich das Kuratorium herzlich bitten, Herr P. Seeberg möchte uns wiederum besuchen, wenn wir im kommenden Jahr zwischen November 1967 und Januar 1968 erneut unsere gesamtikirchliche Arbeit ernstlicher Überprüfung unterziehen.

Herr P. Seeberg konnte zu unserer Freude auch an dem Pastorkolleg teilnehmen, und wir danken ihm und dem Kuratorium für seine Beiträge, seine geistliche Führung und seine wertvollen Vorlesungen über die Themen "Gottes Zeit und unsere Zeit", "Gottes Liebe und

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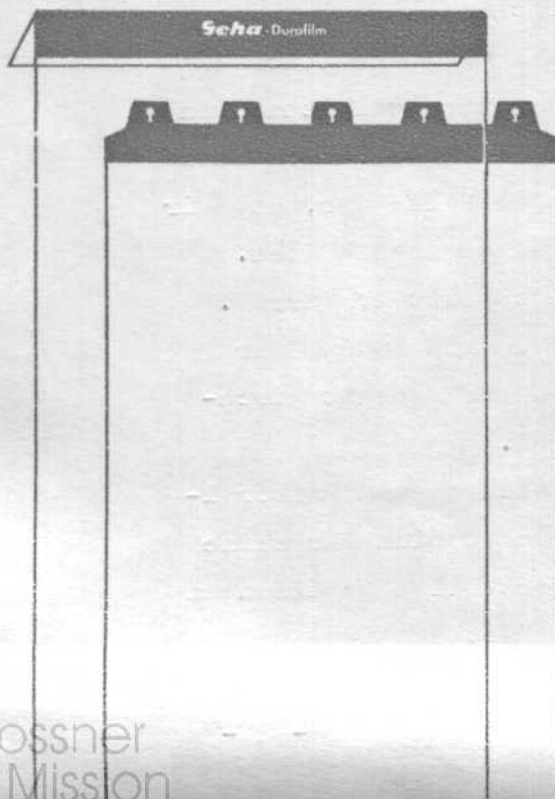
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- Escritura fina: Antes de escribir sobre el cliché, separar la hoja intermedia.

### 3 schriftsterkten naar keuze:

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- Krachtig schrift: Stencil tezamen met de Geha Durofilm invoeren en betypen. Men





Kirchenzucht", "Das Miteinanderleben von Christen mit Nichtchristen".

Wir möchten gleichzeitig dem Kuratorium für die finanzielle Hilfe zur Abhaltung des Pastoralkollegs Dank aussprechen, ohne die wir den zwölfwöchigen Kursus mit etwa 115 Pastoren nicht hätten abhalten können.

Nicht nur persönlich, sondern im Auftrag der Leitung unserer Kirche sende ich Ihnen meine Grüße im Namen dessen, der für unsere Sünden am Kreuz starb und uns erlöst hat.

In Seinem Dienst Ihnen verbunden

gez. Präsident C. B. Aind

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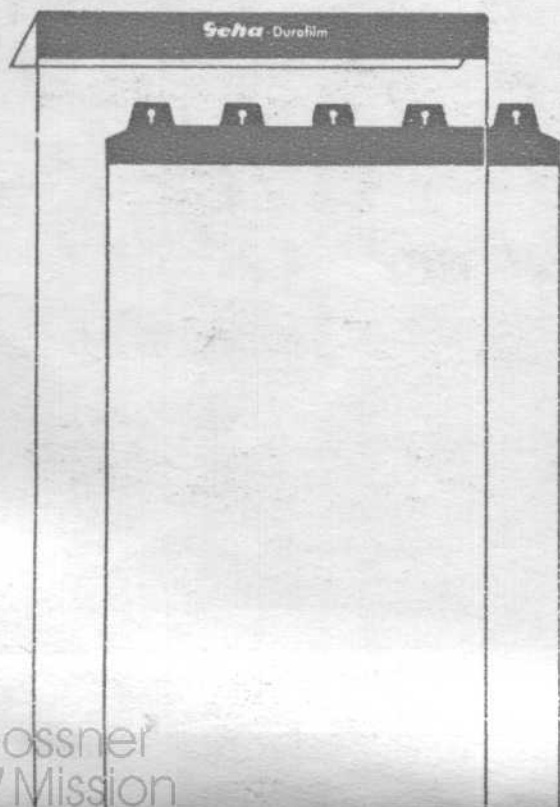
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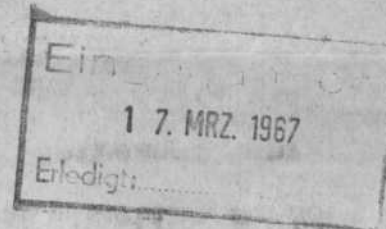
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Bihar/India  
Phone : 510

No. 99/67

Ranchi Dated 9th March 1967.

To

The Kuratorium  
Gossner Mission  
Gossner Haus  
1 Berlin 41  
Handjerystr-41  
West Germany



Dear Brothers of Kuratorium,

The last few months were busy, joyful and blessed when Christmas bell rang and the New Year dawned. With us were distinguished visitors in Mission Inspector Martin Seeberg and Professor D. Vogel. They came, lived, worked and now have gone back home.

When we look back we feel and realise their visits were blessed rich and immensely valuable for us. We are grateful and thankful for their visit and ministry amongst us and we praise the Lord for His Grace who planned all this.

Inspector Seeberg's visit was very significant for the Gossner Church who held discussions, made suggestions and gave advices to us at a time when we are occupied with thoughts, plans and programmes which would enable us shape our Church in future.

We have taken a number of discussions during his stay here in which Pastor Seeberg has had positive contribution. The KSS minutes of Jan-Feb. '67 will show the decisions taken. I must say that his having been with us was a great help for us and I wish he should have stayed for a longer period. Rather I would suggest to the Kuratorium that Pastor Seeberg should be requested to visit us again when we will discuss our next Budget sometime between Nov. 67-January 68.

Pastor Seeberg also participated in the Refresher Course of the Pastors and we thank him and the Kuratorium for his instructions, guidance and his valuable lectures on "God's time and our time" and "God's love and church discipline and Christian fellowship with non-Christians".

We also thank the Kuratorium for the financial help given for the Pastors' Refresher Course without which we would not have been able to organise the Course.

On my behalf and on behalf of the KSS I send you greetings in the name of Him who died for us for our sins on the Cross and has redeemed us.

Yours in His service

*C.B. Aind*  
(C.B. Aind)

Pramukh Adhyaksh (President)

cc: Dr. Ch. Berg. ✓

GOSSENER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CHOTANAGPUR AND ASSAM

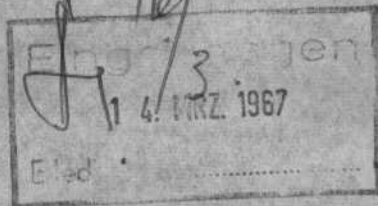
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From :- Rev. C.B. Aind,  
Pramukh Adhyaksh,  
G.E.L. Church.

To,

The Treasurer,  
G.E.L. Church, Ranchi.

P. Seeburg  
Ranchi.  
9.3.67.



Subject :- Travelling cost of Mr. Herman Lakra for  
going to Japan.

Dear Mr. Tirkey,

In accordance with the letter of Mission  
Inspector Pastor Seeburg dated Ranchi 13.2.1967 on the above  
subject Mr. Herman Lakra was asked by me, through my letter dated  
22.2.67, the copy of which was sent to you also to submit his  
bill in advance. Now he has submitted the required bill, for  
Rs. 2640.35. You are requested to grant this amount to Mr. H.  
Lakra out of Miscellaneous budget of 1967. This amount will be  
paid back by the Gossener Mission, as promised by the Mission  
Inspector, Pastor Mr. Seeburg through his letter dated 13.2.1967,  
addressed to me.

Encl:- Bill dated 7.3.67 in original.

C.C. for information to :-

1. Mr. Herman Lakra,
2. Hd. Accountant,
- ✓ 3. Pastor M. Seeburg,  
Mission Inspector G.M.  
He is requested to grant the  
payment of the amount mentioned  
in the bill, the copy of which  
is attached herewith.

Yours sincerely,

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



BOARD OF PROPERTIES OF THE G. E. L. CHURCH  
IN CHOTANAGPUR & ASSAM

Head Office : G. E. L. CHURCH, RANCHI,  
P. O. RANCHI (BIHAR)

Ref No. BPR/27/37/67.

Date 7th March, 1967.

To

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

Sir,

As requested I am herewith submitting  
the T.A. Bill for going to Japan for joining  
the Tsurukawa Rural Institute at Machida Shi  
Tokio.

I request you to kindly advance me  
Rs. 2640=35 Ps.

Thanking you.

Yours faithfully

*H. Lakra* 7/3/67  
( HARMAN LAKRA ).

MANAGER,  
Board of Properties,  
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in Chotanagpur & Assam,  
RANCHI.

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T.A. BILL OF MR. HARMAN LAKRA, MANAGER G.E.L. CHURCH  
PROPERTIES FOR GOING TO TOKIO, JAPAN FOR JOINING THE  
TSURUKAWA RURAL INSTITUTE OF AGRICULTURE BY TRAIN,  
TAXI AND AIR :

|                    |                                                                  |                   |
|--------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1.                 | Ranchi to Howrah Railway Station by Train<br>Ist. Class Fare.    | ... Rs.34=35 Ps.  |
| 2.                 | Taxi Fare for going to 5, Russel Street<br>Calcutta.             | ... Rs. 3=00 Ps.  |
| 3.                 | Two days halt at Calcutta - Food and<br>Lodge @ Rs.10/= per day. | ... Rs.20=00 Ps.  |
| 4.                 | Calcutta Dumdum Air Port by Taxi.<br>Taxi hire.                  | ... Rs. 5=00 Ps.  |
| 5.                 | Travel by B.O.A.C. Plane Fare.                                   | ...Rs.2478=00 Ps. |
| 6.                 | One day halt at Bankok.                                          | ... Rs.50=00 Ps.  |
| 7.                 | One day halt at Honkong.                                         | ... Rs.50=00 Ps.  |
| -----<br>Total : - |                                                                  | ...Rs.2640=35 Ps. |

( Rupees two thousand six hundred fourty and thirtyfive  
Paise only ).

*Harman Lakra*  
7/3/67  
( HARMAN LAKRA )  
MANAGER,  
Board of Properties,  
G. E. L. CHURCH  
in Chotanagpur & Assam.  
RANCHI.



February 22nd, 1967  
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Rev. C. B. Aind  
The President of the  
G.E.L. Church  
Ranchi, Bihar  
I N D I A

Dear Brother Aind:

Subject: Words of Thanks to the KSS of Berlin-Brandenburg  
for the Visit of Professor D. Vogel

Since more than a week the visitors Professor D. Vogel and Rev. Seeberg have gone away from Ranchi and every-day life without visitors came back to you.

I can imagine, that there are two feelings in you with regard to these visitors, thanks for the suggestions and for the fellowship and discussion with these two friends of the Gossner Church, and the blessings which this visit brought to all of you. On the other hand you will be glad that your guests were grateful and content when they left the Gossner Church, and that your responsibility for the welfare of the two guests ended.

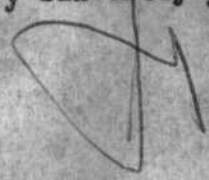
Today I want to let you know, that I would be very grateful if you would write a letter to the following address: "An den Vorsitzenden der Kirchenleitung von Berlin-Brandenburg Herrn Bischof D. Scharf D.D., 1-Berlin-12, Jebenstr. 3", thanking him for the kindness that the church sent Professor Vogel to you, as his visits in the congregation, his lectures in the college, and his papers in the Refresher Course strengthened your faith. It would be good, if the Bishop could give an official word of thanks from you to the KSS of the Church in Berlin. Please send a copy of this letter to me.

And you also should write to the Kuratorium with the address of the Gossner House some words of thanks for the valuable advice given by our mission inspector Rev. Seeberg during the past weeks. The Kuratorium would very much appreciate such a reaction of the leader of the Autonomous Church, as I know. And then we in the Kuratorium would know, that Rev. Seeberg's visit was not a burden for you in the first place.

We are looking forward to the reports about both visits, as they are very important for our future work. The next meeting of our Kuratorium is in the middle of May.

With the next remittance of money to the treasurer of the GEL Church I plan to send a smaller amount for your disposal, so that you will be in the position to help in case of illness of pastors and coworkers in the GEL Church.

With brotherly greetings I remain  
Very sincerely yours,



Department of World Mission LWF  
150, route de Forney  
Geneva, Switzerland

10. FEB. 1967

7th February, 1967.

The Rev. C.B. Aind, Pramukh Adhyaksh,  
Gossner Ev. Lutheran Church,  
Ranchi,  
Bihar State,  
India.

Dear Pramukh Aind:

Re: Lal Bungalow

Pastor Schmidt of Calcutta has recently written to us drawing our attention to the part of Lal Bungalow which was previously occupied by the Schmidt and which had been fully furnished by the LWF. Pastor Schmidt has also referred to his proposals stated in his memo to KSS dated July 1st, 1966, on Jubilee and Lal Bungalow.

We have given our thoughts on this matter and come to you with the following proposal:

that the portion of Lal Bungalow in which the Schmidt lived remain vacant until further notice be made and that the furniture which belongs to LWF be kept in the Bungalow under Dr. Dell's supervision.

We make this proposal to you in light of the uncertainty of future developments with regard to non-Indian co-workers; in fact, we are still, on your behalf, looking for a publisher from the Commonwealth countries, to whom the Bungalow could be offered.

During the vacancy period of the Bungalow, it is quite agreeable with us, however, that those rooms and furniture be used by special visitors to GELC from abroad upon the permission of the Pramukh and Dr. Dell.

I am enclosing a copy of the inventory of furniture in the Lal Bungalow occupied by the Schmidt.

We would appreciate having your response to our proposal on this matter.

With kind regards.

Sincerely yours,

*Yoshiro Ishida*  
Yoshiro Ishida

c.c. Prof. Dr. Dell, Ranchi  
The Rev. C.G. Schmidt  
Dr. C. Berg, GMS ✓



INVENTORY OF FURNITURE, Etc., in that Portion of LAL BUNGALOW formerly occupied by Rev. & Mrs. C. G. Schmidt.

Details:

Owned By:

KITCHEN:

|                               |     |
|-------------------------------|-----|
| Electric Stove                | LWF |
| Cupboard for Foodstuffs       | LWF |
| Cupboard for Pots, pans, etc. | LWF |
| Water Filter                  | LWF |
| Kerosene Cooker               | LWF |

DINING/LIVING ROOM:

|                                                   |                 |
|---------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Refrigerator (General Electric), with Transformer | LWF             |
| Large Cupboard                                    | Gossner Mission |
| Coffee Table                                      | Gossner Mission |
| Dining Table, with eight chairs                   | LWF             |
| Four armchairs, and Bench with cushion            | LWF             |

BATHROOM:

|                                                              |     |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| Rack                                                         | LWF |
| Tub                                                          | LWF |
| Water Filter (in original packaging not suitable for Ranchi) | LWF |

MAIN BEDROOM:

|                                        |                 |
|----------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Double bed, with mattress, poles & net | LWF             |
| Two wardrobes                          | LWF             |
| Pedestal Fan                           | LWF             |
| Three small tables                     | Gossner Mission |
| Large teakwood Box                     | Gossner Mission |
| Bed Lamp                               | LWF             |

GUEST ROOM/LOUNGE:

|                                       |                 |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Two Beds, with mattresses, poles, net | LWF             |
| Wardrobe                              | LWF             |
| Side-Board (Crockery cabinet)         | Gossner Mission |

OFFICE:

|                            |     |
|----------------------------|-----|
| Study Desk, and blue chair | LWF |
| Small typing table         | LWF |
| Steel cupboard             | LWF |
| Steel book shelf           | LWF |



GENERAL:

Ironing Table & Steel

LWF

Steel Shelf (for tools, paints, etc.)

Gossner Mission

Bed & Mattress being used by Guard

LWF

Curtains in all rooms

LWF

February 7th, 1967  
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Rev. C.B. Aind  
G.E.L. Church Compound  
Ranchi, Bihar  
I N D I A

Dear Brother Aind:

Enclosed please find the message to the refresher course of the pastors, for which you kindly asked me on January 23rd for the beginning of the meeting on February 5th. Unfortunately I can send it only for the end of the meeting on February 14th, and I hope, that it will reach you in time, and that the brothers will like it.

In case it would come too late, it could perhaps be printed later in the "Gharbandu". The brothers Dr. Bage, principal Surin or Dr. P. Singh could perhaps translate it into Hindi without trouble and arrange, that it will be read to the audience.

I hope you had blessed days of being together in the Church of Christ in Ranchi.

I often think of my presence there with you two years ago.

With brotherly greetings,

Yours sincerely,

Encl.

(Director Dr. Christian Berg)



An die  
zum Refresher Kurs versammelten  
Pastoren der Gossnerkirche

z.Zt. Ranchi

Liebe Brüder!

Der Präsident der Evangelisch-lutherischen Gossnerkirche von Chotanagpur und Assam, unser lieber Bruder Aind, hat mich gebeten, Ihnen allen ein Wort des Grußes und der Verbundenheit zu senden, wenn Sie vom 5. - 14. Februar Ihre segensreiche Zusammenkunft haben. Nun sind ja Prof. D. Vogel und Inspektor M. Seeborg als Unterpfand der Liebe des Kuratoriums der Verbundenheit der Kirche in Deutschland und vieler Gossner Freunde unter Ihnen und haben Ihnen mit Vorträgen gedient. Aber gern komme ich der Bitte Präsident Ainds nach, Ihnen zum Schluß der gemeinsamen Tage ein Wort des Grußes zu senden, da die Zeit nicht reichte, es Ihnen zum Beginn zu senden.

- 1) Mein erster Wunsch ist, daß Sie in Vorträgen und Diskussionen neue Erkenntnisse gewonnen haben. Wie oft betet Paulus darum, daß die jungen Gemeinden solche Klarheit im Glauben empfangen und dadurch Kraft gewinnen, den Weg der Nachfolge Jesu Christi in froher Gewisheit zu gehen.
- 2) Möchten die Tage des Zusammenseins in der Christuskirche Ranchi, die auch Gossner Freunde in Deutschland durch ihre Opfer mit ermöglicht haben, die Einheit und Gemeinschaft in der Gossnerkirche gestärkt haben! Wenn sie streitet, ist die Gossnerkirche kein "Brief Christi" an die Welt; Wenn aber die Nichtchristen merken und sagen: Seht, wie haben sie einander so lieb - dann kann Gott die Mission der Gossnerkirche mit viel Frucht segnen.
- 3) Die Lutherische Kirche in aller Welt fragt beharrlich nach dem "neuen Gehorsam" der Christen. Gott will Taten der Liebe, Werke des Glaubens bei seinen Jüngern finden. Wie sehr bedarf Euer großes Volk Indiens solcher Christen, die Salz und Licht in ihrer Umgebung sind! Möchte viel Trägheit in Eurer Mitte überwunden werden und das Evangelium sich als wirkende Kraft erweisen!

Laßt uns - in Indien und Deutschland - wachsen an dem, der das Haupt ist, Christus!

Euch in Glaube, Liebe und Fürbitte verbunden

Euer

gez. Dr. Christian Berg

Gossner Haus Berlin, 7. Febr. 1967

Kopie: Rev. Surin

January 24th, 1967  
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To the KSS  
Attn.: Rev. G.B. Aind, President  
G.E.L. Church Compound

Ranchi, Bihar

I N D I A

Subject: Transition of Sister Ilse Martin from Amgaon to Takarma

On January 11th there was a meeting of the Kuratorium, which agreed to inform you about the following:

The Kuratorium approved unanimously Rev. Seeberg's proposal, that sister Ilse Martin after her return to the Gossner Church in India should start a new work in Takarma and open a dispensary there. I suppose that Rev. Seeberg has informed you about the reasons of this recommendation.

With regard to the above, I would ask the KSS and you as its President the following:

- 1.) that you give your consent to the medical work in Takarma started by Sister Ilse Martin. We hope that you also realize, what a blessing this new dispensary could be, giving an example for a small pioneering work of the Gossner Church in the medical field, which could be arranged also in other areas.
- 2.) The KSS should formally transfer their coworker Ilse Martin from Amgaon to Takarma by an official letter to her and to Sup. Dr. med. Rohwedder respectively. Such a document is probably necessary, as the working permit for Sister Ilse Martin, which was up to now for Grissa, would then become valid for her work in Takarma in the state Bihar.

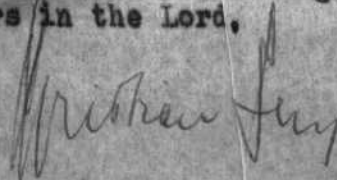
We planned, that Sister Ilse Martin after her arrival in India and in Chotanagpur via Bombay, Rourkela, will immediately proceed to Takarma, where probably the brothers Rev. Seeberg and Mr. Bruns will make some preparations.

You will realize from this decision, dear Brother Aind, in the light of your vote, that for the present time we do not think anymore about establishing a second bigger hospital of the GEL Church according to your conferences with Rev. Seeberg.

Of course, the Kuratorium will take care of the financial equipment of Sister Ilse in Takarma.

I hope that you and the brothers in the KSS will agree with the future work of our dear coworker Ilse Martin and that our Lord will bless this new work.

With brotherly greetings,  
yours in the Lord,





January 24th, 1967  
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Rev. C. B. Aind  
GEL Church Compound  
Ranchi, Bihar  
I N D I A

Re: 15.000 Rps. for each Anchal from the 10-years-building plan 1967

Dear Brother Aind:

Already today I am in the position to fulfill the promise of my letter of yesterday and send 15.000 Rps. each for urgent building projects in your area to the four Anchals of the Gossner Church.

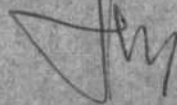
Today I gave the order to transfer the equivalent of 60.000 Rps. to the pay-office of the Gossner Church. Thus, following the necessary procedures, each Anchal should receive 15.000 Rps. of the above amount. I think, you will be glad to receive this information just before the meeting of the KSS and the beginning of the refresher course.

I will send a copy of this letter to Rev. Seeberg and would be grateful, if you would confer with him, what obligations the leading brothers in the Anchals should have with regard to the projects. It should also be decided, whether these means should be used only if the Anchals also raise funds for the urgent tasks.

I would appreciate, if you would initiate a report, how the different Anchals will use these funds and what important tasks they will fulfill in the ~~congregations~~ congregations.

With brotherly greetings I remain,

sincerely yours,



(Director Dr. Berg)



# GOSSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

(Rgd. under Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860)

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UP-PRAMUKH ADHYAKSH : Rev. B. MINZ  
SECRETARY : Rev. Dr. M. BAGE  
TREASURER : Mr. C. A. TIRKEY

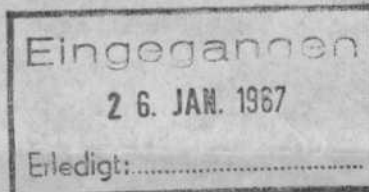
## HEAD OFFICE

G. E. L. Church, Ranchi  
Bihar/India  
Phone : 510

Ref. No. 28/67.

The 23rd January, 1967.

Director Dr. Christian Berg,  
Gossner Mission House,  
1 Berlin 41 (Friedenau)  
Handjerystrasse 19/20  
West Germany.



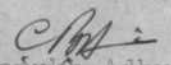
Dear Dr. Berg,

I have a great pleasure to inform you that our Pastors' Refreshers Course is going to be held at Ranchi from Feb. 5-14. 1967. For your information herewith I am sending one copy of the scheduled programme of the same. It is going to be started just after the meeting of the KSS. which will commence on 31st January, 67.

Though an information is communicated to you lately, I shall be very much pleased to receive any greetings from you for the pastors Class to be read on Feb. 5, 67, the beginning of the refreshers course.

With best regards and christian greetings.

Yours Sincerely,

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

January 23rd, 1967  
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Rev. C. B. Aind  
GEL Church Compound  
Ranchi, Bihar  
I N D I A

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G.E.L. Aind  
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Dear Brother Aind:

From Rev. Seeberg we now regularly receive manifold reports about many different problems of work in our dear Gossner church, and I am glad that some problems could be solved. Of course, there was enough left, and I think, that there are some possibilities of conferences, exchange of opinions and common decisions especially during the big KSS meeting and the refresher course. We in the Gossner House pray that the Lord may bless these important meetings.

Today some financial questions. I hope that the first payments for the mission work and the scholarships, which I sent at the beginning of the year, have come to you.

- 1.) Upon your request I sent you the amount of 2500 Rps. for the refresher course of the reverends. I gratefully remember my presence there two years ago.
- 2.) The motor-cycle for the Adhyaksh of Orissa, our dear brother Dr. Bage, can be procured now, I send you the equivalent of 4000 Rps. for it.
- 3.) Bishop emeritus Manikam started working for the Federation on January 1st., and he shall receive an amount from the Gossner Church for it. I heard from Rev. Seeberg, that you agree to pay it, when the Gossner Mission will transfer the money. I will send the amount of 500 Rps.
- 4.) I want you to know, that also in the new year 1967 we provided for an amount of DM 20.000.-- for the pension fund of the Gossner Church. There are still DM 11.500.-- available from the budget 1966. Thus you could call for the amount you need any time.
- 5.) I hope to be in the position to send the first instalments of 15.000 Rps. each for the different Anchals out of the 10-years-building-plan. The payment will be made after clear plans and financial estimates by the adhyakshs have come to hand.

With brotherly greetings to all the friends  
and especially to you personally, I remain,

Very sincerely yours,

H



January 2nd, 1967  
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Rev. C. B. Aind, President,  
G.E.L. Church Compound  
Ranchi/Bihar  
I N D I A

Re: First Contribution for the Evangelistic work of the GEL Church

Dear Brother Aind:

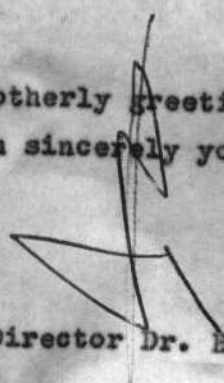
Just on the first working day in the new year we send kindest regards to you personally, the brothers and coworkers in the KSS and office of the church, and we ask God to bless and guide you through the New Year 1967.

I want to inform you today, that we sent the first amounts for two important tasks of the Church: a) for the evangelistic work DM 15.000.--, b) for stipends in the three institutions DM 10.000.--.

As I send a copy of this letter to Brother Seeberg, who is at present with you, he will speak with you and the head accountant about the distribution and booking in detail, so that I need not make any more recommendations.

May God bless those, who get this help, in the evangelistic work and the young people to be trained in the three institutions for the future service in the church.

With brotherly greetings,  
I remain sincerely yours,

  
(Director Dr. Berg)

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TREASURER : Mr. C. A. TIRKEY

## HEAD OFFICE

G. E. L. Church, Ranchi  
Bihar/India  
Phone : 510

December 8, 1966



To,

Rev. Yoshiro Ishida,  
Secretary for Asia,  
Lutheran World Federation,  
Department of World Mission  
Geneva.

Dear Pastor Ishida,

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of 23 rd. November and thank you for your kind and favourable decision to subsidise the Pastors' Refresher Course we intend to hold from February 5 th to 14 th. 1967.

Dr. Berg has also been kind enough to assure us with an equal sum of Rs. 2,500. and we thank him and the Kuratorium for this special help. I am enclosing herewith a budget for Rs. 8,530. with details.

The details about the course will be finally drawn up on December 19 in the KSS officers' meeting which I have convened. We were also waiting for the arrival of Dr. Vogel from Germany and Pastor Seeberg who will participate in the course. I promise to send you the detail course immediately after it is finalised.

We shall be obliged if you could now remit the money since we plan to make bulk purchases specially of rice.

Once again I thank you and Dr. Berg and your respective departments for having seen it possible to help us in gathering the Pastors of our Church for the scheduled retreat.

With greetings of the Advent time.

Yours sincerely,

cc:

  
(Rev. C. B. Aind)

Dr. Ch. Berg  
Head Acctt/GELC

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## BUDGET

### PASTORS' REFRESHER COURSE RANCHI

Feb. 4-14, 1967

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#### INCOME

|                                                                               |              |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| 1. Subscription LWF..                                                         | Rs. 2,500.00 |
| 2. " GM...                                                                    | Rs. 2,500.00 |
| 3. Subscription from<br>130 Pastors @ Rs. 2/-<br>per day for 10½<br>days..... | Rs. 2,730.00 |
| 4. Subscription from<br>KSS...Rs.                                             | 800.00       |
| Total                                                                         | Rs. 8,530.00 |

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#### EXPENDITURE

|                                                                                    |              |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| 1. Fooding for 130 pastors<br>and 8 workers @ Rs. 3/-<br>per day for 10½ days..... | Rs. 4,350.00 |
| 2. Travelling Allowance.....                                                       | Rs. 4,080.00 |
| 3. Contingency.....                                                                | Rs. 100.00   |
| Total                                                                              | Rs. 8,530.00 |

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#### BREAK UP OF TRAVELLING ALLOWANCE

|                              |              |
|------------------------------|--------------|
| Assam Anchal...11 Pastors... | Rs. 1,500.00 |
| Orissa " ..19 "              | Rs. 430.00   |
| S. East " ... 54 "           | Rs. 1,100.00 |
| N. West " ... 35 "           | Rs. 950.00   |
| Khutitoli.... 7 "            | Rs. 100.00   |
| 126                          | Rs. 4,080.00 |

APB/7.

*Ch*  
Pramukh Adhyaksh  
GEL Church Ranchi.

Treasurer,  
GELC Ranchi.

*W. B. Singh*  
Head Accountant  
G.E.L.C. Ranchi,

November 28th, 1966  
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I N D I A

The President of the GEL Church  
Rev. C. B. Aind  
GEL Church Compound  
Ranchi/Bihar

Your Reference Number 713/66  
Subject: Support for Refresher Course  
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Dear Brother Aind:

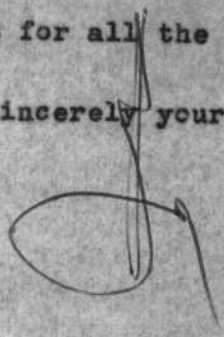
Thanking you for your kind letter of November 15th concerning the above subject, I want to tell you that I am very glad about the refresher course at the end of January, to which all the pastors of the GEL Church will again be invited. We pray for really blessed meetings in this important course.

Originally the financing of such a continuing service of the whole church should be made from your own means; at least additionally to the means which the Lutheran World Federation is granting you. During the time of your presidentship you should care that the GEL Church should not rely on foreign aid in their different tasks, if this could be avoided.

However, our times are abnormal. Hunger and need are present in your whole area, and it seems that in 1966/67 the state of Bihar is again especially stricken by hardship. So you have an abnormal situation, and under these circumstances we can positively answer to your request. At the end of this year I will give the money you await to Pastor Seeberg, who will give it to the head accountant of the church for the refresher course 1967.

With brotherly greetings and blessings for all the pastors, who shall come together, I remain,

Sincerely yours,



cc: P. Seeberg  
cc: Dr. Arne Sovik



Department of World Mission LWF  
150, route de Ferney  
Geneva, Switzerland

23rd November, 1966.

Rev. C.B. Aind,  
Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church,  
Ranchi District,  
Bihar.

Dear Pastor Aind:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter November 16th, which you addressed to Dr. Sovik with regard to a pastor's refresher course which you plan for January, 1967.

I write this with pleasure to inform you that our department will be prepared to assist in meeting the expenses for the course in the amount of Rs.2,500.00.

Normally we like to see that a substantial contribution be made from local sources, but we take special note from the copy of your letter to Dr. Berg that the local contribution will not be made this time due to the financial difficulties you face in the church and the famine in the area where most of your congregations are situated.

The fund will be remitted through our normal channel, but we wait for your instruction as to when. May we request that you forward to us the detailed plans for the course including the breakdown of the budget as soon as it is available, and when the course is completed please send us a full report.

We pray for Gods guidance on the preparation for the course.

Sincerely yours,

  
Yoshiro Ishida

c.c. Dr.C.Berg ✓  
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PRAMUKH ADHYAKSH

UP-PRAMUKH ADHYAKSH

SECRETARY

TREASURER

FINANCIAL ADVISER

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Mr. C. A. TIRKEY

Mr. R. MONTAG

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HEAD OFFICE

G. E. L. Church

Ranchi, Bihar

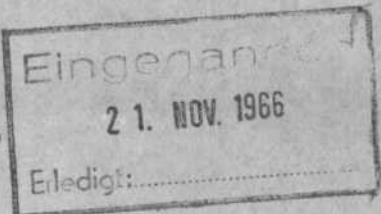
India

Phone : 510

No. 707 / 66-KSS-78  
November 1966

To,

The Kuratorium of  
the Gossner Mission,  
c/o Director Dr. C.Berg,  
1 Berlin 41 (Friedenau)  
Handjerystrasse 19/20



Dear Dr. Berg,

I am writing this letter in reply to yours dated 25 th. Oct 1966, addressed to me as President of the GEL Church which was handed over to me on 1.11.66 by ex-Pramukh Adhyaksh Rev. Dr. M.Bage. Really I am very thankful to the Kuratorium of the Gossner Mission and to you for your good wishes to me at the beginning of ~~the~~ my service as Pramukh Adhyaksh (President) of the Gossner Church.

Brother Berg, you know the Gossner Church, its troubles and problems. Still elements of disunity exist among some of its leading members, who aim at involving the Church in troubles and disturbances. Under such circumstances to keep unity and peace in the Church will not be an easy task, but I agree with you when you say that it can be achieved not by disciplinary measures but by the work of love in Christ. In course of my service to the Church in my capacity as its President I shall remember this advice of yours and will always try to do accordingly.

I do recollect that the celebration of 50 th anniversary of the autonomy of the Gossner Church falls during my term of office in July 1969. Let it be celebrated with great success with the co-operation of the Gossner Church here and with your guidance and help. The KSS is going to appoint a committee during the next meeting in January 1967 to start working for the same.

I am grateful to note that brothers and sisters of German congregations are ready to render their help to the Indian Church, like the Gossner Church, which is the outcome of their great love in Christ and perseverance. Gossner Church is looking forward to be blest by the visit of Pastor Seeberg and Dr. Vogel. The date of arrival of Pastor Seeberg is not yet known.



# GOSSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

(Rgd. under Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860)

PRAMUKH ADHYAKSH : Rev. Dr. M. BAGE  
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Telegram from Pastor Seeberg about the success of Brother Paul Singh has been received. On behalf of the whole Gossner Church let me extend our thankfulness to the Kuratorium of the Gossner Mission for its great service of help in the education of Bro Paul Singh for the service of the Gossner Church and His glory.

In conclusion, let me tell you that inspite of some election disputes and complaints the first meeting of the KSS for the term 1966-69 had its session from 4 th to 10 th November 1966. You may be anxious to know about the new office bearers of the Church, they are Rev. B. Minz, Dr. M. Bage and Mr. C. A. Tirkey as Up-Prmaukh Adykahs, Secretary and Treasurer respectively. Adhyakshas of the Anchals are the same as before excepting that Dr. M. Bage who has been elected Adhyakshs of the Orissa Anchal.

With best compliments to the Chairman Bishop D. Kurt Scharf D.D. and all other members of the Kuratorium of the Gossner Mission.

Yours sincerely,

  
(Rev. C. B. Aind)  
Pramukh Adhyaksh

November 21st, 1966  
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I N D I A

The President of the GEL Church  
Rev. C. B. Aind  
GEL Church Compound  
Ranchi /Bihar

Dear Brother Aind:

Subject: Article of Rev. Nirmal Minz, Chicago

In August our common friend Nirmal Minz, Chicago, sent me an article "Neopaganism in the GEL Church", which I studied at that time with great interest.

Also the Lutheran Federation in Geneva received a copy and reacted less friendly. We spoke about it for some time in the retreat of the coworkers of the Gossner Mission, and I also sent a German translation of it to all the members of the Kuratorium.

Then again, the thoughts of Nirmal Minz are very instructive and interesting. However, Brother Minz's recommendation to distribute it in a bigger circle of the Gossner Church is not possible according to my opinion, as it could call forth too many new discussions. I came to this opinion giving the article to Brother Soreng here - who sends kindest regards to you and will leave Europe on December 12th with a ship - and I left it to him for some days and spoke with him about it.

We thought, it would be the best, if the four Adhyakshas and also the Brothers Surin, Tirkey and Horo would read it, giving the article from hand to hand. Then in a limited group they may speak about it and exchange their opinions about it, at any rate, the leading men of the church should know how your Brother, studying abroad, judges the history and problems of the Gossner Church and what dangers he is seeing. Giving the specimen personally to P. Soreng, I sincerely hope that it will securely arrive at your hands.

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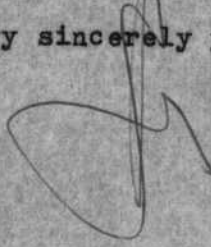
Your kind answer just arrived, dear Brother Aind, to the welcome of the Kuratorium, which Bishof Scharf and I sent you. I liked your good answer very much, and especially the two good news, firstly that the KSS has appointed a special committee for the preparation of the 50th anniversary celebration of the Gossner Church, with which we shall find contact soon; secondly that B. Minz/Gunla was selected Up-Pramukh-Adhyaksh. I deem this choice very wholesome and right.



Please feel free, dear Brother Aind, occasionally to initiate a discussion about things, which are on your mind, and with regard to which you feel, we could advise or help you. During the next months, we suppose, this will hardly happen, as Brother Seeberg will be with you and you will have a steady contact with him, also regarding many questions.

Today I send you kindest regards and best wishes and I remain,

Very sincerely yours,



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Mr. Robert K. Knutson P.E.  
Comm. Dev. Service  
Lutheran World Federation  
Geneva

Re: CDS 146 = Hostel for Bethesda Women's Training School

Dear Mr. Knutson,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 27, 1966 and to say that we are extremely happy and grateful to receive the good news that the Swedish donor agency called "Lutherhjaelpen" has very kindly accepted the sponsorship of the above project, in the fulfilment of which, we will be now further strengthened to serve humanity at large. Our congregations, the students and staff of this school join me in offering grateful thanks to the "Lutherhjaelpen" and the CDS for making it possible to give living accomodation to the future woman teachers who will come to receive training in this institute.

We have taken note of instructions required for the implementation of this project. We will take care to furnish periodical reports of the progress made to the donors and the CDS.

May we request you though this letter to announce to the donors that we are very grateful and happy for the much needed help they have agreed to give us. We also want to say "thank you" to the hundreds and thousands of christian brothers and sisters of Sweden who not knowing us have created this "great help" for us. May God our Father bless them abundantly ever more.

With Christian greetings.

cc/  
Dr Ch. Berg  
Goss - Berlin

Rev. C.B. Aind  
President



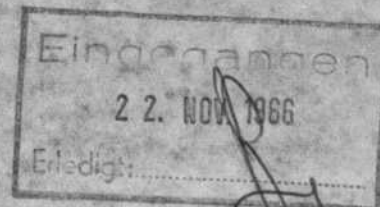
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G.E.L. Church.

To,

Dr. Christian Berg,  
Director Gossner Mission,  
1 Berlin 41 ( Fridenau ),  
Handjerystrasse 19/20.



Ranchi the 15th. Nov. '66.

Dear Dr. Berg,

May I draw your kind attention towards a copy of my letter, dated 15th Nov. '66, addressed to Dr. Arne Sovik, Director DWM/LWF, which is enclosed herewith. We are planning for the Pastor's refresher course, to be held towards the end of next January '67, for at least 10 days, where Dr. Vogel and Pastor Seeberg may deliver series of lectures may be suggested by you. During last Pastor's refresher course when Superintendent Peters took part, different Ilakas had contributed about Rs. 2500/- towards the fooding cost of its Pastors. But due to shortage of income, this year because of famine, Ilakas will be unable to subscribe any amount. Hence the DWM/LWF has been requested to grant us special subsidy of Rs. 2500/- and the G.M. is also requested to share the same burden. Thinking that this request may reach you earlier, I am communicating to you without waiting for the discussion with Pastor Seeberg, who will be visiting us soon. Hope you will favourably consider my humble request.

With brotherly love and christian greetings.

Yours Sincerely,

  
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To, Dr. Arne Sovik,  
Director DWM/LWF.,  
Route de Ferney 150,  
1211 Geneva 20,  
Switzerland.

Ranchi, the 16th. Nov. '66.

Dear Dr. Sovik,

May I be permitted to forward the following request to you for favour of your kind consideration and assistance.

That after the disturbances in the Gossner Church in former days, Pastor's refresher course was found to be one of the best means for encouragement to the Pastors and for bringing them in closer fellowship of love by which unity and peace can be achieved in the Church. Hence the Gossner Church has decided to hold such Pastor's refresher course every year. In 1967 also, its dear need is felt, but we are in difficulty, as there is no provision in the budget for 1967.

I was told by the ex-Pramukh Adhyaksh Dr. Bage, that special Funds are available every year in the LWF for rendering such assistance to the needy Churches. May I therefore be permitted to approach to you for assistance for the success of this Programme in 1967.

The total expense for the same will be as follows :-

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etc. 3379.14.

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Kuratorium of the  
Gossner Mission  
1 Berlin 41 (Friedenau)  
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Berlin, 25th October 1966

To the  
President of the  
Gossner Ev. Luth. Church of  
Chota Nagpur and Assam  
Rev. C. B. Aind  
G.E.L. Church Compound

Ranchi / BIHAR  
India

Respected Mr. President, dear Brother Aind,

At the beginning of your work as President of the Gossner Church, which you will take over from Brother Bage according to the constitution on 1st November 1966, the Kuratorium as well as the Gossnerhouse in Berlin want to send you their best wishes. We are greeting you in the fellowship of our Lord Jesus Christ and beg that HE may give you strength and confidence to bear burden and responsibility of your important and difficult post.

Our prayers for you and our dear Gossner Church in India include many things. Let us only express the following:

We wish that many brothers and sisters in the congregations of your Church will support you in your leading service by their co-operation and bearing responsibility, too. You will have to make many decisions; many people will wait for your word and will turn their eyes and expectations to you. May you not experience loneliness which often happens to leading people ! It should not be so in the Church of Jesus Christ. Many others should also carry out the "work of our Lord."

May you succeed in keeping unity and peace in the Gossner Church which is again and again threatened by struggles, and may you succeed in strengthening the Church ! That cannot in the first place be achieved by disciplinary measures, although your post obliges you and the KSS to be the highest guardian over the constitution of 1960. Only where the spirit and the love of Jesus Christ is growing, can there be growing peace and greater unity and fellowship in a Church. May you as preacher of Jesus Christ see the fruit of peace grow in the Gossner Church !

During your term of office, the "Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church of Chota Nagpur and Assam" will celebrate its 50th anniversary of independence in July 1969. This will, doubtlessly, be the outward climax of your presidency. Many friends of the Gossner Church among the German Christianity are already now looking forward to this period in the history of the young Indian Brother Church. May this Church be conscious of its call by our Lord to carry out important tasks of witness and service in your big country of India where there is still great need of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. We beg that you and the brothers in all the congregations of the Gossner Church will clearly realize those tasks and will joyfully take them up.

You know that we shall gladly help you wherever and as far as we are able to. There is great willingness in our Churches and Congregations to help a Church in remote India which has arisen by the grace of our Lord and to which people were sent from Germany to render their help. Mission-Inspector P. Seeberg from the Gossnerhouse and Professor D. Vogel from the Church of Berlin-Brandenburg who will soon visit the Gossner Church for a couple of weeks, will surely inform us on their return for what brotherly support would be welcomed by you. Furthermore, our co-workers and your fellow-workers at Amgaon, Fudi and Khuntitoli and soon in Ranchi again are signs of our love and fellowship to the Gossner Church.

We are gladly remembering your visit last year, dear Brother Aind, on which occasion many congregations and friends of the Gossner Church got to know you who has been a non-christian in your youth and has asked for and been baptized when you attended Highschool. Such meetings and your convictions which you expressed there strengthen our prayers to our Lord for you and your service.

Let us tell you the word of God which HE once spoke unto Joshua when he was called to lead Israel: "Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest." (Joshua, 1,9).

With kind and brotherly greetings  
on behalf of the whole Kuratorium  
Yours Sincerely,

signed: .....  
(Bishop D. Kurt Scharf, DD.)  
Chairman

.....  
(Kirchenrat Dr. Berg)  
Mission-Director

forwarded by: *Goma Gordienko*  
Secretary



25. Oktober 1966  
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An den

Präsidenten der Evang.-lutherischen  
Gossnerkirche von Chotanagpur & Assam  
Rev. C. B. A i n d  
G.E.L. Church Compound

Ranchi /Bihar  
I N D I A

Hochverehrter Herr Präsident, lieber Bruder Aind!

Zum Beginn der Übernahme des leitenden Amtes der Gossnerkirche, das Sie am 1. November 1966 aus den Händen von Bruder Dr. Bage gemäß der Verfassung empfangen, sollen die Segenswünsche des Kuratoriums in Berlin und das sichtbare Zeichen des Gedenkens aus dem Gossnerhaus nicht fehlen. Wir grüßen Sie ganz herzlich in der Gemeinschaft unseres Herrn Jesu Christi und bitten, daß ER Sie stark und getrost machen möchte, die Last und Verantwortung Ihres hohen und schweren Amtes zu tragen.

Unsere Fürbitte für Sie und die ganze, unserem Herzen nahestehende Kirche in Indien ist von vielem bewegt und erfüllt; lassen Sie uns nur dreierlei aussprechen:

Möchte es Ihnen in Ihrem leitenden Dienst nicht an der Mitarbeit und Mitverantwortung vieler Brüder und Schwestern in den Gemeinden Ihrer Kirche fehlen. Sie werden so vieles zu entscheiden haben, viele werden auf Ihr Wort warten und ihre Augen und Erwartungen auf Sie richten. Möchten Sie vor der Einsamkeit bewahrt bleiben, in die so oft leitende Amtsträger geraten! In der Kirche Jesu Christi soll es nicht so sein, viele sollen mit Ihnen das "Werk des Herrn" treiben.

Möchte es Ihnen gelingen, Einheit und Frieden der immer wieder von Spaltungen bedrohten Gossnerkirche zu bewahren, vielmehr sie zu stärken und zu befestigen! Das kann ja wahrhaftig nicht in erster Linie auf disciplinarem Wege geschehen, so gewiß Ihr Amt Sie mit dem KSS zum obersten Wächter der seit 1960 bestehenden Verfassung verpflichtet. Nur wo der Geist und die Liebe Jesu Christi groß und mächtig werden, kann Frieden wachsen und die Einheit und Gemeinschaft einer Kirche sich vertiefen. Möchten Sie als Prediger und Rufer zu Jesus Christus die Frucht des Friedens in der Gossnerkirche wachsen und reifen sehen dürfen!

Während Ihrer Amtszeit, im Juli 1969, vollendet die "Evangelisch-lutherische Gossnerkirche von Chotanagpur und Assam" das erste halbe Jahrhundert ihrer selbständigen Existenz. Es wird zweifellos der äußerlich sichtbare Höhepunkt während Ihres Präsidiums sein. Schon jetzt freuen sich viele Freunde der Gossnerkirche in der deutschen Christenheit auf die Erweichung dieses Abschnittes in der Geschichte der jungen indischen Bruderkirche. Möchte sich damit das Bewußtsein in ihr verbinden, von unserem Herrn zu wichtigen Aufgaben des Zeugnisses und des Dienstes in Ihrem großen Land Indien berufen zu sein, das noch sehr des Evangeliums von unserem Heiland Jesus Christus bedarf. Diese Aufgaben klar zu erkennen und freudig anzugreifen, das erbitten wir Ihnen und den Brüdern in allen Gemeinden der Gossnerkirche.

Sie wissen, wo wir Ihnen helfen können und soweit wir es vermögen, soll es mit Freuden geschehen. Es ist in unseren Kirchen und Gemeinden eine große Bereitschaft vorhanden an solcher Stärkung einer durch Gottes Gnade zum Leben erweckten Kirche im fernen Indien, wofür Boten aus unserem Land Werkzeuge sein durften, in innerer Anteilnahme mithzuhelfen. Wenn demnächst aus dem Gossnerhaus und von der Kirche Berlin-Brandenburg zwei Brüder für längere Wochen zu Ihnen kommen - Missionsinspektor F. Seeborg und Professor D. Vogel - so werden sie nach ihrer Rückkehr gewiß die persönlichen Überbringer solcher Möglichkeiten sein, bei denen unsere brüderliche Unterstützung Ihnen willkommen ist. Darüber hinaus sind ja bis zur Stunde unsere Boten und Ihre Mitarbeiter(innen) in Angaon und Padi, in Khuntitoli und demnächst auch wieder in Ranchi die lebendige Verkörperung unserer Liebe zu Ihnen und unserer Verbundenheit mit Ihnen in der Gossnerkirche.

Von Herzen freut es uns im Rückblick, daß Sie lieber Bruder Aind, der Sie persönlich aus dem Heidentum gekommen sind und als Oberschüler die christliche Taufe beehrten und empfingen, uns im vergangenen Jahr persönlich besuchen und viele Gemeinden und Freunde der Gossnerkirche Sie kennenlernen konnten. Solche Begegnung von Angesicht zu Angesicht wie auch, daß viele Ihr Wort und Zeugnis vernehmen durften, stärkt die Kraft der Fürbitte, für Sie und den Ihnen übertragenen Dienst vor dem Thron Gottes einzustehen.

Lassen Sie uns Ihnen das Wort des Herrn zurufen, das Gott einst Josua zusprach, als er Israel zu führen berufen wurde: "Siehe, Ich habe dir geboten, daß du getrost und freudig seist. Laß dir nicht grauen und entsetze dich nicht, denn der Herr ist mit dir in allem, was du tun wirst (Josua 1,9).

In herzlichster Brüderlicher Verbundenheit  
namens des ganzen Kuratoriums  
Ihre getreuen

(Bischof D. Kurt Scharf DD)  
Vorsitzender

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Our prayers for you and our dear Gossner Church in India include many things. Let us only express the following:

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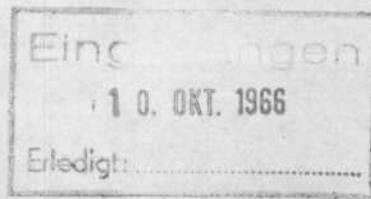
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Während Ihrer Amtszeit, im Juli 1969, vollendet die "Evangelisch-lutherische Gossnerkirche von Chotanagpur und Assam" das erste halbe Jahrhundert ihrer selbständigen Existenz. Es wird zweifellos der äußerlich sichtbare Höhepunkt während Ihres Präsidiums sein. Schon jetzt freuen sich viele Freunde der Gossnerkirche in der deutschen Christenheit <sup>dar</sup> ~~auf die Errichtung~~ <sup>dass</sup> dieses Abschnitte in der Geschichte der jungen indischen Bruderkirche <sup>erreicht</sup> ~~und festlich begangen werden kann~~. Möchte sich damit das Bewusstsein in ihr verbinden, von unserem Herrn zu wichtigen Aufgaben des Zeugnisses und des Dienstes in Ihrem großen Land Indien berufen zu sein, das noch sehr des Evangeliums von unserem Heiland Jesus Christus bedarf! Diese Aufgaben klar zu erkennen und freudig anzugreifen, das erbitten wir Ihnen und den Brüdern in allen Gemeinden der Gossnerkirche.

Sie wissen, wo wir Ihnen helfen können und soweit wir es vermögen, soll es mit Freuden geschehen. Es ist in unseren Kirchen und Gemeinden eine große Bereitschaft vorhanden, <sup>der</sup> ~~an solcher~~ Stärkung einer durch Gottes Gnade zum Leben erweckten Kirche im fernen Indien, wofür Boten aus unserem Land Werkzeuge sein durften, in innerer Anteilnahme mitzuhelfen. Wenn demnächst aus dem Gossnerhaus und von der Kirche Berlin-Brandenburg zwei Brüder für längere Wochen zu Ihnen kommen - Missionsinspektor P. Seeberg und Professor D. Vogel -, so werden sie nach ihrer Rückkehr gewiß die persönlichen Überbringer <sup>von</sup> ~~solcher~~ Möglichkeiten sein, bei denen unsere brüderliche Unterstützung Ihnen willkommen ist. Darüber hinaus sind ja bis zur Stunde unsere Boten und Ihre Mitarbeiter(innen) in Amgaon und Fudi, in Khuntitoli und demnächst auch wieder in Ranchi die lebendige Verkörperung unserer Liebe zu Ihnen und unserer Verbundenheit mit Ihnen in der Gossnerkirche.

Von Herzen freut es uns im Rückblick, daß Sie lieber Bruder Aind, der Sie persönlich aus dem Heidentum gekommen sind und als Oberschüler die christliche Taufe beehrten und empfangen, uns im vergangenen Jahr persönlich besuchen und viele Gemeinden und Freunde der Gossnerkirche ~~sie~~ kennenlernen konnten! Solche Begegnung <sup>en</sup> von Angesicht zu Angesicht <sup>en</sup> ~~wie auch~~, daß viele <sup>wir</sup> ~~mit der~~ Ihr Wort und Zeugnis vernehmen durften, stärk <sup>en</sup> die Kraft der Fürbitte, für Sie und den Ihnen übertragenen Dienst vor dem Thron Gottes einzustehen.

Lassen Sie uns Ihnen das Wort des Herrn zurufen, das Gott einst Josua sprach, als er Israel zu führen berufen wurde: "Siehe, Ich habe dir geboten, daß du getrost und freudig seist. Laß dir nicht grauen und entsetze dich nicht, denn der Herr ist mit dir in allem, was du tun wirst (Josua 1,9)!"

*die damit verbundenen*

In herzlicher Brüderlicher Verbundenheit  
namens des ganzen Kuratoriums  
Ihre getreuen

(Kirchenrat Dr. Berg)  
Missionsdirektor

(Bischof D. Kurt Scharf DD)  
Vorsitzender

Gossner Mission



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October 19th, 1966

1. Rev. C.B. Aind  
Church Compound  
Ranchi /Bihar  
INDIA
2. Professor Tiga  
Director of the B&E&L  
GEL Church Compound  
Theological College  
Ranchi /Bihar  
INDIA

Subject: Your Report from October 10th  
Special Events in the Mission Field in Orissa

Dear Brothers:

We are especially grateful for your letter of October 10th, letting us know about the grievous events in the village Kulpal in September of this year. We thought especially of Rev. Tuti and his dear coworkers in the evangelistic work. When God deems it necessary, that the witnesses of Jesus Christ shall be examined by sufferings and persecution, we shall be grateful for both, for the strength of his servants to endure bravely these sufferings, and for God's help, who after some days of distress did them justice, giving the police in the capital of the district the necessary judgment and the readiness to intervene.

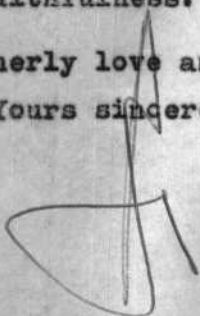
Please assure Brother Tuti and the other Brothers of our intercession.

For the next periodical of the Gossner Mission I just wrote a longer article based on your report, dear Brother Tiga, about the mission work of the Gossner Church. This article clearly refers to the fact, that the servants of our Lord have to expect difficulties and sufferings in this field.

All the friends of the Gossner Mission in our country will realize, that you find yourself confronted with great tasks, and they will think of you with double faithfulness.

With brotherly love and christian greetings,

Yours sincerely,



D. Kurt Scharf  
Bischof der Evangelischen Kirche  
in Berlin-Brandenburg

-Kanzlei-

1 Berlin 12, den  
Jebensstraße 3  
Tel. 31 02 01

7. X. 1966



An die  
Gossner Mission  
zu Hd. von Herrn Kirchenrat Dr. Berg  
B e r l i n 41  
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Handjerystr. 19-20

Sehr verehrter Herr Kirchenrat !

Im Auftrage von Herrn Bischof Scharf reiche ich  
Ihnen den Entwurf an den Rev. C.B. Aind, Ranchi, mit  
Dank für Vorlage wieder zurück.

Mit den besten Empfehlungen  
Ihre ergebene

*H. Giese*

*P. Leckner*  
*Das muss auf den*  
*Korrektur sein*  
*und in Stück und auf in English!*  
*Jung 10/10kt.*

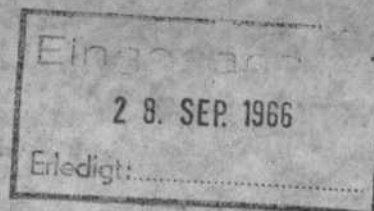


GOSSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CHOTANAGPUR AND ASSAM.

Ref. No. 665766

From :- Rev. C.B. Aind,  
Chairman, B.T.E.,  
Ranchi.

To,  
Pastor M. Seeberg,  
Mission-Inspector,  
Gossner Mission,  
Berlin 41 (Friedenau)  
Handjerystrasse 10/20.



Ranchi, the 22nd. Sept.'66.

Dear Brother Seeberg,

Thank you for your letter dated 13th. Sept'66 regarding "stipends for the Theological Institutions". I have to write the following for your information regarding the same :-

1. Theological College :-

(a) It is to report to you that at present there are only 26 students in the College. Miss Verginia Lakra left the College soon after her admission in the College. Hence stipend be granted only for 26 students from June'66 to May'67.

(b) Amount of Rs. 670 with the Treasurer :- Please note that this amount has been already paid to the Theological College on 1st. Sept.'66.

2. Pracheela Training School :-

(a) Rs. 261.48 balance shown as per audit report of 25th. March'66:- This amount has not yet been settled with Rev. M. Tete, the former Headmaster. Action has been already taken for the settlement of this amount in question with Rev. M. Tete. It is hoped that this amount will be cleared soon.

(b) Rs. 440.00 with the Treasurer :- The Treasurer is being requested to make payment to P.T.S. before the end of this month. I hope the Treasurer will act accordingly.

3. Tabita-Training School :-

Balance of Rs. 8,052.57 :- It is a fact that there was a balance of Rs. 8,052.57, as per audit report of 27 March'66. The Board of Theological Education has granted to spend this money in repairing and renovation work of the Tabita School. Please remember that the B.T.E. had submitted a request to the G.M. for the same some months back. The repairing and renovation work of the staff quarter has been already started before rainy season. Hope, the G.M. will allow to spend the money in question for the purpose stated above.

Yours Sincerely,

C.B.A.  
(Rev. C.B. Aind),  
Chairman B.T.E.  
Ranchi.

C.C. for information to :-

- 1, Prof. Rev. S. Surin,
- 2, Rev. S. Kujur,
- 3, Miss A. Toppo,
- 4, Treasurer K.S.S.
- 5, Hd. Accountant K.S.S.,

DT.

# GOSSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

( Rgd. Under Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860 )

ORISSA ANCHAL

RAJGANGPUR DIST. SUNDERGARH (Orissa)

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Head Office Ranchi ( Bihar ) Phone-510

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Rev. C. B. EKKA, Up-Adhyaksh

Sri P. TOPNO, Secretary

Sri M. HEMROM, Treasurer

Rajgangpur,

Date 13-1-68

Ref. No.

3/68

TO

The Mission Inspector  
Pastor Seeberg, Berlin.

Through

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

Subject.- Incomplete Church building at Jolda.

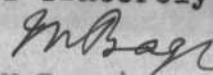
Dear Brother Seeberg,

I want to remind you of the talk you had with me during your last visit to Orissa. In the talk you had in connection with the application of the Jolda people for help to complete the incomplete church building you had mentioned that I should ask them to raise a contribution of Rs.2000.- and then you would recommend the G.M. to contribute ~~xxxxxxx~~ the rest amount needed to complete the building. The total cost estimated is Rs.8500.-.

As the Jolda people have almost raised Rs.2000.-, may I request through the Pramukh Adhyaksh to kindly help the Jolda congregation by giving them the help of Rs.6500.- and thus help in completing the church building which Dr. Peusch had very energetically got started and thus save it from being ruined.

With all kind regards

Yours sincerely,

  
(M. Bage)

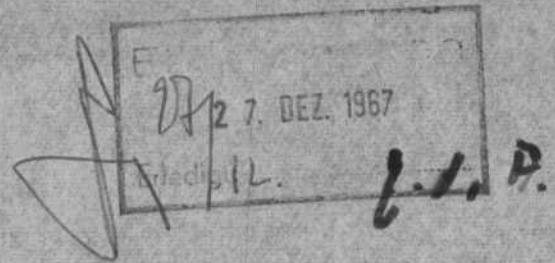
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Advance copy to:-  
Pastor Seeberg for information



G.E. Church, Rajgangpur  
the 20<sup>th</sup> Dec. 1967

Dr. Ch. Berg, Director  
Gossner Mission Society  
Berlin - Friedenstein  
GERMANY



Dear Brother Berg,

Since I moved to Orissa I felt hesitation in writing you simply because constitutionally the Ramulch Adhyaksh is the only one who is the official correspondent of the Church to the outside persons and organisations. I was afraid that even my personal letters could be taken either there or here as official ones. I took the above attitude against my tendency, because my general tendency is not to lose connection with friends and people whose association I gladly enjoyed during years when I was in Germany. Now one complete year has passed since I stopped writing to Germany. This, I feel was not good on my part. I shall try to revive my connection but through personal letters. Excuse me please for what has passed.

Now Christmas has already come to renew us. These days my thoughts generally recollect the life I had in Germany. I would therefore like to extend to all whom I know in Berlin "Christmas greetings" on behalf of my family and myself. Our greetings naturally specially are extended to Mr Berg and yourself. So far the works and situations in Orissa are concerned I shall write you in between Christmas and New Year. With all kind regards

Yours sincerely  
J. L. P.

Blessed is that man that maketh the Lord his trust.

Psa. 40.4



12. Juni 1967  
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Rev. Dr. M. Bage  
Adhyaksh, Orissa Anchal  
G.E.L. Church, Rajgangpur  
P.O. Rajgangpur  
Dt. Sundargarh / Orissa  
I N D I A

Lieber Bruder Bage:

Es war sehr aufregend, Ihr gestriges Ausbleiben - ohne Nachricht! - abzufangen. Bruder Weißinger sagte, er sei vor Angst fast gestorben, da die Ihre Predigt erwartende Gemeinde ja doch auf einen indischen Bruder - eben auf Sie - eingestellt war.

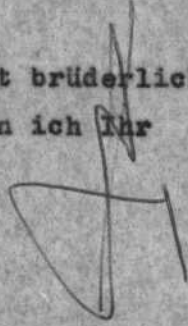
Wir konnten noch Papa Horo mobilisieren und mit Mühe einen Flugplatz für ihn erhalten. Er hat seine Sache in Ihrer Vertretung sehr gut gemacht.

Die Kollekte von DM 1.314.-- geht über die Kasse der G.E.L. Church für den Brunnenbau demnächst an Sie nach Indien.

Die Gemeinde sollte über Bruder Weißinger einen besonderen Dankbrief von Ihnen erhalten, zumal er im Herbst dort nochmals einen Vortrag halten will. Denken Sie doch nach Empfang des Geldes daran, bitte!

Hoffentlich war es kein ernstliches Hindernis, gar eine Erkrankung, die Ihnen die Reise nach Canada und die Rückkehr über Deutschland unmöglich machte.

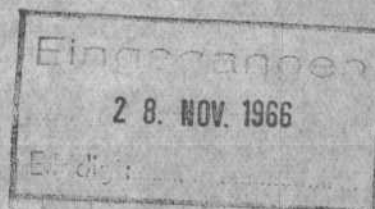
Mit brüderlichen Grüßen  
bin ich Ihr



cc: Missionsinspektor Weissinger  
cc: stud. rer. pol. Horo, Berlin



3-57  
November 24, 1966



The Rev. Dr. Marsallan Bage  
President, Gossner Evangelical  
Lutheran Church,  
Kadma (Khunti) Dr. Ranchi

Bihar / INDIA

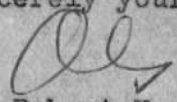
Re: GDS 62 - Demonstration Farms at Sarnatoli and Lali, India

Dear Dr. Bage,

On October 3 we wrote a letter to you concerning the above mentioned project and told you that we would be grateful if you could send us an accounting. So far we have not received this accounting but we would appreciate very much to receive it as soon as possible.

With best regards,

Sincerely yours;

  
for Robert K. Knutson

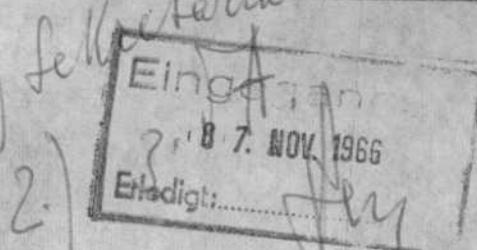
cc: Dr. Berg<sup>v</sup>

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GOSSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CHOTANAGPUR AND ASSAM.

Ref. No. 692/66.

From :- Rev. Dr. M. Bage,  
Pramukh Adhyaksh,  
G.E.L. Church.



Ranchi, the 29th. October '66.

TO ALL CONCERNED.

Dear Sirs / Friends,

May I take the privilege to inform you that Rev. Christ Bijoy Aind will be the Pramukh Adhyaksh of the Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church in Chotanagpur and Assam in my place with effect from the 1st. November 1966.

I shall be serving the Gossner Church as the Adhyaksh of the Orissa Anchal. Therefore, all mails to be sent to my personal name after the 15th. November '66 be addressed as given below :-

Rev. Dr. M. Bage,  
Adhyaksh, Orissa Anchal,  
G.E.L. Church, Rajgangpur,  
P.O. Rajgangpur,  
Dt. Sundergarh / Orissa,  
INDIA.

May I also take this opportunity to express thanks to all who either by advice or prayer or by any means, helped me in fulfilling my responsibility as the Pramukh Adhyaksh of the Gossner Church for past three years. May the Lord be our help and guide even in future.

Yours Sincerely,

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

DT. .



20. Okt. 1966  
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Präsident Dr. M. Bage  
G.E.L. Church Compound

R a n c h i / Bihar  
I N D I A

Lieber Bruder Bage!

Soeben traf ein Brief von Freund S. Surin ein, der uns das auch von uns hier im Gossner Haus mit Spannung erwartete Ergebnis der Anchal-Wahlen mitteilt. Daß uns Ihre Wahl als Adhyakhs im Anchal Orissa besonders bewegt hat - so gewiß uns auch die Wiederwahl von B. Minz in Bumla erfreut - das werden Sie verstehen. Lassen Sie sich von Herzen Gottes Segen zu dieser Führung Ihres Weges von uns wünschen. Eine nicht geringe geographische Veränderung für Sie! Aber zugleich auch ein Verbleiben im KSS im Rat der Brüder. Wir versuchen, uns die Folgen dieser Entscheidung für Sie deutlich zu machen. Ein Fortkommen von dem Hexenkessel des Ranchi-Compounds und doch ein Verbleiben in weitreichender Verantwortung. Aus Ihren Briefen des letzten halben Jahres meine ich entnommen zu haben, daß Sie von Herzen ja zu dieser Führung unseres Herrn sagen, wenn auch die Missions- und Schulprobleme im Anchal Orissa besonderes Gewicht haben werden. Aber ihnen stellen Sie sich ja sicher gern.

Nähere Einzelheiten schrieb Bruder Surin nicht, sondern deutete sie nur an. Möchten die Wahlen nicht zuviel Zwietracht hinterlassen!

Ohne daß Sie jetzt gleich antworten müssen, möchte ich, gerade im Blick auf Ihren zukünftigen Dienst, zwei Fragen ansprechen.

1) Werden Sie sich im Einvernehmen mit den zuständigen Instanzen Ihres Anchals entschließen können, das Zentrum von Rajgangangpur nach Rourkela zu verlegen? Ich möchte es von Herzen hoffen, daß Sie es wollen und daß Sie es erreichen. Ich möchte Sie nur vergewissern, daß zur Errichtung des neuen Anchal-Zentrums in Rourkela alle uns nur mögliche Hilfe aus dem 10-jährigen Bauplan gerne gewährt werden soll. Ich könnte mir denken, daß Ihnen diese Versicherung aus dem Gossner Haus nicht unlieb ist. Nähere Einzelheiten über Pläne, Kosten und Termine werden Sie sicher mit Bruder Seeberg besprechen.

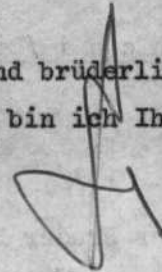
2) Meines Wissens war im Anchal Orissa aus dem 10-jährigen Bauplan die Umzäunung des Compounds in Rajgangangpur als vordringlich angemeldet, aber eine dringliche Anfrage war in all den vergangenen Monaten nach einer entsprechenden Unterstützung dafür von hier aus nicht mitgeteilt worden. Wie steht es damit? Ist das noch vordringlich, wenn Sie zu Punkt 1) ein entschlossenes ja sagen?

Soviel für heute in aller Eile und Kürze. Aber Sie sollten doch sobald als möglich ein Echo auf die für Sie, lieber Bruder Bage, gefallene Entscheidung haben. Daß ich diese Zeilen in deutschem Text schreibe, wird Ihnen vielleicht sogar lieb sein.

D.W.

Wenn nun in wenigen Tagen Ihre dreijährige Amtszeit an oberster Stelle in der Gossner Kirche ein Ende findet, lassen Sie sich von Herzen danken für alle stets brüderliche und vertrauensvolle Zusammenarbeit. In den drei Jahren ist viel geschehen, gewiß manches versäumt - von uns wie wohl auch von Ihnen - Gott möge es gnädig mit seiner Vergebung bedecken wie er verheißen hat, es zu tun, und möge er Ihnen für die etwas geringere aber immer noch große, neue Verantwortung Kraft und Freudigkeit schenken.

Herzliche und brüderlich verbunden  
bin ich Ihr





October 7th, 1966

President Dr. M. Bage  
G.E.L. Church Compound  
Ranchi /BIHAR  
INDIA

Dear Mr. Bage:

Subject: Land Purchase at Kalyanpur near Hatia

I send you again copy of my letter of mid-April about the piece of land at Hatia, so that you need not seek a long time.

We are very much interested in an answer informing us about the affair, as we want to overlook our financial obligations for the rest of the year soon - I wrote about this already in the letter.

Moreover, we and our friends are also very much interested to know whether the community centre at the border of the industry territory of Hatia will be realized.

With kindest regards,  
I remain sincerely yours,



cc: Herrn Pastor Seeberg zur Kenntnis und für die Indienmappe  
um evtl. der Sache nachzugehen.

drbg/br

Mid-April 1966

2. G. V.

10. April

To the  
President of the G.E.L. Church  
G.E.L. Church Compound

Ranchi / BIHAR  
INDIA

Subject: Land purchase at Kalyanpur near Hatia; letter of 24th March 1966  
Ref. No. 386/66

Dear Brother Bage,

I was very happy that during the last days of my stay at Ranchi, the purchase of land near Hatia could, at last, be finalised in order to build up a christian centre there.

I agree with you concerning the financial procedures as stated in your above mentioned letter. Mr. Montag was requested in Ranchi to transfer an amount of Rs. 11.000 to the G.E.L.C. accounts, yet only Rs. 2.000 should be advanced. Rest be paid when the land is transferred to you by registration.

Director Schwerk should be consulted with regard to erecting buildings on the site. It should be done step by step and according to requirements of the congregation on the border of the city of Hatia. I am sure that the work in this congregation will soon have a different character from same in an average rural congregation within the G.E.L. Church.

I have the following ideas:

- a) The property should first be fenced;
- b) Building up a chapel;
- c) At the same time, a living quarter for a pastor or pracharak should also be planned.
- d) I think it would be good to consider and plan a kindergarten or club-room for Youth work resp. for training programme for adults.

All projects will have to be considered very carefully, so that the first buildings be not erected on a wrong place on the not too big compound there.

Another amount of Rs. 19.000 is available here in the Gossnerhaus. We shall send same after all plans are finished and after it is known exactly what to do with the money.

With kind regards,  
Yours Sincerely,

cc/ Secretary of KSI  
Adhyaksh, H.S. Anchal  
Director Schwerk



October 7th, 1966

President Dr. M. Bage  
G.E.L. Church Compound  
Ranchi /BIHAR  
INDIA

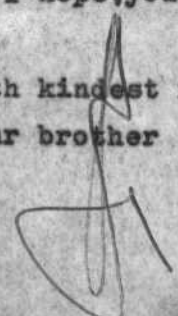
Dear Brother Bage:

Subject: Second Rate for Chutupalu Properties = 10.000 Rps.  
Special Gift for Pensioned Pastors = 2.000 Rps.

Today we gave the order to transfer the equivalent of 12.000.-- Rps to the pay-office of the G.E.L. Church in Ranchi, and we hope that the money will arrive in due time. As stated under subject, 10.000.-- Rps. are intended for the acquisition of the property in Chutupalu, as I recently wrote you about, and the amount of 2.000.-- Rps. is a special gift for the pensioned pastors, which I also mentioned in another letter.

Please ask the head accountant -in case you do not want to make the payment yourself- to care that a document acknowledging the receipt of these amounts will be sent to us. I hope, you will be glad about this information, and I remain,

With kindest regards  
Your brother



cc: Head Accountant of the  
G.E.L. Church



October 3, 1966

The Rev. Dr. Marsallan Bage-  
President, Gossner Evangelical  
Lutheran Church,  
Kadma (Khunti) Dr. Ranchi,

Bihar / INDIA

Re: CDS 62 - Demonstration Farms at Sarnatoli and Lalli, India

Dear Dr. Bage,

This is just to briefly acknowledge with thanks receipt of your progress re-  
port of September 16, 1966, concerning the above farms, and the interesting  
photographs.

We have passed this material on to the donor agency, and trust they will  
be satisfied with the development of this project. We would be grateful  
if you could still send us an accounting.

Sincerely yours,

*Robert K. Knutson*  
Robert K. Knutson

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cc: Dr. Berg



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

Ranchi /Bihar  
I N D I A

*g.d. A. 10 Jan. Plan*  
*Sg 29/9*

Betrifft: Ihre Bitte um ein Darlehn für die Vollendung der  
Compound-Mauer in Ranchi

Lieber Bruder Bage!

*Für die 10-jährige*  
Ich verstehe gut, wie sehr Ihnen daran liegt, noch vor dem Ende Ihrer  
Amtszeit diese Angelegenheit in Ordnung gebracht zu bekommen. Und wenn  
ich an meinen letzten Eindruck vom Ranchi-Compound/denke, geht es mir  
genauso: Der Compound sollte wirklich völlig abgeschlossen werden.

Wir sind also grundsätzlich bereit, per Ende dieses Jahres das notwendige  
Darlehn zu gewähren. Ich werde Herrn Pastor Seeberg bitten, auch diese  
Sache nochmals zu besprechen und mir noch vor Weihnachten im Einvernehmen  
mit Ihnen oder Ihrem Nachfolger darüber eine kurze Nachricht zu geben, da-  
mit wir aus der zweiten Sektion des 10-Jahres-Planes Ihrer Bitte entspre-  
chen können.

Aber folgendes liegt mir am Herzen:

- 1) Sie sollten bis zur Ankunft von Bruder Seeberg schon eine genaue Kalku-  
lation der Kosten in Auftrag geben, damit gegebenenfalls sofort nach  
Neujahr mit der Arbeit begonnen und sie bis zur Regenzeit 1967 beendet  
werden kann.
- 2) Auch sollte das lokale Komitee der Head Quarter Congregation für Pro-  
perties vorher alle Unsicherheiten klären, wie die Mauer zu ziehen ist,  
welche Teile innerhalb oder außerhalb der Mauer bleiben, damit diese  
Fragen nicht endlose Streitpunkte werden, wenn das Werk schon begonnen  
hat.
- 3) Als mich der strikte Protest einer Gruppe von Leuten gegen den Verkauf  
des Landstreifens an der Main-Road erreichte, habe ich nur meinen Kopf  
geschüttelt über diese ängstlichen Leute, die die Zeichen der Zeit nicht  
verstehen, wie wenn der Ort Ranchi noch irgendwo abseits in den Bergen  
von Chotanagpur läge. Werden denn die Drohungen der öffentlichen Hand  
und der Stadtverwaltung nicht ernst genommen, daß man gezwungen sei, in  
der Großstadt Ranchi große Teile des riesigen Compounds zu enteignen?

*leasing  
verpachten  
vermieten!*  
*10-jährig*  
Bevor wir das Darlehn gewähren, um die Mauer zu vollenden, ~~muß~~ geklärt  
sein, daß die Head Quarter Congregation grundsätzlich entschlossen ist,  
den Verkauf zu bejahen, denn nur aus diesem Erlös kann ja das Darlehn  
wieder zurückgezahlt werden, sonst ist die Verpflichtung zur Rückzahlung  
fiktiv.

*Für die 10-jährige*  
Ich hoffe, lieber Bruder Bage, Sie verstehen unseren Standpunkt, obwohl  
darin einige Pression für unsere liebe Gossnerkirche/Liegt. Aber in diesem  
Fall bin ich sicher, daß ich sie zum Guten und Heilsamen zwingen. Auch ich  
möchte lieber heute als morgen die Mauer um den Ranchi-Compound vollendet  
sehen, aber das kann nur geschehen, wenn die Fiktionen einiger engstirn-

b.w.

Leute überwunden werden. So stellt dieser Brief zugleich eine Direktive für die Verhandlungen dar, die Herr Pastor Seeberg in dieser Sache mit Ihnen und dem verantwortlichen Komitee für Eigentum in Ranchi zu führen hat.

Mit herzlichen Grüßen  
bin ich Ihr



Kopie

Pastor Seeberg für Indienmappe  
2) Juchitank f. Präsident Dr. Sege



drbg/br

Berlin, 26 September 1966

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

Ranchi / BIHAR  
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I am Yours Sincerely,

cc/ copy for President Dr. Bage



GOSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CHOTANA GPUR & ASSA H.

Ref. No. 645766.

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

To,  
The Treasurer,  
E. S. S., G.E.L. Church.

Ranchi, the 1st. Sept. '66.

Dear Mr. Tirkey,

Please kindly see that the pastors who retired get their pension with effect from the date as decided by the K.S.S. without further delay. As far the rate of payment is concerned, they have to get at present according to the K.S.S. decision. As some have applied for reconsideration of the rate of payment, as soon as the K.S.S. makes a decision to increase, they will be paid accordingly.

Yours sincerely,

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

C.C. to :-

1. Rev. J. Lakra,
2. Rev. J. A. Rajur,
3. Rev. C. B. Singh, Chairman, Pension Committee.
- ✓ 4. Dr. Ch. Bage, Director, Gosner Mission.
5. Secretary, E. S. S.,

BT.

THE LUTHERAN WORLD FEDERATION  
Department of World Mission  
150, route de Ferney  
GENEVA  
Switzerland

28 SEP 1966

September 27, 1966

The Rev. Marsallan Bage, Pramukh Adhyaksh,  
Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church

Ranchi, Bihar  
India

*P. Seeberg*

Dear Brother Bage:

Thank you for your letter of September 15. It has now become clear that the dates I as well as Pastor Seeberg are proposing for a visit to your church do not fit to your plans for a study conference and it is not possible for me to visit your church late in November due to the fact that I now have to plan my visit to Pakistan during the week of November 6 - 12.

After my attendance at the EACC consultation in Hong Kong, which ends on November 3, I should like to stop briefly in Calcutta to see Mr. Devadass and it will be possible for me to come to Ranchi on November 4. I will have, however, to leave Ranchi on the same day and this would mean that we will have only several hours of talk. If this short visit will be of any value I will be glad to come to see you and your other colleagues but otherwise I have to cancel, to my regret, my plans for a visit to the GELC this fall.

Pastor Seeberg has written to me telling that he would be willing to gather information on the recent developments of your church and share it with us, together with the results of your study conference with him, if the meeting would be held.

By copy of this letter I will be informing Pastor Seeberg about the difficulty I have in connection with my trip to India.

Since I will be leaving in several days will you write to me at the address of

c/o The Rev. John Nelson  
65, Belmont Road  
Singapore 10

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

*Yoshiro Ishida*  
Yoshiro Ishida

YL/ga

cc: Missionsinspektor M. Seeberg



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Berlin, 26 September 1966

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

Ranchi / BIHAR  
INDIA

3-5-7  
18 September  
J. Lenz

Subject: Purchase of Chutupalu Properties

Dear Brother Bage,

I was glad to learn from the copy of your letter of 29 August sent to the Treasurer of the KSS, Brother Tirkey, that the Chutupalu properties, which we inspected this March, have now been registered in the name of the GELC.

I gathered from your letter that the rest of Rs. 10.000,-- has to be paid by the end of this December. According to my promise, this amount will be sent with our next remittance to the GEL Church.

With kind regards,  
Yours Sincerely,

cc/ Treasurer of the GELC  
cc/ Mr. Lenz

P.S.

Concerning my correspondence with Bishop Manikam, I am now waiting for the minutes to see if and how far the Gossner Mission has to meet the promise to make some contribution towards the establishment of the new secretariat of Bishop Manikam with effect from 1st February 1967.

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

Ranchi /Bihar  
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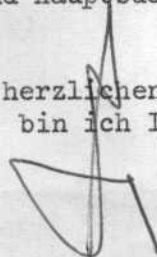
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Lieber Bruder Bage!

Es hat mich gefreut, aus der Kopie Ihres Schreibens an den Treasurer des KSS, Bruder Tirky, vom 29. August, zu ersehen, daß nun das von uns im März besichtigte Gelände in Chutupalu auf den Namen der Gossnerkirche registriert ist.

Ich entnehme Ihrem Schreiben, daß die zweite Rate bis Ende Dezember dieses Jahres zu bezahlen ist. Gemäß meiner Zusage werde ich bei der nächsten Überweisung an die Kasse der G.E.L. Church diese zweite Rate überweisen, so daß der Schatzmeister und Hauptbuchhalter der G.E.L. Church entlastet ist. *von 10000 Rps*

Mit herzlichen Grüßen  
bin ich Ihr



Kopie

Schatzmeister der Gossnerkirche

*Levy (fclb)*

P.S. Wegen meines Briefwechsels mit Herrn Bischof Manikam erwarte ich also das Protokoll, um zu erkennen, ob und in wie weit die Gossner Mission die Zusage einlösen muß, zur Etablierung des neuen Amtes für Bischof M. ab. 1.2.1967 mit einzutreten.



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

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Berlin, 26 September 1966

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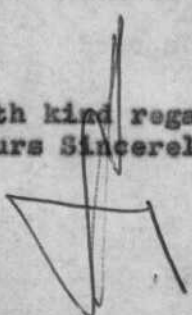
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Thank you again for sending budget and report on the most important matter of the Gossner Church. Please, have confidence that we shall be able to urge the Kuratorium to meet your request !

With kind regards,  
Yours Sincerely,



cc/ Adhyaksh Minz  
Secretary of BE+L

cc/ Prof. Tiga  
Director of BE+L

cc/ P. Seeberg. zur Mitnahme nach Indien

cc/ für unsere Akten

WV 10.12.1966 zur Budget-Beantragung 1967



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Berlin, 26 September 1966

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With kind regards,  
I am Yours Sincerely,

cc/ Pastor Seeberg  
cc/ copy for President Dr. Bage



GOSSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CHOTANAGPUR & ASSAM.

Ref. No. 656/66.

From :- Rev. Dr. M. Bage, Pr. Adhyaksh,  
G.E.L. Church.

To,  
Pastor Ishida,  
Secretary for Asia,  
DMM/INF,  
Route de Ferney 150,  
1211 Geneva, Switzerland.

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| 21. SEP. 1966   |
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Ranchi, the 15th Sept. '66.

Dear Brother Ishida,

Thank you for your letter of Aug. 31, 1966. As regards the intended study conference it depends on the possibility of your presence as well as that of pastor Seeberg. The K.S.S. wanted to have it already in October but as pastor Seeberg cannot be here in October this could not be possible. The dates of your visit to Ranchi will be the days when the new K.S.S. will meet. Nov. 4-11 has been fixed for the K.S.S. meeting.

It will, therefore, be helpful if you could make your visit possible just during the days when pastor Seeberg will be here. The dates for the study conference could be fixed accordingly.

The K.S.S. had asked me to contact you both. Is it possible for you to contact pastor Seeberg and make your visit possible just when pastor Seeberg will be here? It will be there simple for us to accept the dates proposed by both of you.

The K.S.S. is still thinking to have the study conference. However, this is clear that this will be held after October which means after Rev. Aind will have become the Pramukh. As I have been requested by the K.S.S. to collect material I am busy with the same.

Hoping to hear from you and pastor Seeberg.

Yours Sincerely,

*M. Bage*

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

C.C. to :-

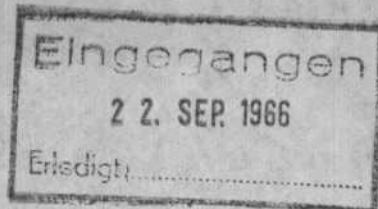
✓ Pastor Seeberg,  
Mission Inspector,  
Gossner Mission Society,  
Berlin - Friedenau,  
Hindjerystrasse 19/20,  
West Germany.

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GOSSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CHOTANAGPUR & ASSAM.

Ref. No. 659/66.

From :- Rev. Dr. M. Bage, Pr. Adhyaksh,  
G.E.L. Church.



To,

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

Ranchi, the 15th. Sept. '66.

Dear brother Berg,

Three days back I returned from Madras where we had the Executive meeting of the Federation of the Lutheran Churches in India. This was the first meeting in which I participated as its secretary. As you were to some extent oriented through Bishop Manikam's letter one of the important matters was concerned with a step to be taken to strengthen the Lutheran Churches in India.

The Executive has finally decided to establish a secretariat and to appoint Bishop Manikam as a Promotional Director of the secretariat with effect from the 1st February 1967. We have worked out a clear and definite terms of reference for the same. When the minutes will be printed I shall try to send one copy to you for information.

In this letter I want to mention in short about the Property Board's work at Ranchi. The Property Board has finally adopted the policy of giving full responsibility to the local committee of the Head Quarters' Congregation. Detailed terms of reference have been worked out. They have also started functioning.

Although, as regards leasing the ~~price~~ of land along the Main Road public have clearly expressed their opinion against it, I have definite hopes that suitable plans will be made and executed. The Committee has promised me to keep you acquainted with their works so that you can share our joy as well as sorrow and may give some advice for the good.

As you know, I personally am very anxious to complete the boundary walls of the Compound, may I again request you or remind you of my old request to advance the amount needed for completing the compound walls. The amount should certainly be given as loan to the Ranchi Committee on Property to be refunded out of its own resources. I hope that this will be a great help at present to set the works of the local Committee on motion.

With kind regards.

Yours Sincerely,

*M Bage*

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

DT.



Eingegangen

- 9. SEP 1966

Erledigt:

September 5, 1966

The Rev. Dr. Marsallan Bage  
President  
Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Kadma (Khunti) Distr. Ranchi

Bihar / INDIA

*J. d. R. Sg 9/9.*

Subject: CDS 62 - Demonstration Farms at Sarnatoli and Lali, India

Dear Dr. Bage,

On July 22 we wrote you a letter in which we reminded you that our CDS Conditions require quarterly reports as well as accountings for all projects. We also asked you to send us some more photos showing the implementation of the farms at Sarnatoli and Lali.

So far we have received neither report and accounting nor photos but we trust that you will send it at your earliest convenience.

We are very much looking forward to your early reply.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

*Manfred Lundgren*  
Manfred Lundgren

cc: Dr. Bergv

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# GOSSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

(Rgd under Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860)

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Eingetragen

- 2. SEP. 1966

Erlischt:

HEAD OFFICE  
G. E. L. Church  
Ranchi, Bihar  
India  
Phone : 510

To  
The Treasurer, K.S.S.,  
G.E.L.Church,  
Chainpur.

Ranchi the 29th August, 1966.

Sub:-Purchase of Chutupalu Properties.

Dear Sir,

As regards the purchase of Chutupalu properties from the A.G.Mission I have to inform that the property has now already been registered in the name of the G.E.L. Church already on the 17.8.66. For the above property the G.E.L.Church has already paid Rs. 10,000.00 (Rupees ten thousand) on 29.6.66. The rest Rs. 10,000/- (Ten thousand) has to be paid by the end of December. As we have sufficient amount of the G.M. money with us at present which could be advanced towards the complete payment for the Chutupalu properties, please pay up to the A.G.Mission also the rest Rs. 10,000/- (Ten thousand rupees) only as early as possible.

Yours sincerely,

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

G.C.

Dr. Ch. Berg, Director,  
Gossner Mission Society,  
Berlin.

*M. C. ... - grant*



Department of World Mission LWF  
150, route de Ferney  
Geneva, Switzerland

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August 31, 1966

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Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Ranchi  
Bihar  
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Dear Brother Bage,

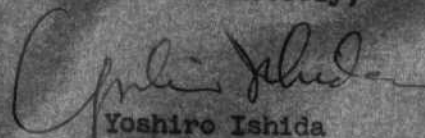
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Pastor Seeberg of GMS has written to tell me that he will be unable to come to Ranchi before November 18. How does this affect your planning? Are you still expecting both of us together for the meeting?

It would be helpful if I could hear from you soon on these questions.

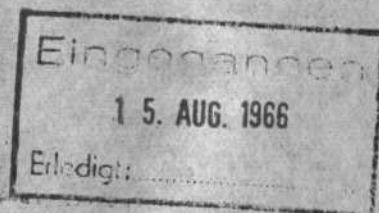
With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

  
Yoshiro Ishida

cc. Mission-Inspector M. Seeberg

YI/ak



August 11, 1966

*Erledigt am 11.8.66  
P. 3. - K. P. S.*

*Handwritten signature/initials*

*Handwritten notes: 8.8.66, 23/8*

The Rev. Dr. Marsallan Bage  
President of the Gossner  
Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Kadma (Khunti) Dr. Ranchi

Bihar / INDIA

Subject: Hostel Program of the Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church, India

Dear Dr. Bage,

May we refer to our discussion in Belgrade in connection with your proposed Hostel Program. You will remember that you stated that the primary reason for building these hostels is that the church may be in a better position to give the necessary spiritual care to the pupils that are exposed to many influences from other religions. We fully understand your concern and see the task of the Lutheran Church but on the other hand you will recall that at the Belgrade meeting we reviewed the criteria for CDS and adopted the following definition of the functions of the service:

"The Service shall contribute towards the social and economic progress of society as well as towards the development of interdependence and mutual responsibility for the social security of all members of the community.

The Service shall facilitate the support of constructive and productive activities, including those of a preventive and preparatory nature as may be necessary for the improvement of the economic and social conditions in a community".



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We agreed that you would review the hostels you had considered with these criteria in mind, that you would select two or three that may qualify for assistance through CDS and that you would submit new applications dealing with each hostel as a separate individual project.

We apologize for being somewhat late in confirming our conversation.

With many greetings,

Very sincerely yours,

*Christina Hela*

f. Manfred Lundgren

cc: Dr. Berg ✓  
Dir. Schwert

CH:bk

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Ranchi, Bihar  
India  
Phone : 510

*P. Seeberg*  
*Wie ist der Kopfstein mit*  
*festen Febr*  
No. 817/66-KSS-126  
August 10, 1966

To,

Eingegangen

17. AUG. 1966

Erledigt: .....

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

Re : Information for Lutheran Churches for  
1965 - G.E.L.Church, Ranchi

Sir,

Enclosed herewith please find one copy  
of the Information sheet showing the statistics of  
the G.E.L.Church for the year 1965.

These figures could not be submitted  
earlier than this due to late submission/non-submission  
of congregational figures from some of the out-lying  
stations/congregations. This is very much regretted.

Yours sincerely,

*M. Bage*  
(Rev. Dr. M. Bage)



27 July 1966

President Dr. M. Bage  
G.E.L. Church Compound

Ranchi / BIHAR  
INDIA

1/ P. Seeberg & R. Z. KSS  
2/ 3. 17. *[Handwritten signatures and initials]*

Dear Brother Bage,

Shortly before I left for an one-week lecture-trip to Lippe / West-Germany, I gratefully received your letter of 12th July from Belgrade. Thank you for informing me about the various decisions passed during the last meeting of the KSS. I am now awaiting the minutes of same. Amongst the different decisions passed, I regard three of them as specially important: + resp. four

- a) Offering Mr. N.E. Horo the post of an Office-Superintendent. Although I, today, received a complaint from Rev. Toppo about it, I am glad that the KSS has dealt with the matter and has passed a clear decision. May Mr. Horo's work be blessed.
- b) Giving Khuntitoli the status of an Anchal.
- c) Decentralizing the Property Board, which will have far-reaching consequences.
- d) Decreasing the amounts requested from LWF of 10 % each year. I am glad that the KSS agreed to it. I hope that this can be seen through. But we quite understand that the budgets for the stipends for the three institutions, namely Theological College, Pracharak's Training School and Tabita School as well as the one for the mission workers in the evangelistic works have been left untouched for the time being. I do not think that longer discussions will be necessary on this point. There should not be anything missed financially and personally in this regard, especially since new possibilities are arising so much.

I am sure that all these decisions will have far-reaching consequences for the Gossner Church.

Let me now say something to Pastor Seeberg's visit to India. I suppose that you have discussed it with Dr. Sovik in Belgrade. I am still of the opinion that it will not be possible and necessary for Pastor Seeberg to come to India sooner. He is to fly to Calcutta on 14 November and can be expected in Ranchi on 18 November. We find it quite right if the first meeting of the KSS to be presided over by Brother Aind will still deal with running matters and problems and not with possible consequences according to the talks with the representative of the Kuratorium. From mid-November until the end of January, dear Brother Bage, there will be time to discuss all matters in great detail. Possible consequences may be discussed at a KSS-meeting shortly before or after the Refresher Course. Wherever your new job will be after the elections this October, I am sure that you will be asked for your advice very much. But Brother Seeberg has not authority and power to settle decisive matters of policy finally. He will have to inform the Kuratorium first about his impressions and give his suggestions.

I think that there will be no fundamental change in the relationship between Gossner Church / Gossner Mission until summer 1969, the date of the 50th anniversary of the autonomy of the Gossner Church. That is why I think that it is too soon to have the talks in September or October 1966.

We have been very upset about the news of the illness of Mrs. Montag and the fact that BREAD FOR THE WORLD in Stuttgart had to give leave to Mr. Montag for some weeks. I suppose that he will leave Calcutta for London one of these days to be with his wife and see how she is feeling.

I was very grateful that you agreed to send Brother Schmidt to Calcutta as substitute of Mr. Montag. Brother Tete will now be fully responsible for the youth work of the Church for an indefinite period of time.

I was also very pleased to hear that the Feeding Programme in Bihar is running very smoothly and that it will even be extended to the district of Hazaribagh. When I was asked I also suggested to ask Brother Schmidt for this service in Calcutta as he has gained much experiences already.

I quite understand that the plan of having a Proprietary High School has not been discussed at this time, particularly if you are to be appointed Adhyaksh of the Orissa Anchal. The problem of the High School as well as the one of a new hospital for the church will have to be discussed with Brother Seeberg.

I have not heard anything yet about the matter at Tezpur and am waiting for news either from Assam or from you. We are very much interested in receiving a report on the development of the mission work in Assam on which you wanted to write something. I shall send Rs. 10.000,-- for purchasing the property in Chutupalu which we inspected in March. I hope that formal registration will be made. We would, then, send another Rs. 10.000,--.

Is there any progress in purchasing property and building a congregational centre at Hatia? I do hope so.

We shall also send Rs. 5.000,-- out of the Ten-Years-Building-Plan for Wellesley-Square-Church about which you wrote to me. I hope to see Brother Montag in Stuttgart on his way to London and have a talk with him on this matter.

I was sad to note from a letter from Brother Surin that he has difficulties in receiving the necessary money for the work of the College from the treasurer of the church. Could you, please, tell the responsible brother not to delay necessary payments?

I think, dear Brother Bage, that you should not undertake a flight to Berlin after your meeting of the CWM at Addis Abebe in September, for discussions should take place during Brother Seeberg's stay in India. But, you know that you will be very welcome to us if you should find it necessary to come to Berlin during that time.

May our Lord lead your way and may you joyfully take over your new task which He will ask of you.

With brotherly greetings,  
I am Yours,

*Christian Jey.*



drbg/br

28 July 1966

Herrn  
Geschäftsführer H. Bannach  
Deutscher Evangelischer Missionsrat

2000 Hamburg 13  
Mittelweg 143

Dear Mr. Bannach,

Please send to the Treasurer of the G.E.L. Church the amount of

DM 6.000,--

for "Chutupalu".

We have written to the President of the Gossner Church about it.  
We are sending you the money today.

With brotherly greetings,  
Yours Sincerely,

cc/ President Dr. Bage  
cc/ Treasurer of the GELC  
cc/ Herr Lenz

Belgrade / Yugoslavia,

Eingegangen

14. JUL. 1966

12<sup>th</sup> July 1966

Dear Brother Bert,

2: digit: .....

As you already knew I have come here for the CDS/LWF meeting. I have arrived yesterday evening - and I shall leave Belgrade on the 15<sup>th</sup> to reach Ranchi on the 17<sup>th</sup> morning. We had our K.S.S. meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> July.

Almost all matters had been discussed before I left Ranchi. The work of confirming the minutes I left to Rev. Sind with the K.S.S. continued its session until 10<sup>th</sup> evening. This was my last chairing. The K.S.S. meeting during this term. The K.S.S. is not going to meet again before November '66. When of course the new K.S.S. has to meet. The dates for the new K.S.S. have been fixed from Nov. 4 - 11 '66.

This K.S.S. in its last session took up many important matters which were left pending for last many years. It took account of Rs 37000.-

- a) From Mr. N. E. (Hoo) it took final step to reorganise the K.S.S. office ~~making~~ <sup>offering</sup> Mr. N. E. Hoo the post of an Office-Superintendent, it decided to give
- b) Khunkitoli the status of an Anchal, it de-centralised the authority of the Centre as
- c) regards the management of the church properties and made the Anchals, Khunkitoli Synod and the Head-Quarter's Congregation Ranchi fully responsible for the same, and it decided to adopt a clear policy so far its final
- d) financial relationship with the LWF is concerned. It revised the budget request made to the LWF for 1967. It not only decreased the amount of request made, but it decided that so far the request for the Evangelistic



work from the LWF is concerned there should be a definite decrease of 10% each year so that our request ~~will~~ for 1972 for this purpose will be the last. Similarly the K.S.S. decided to decrease the amount requested from LWF for operational cost ~~at all~~ for 1967. Also for this the policy ~~was~~ made that each year this also should be decreased by Rs 9000.- so that the last request for this will be the request for 1972. Only the budgets

- e) For training programmes namely that of the Theol. College, Bachelors' Training, Tabite School and Womens' Training School have been left for the time being untouched. All these decisions are not simple ones. They will have their far reaching consequence for the life and form of the church in future.

- f) It is to note that the K.S.S. did not touch the question of its financial relationship with the Gossner Mission because the burden of the evangelistic work in completely new fields is quite a heavy one which the Gossner church has taken up. I simply wonder how the possibilities are becoming greater and greater. I was fortunate to visit the Udaipur area in June and then Midnapur area in the beginning of July. I felt that there is a great challenge for the Gossner church. In Midnapur a new tribe of people called 'Kora' tribe are coming into our church. I baptised thirty six of them during my recent visit. This means that we cannot

give up these works taken up in Udaipur, Singbhum, Kenjhar, Midnapur, Mircir-hills and Nefra. It is however too early to expect any substantial help from the Glascas for these works. They are now forced to shoulder the burden which we were carrying with the help of the LWF. I think pastor Seberg has to be thoroughly acquainted with our situation so far the evangelistic works in the new fields are concerned.

g.) So far pastor Seberg's ~~visit~~ visiting India already in September is concerned I can see that it is not easy for him to adjust his programme to the above effect. Nevertheless the K.S.S. has accepted fixed up October 27-29 for the consultation meeting to take place among Gossner church, G.M. and LWF representatives. These dates have been suggested by pastor Ishida. Thus the K.S.S. has asked me to correspond with the LWF and G.M. about the final fixation of dates. I have not yet written to pastor Ishida. I shall write to him after I return to Ranchi.

h.) We have already taken over the Chutupali station between Ranchi and Hazaribagh although the purchase deeds have not yet been registered. We have paid them Rs 10000/- which is the first instalment. There is a proposal for purchasing a bungalow at Tezpur. About this I shall write you in detail after I return from here, or I may authorize Mr. Aram Adyakash to correspond with you about this.



When you will see our K.S.S. minutes you will find that the K.S.S. did not discuss about the new plan of having a Proprietary High School. We did not discuss because the question as to who should be the person to look after this is not clear. Rev. Aind and myself felt it unnecessary to get it discussed at this stage. I was expected to take up the work but Rev. Aind told me that I might be taken to be the Adhyaksh of the Orissa Anandal. Thus we have to wait until October. This made me to give up my original plan of visiting Germany in July. Pastor Seiberg also felt that this would not be the best time because the schools have summer holidays in July. If necessary I may take this up in September when I shall be at Addis/ Ethiopia for an Executive meeting of the C.W.M.

I personally am now quite willing to take up the Adhyaksh of Orissa if I am offered. This was also an advice by Bishop Meyer. I wished it could be char- to me now as to where I would be sent after October, however I shall have to wait patiently, what God has planned for me.

With hearty greetings to you all, particularly to Mrs Berg

Yours sincerely,  
J. N. Berg

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Berlin 41, 5 August 1966

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

Ranchi / BIHAR  
India

Subject: Medical help to pastors and church workers of GEL Church

Dear Brother Bage,

You, certainly, can ask for a grant for this fund any time. But, I am sorry not to remember anymore that I promised you to send a further sum this Spring. We shall send you an amount of approximately Rs. 2.500,-- = DM 1.500,-- as soon as possible.

I would say that you can support people of urgent need already now, for the money will be sent to the account of the GELC soon.

I do hope that you will be able to render real help to some of the pastors and other co-workers who are in real need and that you can be the messenger of God's blessings to these people.

With kind regards,  
Yours Sincerely,

cc/ Headaccountant of GELC  
cc/ Mr. Lenz

Dieser Betrag von DM 1.500,-- ist demnächst von dem betreffenden Fonds zu überweisen.



# GOSSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

(Rgd. under Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860)

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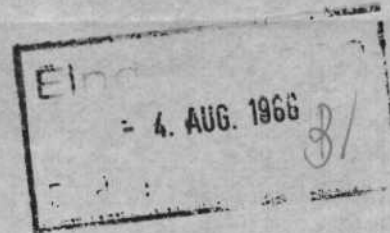
HEAD OFFICE  
G. E. L. Church  
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Phone : 510

Ref. No.

From :- Rev. Dr. M. Bage, Pr. Adhyaksh,  
G.E.L. Church.

To,

Dr. Ch. Berg, Director,  
Gossner Mission Society,  
Berlin - Friedenau,  
Handjerystrasse 10/20,  
WEST GERMANY.



Ranchi, the 29th July '66.

Subject :- Medical help to pastors of G.E.L. Church.

Dear Brother Berg,

You might remember that the Gossner Mission has kindly expressed its readiness to have in its annual budget an amount of Rs.2000/- for medical help for the pastors of the G.E.L.Church and that the same amount has to be placed at the disposal of the Pramukh Adhyaksh.

The amount for the year 1965 was paid to Rev. H. Kloss and I operated the same through him. Later the balance was handed over to me. The amount has been completely spent. In last January when I met you in Berlin I mentioned this to you and you told me of the possible remittance in April/May.

I would like to know whether the same has been already remitted because there are three pastors who are really in need of such help and they have approached me for the same.

With kind regards.

Yours Sincerely,

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

24. Mai 1966  
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Kopie:

Mr. Robert Montag, Kalkutta

zur persönlichen Orientierung.

Rev.  
Dr. M. B a g e  
Pramukh Adhyaksh  
G.E.L. Church Compound

Ranchi /Bihar

I N D I A

Lieber Bruder Bage!

Da unsere englisch-sprachige Sekretärin für einige Wochen an der Reinschrift der Doktorarbeit von Paul Singh zu arbeiten hat, kurz heute in deutscher Sprache einige Verständigungen!

- 1) Ich bestätige den Brief Ihres Sekretärs, wonach zu meiner Freude der erste Antrag für das Hostel-Programm in Genf eingereicht ist. Ohne mich zu den Einzelheiten zu äußern, möchte ich nur herzlich hoffen, daß die Brüder im Weltbund es in ihrer Juli-Sitzung vorlegen, das Gremium es validiert und "Brot für die Welt" es dann im November genehmigen kann. Es wäre eine große Sache, wenn die praktische Arbeit an der Realisierung dieses wichtigen Arbeitsprogrammes Anfang des kommenden Jahres in der Goßnerkirche beginnen könnte.

- 2) Ebenso bestätige ich Ihre Bitte um die erste Rate des Pensions-Fonds von 10.000,- Rps; es wird heute Auftrag gegeben, sie zu überweisen, gemäß meiner Zusage an das K.S.S.

Gleichzeitig überweise ich die gleiche Summe aus dem Zehnjahres-Bauplan, die ich Ihnen im März dieses Jahres als Beitrag für den Kirchenbau in Khuntitoli zusagte. Sie machen sicher am 8.6.1966 Bruder Soreng darüber eine entsprechende Mitteilung und orientieren gewiß auch die Brüder Tirky und Bage von der Kassenverwaltung, daß diese Summen kommen.

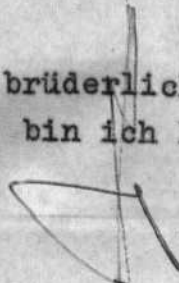
Im ersten Fall habe ich den umfangreichen Einspruch der Brüder Lakra und Kujur gegen das Statut des Pensions-Fonds erhalten und mit gemischten Gefühlen gelesen. Sie werden darüber mit Rev. Ishida gesprochen und dann nochmals im K.S.S. offiziell entschieden haben. Ich werde nächstens eine formelle Antwort an die beiden Brüder senden, daß ich das Dokument erhielt, aber der autonomen Kirche die Entscheidung überlassen muß. Einige Punkte sind sicher bedenkenswert, irrig ist aber die Meinung, daß das Kuratorium den Pensions-Fonds errichtet habe. Das hatte die Goßnerkirche selber zu tun und hat es getan; wir haben nur unsere Mithilfe zugesagt.



- 3) Es wird Sie freuen, daß Prof. D. Vogel die fertiggestellte Arbeit von Paul Singh angenommen hat und die mündliche Doktor-Prüfung, für die Vogel keine wesentlichen Schwierigkeiten mehr befürchtet, Anfang November abgehalten werden wird. Sie können also erwarten, daß der junge, frisch gebakene Doktor Paul Singh als Begleiter von Prof. Vogel im November nach Ranchi zurückkehren wird, wenn alles nach unseren menschlichen Vorüberlegungen seinen Gang nimmt.
- 4) Ebenso wird Sie freuen, daß Schwester Monika Schutzka das Visum erhielt und ihre Ausreise für den 13.7. (Ankunft etwa 1.8. in Amgaon) fest geplant ist. Ich nehme an, daß Bruder Ainf's Vorsprache in Sambalpur an dem Erfolg mitgewirkt hat, ohne daß er freilich etwas darüber an uns schrieb. Danken Sie ihm jedenfalls sehr für das, was er getan hat. Die Brüder und Schwestern in Amgaon werden sehr entlastet sein, daß sie diese gute Botschaft erhielten.
- 5) Am schwersten hat uns in den vergangenen Wochen die Nachricht von dem Raubmord auf dem Ranchi-Compound getroffen. Was für ein schweres Ereignis, daß Ihnen allen sehr zu denken gegeben haben wird. Ich enthalte mich im Augenblick jedes weiteren Kommentars. Aber daß die Herren im Property-Board und Sie alle sehr zu überlegen haben, wie es geschehen konnte, daß solches passierte, das ist mir gewiß, und hoffentlich erfolgen durchgreifende Maßnahmen.  
  
Ob unter diesen Umständen Mr. Hermann Lakra Anfang Juli ins Ausland gehen kann, ist mir ungewiß; umso mehr, als ich aus Israel bis zur Stunde noch keine Nachricht habe, daß er dort willkommen ist. Bestätigen Sie ihm aber mit Dank freundlich seinen Brief an mich, in welchem er die Bedingungen anerkannt hat, unter denen die Gossner Mission seinen Studiumaufenthalt fördern würde.
- 6) Sind Sie endgültig damit einverstanden, daß Rev. Soreng Mitte Juli nach Deutschland aufbricht, gemäß unserer Einladung? Dann werden Sie am 8. Juni in Khuntitoli sicher nochmals mit ihm ein Wort darüber wechseln, wie Sie es Pastor Seeberg in Oxford zusagten. Schreiben Sie mir dann doch bitte einige wenige Zeilen, damit wir die Flugkarte fest buchen können. Das ist kurzfristig etwa vom 20.6. bis zum 15.7. möglich.

Soviel für heute, lieber Bruder Bage. Gott gebe Ihnen viel Kraft, die anstehenden Fragen lösen und die fälligen Entscheidungen treffen zu können. Auf eine Reihe anderer Fragen, die meine Briefe von Mitte April zur Sprache brachten, und die Sie offenbar erhalten haben, kommt sicher in der nächsten Zeit eine Antwort. Auch von meiner Seite aus werden demnächst noch einige wichtige Dinge zur Sprache gebracht werden.

Mit brüderlichen Grüßen  
bin ich Ihr



20 May 1966

To the  
President of the GEL Church  
Dr. M. Bage  
G.E.L. Church Compound

Ranchi / BIHAR  
INDIA

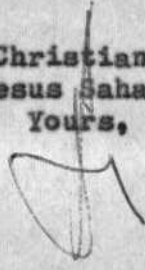
Dear Brother Bage,

We received your, Rev. P. D. Soreng's and Rev. M. Tete's invitation to celebrate the 100th years Jubilee of the Holy Baptism of the first two Kharias which will take place on June 8 at GEL Church Compound Khuntitoli.

As we shall not be able to participate in it, we can only but pray for you. Could you, please, convey our enclosed greetings to the congregation there.

May God bless this day which may also strengthen the whole Gossner Church !

With Christian greetings  
Jesus Sahai,  
Yours,



Greetings to the celebration on June 8 at Khuntitoli

(Epheser 2, 19-22)

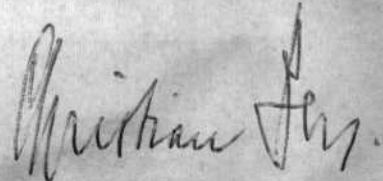
Remembering the words of praise spoken by Apostle Paulus to the congregation of Ephesus 1900 years ago, we think of your festive meeting at Khuntitoli in manifold directions.

1. We are grateful with you that God, the father of our Lord Jesus Christ, has revealed His glory and salvation also to the tribe of the Kharias in India. He has received the first two Kharias through the Holy Baptism a hundred years ago and has called them as His disciples. He has freed them from heathen error and has led them to the Kingdom of our Lord. That is a victory over Satan's rule. We are very thankful that God has revealed his power and grace to the people of Chota Nagpur. Since that time, the Kharias know that they are not strangers to God, but His guests at His table, friends at the house of our Heavenly Lord.



2. We ask ourselves if the Gospel of our Lord and His mercy and the strengthening community with the Holy Ghost has been proclaimed and lived clearly enough. Have the Kharia christians showed enough zeal to bring their tribal members near to Jesus Christ ? Have a hundred years given by God not been enough to fulfill this task ? Or has there not been enough zeal amongst the missionaries from Germany and amongst the Kharia christians who should actually have proclaimed the Gospel ?
3. We confess that much has not been done of what God could have expected from us. We have not practised our christianity joyfully enough. There has often been quarrel amongst us. We have often lived up to the old rules of the tribe rather than up to the new ones of Jesus Christ. During the period of the past 100 years, when Yohan and Paulus were baptised, we have not been able to convince many non-christians that it is worth-while to become disciples of Jesus Christ. We should and could really have done better. May God forgive us our wrong-doings and may He give us strength to begin again to proclaim His salvation.
4. We pray that this great event will not be celebrated in the wrong way, that is in boastful manner. God alone deserves Glory who has also called disciples of Jesus Christ amongst the Kharias. Do not place the Kharia tribe over the whole Gossner Church ! You may be blessed if you are acting according to word of Jesus Christ and are striving after the well-being of the whole Gossner Church. For, the Kharia tribe is only one of the many tribes where christians come from. God would like to have His children coming from all tribes and nations in His world.

Therefore, pass on received salvation to others ! Do become missionaries working with great zeal. That is what we would like - for you and for us.



(Director Dr. Christian Berg)

cc/ Rev. P. D. Soreng  
Rev. Schmidt

## G.E.L. CHURCH, Kharia Jubilee.

The Holy Baptism of the first two Kharias took place on June 8, 1866, in the G.E.L. Church, Hulsu of the Govindpur Synod. They belonged to the Pharsom Village of the Basia Police Station in Ranchi District. They were Yohan and Paulus. Their non Christian names were respectively Mangru Kharia.....Kalo and Bandhu Kharia.....Kalo.

To commemorate this great event a memorial is to be unveiled and the 100th years Jubilee is to be celebrated on June 8, 1966 at G.E.L. Church Compound Khutitoli.

You are cordially invited to take part in the celebration and to bring greetings.

Sd. Rev. P.D. Soreng

*Chairman,*

Jubilee Committee.

Rev. Dr. M. Bage

*Pramukh Adhyaks*

G.E.L. Church, Ranchi.

R.S.V.P.:—Rev. Martin Tete

*Secretary & Treasurer*

Jubilee Committee

G.E.L. Church, Compound, Ranchi.



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Herrn Direktor  
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Gossner Mission,

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April 26, 1966

Director Dr. Berg

To the  
President of the Gossner Church  
Rev. Dr. M. Bage  
G.E.L. Church Compound

Ranchi / BIHAR  
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cc/  
Rev. Minz / Gumla  
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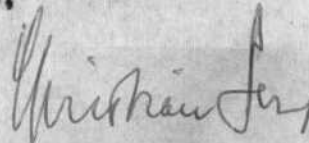
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P. Schmidt = Ranchi  
for information and Gharbandhu  
July copy

Dear Brother Bage,

It was with thanks and pleasure that I received the invitation from the Kinkel Synod / N.W. Anchal of the GEL Church of 11 April to participate in the inauguration programme. I am sorry to say that I shall not be able to attend same.

Could you, please, be so kind to thank the big congregation, which will assemble on this festive day, for inviting me and let them know the attached greetings from us, possibly at the dedication service ?

With kind blessings,  
I am Yours,



Encl.



April 26, 1966

"God dwelleth not in temples made with hands" Acts 17, 24.

Dear Sisters and Brothers of the Synod and Congregation Kinkel,

The friends of the Gossner Mission in Germany send you their greetings to your festive day on 4th May on which you will joyfully and gratefully to God our heavenly Father inaugurate your repaired church building at Kinkel. They have made their offerings for it and share your faith and love to our Lord Jesus Christ.

When your fathers or you were still non-Christians, you believed that God would live in worldly places, such as rocks, trees etc. We Christians, however, know that God is a Spirit, that He has created everything and that He does not need a living quarter made with human hands. He also does not need your church at Kinkel to reside there.

What is your church and <sup>are</sup> all Christian churches <sup>buildings</sup> in the whole world good for? Our father Martin Luther said: "That God may talk to us through His Holy Word and that we talk with Him in prayers and hymns."

The Gossner Mission heartily wishes you that there will be continuous, blessed talks in your church at Kinkel; That God will proclaim through His servants His Holy will and His forgiving Grace and Mercy; That many people belonging to your congregation, will confess their sins to our Lord, will believe in His Mercy, will praise and worship Him.

This wonderful talk between God and us taking place in our churches, has consequences. For the congregation at Kinkel and all congregations of the GEL Church I ask the following:

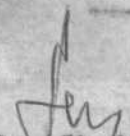
We shall busily try to fulfill His will in daily life;

We shall have a firm communion with those who have also received God's Grace and Mercy and who have learned His will;

We shall speak to other people - also to non-Christians - about this God who has started this talk with us and has called us to be His children.

The Christian church buildings are, thus, light houses of God in the country. They give light and guidance in the life of men, because in them such wonderful talks between the eternal God and us, His children in Jesus Christ, take place.

May our Lord Jesus Christ bless your church at Kinkel and all church buildings of the Gossner Church!

  
Director Dr. Christian Berg

c. Gott ruhet nicht in Tempeln, von Händen gemacht? Acts 17, v. 24

Liebe Menschen und Brüder in der Synode und Gemeinde Kiechel!

Wenn Ihr am 4. Mai mit Freude und Dank sagen sollt fünf Jahre hindurch  
dort, so isten fünf zu diesem Tag die Freunde der ersten Mission in Deutschland. Sie haben ihre  
Opfer dafür gebracht und sind fünf in Glauben und in der Liebe zu unserem Herrn Jesus Christus  
zugeführt worden.

Als fünf Jahre oder Ihr selbst noch jünger wart, glaubten wir, daß Gott in irdischen Dingen  
- in Taten, Tugenden oder andern Arten - seine Wohnung habe. Wir wußten als Kinder,  
daß Gott Geist ist; daß Er alles Falsche zerstört hat und keine Wohnung von Menschen  
suchen braucht. Auch fünf Jahre in Kiechel braucht er nicht, um dort zu residieren. (bestimmt)

Wozu dient fünf Jahre und alle geistlichen ~~Körper~~ <sup>Leute</sup> Gottes Häuser in der irdischen Welt?  
Unser Vater Martin Luthers sagt: „Daß Gott dort nicht und noch dort seine heilige Wohn-  
ung hat mit uns nicht in der Welt und in der Luft.“

Es steht in der ersten Mission fünf von ihnen, daß in diese Kirche von Kiechel ein un-  
überwindliches Hindernis gesetzt ist: daß Gott seinen heiligen Willen und  
seine Verheißung nicht durch die irdischen Häuser hindurch seinen Willen; und daß viele Menschen,  
die zu Gemeindegliedern werden, unsere Herrn Jesus Christus kennen, seine Gnade empfangen,  
zu arbeiten und seinen Namen preisen.

Wenn das unüberwindliche Hindernis zerstört ist und wir in der Kirche stehen  
dann hat das Folgende. Und das ist die Gemeindeglieder und alle Gemeindeglieder der  
ersten Kirche:

Wir werden eifrig, seinen Willen in täglichen Taten zu erfüllen;

Wir werden uns helfen, in Liebe und Bruders Gemeinschaft mit allen leben, die  
dieses Jesus Christus Gnade empfangen und seinen Willen erkennen haben;

Wir werden anderen Mitmenschen - nach dem Geist der Kirche - von diesem Gott sagen,  
der mit uns das Gespräch begonnen hat und uns berührt, Gottes Kinder zu sein.

Es wird denn die geistlichen Gottes Häuser (church buildings) laßt ihnen Gott im Land. Sie  
bringen Licht und Organisation (guidance) in das Leben der Menschen, weil in ihnen ein so  
wunderbares Gespräch zwischen dem ewigen Gott und uns, seinen Kindern in Jesus Christus,  
geschieht.

Dazu sollen die Gottes Häuser Gottes Häuser in Kiechel und alle Gottes Häuser in der ersten Kirche!

Berlin, Sonntag den 4. April 1966.

Viktor St. Christian Berg.



### 12,2 Millionen DM Erlös aus Jugendmarken

epd Bonn, 21. April. Der am 5. März 1965 gegründete Verein "Stiftung deutsche Jugendmarke" legte jetzt seinen ersten Jahresbericht vor. Darin wird festgestellt, daß aus dem Zuschlag von Jugendmarken der Bundespost bis zum 31. Dezember 1965 ein Reingewinn von etwa 12,2 Millionen DM erzielt werden konnte. Bei Vergabe dieser Mittel wurde berücksichtigt, daß sie nicht den Bundeshaushalt entlasten, sondern zusätzliche Hilfe ermöglichen sollen. Neben zahlreichen anderen Projekten wurden auch ein heilpädagogisches Heim des Diakonischen Werkes, eine Schule für Mädchen mit Erziehungs- und Entwicklungsfehlern des bergischen Diakonissen-Mutterhauses und das evangelisch-lutherische Wichert-Stift in Delmenhorst unterstützt. - Am 22. April 1966 bringt die Bundespost eine neue Serie von Jugendmarken heraus.

### Bischof im Polizei-Porsche

epd Stuttgart, 21. April. Landesbischof D. Dr. Erich Eichele und die Leiter einiger kirchlicher Werke von Württemberg besichtigten am Mittwoch technische Einrichtungen des Landesverkehrs-Polizeikommissariats Nord in Stuttgart-Vaihingen. Nach der Begrüßung durch den Polizeipräsidenten von Nordwürttemberg, Dr. Richard Stolz, und einigen Informationen über Arbeitsweise und Erfahrungen der Verkehrspolizei nahmen die Gäste in verschiedenen Polizeifahrzeugen an einer Streifenfahrt teil. Der Landesbischof entschied sich für einen der beiden weißen Porsche-Spider, mit denen die Autobahn im Raum Württemberg kontrolliert wird.

### Neues Mutterschutzgesetz bisher ohne Erfolg

epd Bonn, 21. April. Die Erwartungen, daß nach der Änderung des Mutterschutzgesetzes vom 1. Januar 1966 die Möglichkeiten der Vorsorgeuntersuchung während der Schwangerschaft stärker genutzt würden, haben sich nach Mitteilung des Bundesgesundheitsministeriums nicht erfüllt. Trotz der wesentlichen Verbesserungen, die allerdings nur die versicherten Frauen betreffen, seien weniger Schwangere frühzeitig zum Arzt gegangen als erwartet werden konnte. Bereits im März hatte die Evangelische Aktionsgemeinschaft für Familienfragen die Neufassung des Mutterschutzgesetzes kritisiert (siehe epd-ZA Nr. 73 vom 28. März 1966).

### Visser 't Hooft und Pater von Galli sprechen in Wiesbaden

epd Wiesbaden, 21. April. Eine Begegnung evangelischer und katholischer Christen findet am Sonntag, 5. Juni, unter dem Thema "Kirche im Wandel der Zeit - nach 1500 Jahren christlicher Gemeinde in Wiesbaden" in der Rhein-Main-Halle in Wiesbaden statt. Die Veranstaltung, bei der D. Visser 't Hooft, Generalsekretär des Ökumenischen Rates der Kirchen in Genf, und Pater Mario von Galli (Zürich), der vor allem durch seine Konzilsberichte und -Kommentare bekannt geworden ist, sprechen werden, wird vom "Öffentlichkeitsausschuß der evangelischen und katholischen Kirche Wiesbadens" vorbereitet.

### Neues evangelisches Studentenhaus in Marburg

epd Marburg, 21. April. Mit der Fertigstellung des Studentenhauses in Marburg hat das bisher größte Bauvorhaben der Evangelischen Landeskirche von Kurhessen-Waldeck nach dem Kriege seinen Abschluß gefunden. Es handelt sich um das Zentrum der Evangelischen Studentengemeinde, zu dem noch ein großes Wohnheim für über 100 Studenten gehört, das bereits seit einem Jahr in Benutzung ist. Das nunmehr vollendete Studentenhaus, das nach dem Marburger Theologen Hans von Soden benannt wird, enthält zwei Vortragssäle, Club- und Gruppenzimmer, eine Bibliothek und Wirtschaftsräume. Der gesamte Gebäudekomplex ist mit einem Aufwand von rund vier-einhalb Millionen DM erstellt worden. Zu den Kosten des Wohnheimes wurden Beihilfen des Bundes und des Landes in Höhe von über einer Million DM bewilligt.

19 April 1966

To the  
KSS of the Gossner Church  
Per attention Präsident Dr. Bage  
G.E.L. Church Compound

P. Seeber / Weissinger & R

Ranchi / BIHAR  
INDIA

By 25/4.

Subject: Letter of thanks from the Gossner Church to the friends in  
Germany

Dear Brethren,

I like to take up a matter in this letter about which I already made some short remarks at the meeting of the KSS on 18th March 1966. I think that it is not unimportant for the right spiritual cooperation between Gossner Church and Gossner Mission.

The Gossner Church is an autonomous church and is responsible for all matters within the church. That is quite clear. No word has to be added to it; In spite of the fact that a silly voice has been raised recently saying that the small number of foreign co-workers is a danger for the autonomy of the Gossner Church. It is not worth-while to go into it any further.

The Gossner Church gratefully accepts "interchurch-aid" (cf. Memorandum March 1965). From time to time, it expresses its gratefulness in the decisions passed by the KSS. I am always glad when reading it. Not for the sake of the Gossner Mission, but for you ! For it shows that you are conscious of the fact that it is the Gossner Church which actually has to care for everything. However, it is to be very welcomed that we -the G.C.- received support from abroad for some important projects. The Gossner Church should, therefore, express its gratefulness, for it cannot be taken for granted.

I believe that the KSS should not only express this gratefulness, but from time to time such persons or institutions to which help is given directly. Why should the congregation of Chainpur or Kinkel not write a letter of thanks to its friends in Germany who enabled them to restore their chapels and churches ? For, they actually have to care for it themselves. Why do not three or four students of the Theological College sit down together and write to their friends in Germany who gave them money ? For, the students could hardly study without receiving this help. It is not an unknown fund which enables them to study, but offerings given in love. It is of spiritual importance that they get conscious of this fact. There are still other examples which could be mentioned.

I hope that you understand my letter. Not we or the Kuratorium are anxious to receive a letter of thanks. But, it is for the sake of the many friends in Ostfriesland and Westfalia, in Bavaria and Lippe as well as Berlin that we should like to print such a letter in one of our issues of the "Gossner Mission". Our friends would, thus, see that their offerings have gratefully been received. This would also strengthen their faithfulness. Just remember how often Apostle Paulus expressed his thanks in his letters ! How much he thanked the congregation in Philippi for their parcels (cap. 4, 10-20). The Professors of Theology say again and again that gratefulness is the key to evangelical-lutheran ethics. That is why a christian unlike the many non-christians should be grateful to God and his fellow-men and express it.



This is no urgent administrative or financial matter. No quick action is needed. But, I should be very glad - for the sake of the many friends of the Gossner Church here in Germany - if we could let them know your thanks for their offerings. It is also a spiritual task for you to educate congregations or single persons who received grants to express their gratefulness !

President Lakra's letter, which he wrote a few years ago during his term as President, to BREAD FOR THE WORLD and SERVICE OVERSEAS (DÜ) has had a far-reaching echo of joy amongst the christians of Germany.

I do hope that you will understand my letter rightly.

With Christian greetings,  
I am Yours Sincerely,

Yours sincerely  
 Christine Jorgensen

cc/ Secretary of KSS  
P. Schmidt  
P. Seeberg/ Weissinger

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

drbg/br

Mid-April 1966

To the  
President of the G.E.L. Church  
G.E.L. Church Compound

Ranchi / BINAR  
INDIA

3-57-1  
JH

Subject: Long-term leasing of a site on the G.E.L.C. compound at Ranchi  
/ Main road

Dear Brother Bage,

On the occasion of a visit to Ex-President Lakra on 24 March, he asked me of my opinion in the above mentioned matter. He, obviously, has been appointed to a smaller committee to prepare the matter.  
by the Property Board

Since a sum of approximately Rs. 2,5 Mio. is involved, it is quite an important project. The Gossner Mission is, therefore, very much interested in the realization of the plan, because the Gossner Church would, at last, receive own money and urgently needed money for the "Ten-Years-Building-Plan" would be obtained.

I advised him as follows:

1. To obtain an exact estimate of the leased site to prevent leasing the land too cheaply - as it, unfortunately and irresponsibly, happened in many former cases. The financial adviser has, however, made exact enquiries and put forward recommendations, as far as I am informed.
2. To obtain the best lawyer available - if necessary even from Calcutta - to make the contract as exact and precise as possible! Taking into consideration the importance of the project, money should not be spared for the lawyer's fee. Mr. Montag / Calcutta could surely give good advice.
3. To deposit the money to be received for leasing the land, so that it is by no means spend on running costs. The money should be spent on necessary investments, i.e. re-building of Gossner-High-School-Hostel, completion of compound wall etc. etc.

We hope and wish that the Gossner Church will act in an objective and up to date manner, without favouring anyone and without dispute, but in efficient stewardship!

We are very interested to know the final results of the negotiations.

May God give you wisdom and energy.

With kind regards,  
Yours Sincerely,

cc/ Secretary of KSS  
Chairman of Property Board  
Mr. Montag / Calcutta  
Director Schwert

JH



Invitation.

21. APR. 1966

Friends,

Thanks to GOD our heavenly Father that by His Grace and ~~for~~ Mercy, the repairing work of the G.E.L. Church Building at Kinkel has been completed now. We are very much thankful to G.M.S. for ten years building programme, N.W. Anchal and Kss for their endorsement and help and voluntary subscription of the people of Kinkel Synod towards it that we are able to repair the Church Building. We are much obliged to Mr Schwert, the Director T.T.C. Phudi under whose sincere care and direction, the repair work of the Church Building could complete.

The Kinkel Synod has decided to dedicate the Church on ~~W~~ Wednesday, the 4th May, 66. The Pramukh Adhyaksh of the G.E.L. Church will inaugurate the dedication of the church building at 9 a.m..

Hence you are cordially invited and requested to participate in the same inauguration programme.

Programme.

1. Arrival at Kinkel 3-5-66. (Evening Time)
2. Dedication Service- 9-10 by the Pramukh Adhyaksh, the Adhyaksh N.W. Anchal to assist in this programme.
3. Holy Communion Service 10-11 by Rev J. Topno Adh SAE and Rev Dh. D. Toppo.
4. All Pastors must come with their original pastoral dresses.

Name Shri/Shrimati/ Shri/Rev... *Dr. C. Berg Director*.....  
..... *Gossner Missionary Society* .....

(Rev P. Bage)



*Dr. C. Berg*  
(C.M. Th. Ekka) 11/4/66

Secretary.

G. E. L. Church, Kinkel Synod  
P. O. Kinkel Dt. Ranchi.

drbg/br

Mid-April 1966

2. W. V.

B. Singh

To the  
President of the G.E.L. Church  
G.E.L. Church Compound

Ranchi / BIHAR  
INDIA

Subject: Land purchase at Kalyanpur near Hatia; letter of 24th March 1966  
Ref. No. 386/66

Dear Brother Bage,

I was very happy that during the last days of my stay at Ranchi, the purchase of land near Hatia could, at last, be finalised in order to build up a christian centre there.

I agree with you concerning the financial procedures as stated in your above mentioned letter. Mr. Montag was requested in Ranchi to transfer an amount of Rs. 11.000 to the G.E.L.C. accounts, yet only Rs. 2.000 should be advanced. Rest be paid when the land is transferred to you by registration.

Director Schwert should be consulted with regard to erecting buildings on the site. It should be done step by step and according to requirements of the congregation on the border of the city of Hatia. I am sure that the work in this congregation will soon have a different character from same in an average rural congregation within the G.E.L. Church.

I have the following ideas:

- a) The property should first be fenced;
- b) Building up a chapel;
- c) At the same time, a living quarter for a pastor or pracharak should also be planned.
- d) I think it would be good to consider and plan a Kindergarten or club-room for Youth work resp. for training programme for adults.

All projects will have to be considered very carefully, so that the first buildings be not erected on a wrong place on the not too big compound there.

Another amount of Rs. 19.000 is available here in the Gossnerhaus. We shall send same after all plans are finished and after it is known exactly what to do with the money.

With kind regards,  
Yours Sincerely,

cc/ Secretary of KSS  
Adhyaksh, N.W. Anchal  
Director Schwert



1. Oktober  
18 April 1966

To the  
President of the Gossner Church  
G.E.L. Church Compound

Ranchi / BIHAR  
INDIA

Subject: Loan for completing the compound wall of Ranchi  
Your letter No. 436/66 of 6th of April 1966

Dear Brother Bage,

Thank you very much for your letter of April 6. It is also with pleasure that I remember my short stay in Ranchi at the end of March. I like to thank you and all other brothers very much for your hospitality. I was glad that there was a chance of discussing many matters of the work.

I like to state the following concerning your request to release Rs. 35.000 as a long term loan for completing the compound wall of Ranchi.

1. I am glad that the Property Board has now given up its resistance to accepting a long term loan for completing of the compound wall.
2. The Kuratorium is basically ready to grant this loan. Since we are short of money at the moment, we shall only be able to send you the money this autumn, for too many requests have reached us at the beginning of the year.
3. It is to be considered, however, of whether the needed sum for completing the wall could not be covered from the money to be received from selling resp. leasing a site on the GELC compound at the Main Road. I think that a greater amount of money is to be expected when leasing the site, that is a first installment. I already mentioned it in a special letter that the Gossner-High-School-Hostel as well as the completion of the compound wall are two investments which could be paid out of this installment. We, therefore, like to return to the matter this September or October when we shall be in the position to possibly grant you this loan. We shall, then, have to see whether this amount could be met by the mentioned means out of the leasing fund.
4. Is the amount of Rs. 35.000 mentioned by you an estimate or does same base on a written down estimate of costs of a building firm? If not, this estimate should be requested by the Property Board to know how much money will precisely be needed. Maybe, some clarification is still necessary as to where the wall is to be built exactly. As I remember, this was not quite clear.
5. I personally found the condition on the compound much more restless than last year. Maybe, the completion of the compound wall will change it. Or do the inhabitants on the compound need so much life? Please, permit me to express my personal impression. I would have welcomed if the peace had been <sup>better</sup> maintained. of last year

cc/ KSS Secretary's Office  
Hd. Accountant  
Chairman, Prop. Board  
Secretary, Prop. Board Mr. Bontap

With kind regards,  
Yours Sincerely,

*W. Bontap*

GOSSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CHOTANAGPUR & ASSAM.

Ref. No. 436/66

From :-

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

14. APR. 1966  
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To,

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

April 6, 1966.

Dear Brother Berg,

With joy I still think of your last visit although it was a short one. I am looking forward to the C.W.M. meeting to be held at Oxford where as usual I shall be meeting brother Seeberg and shall have the time to have some exchange of opinions.

Here I want to mention only one thing namely that also the Property Board Authorities are in favour of taking money needed for completing the Compound wall of Ranchi as a long term loan. This work is really urgent.

May I therefore also request you to release as early as possible Rs. 35000/- (Thirty Five Thousand rupees) out of this investment side of the Ten Year building programme Fund of the Gossner Mission for the above mentioned purpose. I am anxious that the work of constructing the urgently required compound wall be completed.

With kind regards.

Yours Sincerely,

M. Bage

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

C.C. to :-

1. K. S. S. Secretary's Office,
2. H.A. Accountant,
3. Chairman, Prop. Board,
4. Secretary, Prop. Board.



GOSSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CHOTANAGPUR & ASSAM.

Ref. No. 386/66

From :-

Rev. Dr. M. Bage, 28. MAR 1966  
Pramukh Adhyaksh,  
G.E.L. Church.

To,

C. B. Minz,  
Adhyaksh, N. W. Anchal.

Ranchi, the 24th. March '66.

Subject :- Land purchase at Kalyampur near Hatia.

Dear Rev. Minz,

In pursuance of the letter written by Rev. J. Toppe, the Secretary of the Prop. Board and which you had also signed requesting me to verify the reasonability of the cost of land proposed to buy I, accompanied by Dr. Berg had visited the site. On the way, however, we met with our newly converted Christian Daniel Upadhyay as Litia. We heard that he wanted to sell his land to the Church. We also saw his land. This was the same land which I and Rev. Toppe had seen a few months back. At that time I hesitated to finalise the negotiation because there was some litigation connected with that land. This is now clear and free from any litigation. He showed us another piece of land which is attached to his present living quarter. Then we visited the plot which the Basargarh man is selling.

After having seen all these plots we all felt that the piece of land which is near Mr. Litia's quarter is most suitable. We also decided after negotiation that (i) We purchase one acre land belonging to Mr. Litia for Rs. 10000/- (Ten Thousand).

(ii) Two Thousand rupees be advanced at the time when he signs on the agreement on the stamped paper.

(iii) Rest be paid when the land is transferred to us by registration.

(iv) A chapel be constructed immediately after the first agreement is signed.

With this information Dr. Berg is going back. He will now be able to report to the donors about the steps being taken here.

With kind regards.

Yours Sincerely,

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

C.C. to :-

1. Chairman, Prop. Board.
2. Secretary, Prop. Board.
3. Office, Prop. Board,
4. Dr. Berg, Director, Gossner Mission Society.

Berlin 41 (Friedenau), 21. März 1966

Lieber Bruder Sage,

Sie hatten mich um die Anschrift von Bruder Lokies gebeten, den Sie auf Ihrer Reise nach Oxford besuchen wollten. Sie ist nachstehend aufgeführt:

3901/ Anderten b/Hannover, Drosselweg 4 Tel. 52 20 24

Nur soviel für heute, da Sie sicher schon im Aufbruch sind.

Mit herzlichen Grüßen

Ihr



1. März 1966 drbg/Su.

Rev. Dr. M. B a g e  
Pramuk Adhyaksh  
G.E.L. Church Compound  
R a n c h i / Bihar  
India

Lieber Bruder Bage,

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aus der beiliegenden Kopie ersehen Sie, daß ich in einem ehren-  
vollen, wichtigen und kurzfristigen Auftrag schon in der kommenden  
Woche nach Indien fliegen muß und zuversichtlich hoffe, etwa zwi-  
schen dem 18. und 24. März einen auf wenige Tage begrenzten Ab-  
stecher nach Ranchi machen zu können. Es stehen ja wahrhaftig eine  
Reihe bedeutsamer Fragen an.

Ich wäre Ihnen sehr dankbar, wenn innerhalb dieses knappen Zeitraumes  
2 Sitzungen des Manager Committees sowohl im TTC-Fudi wie in der  
Printing-Press abgehalten werden könnten, weil dort die Dinge offen-  
kundig am brennendsten sind. Wie Sie und die Brüder sonst meine  
Anwesenheitsausnützen, muß ich Ihnen überlassen. Hoffentlich drängen  
sich nicht zuviel Leute heran, die mich sprechen wollen.

Dankbar wäre ich Ihnen, wenn Sie Ihre Zustimmung dazu gäben, daß  
Bruder M o n t a g am 9. März in Neu-Delhi zu unserer Delegation  
stößt und uns während der wichtigen Verhandlungen mit zur Verfügung  
steht. Ich könnte mir denken, daß ihm und Ihnen diese Bitte sogar  
willkommen ist.

In der Hoffnung, daß Sie einen gesegneten Verlauf der Pastoral-  
Konferenz gehabt haben, und ein baldiges Wiedersehen bin ich

mit herzlichen brüderlichen Grüßen

Ihr

encl.

Co. Herr Montag

# GOSSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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HEAD OFFICE  
G. E. L. Church  
Ranchi, Bihar  
India  
Phone : 510

February 28th, 1966.

The Prime Minister,  
Government of India,  
New Delhi.

Eingegangen

- 7. MRZ. 1966

Erledigt: .....

Respected Madam,

May I be permitted to bring the following case to your notice:-

1. The Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church of Chota Nagpur and Assam was founded over one hundred years ago, the first early missionaries came out to India from the Gossner Mission in Germany.
2. The G.E.L.Church is now autonomous and the relationship to the Gossner Mission in Germany is one of mother and daughter.
3. For many years now the Gossner Mission in Germany has been subsidizing many of the institutions, such as schools and colleges, with money collected in Germany. In recent years the Gossner Mission has built up -
  - a) A technical training centre for industrial training.
  - b) An agricultural training farm.
  - c) A fully equipped hospital in the jungles of Orissa.

Personnel and teachers for these institutions have been sent out from Germany. Apart from paying the salaries of these teachers from Germany, many lakhs of rupees were sent over to India in foreign exchange in order to erect buildings and properties and machinery for training purposes, and we still receive yearly subsidies of many lakhs, from Germany and Switzerland.

4. In the last two years we have experienced very grave difficulties in obtaining entry visas for the German Nationals who were being sent out to undertake the task of giving training in the various institutions.
5. The present case which I wish to bring to your attention is that of a Dr. Dell, who is a theologian of repute in Germany, whose services we wished to acquire to teach Greek and Hebrew in our Theological College in Ranchi, Bihar. To find such a teacher in India amongst the Indian Nationals is unfortunately impossible. The present teacher in the Theological College is leaving the college at the end of March this year.



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6. At the end of October 1965, the G.E.L. Church invited Dr. Dell from Germany to replace the German Theologian who was leaving Ranchi. An application for the granting of a visa to Dr. Dell was made to New Delhi, Ministry of Home Affairs immediately. Up till January 1966, the G.E.L. Church and the Gossner Mission in Germany had received no indication that the visa application had even been received, so that the Financial Advisor of the Church, Mr. R. Montag, flew to Delhi and approached Mr. R.A.S. Mani, Under Secretary for Home Affairs in order to ascertain the position of the granting of this visa. Mr. Montag was given the information that the State Government in Patna were dealing with this case and on receiving their approval, the visa would be granted within one week. On his return to Ranchi, the G.E.L. Church contacted the District Commissioner's office in Ranchi to find out if the visa recommendation had been sent to Patna, and to the disappointment of all concerned, it was discovered that this was not the case. The Assistant Secretary of the G.E.L. Church, Mr. N.E. Horo visited the Offices concerned and was informed that the recommendation had been approved and would be sent to Patna forthwith. In order to expedite this matter, the Assistant Secretary, Mr. N.E. Horo was sent to the Political Department of the Government of Bihar, in Patna, only to discover that the recommendation from Ranchi had been a negative one with the remarks that a teacher for Greek and Hebrew should be found in India.

7. I would respectfully point out that the negative recommendation of the Ranchi authorities is unfounded, as previously stated there is no possibility of finding such a teacher in India. It is furthermore felt by the Church and the Gossner Mission in Germany that sending such a teacher from Germany is in no way detrimental to the Government of India. His salary and all expenses are paid by the Gossner Mission in Germany, so that no financial burden falls upon the State of India, quite the contrary, a certain amount of foreign exchange is sent out each month to pay the salary of this teacher. On this point, I would also like it to be made known that the Gossner Mission in Germany do not send out missionaries with the same objectives as was done many years ago. All foreign co-workers working within the G.E.L. Church are purely engaged in teaching or giving technical and other forms of training.

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8. In view of the foregoing may I humbly and respectfully request you to intervene in this case and grant the visa which Dr. Dell and his family have applied for. This family have been waiting in Germany with their cases packed since February 1966, awaiting the granting of this visa.

Should you wish to have more details about our work and this particular case, it would be my very great honour and pleasure to come to Delhi and answer any questions you may wish to ask.

I am, Madam,

Your Humble Servant,

Dr.M.Bage.  
President.

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South Block, New Delhi.

Mr. R.A.S.Mani,

Under Secretary for Home Affairs,  
South Block, New Delhi.

The District Commissioner, Mr.Dhanoa,  
Ranchi

Mr. Ghani, Magistrate in Charge,  
General Section, D.C's Office, Ranchi.

Mr. M.K.Mukerjee, Secretary,  
Political Department,  
Government of Bihar, Patna.

The Chief Minister,  
Government of Bihar. Patna

The Gossner Mission,  
Berlin, Germany.

The Lutheran World Federation,  
Geneva. Switzerland.



28. Februar 1966  
Dr.B./Su.

Brief / Einschreiben :

Herrn  
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Dep.W.M.of LWF, Genf  
Finanz Adviser R.Montag, Ranchi  
Personalakten Goßner  
Tageskopie

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Lieber Bruder Bage,

am Sonnabend Abend ( 26.II.) empfangen wir sehr schmerzlich überrascht von Bruder Montag das folgende Telegramm:

" Visa Dell objection Patna; attempting what we can do."

Nach sofortiger Unterrichtung des Herrn Vorsitzenden des Kuratoriums telegrafierte er folgenden Text :

" Deeply concerned about refusal visa Dell, please forward this to the authorities and do your outmost ".

Obwohl wir von Ihren Bemühungen - vielleicht nicht schnell - Erfolg erwarten, werden wir die Aussendungsfeier für Familie Dell am 20. März durch Kirchenpräsident D.Sucker-Darmstadt verschieben müssen und rechnen nicht mehr mit der Möglichkeit der Ausreise am 1.April. Was diese Verschiebung aller Termine bedeutet und kostet, brauche ich Ihnen nicht zu sagen. Es ist zutiefst zu beklagen und stellt schon hier in Deutschland harte Anforderungen an Kraft und Nerven der Beteiligten, wieviel mehr an diejenigen Ihrer Mitarbeiter, die in dieser Sache tätig waren und sind.

Darf ich folgende Erwägungen und Bitten aussprechen :

1./Wahrscheinlich haben Sie schon Herrn Minister S.K.Bage eingeschaltet, um die Gründe der abgreiflichen Ablehnung eines replacement-Visums zu erfahren und ihn für die Wiedererwägung der getroffenen Entscheidung zu gewinnen.

Wir wären aber dankbar, wenn Sie mit Bruder Montag vom Herrn Polizeipräsidenten in Ranchi eine offizielle Erklärung erbitten würden. Wahrscheinlich wäre es gut, wenn Sie sich bei dieser Vorsprache sowohl von Ihrem Amtsvorgänger als Padma Shri, wie von Herrn Landessuperintendent Peters begleiten ließen. Denn für seinen Bericht in den Kirchen in Deutschland wird es von außerordentlicher Bedeutung sein, aus erster Hand zu erfahren, ob die indischen Regierungsstellen in dieser ganzen Frage eine veränderte Stellung einzunehmen gedenken.

2./Die Verweigerung des Visums Dell wird in der evangelischen Christenheit Deutschlands außerordentlich weitreichende Wellen schlagen. In wenigen Tagen tritt die Synode der EKD zusammen, und es ist unausbleiblich, daß der soeben zum Bischof von Berlin-Brandenburg gewählte Ratsvorsitzende, Herr Präses D.Scharf, dabei diesen unbegreiflichen Akt als das Kennzeichnen wird, was er ist.

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Leider steht uns z.Zt. keine englisch schreibende Sekretärin zur Verfügung; gottlob verstehen Sie Deutsch.

3./ Umso mehr, als in Deutschland bekannt ist, daß die Goßner-Mission einen einzigen Theologen mit einem Spezialauftrag in die Goßner-Kirche entsandt hat, während die katholische Kirche für Dutzende von Theologen in Ootacamund die Arbeits- und Aufenthaltserlaubnis besitzt, und in der Santal-Kirche eine Vielzahl von skandinavischen Missionaren anwesend ist.

4./ Vor drei Tagen ist nun ein Hilferuf des Diakonischen Werkes in Stuttgart angesichts der schweren Ernährungskrise Indiens an alle Gemeinden der evangelischen Christenheit in Deutschland ergangen.

Wie muß es wirken, wenn in diesen Tagen über alle Nachrichtendienste die Verweigerung des Visums Dr.Dell bekannt wird !!

Wieviel Hilfsbereitschaft dadurch gelähmt und erstickt wird, ist gar nicht in Worten und Zahlen auszudrücken.

Wahrscheinlich werde ich in wenigen Tagen Gelegenheit haben, sowohl dem Herrn Botschafter der Republik Indien in der Bundesrepublik Deutschland als dem Herrn Generalkonsul in Berlin über diese unheilvollen Zusammenhänge ein Wort zu sagen.

5./ Es war wohl ein schweres Versäumnis, daß das KSS der Goßner-Kirche nicht den für sie wichtigen Regierungsstellen in Indien offiziell die am 11.-14. März 1965 beschlossenen neuen "Terms of reference" für ausländische Mitarbeiter (innen) mitgeteilt und interpretiert hat, weil aus ihnen unzweifelhaft hervorgeht, daß in der Goßnerkirche keine Missionare im herkömmlichen Verständnis des Wortes mehr mitarbeiten und ihre Tätigkeit ausüben. Die bekannten Vorbehalte der Regierung gegen diese müßten also im Fall der Goßnerkirche als gegenstandslos erkannt werden.

6./ Sollte sich beim Forschen nach den Gründen der Visumverweigerung der mögliche Verdacht bestätigen, daß Einwirkungen aus den Reihen der Goßnerkirche dieses Ergebnis mitherbeigeführt haben, so würde das einen tiefen Schatten auf die von Ihnen geleitete Kirche werfen; und das KSS wäre, wie ich meine, zu weitreichenden Maßnahmen gezwungen. Die Geschehnisse in der Printing Press schließen leider u.Es. diese Möglichkeit nicht ganz aus.

7./ An eine Revision ihres Entschlusses, im Amt des Dozenten am Theologischen College in Ranchi den seit Monaten mitgeteilten Wechsel vorzunehmen, denken Kuratorium und Leitung des Goßnerhauses in Berlin nicht.

Wir erbitten Ihnen, lieber Bruder Bage, in dieser unglaublichen Angelegenheit die notwendige Härte und Entschlossenheit, um der Freiheit der Goßner-Kirche aus diesem Anlaß den notwendigen Respekt und Raum bei den Regierungsstellen zu erwirken.

Wenn es bei der Unmöglichkeit bleibt, daß Dr.Dell ausreisen kann - und Herr Mittenhuber sich gezwungen sieht, im späten Frühjahr zurückzukehren - so wird beides zusammen die Zusammenarbeit Goßnerkirche/Goßnermission ganz gewiß tiefgehend beeinflussen.

Mit den herzlichsten brüderlichen Grüßen und Segenswünschen  
bin ich

Ihr



# G. E. L. CHURCH

BOARD OF EVANGELISM AND LITERATURE

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

Director.

Lutheran Theological College,

The 14th. February, 1966

RANCHI.

The Rev. Dr. M. Bage, Pramukh Adhyaksh.  
Chairman B.E.L. & President, K.S.S.

Enclosure  
17. FEB. 1966 3

Dear Brother Bage,

Please find enclosed my report for 1965. As you know reports did not come to me as I expected I am submitting it so late. In this report I have put nothing about Assam as I did not get any except some information which you gave me when I was in the hospital.

This report is somewhat a lengthy one and some of the materials may not be as important as the others. Therefore I give you an index of the materials contained in this report so that you may do as you like. As far as I am concerned everything is important.

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Note: I have done the typing myself. My wife was great help to me in taking dictations when I was drafting and in dictating to me when I did the typing. Hence I could make only four copies although I wished there were more copies for other VMPs of the Church.

With kindest greetings,

Yours Very Sincerely,

J. J. P. TIGA  
Director 14.2.1966

- cc: 1. Secretary K.S.S.
- 2. Director, Gessner Mission

Letter follows.

J. J. P. TIGA  
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**GOSSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
BOARD OF EVANGELISM AND LITERATURE**

**Director's Report for 1965**

**II. Workers**

As far as I am informed the following are the workers in the Evangelistic department. Some of these are entirely set apart for evangelistic work while others are doing it as supervisors in addition to other responsibilities as parish pastors or Ilaka Chairmen.

- A. Assam Anchal :** 1. Rev. C.S.B. Hero, Adhyaksh, 2. Rev. L. Kongari, Tinsukia, 3. Rev. Patras Hemrom, Christian Para, Ranchi, 4. Rev. Bimal Minz, Adhyaksh, 5. Rev. John Toppe, Ranchi, 6. Rev. Immanuel Kujur, Lohardaga, 7. Rev. Paul W. Lakra, Chainpur, 8. Rev. Ahlad Lakra, Kendra, 9. Rev. C.P. John Toppe, Ichkela, 10. Rev. D.D. Tiga, Sarhapani, 11. Rev. Patras Bage, Kinkal, 12. Rev. Ballan Kullu, Jatately, 13. Rev. N. Bhauiya, Singhani, 14. Rev. C.D.L. Kujur, Barebisa, Decars, 15. Rev. Jusaph Bara, Barebisa, Decars, 16. Rev. Mathias Surin, Rangamatia, Decars, 17. Rev. Obed Toppe, Dibidih, 18. Rev. P.M. Elka, Chandwa, Palamau, 19. Rev. C.A. Bixal Tirkey, Hatia, 20. Rev. Dharmdas Toppe, Lureg, Udaipur
- C. South-East Anchal :** 21. Rev. Junul Topone, Adhyaksh, 22. Rev. Itmon Guria, Burju, 23. Rev. Situng Suleman Soy, Anlessa, 24. Rev. Asaf Hero, Tokad, 25. Rev. Habil Topone, Gevindpur, 26. Rev. Masihprakash Jojo, Marcha, 27. Rev. Junas Bage, Takarma, 28. Rev. Joel Bage, Keronjo, 29. Rev. Lucas Topone, Chaibassa, 30. Rev. Martin Jojo, Jamshedpur, 31. Rev. Derfa Hemrom, Purulia, 32. Rev. Masihprakash Kerketta, Calcutta, 33. Rev. Junas Soy, Chaibassa, 34. Rev. Nakti, 35. Rev. Christ Hallan Samad, Champua, Keonjhar, 36. ~~Rev. Mukut Topone, Borshol, Midnapur~~
- D. Orissa Anchal :** 37. Rev. C.B. Aind, Adhyaksh, 38. Rev. Nathaniel Kullu, Rajganagpur, 39. Rev. Jete Suleman Soy, Ratabirker, Jarakudar, 40. Rev. Junas Surin, Karimatti, 41. Rev. Samuel Tirkey, Nimdi, 42. Rev. Samuel Bage, Madhupur, 43. Rev. C.B. Elka, Rajganagpur, 44. Rev. ~~Rev. Christ Hardugan Tuti, Kulpal, Dist. Sambalpur.~~
- E. Khuntitely Synod :** 45. Rev. P.D. Soreng, Khuntitely (President, Khuntitely Synod), 46. Rev. Samuel Dungdung, Panisani
- F. Headquarters Congregation, Ranchi :** 47. Rev. Dr. M. Bage, Pramu, Adhyaksh, (Pastor)
- G. Director, Evangelistic Works :** 48. Rev. J.J.F. Tiga

As far as informations have been available, number of Pracharaks are as follows :

|                        |                                                             |
|------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. Assam Anchal .....  | 2 (Mikir hills)                                             |
| 2. N-W Anchal .....    | 10 (Udaipur)                                                |
| 3. S-E Anchal .....    | 11 full time (Midnapur, 7 part time (Mayurbhanj, Singhbhum) |
|                        | 1 Purulia                                                   |
|                        | 6 Burju                                                     |
| 4. Orissa Anchal ..... | 6 full time (Bamra)                                         |
|                        | 10 part time ( " )                                          |
| 5. Khuntitely .....    | 3 full time                                                 |
| 6. Ranchi .....        | 1 " "                                                       |

Total 40 full time and 17 parttime Pracharaks

There may be many other pastors and Pracharaks working for the spread of the Kingdom of God within our Church but I have no information about them. I am anxious to have all the names and their addresses so that they may be in the office of the Evangelistic Board and letters of encouragement and good wishes may be sent from time to time. It is necessary to make them all feel that they are all united in this great work of preaching the Good News about our Saviour. In this hard and difficult, yet joyous work they should be made to feel, wherever they are, throughout the length and breadth of the Gossner Church that, it is the One and the same Lord who has commanded them to go to their respective places, it is the same Lord who is attending to them in every need and that it is the same Lord who will be waiting to receive them at the end of the time He has given. There should be some ways to make them forget that they are alone and lonely in this work. The Board of Evangelism and Literature can take care of this. If proper thought



and attention are given, these valiant soldiers of Jesus Christ so widely scattered in five large provinces of this great land of India, an atmosphere can be created for them to feel that they are one team of selected people commissioned to win men and women for Christ from even the most inaccessible parts of the jungles.

## II The Work

On account of my illness I could not ask for reports earlier. But I wrote to all the pastors as per the above list on the 15th. January, 1966. I have already received reports from Nimdih and Sambalpur (Bamra) of Orissa and therefore there can be a justification in my having expected reports from many others who are much nearer than these places. I am now able to report only about the areas about which I have reports. I am supplementing these reports with the oral informations given by some of these pastors who had been invited to attend the conference which I had convened during the Ranchi Evangelistic Campaign held in November, 1965.

(a) South-East Anchal : In the South-east Anchal satisfactory work is being done in Singhbhum and Midnapur districts. The workers in these districts go out for preaching individually as well as in teams. The mission bungalow in Champua ( Keonjhar district ) was completed in summer 1965. Pastor Halan Samad has been posted there. This is absolutely a new area where work has been started. I am particularly grateful to God for guiding and helping us in procuring a piece of land and construction of a mission bungalow in an altogether unevangelised district. Mayurbhanj district suffered much on account of the illness of Rev. Hallan Samad and the forcible evacuation of our brethren from Simlipal congregations. In spite of persecutions the new small congregation at Kalaitumbe is steady.

In this area of south-east Anchal which is supervised by Rev. J. Soy there are 4 full time pastors, 18 full time and 7 part-time Pracharakas. They are working in Singhbhum district of Bihar, Mayurbhanj and Keonjhar districts of Orissa, and Midnapur district of West Bengal.

Reports have come regarding oppositions of Arja Samajists here and there but they have been unsuccessful. Our Supervisor Rev. Soy was able to make 4 rounds in Singhbhum congregations, 4 rounds in Mayurbhanj and 2 rounds in Midnapur districts during last year. 156 new converts belonging to 41 families were baptised in 1965 in this area.

Rev. Itmon Guria reporting about evangelistic work in Burju Ilaka writes that there are 6 evangelistic centres in this Ilaka, i.e. 1. Jambari, 2. Dulwa, 3. Bandhtoly, 4. Phatka, 5. Karanka, and 6. Barsudih. with one Pracharak in each of these centres especially engaged to preach among the non-Christians. The methods they are using are :

(i) Schools, (ii) House visiting, (iii) Welfare work. There are some

mature christians in these centres who help in this work by joining in bhajans and by taking part in prayer-meetings. In this area also the Arja Samajists are reported to be working against the Gospel but they are not successful. At Sarnately ( Dhulwa ) one Chiurkuta family has shown keen interest in our faith but they are showing hesitations on account of marriage problems. Attempts are being made to remove their difficulties. This is new tribe seeking entry into the fold of our Lord.

There is one Bengali Pracharak working among non-christians in Purulia area. One Pracharak is engaged at Basia among the Rautias and some Brahmins and the result is reported to be encouraging .

(b) Orissa Anchal : A. Sambalpur district ( Sometimes known as Bamra mission field ).... There are 6 full time Pracharaks and one full time pastor. The pastor has been closely connected with the Pracharaks in their work. There have been good results in Kulpal, Goreyabahal and Kuchinda. The new christian family baptised in 1964 has been instrumental in bringing 14 new souls of Kuchinda into the Church where there were no christians at all. Kuchinda is one of the sub-divisional headquarters of Sambalpur district on the way from Bamra to Deogarh. About 8 miles from Kuchinda ( between Kuchinda and Deogarh ) we have purchased a good piece of land close to the public road with a mind to make it the headquarters of the pastor. The name of the place is Rengarbera. The pastor reports that he has discovered ten christian ( Lutheran ) families in Riyamal who have been like lost sheep. No pastor or pracharak has visited them for the last ten years or more. He thinks that this is one of the most likely places where the field is ripe unto harvest and that evangelistic work should be extended in this area.

79 new converts were baptised in this area in 1965.

B. Sundargarh district : Rev. Samuel Tirkey reports that preaching is being carried out in villages Khaparlal, Siyanmal, Jorajam, Dumbarmunda, Khariakani, Taitjer and Pandripani. One Lehar girl is visiting Church services and is being instructed. Five families of Gidhpahari belonging to Gaur tribe want to be christians. A boy and a girl belonging to Ganda tribe also attend church service . Some non-christians come to church at Khamharimunda and at Jorajain. 3 Kerwa young men of kampur are attending church service with a view to be christian.

(c) North-West Anchal : This Anchal has some very important centres but I am able to say something only about the following :

A. Palamau district : Rev. Pritam Masih Ekka is in charge of the field. He reports that it has not been possible to do satisfactory work in this area where there are 13 centres very widely scattered. In 1965 16 converts were baptised through the work of the ordinary members of the congregations. Rev. Ekka gets his remuneration from the funds of the Ilaka only which perhaps is not adequate for a vigorous work in the area. One should know about the pracharaks of this area, their support and their work and I hope that we shall hear these in the next report. Beyond doubt this area has been in the mind of the Gossner Church for about fifty years but no proper planned work has been done there. British Churches of Christ and the Mennonite and the Roman Catholic Church are also working there. The total Lutheran population of whole Palamau district is about 900 according to 1964 census

B. Ranchi Ilaka ; Rev. Obed Toppe gave a glowing report last October about the excellent work which is being done in the Ranchi Ilaka. The Gospel is being preached among Oraons, Mundas, Kurmis, Hindus and Muhammedans . The following is the figure for baptism of converts for the last three years :

1963 ..... 63 , 1964 ..... 147 , 1965 ..... 51

Those who were baptised in 1965 were from Oraon & Munda tribes, plus one Turi family and one Muhammedan family. The most important centre is Sundil. At present there are 41 Dharmkhejaks who are under instruction. There has been bitter hostility and opposition from the non-christians in the area but the Lord has been with our workers and is protecting them.

C. Hatia ( Dhurwa ) : Rev. C.A. Bixal Tirkey reported that 16 new converts have been baptised and some are under instruction. Rev. Tirkey himself is in charge of this industrial centre congregation. The Syrian Church has placed a full time pastor there and the Church of India has also set apart a priest for this important place. Rev. Tirkey once asked me to conduct Harvest Festival Service including Holy Communion at Hineo . It was a great pleasure for me to be in that chapel which I had the privilege to dedicate about 20 years ago. Mr. Tirkey needs good backing and constant guidance.



D. Udaipur in Madhya Pradesh : Rev. Dharmdas Teppo who is in charge of this field reported that until 1st. February, 1965 there were eight congregations in all in this area and the total number of the christians was about 500. Recently the N.M.S. handed over ten congregations to our Church. Now there are 24 centres for which there are 25 pracharaks and one pastor and 1,164 baptised members. Since Feb. 65 61 new converts were baptised and there are about 60 Dharmkhojaks.

E. Hazaribagh Synod : Rev. Nicedim Bhuinya, President of the Hazaribagh Synod reports that, (i) Unpaid laymen and laywomen also give much help in preaching the Gospel. They go with the pracharaks to non-christian villages, preach among them, help conduct prayer meetings among christians and take Sunday School classes. (ii)... There are part-time pracharaks who are paid only ~~xxxxx~~ an allowance. They get their livelihood through other sources, e.g. as farmers, teachers in non-mission schools. The nature of their responsibility is to conduct Church services, to lead the laymen to non-christian villages for preaching and to instruct the enquirers (Dharmkhojaks) for baptism and for Confirmation. (iii) Full time pastors and pracharaks are responsible for taking care of the mission fields. They conduct services on Sundays and on other days, if necessary and convenient. They try to strengthen the faith of those who are baptised and they try to save them from the anti-christian propagandists.

There ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ are two full time pastors and six full time pracharaks set apart for evangelistic work among the non-christians. .... Rev. Yakub Lakra is in the Jobhia parish with his headquarters at Kura. There are three evangelistic centres in this parish, namely, Jobhia, Koti and Kura with one full time pracharak in each of these centres. Primary schools have been opened by the Church at Jobhia and Kura. Besides leading evangelistic work in these three centres the pastor is taking care of some old congregations also.

Rev. Premoday Kujur is in charge of the Jala parish. He lives at Singhani. There are three mission centres under Rev. Kujur, ~~namely~~ There is one full time evangelist in each of these centres which are : Jala, Bess, and Kejaya.

Oppositions are there but without success. In 1964 and 1965 there were 15 and 5 enquirers baptised respectively.

In these mission centres there are 614 baptised christians in all.

(d) Khuntitely Synod : Rev. Samuel Ddungdung reported that for many years evangelistic work in this area had been suspended for some reason or other. In 1965, with the help of the young people the work of preaching the Gospel has been restarted this year (1965). There are three centres with one pracharak in each centre, i.e.; Sijang, Baghima and Dantara. Within Khuntitely Synod there are more non-Adibasis than Adibasis. herefore our evangelistic work has to be done with the non-adibasis in our mind. Some of them have already become Dharmkhojaks.

(e) Headquarters Congregation at Ranchi : Rev. S. Kula and Mr. Khalil Rahman reported according to whom four converts have been baptised in 1965. It is obviously there is no planned evangelistic work done by this Congregation. Within the Ranchi town, now a city, there are many Gossner Church congregations, namely : (i) Main Church in Ranchi compound, (ii) Pathalkhudwa, (iii) Hatma, (iv) Harma, (v) Hineo. Besides these 5 congregations right in the heart of the Ranchi city, there are (vi) Kanke, (vii) Patrately, Namkum, (viii) Dibidih, and (ix) Hatia-Dhurwa. All these nine congregations are within about 12 miles from north to south and about 5 miles from east to west. To add to these 9 there is also the small congregation at Kherhately, Kokar within Ranchi city with a small chapel.

These ten congregations of the Gossner Church with the Ranchi city and its immediate suburbs are by no means an ignorable asset. The question is how to make use of these assets. I have proposed to the Secretary of the Ranchi Congregation, ~~Sacristan~~ Mr. Bhushan Khess to make some time available at one of the meetings of the Mandli Ranch to give me some time for a talk about a few plans for evangelistic work. He had kindly invited me at the meeting on the 11th. December but unfortunately I was already previously engaged and I could not go on that day. The next day I met with an accident and I have not yet recovered fully. I do hope that shortly I shall be able to be present at one of their meetings and then I shall place some concrete suggestions and begin some positive programme. I have also discussed with ~~pastor Dr. Basu who has xxxxxxxx~~



the Rev. Dr. Bage, pastor of the Ranchi congregation, and he has expressed his wish that I should initiate some programme in the city for regular evangelistic work. Chairman Dr. Bage and Secretary Mr. Khess have already shown keen interest and we can be quite confident that others will do the same.

( f ) The Assam Anchal : I have been greatly disappointed in the matter of Assam as no response has ever come from Assam inspite of my many letters. I believe the Anchal Adhyaksh with his vast area and manifold responsibilities does not find any time to write any reports. I do believe however that there are others who can be directed to look into this matter. The Pramukh Adhyaksh had gone to visit this field in the first week of December, 1965. When he came to see me in the hospital after his Assam tour I wanted him to tell me something about evangelism in Assam. I was happy to hear from him that some work is being done in the Diphu area among the Mikirs. There are, perhaps two pracharaks working among them. As far as I know two pracharaks have been working there for over ten years. These pracharaks had very inadequate financial support on account of which the work was very slow and un-noticeable. Since the Gossner Mission under the able guidance of Dr. Berg, has made a good sum of money available for a very efficient programme there, we should be expecting to hear some very encouraging news from this field.

### III Evangelistic Campaign at Ranchi .

I made a brief report on the Evangelistic Campaign held at Ranchi on the 6th. to 21st. November, 1965 under the leadership of Dr. Akbar Haqq and his father Rev. Abdul Haqq as representatives of the world famous Billy Graham Team. My report was published in the January, 1966 issue of the Gharbandhu, pages 7 to 9. During this Campaign which was organised under the Joint-Chairmanship of Rev. Dr. M. Bage our Pramukh Adhyaksh and the Rt. Rev. S.A.B.D. Hans, Bishop of Chotanagpur of the Church of India, Burma, Pakistan and Ceylon. Besides being one of the Advisers of the Campaign I was of collecting the Counselling Cards from the Counsellors and Advisers every evening. This kept me busy during the whole period of the Campaign from 7 : 30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Thousands of our Church members took part in this Campaign. Many came from long distances. Over 2,000 people submitted their counselling cards of whom more than 920 were from our Gossner Church. I handed over the original to the leaders of the team to be sent to the Billy Graham team headquarters and the other copy to the Pramukh Adhyaksh for necessary steps to be taken by our respective pastors for the spiritual shepherding and strengthening of those who obeyed the call and submitted their cards. It is learnt that all those who attended the Campaign whether they signed the Counselling Cards or not had deep spiritual experience. The Churches have that heavy responsibility of the follow-up work. About 50,000 people ( Christians and non-Christians ) heard the message. It appears that the non-Christian community which had an opportunity to hear the Gospel and to think about it is almost becoming cold and we have not been able to do any follow-up work to keep their hearts burning with the Word of God. One thing is absolutely made clear from these events that the Word of God is free and none can put it in bondage.

As decided by the Board of Evangelism and Literature and the Kendriye Sallahkari Sabha Rev. Dharmdas Toppe, Rev. Junas Sey, Rev. Christ Hardugan Tuti, Rev. Pritam Masih Ekka, Rev. Samuel Dungdung and myself were the official delegates from the Gossner Church to attend the Ranchi Evangelistic Campaign and they were all present. All who came from outside Ranchi were given their third class journey fare and Rs. 2.50 per day for their meals. The money given for food per day was not adequate and the pastors found it difficult to manage. But I was very happy to see their spirit in which they volunteered to suffer the loss. Rev. Dharmdas Toppe acted as Counsellor during the Campaign along with others and he did well.

### IV. Evangelistic Pastors' Conference.

It was indeed a great pleasure for to organise a Conference of the pastors of the Gossner Church who are engaged in evangelistic work. Although a very small group it was the first of its kind which ever took place in our Church. Selected few people came together from all over the fields of the Gossner Church except Assam, representing Bihar, Bengal, Orissa and Madhya Pradesh.



A. The Conference was held on the 18th., 19th., and the 20th. of November, 1965 in the Christ Church. All the meetings were opened and closed with a word of prayer. Pramukh Adhyaksh Dr. Bage presided over the meetings and in his absence Adhyaksh Rev. Junul Topono was voted to the chair. Rev. Dharmdas Toppe was appointed to be the Recording Secretary.

B. Rev. Dennis Clark gave a Bible lesson one day in the Conference and drew the attention of the members particularly to the methods of St. Paul. One day Rev. Russell Self spoke on Gospel Distribution. Both of them came on invitation extended to them by Director Tiga. They were indeed very helpful and inspiring.

C. Attendance : The following attended the conference :

1. Cand Theophil Here, Barbil 2. Rev. H. Dungdung, Rahgunathpur, 3. Rev. Luther Toppe, Sikwar, 4. Pracharak Joel Khakha, Lohardaga, 5. Mr. Joel Captain, Kathbari, 6. Rev. K.D. Soy, Kathbari, 7. Rev. C.B. Tirkey, Hatia, 8. Rev. D.D. Toppe, Udaipur, 9. Rev. S. Kula, Ranchi 10. Rev. Junas Soy, Chaibassa, 11. Rev. P.M. Ekka, Chandwa, 12. Rev. L. Topono, Chaibassa, 13. Rev. C.H. Thuti, Bamra, 14. Rev. S. Dungdung, Panisani, 15. Rev. Amis Bara, Ranchi, 16. Pracharak Khalil Rahman, Ranchi 17. Rev. C.B. Ekka, Rajgangpur, 18. Rev. Sharan Purty, Jojosereng 19. Rev. Innocent Aind, Gua, 20. Rev. S.A.B. Lakra, Ranchi, 21. Rev. Habil Topono, Govindpur, 22. Rev. Obed Toppe, Dibidih, 23. Rev. Santosh Surin, Ranchi, 24. Sri Miyaran Topono, 25. Adhyaksh Rev. J. Topono, Khunti, 26. Rev. J.A. Kujur, Ranchi, 27. Rev. Martin Jojo, Jamshedpur, 28. Rev. Joel Lakra, Ranchi, 29. Rev. Dr. M. Bage, Pramukh Adhyaksh, 30. Rev. J.J.P. Tiga, Director.

D. Present Machinery for Carrying on Evangelistic work of the Gossner Church : The Rev. Dr. Bage, Chairman of the Board of Evangelism and Literature referred to the decision of the K.S.S. made on March 11-14, 1965 which has been translated in to Hindi and given in the December, 1965 issue of the Gharbandhu. He explained clearly the present policy, arrangements and machinery for the achievement of success in fulfilling the evangelistic responsibility of the Gossner Church. He also referred to the noble and high purpose of the Gossner Mission expressed through Director Christian Berg and elaborately interpreted the purpose of abolishing the Joint Mission Board. He explained the necessity of bringing all evangelistic works under the Board of Evangelism and Literature. He also explained the purpose of appointing a Director for this department and the duties and responsibilities the K.S.S. has given to the Director. In doing so he read out in Hindi such duties and functions of Rev. J.J.P. Tiga, the Director.

The Pramukh Adhyaksh emphasised upon the need of doing evangelistic work collectively as one body and to extend the work among the non-Christians, more particularly among the non-Adibasis. He told that the Joint Mission Board has been abolished and the purpose of the Joint Mission Board is now transferred to the Board of Evangelism and Literature with the aim of extending it to the whole Church. He told that new areas have also been opened by the Church e.g; in the Mikir hills in Assam, in Udaipur, Palamau etc.

The Pramukh Adhyaksh told that the Director has to establish relationship among all the Anchals, to collect reports from all the field and to submit the report to the Board and the K.S.S. He has to co-ordinate all evangelistic works done in the different areas. The Director has to write articles on evangelism in the Gharbandhu in order to acquaint the members of the Church about the work of this Department. All the Anchals, Khuntitely Synod and the Headquarters Congregation at Ranchi are now semi-autonomous bodies to carry on the evangelistic work but the Board of Evangelism and Literature with the help of the Director will seek to maintain unity and mutual help among them. The Board of Evangelism and Literature will, at times direct the Anchals in this matter. The Director will present to the Board the needs, requests and recommendations for better and more efficient performance of the Department.

The Pramukh Adhyaksh told that the Director has been entrusted with the task of arranging for Refresher Courses and to arrange for suitable literature for the preaching of the Gospel, throughout the Gossner Church.

E. Reports from the Field workers : Reports were received and recorded. These have been incorporated in the report on work given above under no. II.



F.

Director's Talk On Evangelism Today.

Then I spoke to the members of the Conference on the above subject on the following lines : ( For details please see the Appendix )

1. To whom we have to preach today ? a. The student community of all levels, in the towns and in the villages where christian and non-christian students meet together today with much less prejudice and with greater measure of the feeling of nearness.

~~(i) Seeking those who have never heard the Gospel and are looking for a new and better type of society.~~

b. The Industrial Community  
(i) Seeking those who belong to the fold but are for the time being lost in the expanding non-christian community of the industrial centres, and (ii) Seeking those who have never heard the Gospel and are looking for a new and better type of society.

c. Rural Community : Growing desire among the citizens to have some common grounds, common causes and common platforms for mutual exchange of thought and mutual sharing of religious, social and other kind of experience.

d. The Urban Community : No more homogeneous, simple and illiterate but heterogeneous, complex and unyielding. Once the Pracharak was taken to be the leader of the village without any question but today it is not so. The community is already under diverse, and sometimes conflicting influences.

e. Unclassified community : These belong to none of the above ... coolies, rejas, rikshaw-walas, sweepest etc. livings in the slums of the towns.

f. The educated and the highly placed : These are of the type of Nicodemus who come in the secret to ask for the way to enter into the Kingdom of God.

2. How should we prepare for preaching ? We are not Eveready batteries. Even if we are, we lose power after some use just like the batteries. It is essential that the evangelist prepares himself always for his task. The following are a few hints for the preparation :

a. Live in the presence of the Lord without ceasing. He does not want you to preach without Him and He will never allow you to go alone.  
b. Meditate upon the situation in which your hearers live.  
c. Respect the good points which you find in them. Look for them.  
d. Study the needs of your people and be ready to be closely associated with them in their difficulties.

e. Identify yourself with the humblest and the poorest of your listeners. Our association with them in their circumstances is very helpful. But this is not easy. One has to fortify himself with this quality with prayer and patience, and good deal of forbearance.

f. Patiently and sympathetically hear what they have to say about their religion and their faith. Then with heavenly wisdom pick up the opportunities and contribute in the conversation from the Word of Life.

g. Study carefully your own materials, apparatus, equipments, charts, pictures, text, bhajans etc.

h. Find companions prayerfully, carefully and deal with them kindly and tactfully.

i. Organise Bible study groups with a view to prepare volunteers to accompany you. It is the Lord by His Word and His Holy Spirit who will find companions for you to walk through the untrodden tracks.

j. Live in the presence of your supporters and well-wishers. Don't forget that there are many who are silently with you in this great work. Send reports, send request, send recommendations. Even if you have to be disappointed at times, continue to ask for help from people who have been appointed by the Lord's Church to help you and support you. If your needs are genuine, you will be heard and your needs will be met. Above all trust in God and launch upon your task ... EXPECT GREAT THINGS FROM GOD  
ATTEMPT GREAT THINGS FOR GOD.

3. Methods of Evangelism : In these days of wonderful discoveries we can talk about many expensive methods of doing evangelistic work. There are many evangelists who are using these methods today... television, films, radios, loudspeakers, publication of suitable literature and their free distributions. But, at present, we are unable to think of. God willing time may come when we shall use these methods also. But the following methods are handy and we can always use them.



## ( Methods of Evangelism )

a. Bazar preaching : Not necessarily in the same way of standing in one corner and preaching with a loud voice. Today we can have a small number of cheap, and yet good christian literature with a message of salvation, sit on a mat at one place and quietly talk about the books to those who pass by. They will be interested and they will catch a few words and buy them, read them at home.

b. Family preaching : Proceed from known to unknown. Men and women can go together in small numbers, not too many, to visit the families in suitable hours.

c. Person to person preaching : One of the most effective ways of preaching.

d. Village preaching : In the villages there are certain hours when villages sit leisurely and they are prepared to listen " sandesh ", news or messages. Groups of christian are welcomed by them & they create facilities for preaching. Very often they invite to visit them again.

e. Occasional preaching : There are occasions when non-christian neighbours come to the houses of christians e.g; dedication of a well of a member of the congregation, a marriage, dedication of a house, Christmas etc. A well worked out programme will afford very acceptable opportunity for the Good Seed to be sown.

f. Adult Education : The National Christian Council, the Regional Christian Councils and the Government are all looking for people who can help them advance this programme. If proper attempts are made financial help will also be available. Why not take this opportunity? Classes may be held either at mid-day or in the evenings.

g. Gospel-packet distribution : The Bible Society is extending a very valuable help. We can get Gospels at concession rate and on the top of that we shall get some free literature and plastic bags in order that we may be able to preach through sale of these Gospel portions in an attractive way and at cheap rates. Any layman can use this method by setting apart -25 naya paisa for this.

h. Medicine box : This is a very humble way of healing ministry. In our new fields we come across many sick non-christians. Our evangelists will find it very convenient to approach them with cheap patent medicines. This need not be a very expensive project. I hope the ~~patients~~ patients will gladly pay a few paises for the medicines they get, at least the cost price. For 100 pracharaks at the rate of Rs. 10/- each, it will mean an investment of Rs. 1000/-.

i. Flannel Graph : A very cheap and easily available audio-visual aid equipment. ... an ordinary blanket, an ordinary khalta ( cot ) or a wall, and some picture-cuttings will serve the purpose. It is not mere a question of money but that of a training.

j. Worship programmes : Attractive, devoted worship programmes inside or outside the church building are an act of preaching. Open windows and open doors during such service let the word of God reach many longing ears.

k. Missionary Bhajans : Bhajans in Mundari, Oraon, Kharria, Hindi, Bengali, Oriya etc. have proved to be of great value in approaching the non-christians. But we lack in suitable and appropriate bhajans for use during our evangelistic campaign. It will be very helpful if with the co-operation of all of us we shall be able to compile about 100 bhajans in all these languages in such tunes which are appreciated by our people.

l. Individual and family prayers : Our whole country is a worshipping country. Our Christian worship, individual and family, of morning and evening, are by no means less effective methods of calling the attention of our countrymen to our God, the Father, Son and the Holy Ghost whom we worship whom we consider to be ever with us, even in everywalk of our daily life.

g. Vote of Thanks : The conference of the evangelistic pastors came to a close with an expression of thanks to the K.S.S. for providing the facilities for this conference and to those who attended. It was all by the grace of God that this meeting could be held.

The Bramukh Adhyaksh closed the conference with a word of prayer and thanks to the Almighty God.

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### V. Obstacles, Difficulties and Obstructions.

- 1) Difficulties of the enquirers :
  - a. Non-christians from other tribes, Hindus and Mahomedans are finding social difficulties e.g; marriage.
  - b. Our division in the Gossner Church... which party to choose when the contending parties approach and pull on two different directions. This is more conspicuous in Orissa.
  - c. Interference from other churches (denominations). Baptists from Sambalpur are actively disturbing our work in Bamra area.
  - d. The Arja Samajists are actively busy with those who are baptised and they always try to take them back.
  - e. Kartik Oraon Movement : In recent months this very aggressive movement is working against us and our new converts are in great danger. They have a training institute for their workers and they have highly paid people going around wherever our work is going on, especially in the Ranchi and Lohardaga area. It is learnt that one of our Theological College students (a new convert) has been won over and he has left the College. Obviously he is new with them. There are similar movements e.g; Lakhe Bedra movement in Singhbhum, busy only to stop onward movement of Christianity.
  - f. Parha Impositions : Old customs, especially among the Mundas of charging from the bridegroom a number of oxen, money and some pieces of clothes etc and weighing heavy for some of our enquirers and new christians. This is particularly the case in the Bamra mission field.
  - g. Poojah Chanda : The village headmen and the non-christian villagers have some village gods or deities for whom they have annual offerings to make. All the members of the village are compelled to pay this subscription for offering to these deities. When our new converts refuse to pay, they are at once penalised in many ways of which the most destructive is to destroy their property and to deprive them of their landed property which they have just managed to acquire or are in the process of cleaning up, their names are just about to be recorded. This is a very acute problem. Many who would want to be christian are stopped right here. The economic problem is so great and there is no other source of livelihood. They are not stopped from becoming christian but they are demanded to pay the annual Pooja chanda which once they pay, there is no one to disturb them.
  - h. Life and character of the christians : Hardly any newness is seen or observed by the non-christians except external style-- shirt, pant, tie etc. which they have already accepted and enjoy them. They have to see something better in us which they must covet to own.
- 2) Difficulties of the workers :
  - a. Pastors and preachers who are far away from their native homes and from the bulk of christian community are not free from anxieties for the support of their families. They have no facilities for the education of their children.
  - b. They do not have bare necessities for their travel etc. to visit the scattered converts and enquirers.
  - c. Some of the pastors and preachers in the mission fields have no proper houses to live in. They live in most unhealthy conditions.
  - d. Want of Bible chrats and pictures and such other equipments make them feel handicapped.
- 3) Need to make a survey of the entire field : In the absence of a survey of the evangelistic fields throughout the Gossner Church it is difficult to say where money and men should be used to the best advantage. The fields are of different types. When the budget is prepared, all the fields should be examined with a definite criteria, not just to divide a given grant into three or four equal parts. There must be a principle which should be "evangelistic" in spirit and outlook on which the resources should be utilised. Evangelism should be considered both as (1) local and as (2) united activity of the total membership of the Church. Therefore recruiting for this work should also be done keeping this in mind. All those working for the spread of the Kingdom as a special work given to them, should have the feeling of one team, one company of soldiers, no matter in part of the Gossner Church's geographical jurisdiction they are labouring.



4) In the Midnapur district some false allegations have been brought against some of our new christians and they are now under the custody of the ~~mat~~ police. In the Ranchi area where under the leadership of Rev. Obed Toppe Mahomedans are beginning to be baptised the Mahomedan community has gathered their communal force to fight against the trend.

Many of our workers, under all these circumstances are "Serving the Lord with all humility of mind, and with many tears and temptations" (Acts 20 : 19).

How many of us remember them with sympathy, goodwill, opening of our hearts and purses for them?

#### VI Baptism of new converts in 1965.

According to reports received up to date is as follows :

|                                                                                               |       |                                               |     |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|-----------------------------------------------|-----|
| South-east Anchal                                                                             | ....  | <del>156</del> Rev. J. Soy ( Rev. J. Soy) ... | 156 |
| Orissa Anchal ( H.Tuti..79 & S.Tirkey ..1 )                                                   | ..... |                                               | 80  |
| North-west Anchal ( Obed Toppe... 51, C.A.B.Tiskey...16,<br>D.D.Toppe...84, P.M.Ekka ... 16 ) | ..... |                                               | 167 |
| Ranchi Hdqrs                                                                                  | ..... | Dr. M.Bage.....                               | 4   |
| Khuntitely Synod                                                                              | ..... |                                               |     |
| Assam Anchal                                                                                  | ..... |                                               |     |
| Total                                                                                         |       |                                               | 407 |

#### VII. Literature of the Gossner Church.

##### 1. Gharbandhu.

As I have been appointed Assistant Editor of the Gharbandhu I have a few words to say about the Gharbandhu. I joined as such in October 1965 from which month I have always been giving some article for each issue. I have been writing the Editorial every month. At the request of Mr. Paulus Kerketta I have also been seeing some of the Mss. and the proof sheets. I am glad to hear from Dr. Berg that my humble services in this connection have been appreciated by Mr. Mittenhuber who has written to Dr. Berg. I am also trying to see that the despatch department is also improved but my advices have not been heard. I am sorry to learn from Dr. Berg that the despatching of copies of Gharbandhu is not properly done. Many subscribers are reported not to be getting the Gharbandhus. They have not received in Berlin for the last six months. Rev. N.Minz complains to Dr. Berg that there in U.S.A. he has not got any of the issues. I have also heard from many here in Chotanagpur who are not getting their copies. I must state that I have not got any responsibility of controlling this affair. There may be many who would expect me to look into this matter but I must have to go only according to instructions I get from the authorities.

##### 2. Evangelistic Literature.

I have written two such of a series of ten as it has been in the plan. At least about the first of these I know that it has been approved by the Board of Evangelism and Literature but it has not yet been printed. As soon as the first one is printed, I would like to write the fourth and the fifth.

##### 3. Books : I have handed over to Mr. Mittenhuber Mss. on the "Life and Work of St. Paul" in Hindi.

I am prepared to receive criticisms and comments. So far there has been none.

#### VIII Money from Gossner Mission.

I am very glad to hear from Dr. Berg that the Gossner Mission has again sanctioned a grant of Rs. 56,000.-- for 1966 an amount equal to what was sent in 1965 and that he has already sent the first instalment of Rs. 5,950 "Although" Dr. Berg writes we have not received a general report about mission activities and about the use of the Gossner Mission contribution ( approximately Rs.56,000.00) up till now". In another letter Dr. Berg expresses his desire of getting clear financial statement of the money received from the Gossner Mission.

In both of these points we have failed. I hope we shall do better soon. Many thanks to the Gossner Mission.



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# VI. REQUESTS & RECOMMENDATIONS

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## Bamra Field :

1. Bedrama and Bandhabhuin of Sambalpur district : The brethren of these two places are suffering in the hands of the Gauntiyas and the villagers. Legal questions also seem to be involved. The property of the Church at Bedrama which has been in long use is in the danger of being lost. The property of Sri Abraham Samad of Bandhabhui is endangered and the congregation which is very small is under persecution. There is no Pracharak particularly for them. Some one is visiting them from elsewhere. There is a chapel but no house for the pracharak.

The Peejah Chanda problem is a real obstacle in the Bamra area where people try to migrate from other places and try to make new settlements.

Recommendation : A Dharm-mela be organised in a large scale at Badrama meant for the whole of that area. Leaders arrange to go there for at least three days and (1) Strengthen the Christians in the faith and (2) give a biblical and legal answer to the local political authorities.

2. New centres of Bamra area : (1) Katarkela, (2) Kuchinda, (3) Niktimal, and (4) Athpara ... New conversions have taken place in these new centres and the new Christians are in need of shepherding and the area is ready for more evangelistic work.

Recommendation : Four more full time pracharaks be given for the Bamra area.

3. Paster's house : The paster has no, properly speaking, a paster's lodge. The one which was at Kulpal was most unhealthy. The paster's wife has been sick for a long time. There was already a plan to build a house for the paster at Rengarbera where a site has been bought.

Recommendation : House at Rengarbera for a paster be constructed this year. Ground-breaking has already been in the presence of the members of the congregation, the village headman and others. The land has been registered in the name of the Church. I applied for mutation in 1964 and I hope it has been done by this time.

4. Houses for Pracharaks : Five are needed ... Kulpal, Gereyabahal, Bedrama, Chhaura and Bihbari.

Recommendation : These be granted.

5. Chapels are needed at Kulpal and Gereyabahal.

Recommendation .... These be granted.

B.

## Singbhum-Bayurbhani-Konjhar- Midnapur area

1. More Pracharaks : Rev. Soy wants 6 more Pracharaks for his area.

Recommendation : This request be granted.

2. Institutions : There are no hospitals, agricultural farms, schools or hostels in this area. Rev. Soy suggests that some of these be given in suitable places.

Recommendation : The Anchal Sabha be asked to study this and make suitable recommendations through Rev. Soy.

3. North-west Anchal area

1. Lurea and Pathalgao : It is reported that sites have been bought in both of these places in the Udaipur area for the Church, registration has yet to be done but steps are being taken.

Recommendation : Rev. Dh. D. Toppe be asked to prepare plans for the use of these two new sites.

2. More Pracharaks : Rev. Toppe writes that the work and centres are rapidly growing and he needs 15 more Pracharaks. This is a very good sign.

Recommendation : 15 more Pracharaks be sent given for this area.

3. Rs. 700/- for purchase of land and construction of some houses in the centres.

Recommendation : Rs. 700/- be granted.

4. Chapels : Now there have become 26 centres in Udaipur area. There are chapels only in three places, namely at Katangjer, Burhadanr and Tolya. 23 centres are without any kind of places of worship.

Recommendation : The Anchal Sabha be asked to consider this serious matter and recommend what they want.

5. Financial help to students. The N.M.S. helps the students in the nearby area. If our students are not helped there will be a reaction.

Recommendation : The situation be studied carefully by the Anchal authorities and suitable recommendations be submitted.



## VIII Requests and Recommendations ( Contd. )

## D. General recommendations

1. Refreshers' Courses ..... Please see my ~~markings~~ previous reports and recommendations. I have not yet heard from the K.S.S. what decision the K.S.S. and the B.E.L. have made.
2. In March 1965 when the Board of Ev. and Lit. met with Dr. Berg a small Commission of myself and Rev. Kloss was appointed to make a survey and to bring suitable recommendations for the whole Church but so far, to my knowledge, nothing has been done. This should be pursued.
3. General Christian Literature : A sum of money should be set apart say about Rs. 500/- so that literature in different languages may be obtained and distributed to all the evangelistic pastors and preachers for sale during their work and to use them as help in preaching.
4. Medicine box : Udaipur area was given some money for purchase of medicine for administration to the sick. This project should be extended in the other areas also, e.g.; ~~at~~ Bamra and Singhbhum ( including Keenjhar, Mayurbhanj and Midnapur )
5. Adult Education : All the workers in the mission fields should be asked to open Adult Literacy classes which will facilitate their coming into close contact with the villagers. If one knows how to deal with the men and women who attend these classes he will himself find it interesting and he will naturally become influential in the village. He will win many friends from the community among whom he lives and works.
6. Houses for worship and workers : Such houses, on the average, cost between Rs. 100/- to Rs. 200/-. They are not supposed to be quite permanent, at least for a number of years. For the time being there are about 40 of such places. If we can provide for these 40 at the rate of Rs. 200/- each for a pracharak's house cum a room for worship we need Rs. 8,000/- and our workers will have better housings. In the villages, at least in many of them, there will be some one who will be ready to give a piece of land for this purpose.
7. Gospel packets : I have already written to the Pramukh Adhyaksh in this connection and he has written the Director, Gossner Mission. I have received also a letter from Dr. Berg expressing his consent and he points out that there is a balance in our 1965 account out of which this can be done. This should be expedited so that when the pastors come for the Pastors' Refresher Course in March this year the packets may be distributed. This should be treated URGENT.
8. Meetings of the Board of Evangelism and Literature : I think that the Board should be more active. There can be an Executive of the Board which should deal with the day to day business so that quick decisions and quick actions may be ensured.

Respectfully submitted to the Pramukh Adhyaksh of  
the G.E.L. Church ( President of the Board of  
Evangelism and Literature and the K.S.S. )

copy to :

1. The Secretary, K.S.S.
2. Dr. G. Berg, Director, Gossner Mission.

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Berlin 41, 10 February 1966

Pramukh Adhyaksh  
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*Handwritten signature: J. Hoffmann*

Subject: Contribution of the Gossner Church to the mission programme  
of the East-Asia-Christian Conference

Dear Brother Bage,

On behalf of the Gossner Church, we already made a contribution to the mission programme of the East-Asia-Christian Conference under the leadership of Dr. D. Niles last year. As the Gossner Church is a member of this important Board, you were grateful for this support. We both agreed during our discussions here in Berlin that a further contribution be made in 1966 by us since it is not possible or very difficult to get Rupees out of India. Dr. Hoffmann, secretary for Asia in DEMR, will transfer the amount of

DM 4.000,--

which we sent to him.

I am sure that you will agree to this procedure. Dr. Hoffmann will transfer this amount to the brothers of the East-Asia-Christian Conference on your behalf and at your request.

With brotherly greetings,  
I am Yours,

*Handwritten signature: J. Hoffmann*

cc/ Dr. Hoffmann DEMR/ Hamburg  
cc/ treasurer of KSS / Ranchi  
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Lieber Massallan,

auf dem Weg zur Verabschiedung von Ehepaar Dammer in Augsburg bin ich gerade bei DÜ in Stuttgart. Wie Bruder Berg mir telefonisch gerade mitteilt, ist es jetzt endgültig klar, daß Herr Rech zurückkommt. Somit eilt die Nachfolgerfrage. Hier in Stuttgart liegt eine Bewerbung vor und nach allem, was ich gehört habe, wäre der Mann für Purullia geeignet. Die offene Frage ist, daß er eine katholische Frau hat, die Ehe katholisch getraut ist und somit, wenn Kinder kommen, diese katholisch erzogen werden. Ich sehe mich nicht in der Lage, darüber eine Entscheidung zu fällen, ob er damit für Purullia nicht in Frage kommt. Dies kann meiner Meinung nach nur von dem KSS entschieden werden. Die Sache eilt nun so, daß ich bis zum 17. Februar von Dir eine Antwort in Kastell haben muß. Im Notfall mußt Du telegrafieren. Denn dieser Mann könnte dann noch rechtzeitig kündigen, um im April an dem Vorbereitungskurs von DÜ teilzunehmen. Im anderen Fall könnte er frühestens im Januar eintreffen. Gib also bitte sofort Nachricht.

Außerdem solltest Du nach Rücksprache mit Herrn Rech einen offiziellen Antrag bei DÜ stellen, daß der Vertrag von Herrn Rech bis mindestens 1. November verlängert wird. Dies kannst Du schriftlich tun, aber bitte auch nicht allzu lange hinausschieben. Ich bin der Meinung, wir dürfen Purullia auf keinen Fall unbesetzt lassen und die Auswahl von Bewerbern ist nicht groß.

In der Hoffnung, umgehend von Dir zu hören, bin ich m

mit herzlichen Grüßen  
Dein



GOSSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN Chotanagpur & Assam.

Ref. No. 265/66

From :-

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

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Erledigt:.....

To,

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

Ranchi, the 24th Jan '66.

Dear Brother Berg,

With joy I have to inform you that I have arrived safe and sound. Yesterday I accompanied Landessuperintendent Peters and Prof. Beyerhaus to Govindpur. Govindpur visit was nice. I hope that you will get good reports from the Brethren. Our K.S.S. is going to meet on Jan. 28th to Febr. 2nd 1966. After this meeting you will get the full financial statement with regard to the use of money received from Gossner Mission during 1965.

With thanks for the hospitality I was extended at Berlin by the Gossner Mission.

Yours Sincerely,

M Bage

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



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

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Berlin 41, 17 January 1966

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

Ranchi / BIHAR  
INDIA

Subject: Two motor-cycles

Dear Brother Bage,

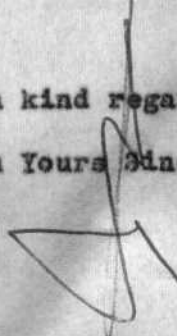
I like to inform you quite early in the year 1966 that we have included in our budget 1966 the costs for two motor-cycles of DM 4.000,-- each, according to our talks with Rev. Aind last year. The cycles are to be given to two leading brothers in the Anchals of the GELC in order to strengthen their service of pastoral care and visitation in the congregations.

Maybe, you could get the cycles in time for the hot season, when they are specially welcomed, if they are ordered immediately after your return to India and if it is pointed out that they will be paid in foreign currency. Please, ask Brother Montag for the money as soon as the motor-cycles have been delivered. It should be paid out of the Ten-Year-Building-Plan. We shall send the equivalent amount to Brother Montag immediately.

We hope that this small help will be of much profit to the brothers who obtain the cycles and will not only unburden them but also help to enlarge their field of activity.

With kind regards,

I am Yours Sincerely,



cc/ Secretary of KSS  
Mr. Montag

P. Seeborg

f.d.7. 1974

Besprechungen  
Dr. Bage/ Dr. Berg im Gossnerhaus  
16./18.1.66

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In einem Kurzprotokoll soll festgehalten werden, was in den einzelnen Fragen zwischen beiden Herren angesprochen wurde.

1. Hostel-Programm

Leider ist diese Frage am 13.1. in dem Genfer Komitee des LWB nicht zur Sprache gekommen, weil Bruder Schwert Dr. Bage über meinen Brief Mitte November nicht ausführlich unterrichtete oder aber Dr. Bage die Unterlagen nicht rechtzeitig zustellte (vgl. auch Schwert-Brief von Anfang Januar mit seiner Bemerkung "über die Panne" an diesem Punkt).

Dies ist sehr schmerzlich, weil uns das wahrscheinlich die Verzögerung des Programms um 1 Jahr bringt, wenn es nicht noch gelingt, unter Überspringung festgelegter Prozeduren den Antrag noch rechtzeitig für die BFDW-Sitzung Ende März vorzulegen. Das erscheint mir aber sehr zweifelhaft.

2. Relief for India

Auch diese Frage ist am 13.1. in Genf nicht angesprochen und behandelt worden. Hoffentlich bewahrheitet sich Dr. Bages Überzeugung, daß LWF in eigener Zuständigkeit diese Angelegenheit bearbeitet und dann auf Grund der Unterlagen und Vorschläge aus Ranchi und dem Gossnerhaus an BFDW herantritt.

3. Visa

Die Wichtigkeit rascher Förderung der beiden Anträge Familie Dr. Dell und Schwester Monika Schutzka wurde von Dr. Berg unterstrichen, da für beide die Schiffsplätze ab Venedig 1.4.66 fest gebucht sind. Hoffentlich kann bis spätestens Ende Februar in beiden Fällen das Visum erwartet werden.

4. Rech/Purulia

Wenn tatsächlich die Ehescheidung Rech erfolgt, sieht es Dr. Bage als schwer möglich an, daß Herr Rech einen zweiten Term dort annimmt, so dringend wünschenswert das wäre. Offenbar hat ein persönlich seelsorgerliches Gespräch P. Schmidt/Rech, das Dr. Berg schon über Herrn Montag mündlich dringend angeraten hatte, keine Änderung in der Haltung Rechts herbeigeführt. Daher hat Dr. Berg am 18.1. an Herrn Rech geschrieben und nochmals an ihn appelliert. Ein Erfolg wird sehr zweifelhaft sein, so daß jetzt rechtzeitig mit DU über einen etwaigen Nachfolger in Purulia verhandelt werden sollte. Dr. Bage zweifelt, ob J. Lakra nach Ableistung seines Exams die Aufgabe in Purulia selbständig übernehmen könne und wolle. Er rechnet seinerseits damit, daß Lakra



nach Erlangung des Diploms wohl in die Industrie von Rourkela oder Ranchi gehen wird.

5. Besuch aus der GEL Church 1966 in Deutschland

Es erscheint nach allen Richtungen hin am zweckmäßigsten, wenn Rev. Tiga eingeladen wird, zmal er als Kandidat auf der Liste steht.

Wegen der Vorbereitung der bevorstehenden Wahlen für die leitenden Ämter in der GEL Church möchte es angezeigt sein, Adhyaksh Minz/Gumla, zu drängen, wiewohl er nochmals gefragt werden sollte. Rev. Tiga dagegen ist nicht irgendwie in die Wahlen verwickelt, und seine Berichte über die Missionsarbeit in Indien würden die Gemeinden wahrscheinlich besonders interessieren.

*nicht*

6. Pensions-Fonds

In der Erwartung, daß das KSS jetzt Ende Januar feste und durchführbare Regulationen für den Pensions-Fonds schafft und eine Hilfe von auswärts nicht nur hochwillkommen, sondern dringend notwendig ist, wird die Goßner Mission ab 1966 in den nächsten Jahren 20.000,- DM dafür bereitstellen und sagt diese Summe fest zu. In welchem Umfang dieser Betrag abgerufen wird oder vorläufig in Europa verbleibt, wird Dr. Bage uns im Goßnerhaus klar wissen lassen.

7. Unionsverhandlungen

Dr. Berg orientiert Dr. Bage über das Gespräch mit den Freunden von Breklum Ende Oktober und übergibt ihm zu seiner Kenntnis ein Protokoll jener Sitzung, nachdem Dr. Bage schon sehr erfreut von dieser Zusammenkunft gehört hatte. Er beurteilte es als sehr hilfreich, wenn die Home-Boards der beteiligten Kirchen klare Absprachen treffen in dem Maße, wie die Verhandlungen in Indien weiter gedeihen.

Im Augenblick ist darin ein Stillstand, aber Dr. Bage wird zwei der Kirchen in nächster Zeit besuchen und dann den Entwurf einer Konstitution der von der Federation geschaffenen Committees zur Beratung vorlegen. Klar ist deren Beschluß: Erst Einigung der lutherischen Kirchen, dann gegebenenfalls Aufnahme der Verhandlungen mit dem geplanten größeren Verband aller christlichen Kirchen Nordindiens.

8. Gemeinsames College für Lutheraner und Anglikaner

Dr. Bage orientierte seinerseits nochmals über die begonnenen Verhandlungen, deren Ausgang er als positiv erwartet. Im wesentlichen bestätigte er das von Pfarrer Kloss schon schriftlich Mitgeteilte.

Dr. Berg bat darum, Dr. Dell nach der Aufnahme seiner Arbeit in Ranchi, die hoffentlich Ende 1966 erfolgen könne, wenn alles wie geplant lief, nicht die Aufgabe des Superintendenten für das Hostel der Theologiestudenten zu übertragen. Damit solle die Kraft Dells nicht zersplittern, sondern ihn so

ausschließlich wie möglich für seine Lehraufgaben unter Studenten und evtl. Pfarrern ausnutzen.

Ebenfalls erläuterte Dr. Bage die Hintergründe des Personalwechsels J. Lakra/Rev.Tete/Rev. S. Kujur.

9. Missionsaufgabe in Assam

Dr. Bage war außerordentlich beeindruckt von seinem Besuch in Assam, der nicht zuletzt der beginnenden Arbeit unter den Mikirs gegolten habe. Die Arbeit werde ihren erfreulichen Fortgang nehmen, und der im Goßnerhaus zur Verfügung stehende Betrag werde sicher im Laufe des Jahres abgerufen werden. Er sagte einen schriftlichen Bericht zu, den er als geeignet für die Veröffentlichung im Goßnerblatt abfassen werden.

10. 5. Anchal

Dr. Bage spricht sich sehr bestimmt dafür aus - - - daß man nämlich in Madha Pradesh die dortigen Gemeinden und später auch unter Hinzufügung der neu gewonnenen Christen in Ambikapur zu einem 5. Anchal zusammenfasse und aus dem Nordwest-Anchal herauslöse. Eine entsprechende Ergänzung der Verfassung der GEL Church erscheine ihm nicht schwierig. Die Uraos würden durch eine solche Maßnahme eine stärkere, angemessene Vertretung in allen Gremien der Kirche bekommen. Dr. Berg stimmt dieser Intention lebhaft zu und erhofft auch seinerseits baldige Verwirklichung in allen zuständigen Stellen der Goßnerkirche.

11. Khuntitoli

Dr. Bage beurteilt die Situation als besonders erfreulich und konsolidiert, weil Herr Bruns eine gute Hand in der Zusammenfassung der verschiedenen Mitarbeiter hat. Die Ernte ist gut, auch die Kühe aus Deutschland befinden sich wohl. Sorge bereitet freilich, ob in der heißen Zeit keine Rückschläge kommen werden.

Auch zu den Plänen der ASMA steht Dr. Bage selbstverständlich sehr positiv.

12. Fudi

Unter den mancherlei Informationen liegt Dr. Bage daran, ob es nicht zweckmäßig wäre, dem TTC für einige Jahre einen von der GEL Church unabhängigen Status zu geben, um ihm ein Höchstmaß an Freiheit zu gewähren.

Dr. Berg will im März mit Herrn Frischknecht in Zürich über dessen Erfahrungen in Nettur/Südindien sprechen und sich dann schriftlich dazu äußern.

Die Personalschwierigkeiten in Fudi sind drängend. Die finanzielle Situation scheint zur Zeit nicht so angespannt und nicht Grund zu akutem Besorgnis.

13. Finanzberater

Herrn Montag geht es besonders um eine Vollmacht, um auf Grund des Survey finanzielle Maßnahmen in Angriff nehmen zu



können. Dr. Bage und Dr. Berg sind darin einig, daß es sich nicht um eine General-Power handeln kann, sondern um die Vollmacht, bestimmte, klar bezeichnete Aufgaben in Angriff zu nehmen (Landverkauf, Planung einiger Häuser auf diesem oder jenem compound, etc.). Es ist zu hoffen, daß Herr Montag unter diesen Umständen seinen Dienst fortzusetzen bereit ist.

14. Wellesly Square Church u. Rev. Devadas

Dr. Berg orientiert darüber, daß die Entscheidung des Court im Gange ist und demnächst bevorsteht. Er habe Herrn Montag gebeten, gerade kürzlich noch zwei Tage anwesend zu sein. Die Aussichten stehen nicht ungünstig. Ein Vergleich ist erst seitens der Schotten abgelehnt, dann, als sie ihre Haltung änderten, von unserer Seite. Rev. Ishida seitens des Weltbundes hat finanzielle Hilfe für die Durchführung des Court-Case leider ablehnen müssen. Da Rev. Devadas bis zu 10.000,- Rs Auslagen durch die Gerichtsverhandlung gehabt hat, empfiehlt es sich, ihm zu helfen, da er sein Property schriftlich der Goßnerkirche übereignet hat.

Dr. Berg räumt die Notwendigkeit ein und weist auf den Fonds der Planungskommission als einzige Möglichkeit. Der Betrag zwischen 5 - 10.000,- Rs müsse aber refinanziert werden, wenn bei positivem Ausgang der LWB in das Projekt als ein lutherisches Zentrum in Calcutta einsteige.

15. Hospital-Planung

Dr. Bage erläutert die bisherige Stellungnahme der Commission. Ranchi entfiere wahrscheinlich als zukünftiger Platz, obwohl Adhyaksh Minz/Gumla noch daran festhalte. Die ärztliche Versorgung in Ranchi sei durch das neu errichtete Regierungshospital sehr viel besser geworden. In Guña und Khunti beständen Landshwierigkeiten, die aber vielleicht gelöst werden könnten. Er begünstige Khunti nicht unbedingt, weil es nahezu im Bereich der Munda liegen würde. Es sei auch noch der Gedanke aufgetaucht, das Hospital auf dem noch zur Verfügung stehenden Gelände von Fudi zu etablieren. Die Beratungen seien aber noch nicht abgeschlossen.

16. Entschluß Hedwig Schmidt

Dr. Bage erläuterte, warum und unter welchen Bedingungen er und die Brüder dem privaten Entschluß Schwester Hedwigs zugestimmt hätten, nach Indien zu kommen: Sie seien unbesorgter um das Ergehen der betagten Schwester A. Diller, wenn jemand um sie sei, zumal sie außerhalb des Goßner-Compound in Ranchi wohne.

Bei dem Beschluß sei strikt ausgesprochen, daß die Schwestern sich in keiner Weise um Govindpur einmischen dürften und lediglich Literaturarbeit treiben können, wenn diese vom Beirat des Publishing-House angenommen würde. Ebenfalls dürften sie Einladungen der Frauen folgen, wenn sie darum gebeten würden.

Dr. Berg war dankbar für die Orientierung, ohne in besonderer Weise darauf zu drängen.

17. Stipendienhilfe der Goßner Mission

Dr. Bage würde es begrüßen, wenn die Goßner Mission ein Limit erkläre, damit das Kuratorium nicht durch ständig sich steigernde Zulassungen zu den Institutionen Jahr für Jahr mehr in Anspruch genommen würde.

Dr. Berg bezeichnet den jetzigen Stand von 40.000,- DM in etwa als das Maximum dessen, was das Goßnerhaus leisten könne. Dr. Bage bat um einen Brief in dieser Sache.

18. Zehnjähriger Bauplan

Dr. Bage würde es begrüßen, wenn die zugesagten 90.000,- Rs jährlich (4 x 15.000,- für die Anchals; 30.000,- für überregionale Aufgaben) an die Kasse der GEL Church zur weiteren Administration im Laufe eines Jahres überwiesen werden würden. Alle Anchals hätten Anträge vorgelegt und warteten auf die Mittel.

Dr. Bage empfahl des weiteren wegen der zweiten Sparte der Mittel für Investitionen, daß die Goßner Mission sich das Recht des Vorschlags für die Verwendung vorbehalten möchte, um dringenden Aufgaben oder möglichen Projekten dann begegnen zu können. Auch dieses solle der Planungskommission möglichst schriftlich notifiziert werden. Hierzu erfolgt ebenfalls Zusage von Dr. Berg.

19. Printing Press

Dr. Bage orientierte auch seinerseits über erfreuliche Entwicklungen: Gründung des Christian Publishing-House von Chota Nagpur; Verstärkte Zusammenarbeit mit der Bibelgesellschaft Indiens, etc.

Dr. Berg brachte seine tiefe Sorge über die Korruptionsfälle zur Sprache. Dr. Bage stimmte grundsätzlich zu und teilte mit, daß Manager Tiga bereits im Dezember zurückgetreten sei und nicht mehr in der Presse arbeite.

Der Facharbeitermangel wurde berührt, und Dr. Berg verwies noch einmal auf die Reserven in der Goßnergemeinde Calcutta. Vielleicht ergäbe sich später die Möglichkeit, wenn die Presse höhere Gehälter zahlen könne, die eine oder andere Facharbeitskraft von dort nach Ranchi zu berufen. Wenn auf dem Compound Wohnung vermittelt werden könne, sagte Dr. Berg, wäre das wahrscheinlich ein Anreiz.

20. Amgaon

Den Tag der Kirchweihe beurteilte Dr. Bage besonders positiv, weil der Dienst Ort und die Atmosphäre den Adhyakshen Topno und Minz, die erstmalig in Amgaon gewesen seien, einen tiefen Eindruck gemacht hätten. Sie hatten wirklich erkannt, daß das Hospital sich wirklich als Hospital der Goßnerkirche fühle und entsprechend verhalte. Das hätte manche ihrer bisherigen Vorstellungen korrigiert.

Es wurden noch eine Reihe anderer Punkte und Fragen angesprochen, die hier nicht festgehalten zu werden brauchen; u.a. auch Fragen des zukünftigen Dienstes Dr. Bages in der Kirche nach seinem Rücktritt vom Amt des Präsidenten.

19.1.1965



Berlin 41, January 3, 1966  
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Pramukh Adhyaksh  
Rev. Dr. M. Bage  
G.E.L. Church Compound

Ranchi / BIHAR  
India

Subject: Your letter of 26th December 1965

Dear Brother Bage,

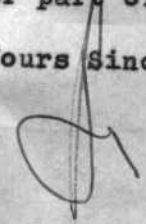
Thank you very much for your letter of 26th December which we received on the first working day in the new year. We are pleased that you decided to accept our invitation and stay with us for a few days in January. We are also interested to hear from you<sup>+) personally</sup> what decisions have been reached regarding Relief Fund and - as we hope - Hostel Programme. Both matters will be discussed in Geneva, and we are anxious to hear the results.

We do hope that you won't stay on too long after the meeting in Geneva on 13th January, but fly to Berlin shortly afterwards so that we could meet you here either on 15th or 16th of January in the Gossnerhouse. This would give us enough time to discuss the various matters sufficiently. On 18th, 19th and 20th (in the morning), many members of the Kuratorium want to discuss quite a number of problems with us. I, therefore, hope that you can fix your travel schedule accordingly and that you have enough time for talks here. We quite understand that you have to leave Germany on 20th of January.

I am sending copy of my letter to LWF, in case my letter does not reach you anymore in Ranchi. LWF in Geneva is surely kind enough to send us a cable informing us of your exact arrival at airport Tempelhof. I found it quite convenient to take the plane leaving Geneva approximately 5 p.m., because one does not need to wait long at Frankfurt to get the plane for Berlin and arrives at Tempelhof approximately 9.30 p.m. same day. But, you will obtain exact information in Geneva.

Looking forward to seeing you soon in Berlin and with kind regards from Präses Scharf who will lead the greater part of the meeting,

I am Yours Sincerely,



cc/ LWF

Entwurf

An das  
KSS der G.E.L. Church  
z.Hd. Herrn Präsident Rev. C.B. Aind

R a n c h i /Bihar

Liebe Brüder im KSS, lieber Bruder Aind!

Ich habe die Pflicht, Sie heute von einem Beschluß des Kuratoriums der Gossner Mission in Kenntnis zu setzen, den dieses am 17. Mai 1967 nach ausführlicher Diskussion unter dem Vorsitz von Bischof D. Scharf DD. gefaßt hat. In dem Protokoll der Sitzung heißt es:

"Das Kuratorium hat dankbar den Beschluß der Leitung der Gossnerkirche vom Februar 1967 zur Kenntnis genommen, wonach sie nach 1969 - dem Jahr ihres fünfzigjährigen Jubiläums der Autonomie der Kirche - nicht nur in rechtlicher Selbständigkeit, sondern auch in finanzieller Unabhängigkeit ihre Aufgaben erfüllen will.

Das Kuratorium ist gern bereit, dem Beschluß der ihm bleibend verbundenen Bruderkirche zu entsprechen, jedoch mit ihr gemeinsam auch in Zukunft Missionsarbeit zu treiben."

Darf ich diesen wichtigen Beschluß folgendermaßen kommentieren:

- 1) Das Kuratorium hat dankbar und erfreut zur Kenntnis genommen - und Inspektor Seeberg hat einen ausführlichen mündlichen Bericht auf Grund seiner Teilnahme an Ihrer Sitzung dazu gegeben - daß die Gossnerkirche im Jahr nach dem 50-jährigen Jubiläum ihrer Autonomie ab 1970 auf die Hilfe der Gossner Mission für ihre innerkirchlichen Aufgaben grundsätzlich verzichtet. Wir haben darin Ihr positives Ziel erkannt, die Selbstverantwortung und finanzielle Unabhängigkeit der Gossnerkirche und aller ihrer Gemeinden zu stärken und sich nicht durch Hilfe von auswärts (from abroad) lähmen zu lassen.

- 2) Das Kuratorium hat gleichzeitig vernommen, daß einige Ausnahmen von Ihnen genannt wurden: Der Pensionsfonds, die Unterstützung für das Hospital Amgaon und die Mitarbeit eines theologischen Lehrers am College in Ranchi.

In welcher Weise diese Hilfen nach 1969 gemäß Ihrer Bitte erfolgen werden, darüber wird das Kuratorium auf seiner nächsten Sitzung beraten. *Daß in Indien*

- 3) Daß Sie mit uns gemeinsam die Missionsarbeit (in Indien und außerhalb Ihres Landes) unbefristet (limit of time) tun wollen, dieser Teil Ihres Beschlusses hat das Kuratorium ebenfalls sehr erfreut. Inspektor Seeberg hat uns davon unterrichtet, daß Sie bis zum Frühjahr 1968 dem autonomen Kuratorium auch Ihrerseits dafür einen Vorschlag unterbreiten wollen.

Jedenfalls wird das Kuratorium von der nächsten Sitzung an sehr sorgsam prüfen, zu welchen Missionsaufgaben es ab 1970 außerhalb Indiens gerufen werden wird.

Wir bitten unseren Herrn sehr darum daß ER der Gossnerkirche und dem Kuratorium im Blick auf diese bevorstehende, sehr tiefgreifende Umstellung ihres gegenseitigen Verhältnisses Weisheit und Freudigkeit (boldness) verleihen möge, auch in Zukunft treue Diener des Reiches Gottes zu sein.

Möchte ER es besonders Ihnen, der Leitung der herangewachsenen Gossnerkirche schenken, gemäß Ihren Plänen und Absichten die Verantwortung der Gemeinden so zu ~~stärken~~ wecken und zu stärken, daß eine lebendige lutherische Kirche in Nordindien den Namen unseres Herrn Jesu verherrlicht und ihren Dienst an der allermeist nichtchristlichen Umwelt immer besser und einmütiger erfüllt.



ORISSA ANCHAL  
of the

GOSSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CHHOTANAGPUR AND ASSAM.

Eingegangen

1 5. OKT. 1966

Erliedigt:.....

From : Rev. C.B. Aind,  
Adhyaksh, Orissa Anchal,  
Rajgangangpur / Sundargarh,  
Orissa / India.

Rajgangpur,  
10-10-1966.

To: The Director Christian Berg,  
Gossner Mission House,  
1 Berlin 41 (Friedenau)  
Handjerystrasse 19/20.

Dear Director Berg,

Here with I am forwarding to you <sup>enclosed</sup> a report about the persecution of christians of village Kulpal, the centre of our evangelistic work, maintained by the G.M. grant (JMB. field), for your information. At present the situation is controlled and peace and order seems to be restored, but the christians are facing with economical difficulties as they are not engaged for works by the hindus as before. We are collecting subscriptions for their help.

On 11th and 12 th Oct. 66. we have our new Anchal Sabha meeting where new officers will be elected.

Rest All right.

With brotherly love and christian greetings.

Yours Sincerely,

*C.B.A.*

( Rev. C.B. Aind )  
Adhyaksh,  
Orissa Anchal.

③ *Gordienko*  
*Anlage bitte übersetzen!*  
*Aug 18/7*

15. OKT. 1966

Persecution of Christians in village Kulpal, P.S. Jamunkera under  
Kuchinda Sub-Division of Sambalpur District.

On 16.9.66, Hindus of village Kulpal, Jateadih, Balanda and Jamumal jointly grazed the standing crops (Maize, Gora dhan and lar-pnar) cultivated by Rev. Hardugan Tuti, Catechist Christochit Mundu and Shri Prabhusahay Samad. Only the women were in the house. It happened in the afternoon at about 2-3 P.M. In the mean time a quest of village Bandhabhuin named Abraham Samad came there, who was severely beaten by one Gaurochandro Dehri of village Sud-Balanda.

Next day on 17.9.66, Catechist Christochit Mundu, in charge of the Congregation of Kulpal at Balanda, lodged a complaint against the people of the above named villages at the police station Jamunkera. ~~any further~~ On the same day at about 10 P.M. in the night the beat police constable (No. 57) of Jamumal came with a group of about 25 hindus with a petromax light in their hand and called the christians to village Jamumal, where about 500 people of the above named villages were assembled. There the christians were accused of killing the cow and not giving hindu puza chanda. The hindus demanded from the christians that they would forsake their religion failing which they would have to face mass massacre and finally no christians would be allowed to live there. The hindus also said that they would burn the houses and church of the christians. At the refusal to forsake religion, four persons were beaten severely by the hindus: ~~the~~

1. Shri Prabhusahay Samad of village Kulpal,
2. Shri Bimal Horo " " "
3. Shri Masihdas Lugun " " "
4. Shri Patras Samad " " "

At the end the hindus imposed heavy fines as a payment of puza contribution :-

Patras Samad with Rs. 200/- and a Bullock, bullock as a compensation of killing cow.

Solomon Jatarma Rs. 20/-

Some amounts were collected forth with. Patras Samad, who could not pay the amount of Rs. 200/- at a time, was forced to write a bond that he would pay the remaining sum after some months, failing which the remaining amount will be paid by some hindus for which his land will be taken.

18.9.66 was sunday, but no church service was conducted at the Balanda Church (All people of Kulpal come to Balanda Church for church service), because people were obstructed from coming by the hindus. There was tense situation and therefore people left the houses leaving their things. During night time Rev. Tuti, Catechist Mansidh Dang of Kuchinda and Suleman Bhengra of Ranigula came back to Balanda church compound for guarding things and the church. Twice the mischief makers came but could not do any mischief.

On 19.9.66, Rev. Tuti and others again went to Jamunkera for submitting a diary to the police. Both the S.I. and The A.S.I. were out of station and the constable in-charge refused to ~~write~~ take any diary.

Next day at about 9 A.M. (20.9.66), The A.S.I. of Jamunkera came to the spot (Balanda Church) along with constable No. 68 of Jamunkera and beat constable No. 57 of Jamumal. Some hindus were also with the police. The hindus were shouting a loud, accusing the christians as above, but the A.S.I. and other constables, present there, kept silent, only in the end the A.S.I. asked Rev. Tuti to go to Jamunkera the next morning along with other persons. At about 2 P.M. both the constables mentioned above came back to Balanda Church and called Rev. Tuti and others to Jamumal, where about 100 people with the A.S.I. were present in the School building. At the arrival of Rev. Tuti and others, father of Sahdev Gauntia of village Kulpal and others denounced the christians and brought allegations that :

Christians do not give puza chanda.

Christians kill cow.

Therefore the christians should leave the village if they do not forsake christianity and adopt hindu rituals. The police (A.S.I. and two other constables present there) kept silent when the crowd was shouting. Towards the end the A.S.I. advised Rev. Tuti to obey and accept whatever



is demanded by the hindus. At this Rev. Tuti said that he can advice the christians of his area not to kill cow but he is prepared to face every thing for the cause of christianity. Finally, ~~the~~ the A.S.I. said that they (christians) ~~would~~ have to leave the village within five days.

Next day on 21.9.66, Rev. Tuti came to Rajgangpur to report the matter to the Anchal authorities. In the night several persons gathered at the place of Mr. M. Hemrom, the Anchal Treasurer and decided to hire a taxi for going to the affected ~~xxx~~ area.

On 22.9.66, five persons (Rev. C.B. Ekka, Shri Shantiprakash Tirkey, Albinus Khess, Josheph Khakha Rajgangpur Panchayat chairman and Shri P. Topno head Master) accompanied Rev. Tuti for Kulpal. This group interviewed the D.C. Sambalpur at night. The D.C. ordered the S.P. Sambalpur to look in to the matter. The S.P. directed the D.S.P. Sambalpur to inquire into the matter the following day. The party was asked by the S.P. to proceed towards Kulpal and wait for the D.S.P. the following day till about 10 A.M. at Bhojpur from which road goes towards Kulpal.

Fearing of life in danger, christians of Balanda left the village taking all bag and baggages in a bullock cart. They wanted to take shelter in the house of Shri Johan Topno of Rengarbera, but the hindus of other village like Bhojpur chased them and frightened Johan Topno saying that their lives would be in danger if they would give shelter to the christians running from Kulpal and Balanda. Hence they (christians) had to leave that place also.

As the D.S.P. could not come, the inquiry could not be done on 23.9.66. The D.S.P. arrived on 24.9.66. The S.D.O. of Kuchinda, S.I. of Kuchinda and The S.I. of Jamunkera were with the D.S.P. It is not known whether the ~~inquiry~~ D.S.P. and others visited the spot or not, because none was there near the church. The persons on the church jeep (sent from Ranchi, which left Rajgangpur on 24.9.66 morning) arrived Kulpal lately, because they were searching for the persons, who had already left Kulpal on 22.9.66. Knowing that the D.S.P. ~~had already arrived~~ was waiting for them at Jamunal School Building, Rev. Tuti and others directly went there. At their arrival inquiry started. The D.S.P. asked several questions to Rev. Tuti and some others regarding the happenings. The D.S.P. seemed to be convinced that the christians were harassed and beaten without any cause. Therefore he ordered the christians to come back and live without any fear. He also said that constables would be at guard at least for 15 days.

It is to be noted that as soon as the hindus came to know that the police authorities were coming for investigation, constable no. 57, one of the assaultors of christians, arranged such that Shri Patras Samad (who was severely beaten and one of the best witnesses of the fact) was prevented from going to the D.S.P.

Now it is not known what the police is going to take, only it is ~~seemingly~~ to be noted that the D.S.P. arranged for the examination of two persons who were severely assaulted. They were sent to the Kuchinda Government Hospital, where the Doctor in-charge examined them and recorded the facts.

Now the situation is controlled. Our people have come back. Constables are daily visiting once or twice. On 6.10.66, while I was at Balanda (Kulpal) church, I found two constables at duty.

*C.B. Ekka* 10/10/66  
( Rev. C.B. Aind )  
Adhyaksh,  
Orissa Anchal.

W. Post 10. März 67

Verfolgung von Christen im Dorfe Kulpal, P.S. Jamunkera unter Kuchinda  
Unterabteilung des Sampalpur Gebietes.

Am 16. September 1966 haben Hindus der Dörfer Kulpal, Jateadih, Balanda und Jamumal gemeinsam die auf den Halm stehenden Ernten (Mais, Gora dhan und Lar-phar), die von Rev. Hardugan Tuti, dem Katechisten Christochit Mundu und Shri Prabhusahay Samad angepflanzt wurden, abgerissen. Nur die Frauen waren zu Hause. Es geschah am Nachmittag ungefähr um 2 - 3 Uhr.

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Am nächsten Tag, dem 17. September 1966 brachte der Katechist Christochit Mundu, der die Gemeinde von Kulpal in Balanda betreute, auf der Polizeistation Jamunkera eine Klage gegen die Leute des oben genannten Dorfes vor. Am selben Tage, ungefähr um 10 Uhr abends, kam der Polizist (Nr. 57) aus Jamumal mit einer Gruppe von 25 Hindus, die eine Laterne in der Hand hielten, und rief die Christen in das Dorf Jamumal, wo ungefähr 500 Menschen aus den oben genannten Dörfern versammelt waren. Dort wurden die Christen beschuldigt, Kühe zu töten, und kein hindu puja-Opfer zu geben. Die Hindus forderten von den Christen, dass sie ihre Religion verlassen sollten, sonst würden sie ein Massenblutbad erleben; es würde auch keinem Christen mehr erlaubt werden, hier zu leben. Die Hindus sagten auch, dass sie die Häuser und die Kirchen der Christen verbrennen würden. Nachdem sie sich geweigert hatten, ihre Religion zu verlassen, wurden vier Personen von den Hindus schwer geschlagen:

1. Shri Prabhusahay Samad aus dem Dorfe Kulpal,
2. Shri Bimal Horo                   "   "   "   "
3. Shri Masihdas Lugun           "   "   "   "
4. Shri Patras Samad             "   "   "   " .

Schliesslich verhängten die Hindus schwere Strafen als Bezahlung des puja-Beitrags:

Patras Samad sollte Rps. 200/- bezahlen und einen Ochsen als Ersatz für das Kuh-töten,

Solomon Jatarma Rps. 20/-.

Einige weitere Beträge wurden eingesammelt. Patras Samad, der den Betrag von Rps. 200/- nicht bezahlen konnte, wurde gezwungen, einen Schuldschein zu schreiben, dass er den Rest nach einigen Monaten zahlen würde, widrigenfalls würde der Restbetrag von einigen Hindus bezahlt werden, wofür sein Landbesitz genommen werden würde.

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Am 18. September 1966 war Sonntag, aber in der Balanda Kirche wurde kein Gottesdienst abgehalten (alle Leute aus Kulpal gehen zum Gottesdienst in die Balanda Kirche), weil die Hindus verhinderten, dass die Christen in ihre Kirche gelangten. Es war eine gespannte Situation, und die Leute verliessen die Häuser und liessen ihre Sachen zurück. In der Nacht kamen Rev. Tuti, Katechist Mansidh Dang aus Kuchinda und Suleman Bhengra aus Ranigula nach Balanda zurück, um im Kirchengelände nach ihren Angelegenheiten zu sehen. Die Unheilstifter kamen zweimal, aber sie konnten nichts unternehmen.

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Am 19. September 1966 gingen Rev. Tuti und andere nach Jamunkera, um der Polizei ein Tagebuch zu überbringen. Der S.I. und der A.S.I. waren beide nicht im Dienst, und der diensthabende Polizist verweigerte die Annahme eines Tagebuches.

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Am nächsten Tag, dem 20. September 1966, ungefähr morgens 9 Uhr, kam der A.S.I. mit dem Polizisten Nr. 68 von Jamunkera und dem Revierpolizisten Nr. 57 von Jamumal zum Kirchengelände Balanda. Einige Hindus begleiteten die Polizisten. Die Hindus beschuldigten die Christen mit lauter Stimme wie oben ausgeführt, aber der A.S.I. und die anderen anwesenden Polizisten sagten nichts, schließlich bat der A.S.I. Rev. Tuti, am nächsten Morgen mit den anderen Personen nach Jamunkera zu gehen. Ungefähr um 2 Uhr nachmittags kamen beide oben erwähnten Polizisten zur Balanda Kirche zurück und riefen Rev. Tuti und andere nach Jamumal, wo sich ungefähr 100 Personen mit dem A.S.I. im Schulgebäude befanden. Bei der Ankunft von Rev. Tuti und den Anderen beschuldigten der Vater von Sahdev Gauntia aus dem Dorfe Kulpal und Andere die Christen mit folgenden Angaben:

Christen geben kein puja-Opfer;

Christen töten Kühe.

Aus diesem Grunde sollten die Christen das Dorf verlassen, falls sie nicht ihren christlichen Glauben verlassen wollten und das Hindu Ritual annehmen. Die Polizei (der A.S.I. und die beiden anderen anwesenden Polizisten) blieben ruhig, als die Menge lärmte. Schliesslich riet der A.S.I., Rev. Tuti, zu gehorchen und das anzunehmen, was die Hindus verlangten. Hierauf sagte Rev. Tuti, er könne den Christen seiner Gegend raten, keine Kuh zu töten; aber er wäre bereit, wegen seines Christen-

glaubens allem die Stirn zu bieten. Zum Schluss sagte der A.S.I., dass die Christen das Dorf innerhalb von fünf Tagen verlassen sollten.

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Am nächsten Tag, dem 21. September 1966, kam Rev. Tuti nach Rajgangpur, um die Angelegenheit den leitenden Männern im Anchal zu melden. In der Nacht versammelten sich mehrere Personen bei Mr. M. Hemrom, dem Schatzmeister des Anchals, und beschlossen, ein Taxi zu mieten und in das betreffende Gebiet zu fahren.

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Am 22. September 1966 begleiteten fünf Personen (Rev. C.B. Ekka, Shri Shantiprakash Tirkey, Albinus Khess, Josheph Khakha, (Vorsitzender des Kirchgemeinderats Rajgangpur, und Shri P. Topno) Rev. Tuti nach Kulpal. Diese Gruppe befragte den Landrat Sambalpur in der Nacht. Der Landrat bestimmte, dass der Polizeivorsteher Sambalpur von der Angelegenheit unterrichtet werden sollte. Dieser ordnete an, dass der Leiter der Polizei sich am folgenden Tage mit der Angelegenheit beschäftigen sollte. Der Leiter der Polizei bat die Gruppe, weiter nach Kulpal zu gehen und am nächsten Tage bis 10 Uhr morgens in Bhojpur auf ihn zu warten, von wo der Weg nach Kulpal führt.

Da sie fürchteten, ihr Leben sei in Gefahr, verliessen die Christen aus Balanda das Dorf und packten alles in einen Ochsenwagen. Sie suchten Schutz im Hause von Shri Johan Topno aus Rengarbera; aber die Hindus aus anderen Dörfern wie Bhojpur jagten sie und erschreckten Johan Topno, indem sie sagten, dass ihr Leben in Gefahr sei, wenn sie den Christen, die aus Kulpal und Balanda flüchteten, Schutz gewähren würden. Deshalb sollten die Christen diesen Ort auch verlassen.

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Da der S.P. (Leiter der Polizei) nicht kommen konnte, konnte die Ermittlung am 23. September 1966 nicht stattfinden. Der S.P. kam am 24. September 1966 an. Der Subdistrikt-Officer von Kuchinda sowie zwei Beamte begleiteten den S.P. Es ist unbekannt, ob der S.P. und die anderen den Ort aufgesucht haben oder nicht, denn niemand war dort in der Nähe der Kirche. Die Personen in dem Wagen der Kirche (der aus Ranchi geschickt worden war), ~~und~~ die am 24.9.66 morgens Rajgangpur verlassen hatten, kamen schließlich in Kulpal an, weil sie nach den Personen suchten, die Kulpal schon am 22.9.66 verlassen hatten. Weil sie wussten, dass der S.P. auf sie im Schulgebäude Jamumal wartete, gingen Rev. Tuti und die anderen dorthin. Nach ihrer Ankunft begann die Ermittlung. Der S.P. stellte



Rev. Tuti und einigen Anderen verschiedene Fragen, die die Ereignisse betrafen. Der S.P. schien überzeugt zu sein, dass die Christen ohne jeden Grund fortwährend belästigt und geschlagen worden waren. Deshalb befahl er den Christen, wiederzukommen und ohne Furcht zu sein. Er sagte ferner, dass Polizisten mindestens 15 Tage dort Wache halten würden.

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Folgendes sollte noch besonders erwähnt werden: Sobald die Hindus erfuhren, dass die Polizeiautoritäten eine Untersuchung vornehmen würden, veranlasste der Polizist Nr. 57, der die Christen tätlich angegriffen hatte, dass der Shri Patras Samad (der heftig geschlagen worden war und einer der besten Zeugen in der Angelegenheit) daran gehindert wurde, vor dem S.P. zu erscheinen.

Es ist noch nicht bekannt, welche Maßnahmen die Polizei ergreifen wird, es wurde nur erwähnt, dass der S.P. eine Untersuchung wegen zwei Personen eingeleitet hat, die schwer verletzt worden waren. Sie wurden nach Kuchinda ins Regierungshospital geschickt, wo der diensthabende Arzt sie untersuchte und einen Bericht schrieb.

Die Situation wird jetzt überwacht. Unsere Leute sind zurückgekommen. Polizisten kommen ein- oder zweimal täglich. Als ich am 6.10.1966 in Balanda (Kulpal) in der Kirche war, sah ich zwei Polizisten im Dienst.

gez. Rev. C.B. Aind 10.10.66  
Adhyaksh  
Orissa Anchal

G.E.L.CHURCH IN CHOTANAGPUR  
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3.57. *July 16/3*

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Pramukh Adhyaksh, 3/11/66  
G.E.L.Church, Ranchi  
November 3, 1966.

To

The K.S.S.G.E.L.Church  
in Chotanagpur and Assam.

Eingegangen

14. NOV. 1966

Erliegt:

Hon'ble Members,

I am obliged to lay a complaint before you against Sri Harman Lakra, Manager G.E.L. Church properties and pray for a suitable solution.

The following is the complaint,

That in the year 1942 a piece of land plot No. 3131/17(a) Khata No. 10 under Simdega Khas Mahal was allotted by a lease by the State Government to Sri Harman Lakra when he was an Agricultural Overseer at Simdega. In the year 1946 he was served with a notice by the State Government to build a house on the said plot by August 1946 failing which the said plot was to be allotted to another person who could build a house immediately.

Sri Harman Lakra being unable to build a house, sold the said plot of land to Mrs. Paulina Mundu, my wife by a Sale deed (true copy is enclosed herewith) and my wife built a residential house, constructed a well and a latrine by the fixed time in the year 1946.

Further in the year 1946 in compliance with the rules and regulations a fresh lease of the said plot was executed by the State Government in favour of Paulina Mundu after obtaining permission from the Deputy Commissioner Ranchi, and the name of Paulina ~~Kakra~~ Mundu was mutated for the said plot in the office of the B.D.O. Simdega. (Mutation paper is enclosed herewith).

Since then, for fifteen years Mrs. Paulina Mundu has been in possession of the said plot of land whereon a house, well and latrine was constructed and my wife i.e. Paulina Mundu rented out the house to one Md. Tahir of Simdega who has been regularly paying rent thereof to my wife.

That Sri Herman Lakra being influenced and tempted stealthily resold the said plot of land of my wife to the present occupant Md. Tahir in the year 1965 and thus Sri Harman Lakra has done immense loss to my wife.



I, therefore, pray humbly that the  
Hon'ble members may kindly consider  
my complaint and find out a solution  
that will be good to us both.

*Yours faithfully,*  
*A.M. Lundu*  
31/10/66  
(A.M. Lundu)

Veterinary Doctor

A.T.C. Maunti Toli

Vill. Maunti Toli,

P.O. Simdega

Dist. Ranchi (Bihar)

I N D I A

Copy forwarded to Director Dr. Berg,  
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True Copy

In the Court of the Sub-Divisional Officer, Simdega.  
Miscellaneous Petition of Babu Harman Lakra for  
transfer of his Khasmahal plot no 3131/17(a) Khata No 10.

The humble petitioner is the owner of Khasmahal plot no 3131/17(a) measuring .7 decimals, which was taken settlement in 1942, when the petitioner was an Agricultural Officer at Simdega. Since then the petitioner has been paying rent in respect of the plot.

The humble petitioner was transferred to the Khunti Sub-Division in the year 1942, and accepted a private job there without being able to build his residential house at Simdega on the plot.

The humble petitioner was served with a notice to build a house on the plot of land by August 1946 without fail. So the petitioner built a house with the help of Mr. H.M. Munda Assistant Veterinary Surgeon, Simdega, who spent all the money from his own pocket.

The petitioner therefore desires to transfer his Khasmahal plot of land in favour of Mrs. H.M. Munda as her private money has been spent on the building and the petitioner is no longer a resident of this Sub-Division.

The petitioner therefore prays for permission to transfer his right in favour of Mrs. H.M. Munda for a nominal price of Rs 40/- only which was actually spent by the petitioner, for which act of kindness the humble petitioner will ever pray.

Sd Harman Lakra  
27/4/66.

Signature of the petitioner

H.M. Munda  
31/10/66



REPORT 1965

From the Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church Press  
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After final investments made in this year the Press is well equipped for the years to come. No extension to increase the productivity is planned for the near future.

The only hinderance in the development of our Press which still sets a limit to smooth and efficient running is the shortage of skilled labour and qualified administrative staff. The whole Press from administration to execution of the practical work was still depending too much on the foreign expert. There are not sufficient qualified persons for the office, the Composing department and the binding department. Due to the shortage of compositors not enough book work was turned out in the Press. It is our aim and hope that 1966 we make more progress in training of workers, staff and apprentices.

With great regret I have to report that within the last two years 5 persons, including leading staff of our permanent employees ceased service in order to keep the Press free of corruption. It was very difficult to replace these persons, but I hope sincerely that with the present staff and a new man from another part of India the Press will within a foreseeable space of time be able to work without a foreign expert.

The Press did in 1965 not yet reach a selfsupporting stage, mainly due to the following reasons :

1. Investing periode and starting periode was still going on.
2. Staff and labour has not yet reached the necessary standard.
3. There were a number of financial obligations when due to miss managment of the previous Press in the year 1960 to 1963 taxes, and insurance premiums where not paid regularly.

Since July 1965 the G.E.L. Church Press contributes Rs. 250 monthly rent to the Board of properties of the G.E.L. Church.

The personnel of the Press on 31 -12- 65 :

|           |       |    |
|-----------|-------|----|
| Office    | ----- | 4  |
| Composing | ----- | 11 |
| Printing  | ----- | 5  |
| Binding   | ----- | 6  |
| Bookshop  | ----- | 2  |
| Carpenter | ----- | 1  |

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The average salary of a compositor was in 1963 : 65-75.Rs. in 1965 : 90-100 Rs and will in 1960 again be raised. The working time is 45 h per week. Some social benefits are already given but more should be done if the financial position of the Press will permit this.

In 1965 the Board of Evangelism and Literature, which is according to the Church constitution the body set above the Press has formed a Press Managing Committee. This committee consists of the Church president as chairman and members: teachers, a pastor, government servants, representative of the Press workers. At the moment the committee works out its terms of reference and the rules and regulations of the Press.

#### The Technical Training Centre Printers Class

This class was originally set up in connection with T T C Fudi. It was thought to train the staff of the new G.E.L. Church Press and it was clear that each well trained worker will find no difficulties to get work any-where.

We could not think of giving training on a big scale, because we had not the funds to cover the running expenditures of hostel, teacher's salaries and material costs and none of the boys would have been able to pay school fees but expects at last free accomodation and a stipend.



But we were astonished to find only little response of some how educated boys even for the few places we offered.

And though we made much efforts we could not find any boy for the manual work of bookbinding.

The first class started in 1964, only one boy has remained in this class, he is now in the second year and very promising.

The second class started in 1965, here we have now 4 boys and they do also make good progress.

In 1966 we intend to take 6 to 8 apprentices.

Apprentices are trained in two years. They receive practical and theoretical training (also Mathematics, Physics English, Design) and work practical in the press. They receive a pocket money of 10- to 40.- Rs and a stipend of 20.- Rs per month if their work is satisfying. All apprentices come from poor families.

At the moment we have a small hostel for only 3 apprentices. As reported earlier we succeeded in getting refund of custom duty paid for the imported printing machines, and with approval of Brot für die Welt we shall use part of this amount for erecting a new hostel which can house 8 apprentices.

Especially for apprentice training we purchased with the help of an additional grant of Brot für die Welt one used printing machine which we erected in the end of last year. One very active young man who is at the same time in charge of the machine section takes care of the apprentice training for which I could not spend sufficient time yet. When our administration will become stronger in 1966 I shall devote more time to this most important work.

### The Publishing House

The church is now furnished with a well equipped press which should not depend on outside public jobs, the purpose of establishing this press was to enable the Church to do active missionary work through literature.

I experienced that we technicians are not qualified to take up the responsibility for publishing and distribution and the church itself has not the organisation to take an active part in this work. I therefore put a proposal to the Board of Evangelism and Literature for establishing a Publishing House. This proposal was welcomed.

The main idea is to separate publishing from printing and put it under the supervision of an experienced expert. This expert should with the help of an already existing publishing committee organize the publishing of required literature especially in local languages and also organize and supervise distribution.

Small Book agencies in suitable market places are planned. In addition to our provisional Bookshop in Ranchi three Book agencies have already been opened at the end of 1965.

The post of a manager for this publishing house has already been advertised. Only when a suitable experienced man is found this important work can show progress.

A number of Books have been published of which the most important are :

Hymn Book in Hindi Language

" " " Mundari Language

" " " English Language  
and

Catechism in Hindi, Mundari Language.

The Hymn Book in Kurukh Language will be published in 1966.

The official Church paper "Gharbandu" is published every month.

The publishing house is the youngest child of the Gossner Church and it can play an important part in evangelisation and education.

P. Mittenhuber.

January 1966.

Note :- a separate financial ~~report~~ will be given separately.



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# TECHNICAL TRAINING CENTRE FUDI

GOSSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH UNDERTAKING

Gossner Mission in Kumbhari.  
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The Chairman  
 Ranchi Committee on Properties  
 c/o Mr. B. Khess  
Ranchi

Sub.: Kharia Memorial in Ranchi, Church Compound

Dear brother Khess,

By Rev. Dr. M. Bage I came to know that on occasion of the Kharia Jubilee a Memorial is to be built on the Ranchi Church Compound. It is not the place to repeat my personal intentions about the necessity of any kind of memorial at all. This was done when the last one was inaugurated one year ago. But because it was decided to have one I would like to let you know some ideas about the form and how and where to built such memorial. May be I am too late and all people concerned have clear fixed imaginations about the subject under discussion. Then I regret it very much and have to say that I should have written earlier. But due to so much work I had to do here in Fudi I could not find time to draft this letter.

I hope I shall not touch anybody's feelings if I state that the memorials existing in Ranchi are all not very good. The oldest one - the Missionaries Memorial in front of the old Missionaries' Bungalow - is supposed to be the model for the Munda Bible Memorial and because the first one was unlucky in its design the second one did not become better but even worse because in its case to the bad proportions a most unproper construction came which is extremely against each rule of building though it was made by people who should have known how to build with natural stones. The youngest one - the Uraon Memorial - combines both the mistakes of the previous ones. It is very bad in its construction because it looks like marble but it is brick work with plaster or plasterlike plates only what means it images more than it is. This behaviour in case of a man is not gentlemanlike - in case of a building it is quite the same. And secondly it is hopeless in its design and I am extremely thankful that in spite of my letter in the last year I was not told till today who signs responsible for it. So I can be free of any feeling to everybody.

But after all that you may rightly ask me what now I would suggest to do. For this I have two possibilities in mind - one which I like most and one which I would like to offer as a kind of compromise. The one I like most is given first. Let me start with a short introduction.

I feel a memorial for what reason at all is never something what has its value in itself but has to serve to the people recognising it. A memorial reminds people to something what has had its value sometimes ago, longer or shorter, but if there is any value still today than only because of the people living today. The people living are the real and - in general in every case - the only real value to think of and a memorial is worth or worthless as it coincides with the people of today or not. Therefore a memorial which is standing just in the centre of the entrance to a church is an

unobedient subject which asks for more interest than the people coming or going. It is even more important than the main door to the church because it stands like a policeman in the road and rules the traffic to the left and to the right.

It is my feeling that a memorial should be a modest servant. It should remind to the fact on which it was built but not too excited, not too loud and to those people only who like to become reminded. It is a silly experience to become reminded to a fact which is of no further interest as it happens some times with memorials or memorial plates. Under these circumstances nothing is more terrible than to become reminded to such uninteresting fact by force because the position of the memorial is of that way that people can nothing else than to take care of the building. But what does that mean for building a memorial as I would like to suggest?

Let the memorial be a simple stone, ofcourse a selected one and specially prepared for its special purpose. But it should be a member in a big family only signed by special and selected quality. I think of a stone lying as a part of the entrance court to the Christ Church in Ranchi. The whole court could be floored with stones, perhaps even bricks. And one special stone, the memorial stone, be of special material. i.e. granit or any other material existing in the area. This stone could get a special wording telling people what it lies for. But not to many words. Less is more in this case as in many others. This stone is a servant marked by its modesty. It differs from all other memorials and - I would like to say - that would be the best what man could state. Perhaps those kind of memorial could be an example for others to follow. At least for us as christians it should be the way of thinking that we ask whether something is ready for service or not. Such a memorial stone would be a sign of service even as a stone.

But perhaps it is the imagination that a memorial has to be an upright subject, something what is high and far visible. Than I would suggest the same did to Rev. Soreng for the Memorial in Khutitoli. Try to get a single stone only, one piece from ground to top, one by one foot on the ground, ten or twelve feet high, with a slide slop of the sides towards the top. Scriptures could be engraved directly into the stone without using marble plates or similar things. The motto should be: as simple as possible. All great buildings are very simple in their form and the good proportions only select them from the crowd of worthless subjects around. Ornaments are additional matters and it is a mistake to believe, as more ornamental work is brought to something as better it becomes. This you can easily observe with the many trucks on the roads. Their cabins are overloaded with ornaments. But the truck is still a truck - usefull as long as the engine is running and of no use and value as soon it has had a breakdown. The ornaments are good for fuel and not more.

I hope that I could give you some idea about that what I would like to suggest for your memorial. If it would be of any help I would be very glad. If you have decided already in an other way, perhaps it is of some use for the future. Because it seems to me that we are facing a period of memorials and not all of the groups which could be interested in having an own memorial will be satisfied by the three existing peices I guess.

Brotherly yours

For TECHNICAL TRAINING CENTRE

*Maxi Mohr*  
Director



GOSSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH RANCHI(INDIA)

FIELD REPORT 1965

During the period of report, the Church finalised negotiations with the Gossner Mission concerning its urgent tasks and put it on a Ten-Year Development Plan. The main emphasis of the Plan is on administrative re-organisation - financial and organisational - and training of personnel.

Evangelistic work in unevangelised areas made much headway resulting in the baptism of 407 enquirers. Attention was especially given to the training of field workers. It has been encouraging to note that more enquirers from backward Hindu community and Muslims are now coming in. The Church participated in an Evangelistic Campaign jointly organised by it and the local Anglican Church, in which, Dr. Akbar Abdul Haqq and his father Rev. Haqq of the Billy Graham Team were the main speakers.

The Church initiated negotiations with the Chotanagpur Diocese of the Church of India(Anglican) for a joint Theological College at Ranchi. Discussion is carried on with good prospects.

We participated actively with the Catholics and Protestant Churches of Bihar in drafting a Constitution for educational institutions run by Christian Churches in Bihar. Efforts are being made to get it approved by the State Government, Bihar.

Hitherto the Church had only one High School for Girls. Another Girls' High School has been started, and that in a rural area.

Finance in Anchals have registered improvement. The Financial Adviser submitted a Survey Report with fruitful suggestions and recommendations for financial and administrative improvement. It has been accepted for implementation.

The Youth Department has had several seminars and leadership training courses. With its new Constitution and a well established Youth Centre, it has been working with full swing.

The Church had its Triennial Convention(Kalisha Sangh) which was attended by the Director of the Gossner Mission, Dr. Christian Berg. The relationship between the Church and the Mission Board was further strengthened by mutual visits made by the leaders of the two bodies.

The Lalli Farm showed good results in crops this year. The Board of Properties was reorganised largely for effecting more efficiency.

*M. Bage*  
( Dr. Marsallan Bage)

**Pramukh Adhyaksh,**  
(President)  
**G. E. L. CHURCH, RANCHI**

Eingegangen

21. JAN. 1966

Bedigt:.....

Besprechungen

Dr. Bage/ Dr. Berg im Goßnerhaus

16./18.1.66

Handauf 3. Kto  
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Juli

2) Dann 3.11. J.E.L. Schmidt

In einem Kurzprotokoll soll festgehalten werden, was in den einzelnen Fragen zwischen beiden Herren angesprochen wurde.

1. Hostel-Programm

Leider ist diese Frage am 13.1. in dem Genfer Komitee des LWB nicht zur Sprache gekommen, weil Bruder Schwerk Dr. Bage über meinen Brief Mitte November nicht ausführlich unterrichtete oder aber Dr. Bage die Unterlagen nicht rechtzeitig zustellte (vgl. auch Schwerk-Brief von Anfang Januar mit seiner Bemerkung "über die Panne" an diesem Punkt).

Dies ist sehr schmerzlich, weil uns das wahrscheinlich die Verzögerung des Programms um 1 Jahr bringt, wenn es nicht noch gelingt, unter Überspringung festgelegter Prozeduren den Antrag noch rechtzeitig für die BFDW-Sitzung Ende März vorzulegen. Das erscheint mir aber sehr zweifelhaft.

2. Relief for India

Auch diese Frage ist am 13.1. in Genf nicht angesprochen und behandelt worden. Hoffentlich bewahrheitet sich Dr. Bages Überzeugung, daß LWB in eigener Zuständigkeit diese Angelegenheit bearbeitet und dann auf Grund der Unterlagen und Vorschläge aus Ranchi und dem Goßnerhaus an BFDW herantritt.

L. W. Schwerk

3. Visa

Die Wichtigkeit rascher Förderung der beiden Anträge Familie Dr. Dell und Schwester Monika Schutzka wurde von Dr. Berg unterstrichen, da für beide die Schiffsplätze ab Venedig 1.4.66 fest gebucht sind. Hoffentlich kann bis spätestens Ende Februar in beiden Fällen das Visum erwartet werden.

4. Rech/Purulia

Wenn tatsächlich die Ehescheidung Rech erfolgt, sieht es Dr. Bage als schwer möglich an, daß Herr Rech einen zweiten Term dort annimmt, so dringend wünschenswert das wäre. Offenbar hat ein persönlich seelsorgerliches Gespräch P. Schmidt/Rech, das Dr. Berg schon über Herrn Montag mündlich dringend angeraten hatte, keine Änderung in der Haltung Rechts herbeigeführt. Daher hat Dr. Berg am 18.1. an Herrn Rech geschrieben und nochmals an ihn appelliert. Ein Erfolg wird sehr zweifelhaft sein, so daß jetzt rechtzeitig mit DU über einen etwaigen Nachfolger in Purulia verhandelt werden sollte. Dr. Bage zweifelt, ob J. Lakra nach Ableistung seines Examens die Aufgabe in Purulia selbständig übernehmen könne und wolle. Er rechnet seinerseits damit, daß Lakra



nach Erlangung des Diploms wohl in die Industrie von Rourkela oder Ranchi gehen wird.

5. Besuch aus der GEL Church 1966 in Deutschland

Es erscheint nach allen Richtungen hin am zweckmäßigsten, wenn Rev. Tiga eingeladen wird, zumal er als Kandidat auf der Liste steht.

*Tiga*

Wegen der Vorbereitung der bevorstehenden Wahlen für die leitenden Ämter in der GEL Church möchte es angezeigt sein, Adhyaksh Minz/Gumla, zu drängen, wiewohl er nochmals gefragt werden sollte. Rev. Tiga dagegen ist nicht irgendwie in die Wahlen verwickelt, und seine Berichte über die Missionsarbeit in Indien würden die Gemeinden wahrscheinlich besonders interessieren.

6. Pensions-Fonds

In der Erwartung, daß das KSS jetzt Ende Januar feste und durchführbare Regulationen für den Pensions-Fonds schafft und eine Hilfe von auswärts nicht nur hochwillkommen, sondern dringend notwendig ist, wird die Goßner Mission ab 1966 in den nächsten Jahren 20.000,- DM dafür bereitstellen und sagt diese Summe fest zu. In welchem Umfang dieser Betrag abgerufen wird oder vorläufig in Europa verbleibt, wird Dr. Bage uns im Goßnerhaus klar wissen lassen.

7. Unionsverhandlungen

Dr. Berg orientierte Dr. Bage über das Gespräch mit den Freunden von Breklum Ende Oktober und übergibt ihm zu seiner Kenntnis ein Protokoll jener Sitzung, nachdem Dr. Bage schon sehr erfreut von dieser Zusammenkunft gehört hatte. Er beurteilte es als sehr hilfreich, wenn die Home-Boards der beteiligten Kirchen klare Absprachen treffen in dem Maße, wie die Verhandlungen in Indien weiter gedeihen.

Im Augenblick ist darin ein Stillstand, aber Dr. Bage wird zwei der Kirchen in nächster Zeit besuchen und dann den Entwurf einer Konstitution der von der Federation geschaffenen Committees zur Beratung vorlegen. Klar ist deren Beschluß: Erst Einigung der lutherischen Kirchen, dann gegebenenfalls Aufnahme der Verhandlungen mit dem geplanten größeren Verband aller christlichen Kirchen Nordindiens.

8. Gemeinsames College für Lutheraner und Anglikaner

Dr. Bage orientierte seinerseits nochmals über die begonnenen Verhandlungen, deren Ausgang er als positiv erwartet. Im wesentlichen bestätigte er das von Pfarrer Kloss schon schriftlich Mitgeteilte.

Dr. Berg bat darum, Dr. Dell nach der Aufnahme seiner Arbeit in Ranchi, die hoffentlich Ende 1966 erfolgen könne, wenn alles wie geplant lief, nicht die Aufgabe des Superintendenten für das Hostel der Theologiestudenten zu übertragen. Damit solle die Kraft Dells nicht zersplittern, sondern ihn so

ausschließlich wie möglich für seine Lehraufgaben unter Studenten und evtl. Pfarrern ausnutzen.

Ebenfalls erläuterte Dr. Bage die Hintergründe des Personalwechsels J. Lakra/Rev.Tete/Rev. S. Kujur.

9. Missionsaufgabe in Assam

Dr. Bage war außerordentlich beeindruckt von seinem Besuch in Assam, der nicht zuletzt der beginnenden Arbeit unter den Mikirs gegolten habe. Die Arbeit werde ihren erfreulichen Fortgang nehmen, und der im Goßnerhaus zur Verfügung stehende Betrag werde sicher im Laufe des Jahres abgerufen werden. Er sagte einen schriftlichen Bericht zu, den er als geeignet für die Veröffentlichung im Goßnerblatt abfassen werden.

10. 5. Anchal

Dr. Bage spricht sich sehr bestimmt dafür aus - - - daß man nämlich in Madha Pradesh die dortigen Gemeinden und später auch unter Hinzufügung der neu gewonnenen Christen in Ambikapur zu einem 5. Anchal zusammenfasse und aus dem Nord-west-Anchal herauslöse. Eine entsprechende Ergänzung der Verfassung der GEL Church erscheine ihm nicht schwierig. Die Uraos würden durch eine solche Maßnahme eine stärkere, angemessene Vertretung in allen Gremien der Kirche bekommen. Dr. Berg stimmt dieser Intention lebhaft zu und erhofft auch seinerseits baldige Verwirklichung in allen zuständigen Stellen der Goßnerkirche.

11. Khuntitoli

Dr. Bage beurteilt die Situation als besonders erfreulich und konsolidiert, weil Herr Bruns eine gute Hand in der Zusammenfassung der verschiedenen Mitarbeiter hat. Die Ernte ist gut, auch die Kühe aus Deutschland befinden sich wohl. Sorge bereitet freilich, ob in der heißen Zeit keine Rückschläge kommen werden.

Auch zu den Plänen der ASMA steht Dr. Bage selbstverständlich sehr positiv.

12. Fudi

Unter den mancherlei Informationen liegt Dr. Bage daran, ob es nicht zweckmäßig wäre, dem TTC für einige Jahre einen von der GEL Church unabhängigen Status zu geben, um ihm ein Höchstmaß an Freiheit zu gewähren.

Dr. Berg will im März mit Herrn Frischknecht in Zürich über dessen Erfahrungen in Nettur/Südindien sprechen und sich dann schriftlich dazu äußern.

Die Personalschwierigkeiten in Fudi sind drängend. Die finanzielle Situation scheint zur Zeit nicht so angespannt und nicht Grund zu akutem Besorgnis.

13. Finanzberater

Herrn Montag geht es besonders um eine Vollmacht, um auf Grund des Survey finanzielle Maßnahmen in Angriff nehmen zu



können. Dr. Bage und Dr. Berg sind darin einig, daß es sich nicht um eine General-Power handeln kann, sondern um die Vollmacht, bestimmte, klar bezeichnete Aufgaben in Angriff zu nehmen (Landverkauf, Planung einiger Häuser auf diesem oder jenem compound, etc.). Es ist zu hoffen, daß Herr Montag unter diesen Umständen seinen Dienst fortzusetzen bereit ist.

14. Wellesly Square Church u. Rev. Devadas

Dr. Berg orientierte darüber, daß die Entscheidung des Court im Gange ist und demnächst bevorsteht. Er habe Herrn Montag gebeten, gerade kürzlich noch zwei Tage anwesend zu sein. Die Aussichten stehen nicht ungünstig. Ein Vergleich ist erst seitens der Schotten abgelehnt, dann, als sie ihre Haltung änderten, von unserer Seite. Rev. Ishida seitens des Weltbundes hat finanzielle Hilfe für die Durchführung des Court-Case leider ablehnen müssen. Da Rev. Devadas bis zu 10.000,- Rs Auslagen durch die Gerichtsverhandlung gehabt hat, empfiehlt es sich, ihm zu helfen, da er sein Property schriftlich der Goßnerkirche übereignet hat.

Dr. Berg räumt die Notwendigkeit ein und weist auf den Fonds der Planungskommission als einzige Möglichkeit. Der Betrag zwischen 5 - 10.000,- Rs müsse aber refinanziert werden, wenn bei positivem Ausgang der LWB in das Projekt als ein lutherisches Zentrum in Calcutta einsteige.

15. Hospital-Planung

Dr. Bage erläuterte die bisherige Stellungnahme der Commission. Ranchi entfiere wahrscheinlich als zukünftiger Platz, obwohl Adhyaksh Minz/Gumla noch daran festhalte. Die ärztliche Versorgung in Ranchi sei durch das neu errichtete Regierungshospital sehr viel besser geworden. In Gumla und Khunti beständen Landshwierigkeiten, die aber vielleicht gelöst werden könnten. Er begünstige Khunti nicht unbedingt, weil es nahezu im Bereich der Munda liegen würde. Es sei auch noch der Gedanke aufgetaucht, das Hospital auf dem noch zur Verfügung stehenden Gelände von Fudi zu etablieren. Die Beratungen seien aber noch nicht abgeschlossen.

16. Entschluß Hedwig Schmidt

Dr. Bage erläuterte, warum und unter welchen Bedingungen er und die Brüder dem privaten Entschluß Schwester Hedwigs zugestimmt hätten, nach Indien zu kommen: Sie seien unbesorgter um das Ergehen der betagten Schwester A. Diller, wenn jemand um sie sei, zumal sie außerhalb des Goßner-Compound in Ranchi wohne.

Bei dem Beschluß sei strikt ausgesprochen, daß die Schwestern sich in keiner Weise um Govindpur einmischen dürften und lediglich Literaturarbeit treiben können, wenn diese vom Beirat des Publishing-House angenommen würde. Ebenfalls dürften sie Einladungen der Frauen folgen, wenn sie darum gebeten würden.

Dr. Berg war dankbar für die Orientierung, ohne in besonderer Weise darauf zu drängen.

17. Stipendienhilfe der Goßner Mission

Dr. Bage würde es begrüßen, wenn die Goßner Mission ein Limit erkläre, damit das Kuratorium nicht durch ständig sich steigernde Zulassungen zu den Institutionen Jahr für Jahr mehr in Anspruch genommen würde.

Dr. Berg bezeichnet den jetzigen Stand von 40.000,- DM in etwa als das Maximum dessen, was das Goßnerhaus leisten könne. Dr. Bage bat um einen Brief in dieser Sache.

18. Zehnjähriger Bauplan

Dr. Bage würde es begrüßen, wenn die zugesagten 90.000,- Rs ~~jährlich~~ (4 x 15.000,- für die Anchals; 30.000,- für überregionale Aufgaben) an die Kasse der GEL Church zur weiteren Administration im Laufe eines Jahres überwiesen werden würden. Alle Anchals hätten Anträge vorgelegt und warteten auf die Mittel.

Dr. Bage empfahl des weiteren wegen der zweiten Sparte der Mittel für Investitionen, daß die Goßner Mission sich das Recht des Vorschlags für die Verwendung vorbehalten möchte, um dringenden Aufgaben oder möglichen Projekten dann begegnen zu können. Auch dieses solle der Planungskommission möglichst schriftlich notifiziert werden. Hierzu erfolgt ebenfalls Zusage von Dr. Berg.

19. Printing Press

Dr. Bage orientierte auch seinerseits über erfreuliche Entwicklungen: Gründung des Christian Publishing-House von Chota Nagpur; Verstärkte Zusammenarbeit mit der Bibelgesellschaft Indiens, etc.

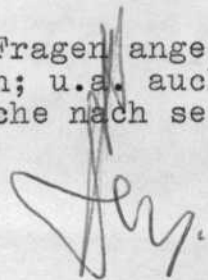
Dr. Berg brachte seine tiefe Sorge über die Korruptionsfälle zur Sprache. Dr. Bage stimmte grundsätzlich zu und teilte mit, daß Manager Tiga bereits im Dezember zurückgetreten sei und nicht mehr in der Presse arbeite.

Der Facharbeitermangel wurde berührt, und Dr. Berg verwies noch einmal auf die Reserven in der Goßnergemeinde Calcutta. Vielleicht ergäbe sich später die Möglichkeit, wenn die Presse höhere Gehälter zahlen könne, die eine oder andere Facharbeitskraft von dort nach Ranchi zu berufen. Wenn auf dem Compound Wohnung vermittelt werden könne, sagte Dr. Berg, wäre das wahrscheinlich ein Anreiz.

20. Amgaon

Den Tag der Kirchweihe beurteilte Dr. Bage besonders positiv, weil der Dienst dort und die Atmosphäre den Adhyakshen Topno und Minz, die erstmalig in Amgaon gewesen seien, einen tiefen Eindruck gemacht hätten. Sie hatten wirklich erkannt, daß das Hospital sich wirklich als Hospital der Goßnerkirche fühle und entsprechend verhalte. Das hätte manche ihrer bisherigen Vorstellungen korrigiert.

Es wurden noch eine Reihe anderer Punkte und Fragen angesprochen, die hier nicht festgehalten zu werden brauchen; u.a. auch Fragen des zukünftigen Dienstes Dr. Bages in der Kirche nach seinem Rücktritt vom Amt des Präsidenten.





**ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE K.S.S. BUDGET ACCOUNT**  
**G.E.L.CHURCH IN CHOTANAGPUR & ASSAM**  
**FOR THE YEAR 1968.**

| S.No.           | Particulars                            | L.F.  | Payment        |     | Receipt      |     | Balance on 31-12-67 |     |            |     |
|-----------------|----------------------------------------|-------|----------------|-----|--------------|-----|---------------------|-----|------------|-----|
|                 |                                        |       | Rs.            | nP. | Rs.          | nP. | Dr.<br>Rs.          | nP. | Cr.<br>Rs. | nP. |
| 1.              | L.W.F Subsidy                          | (1)   | ...            |     | 144008.76    |     | ...                 |     | 144008.76  |     |
| 2.              | G.M.Subsidy                            | (10)  | 392965.03      |     | 385088.32    |     | ...                 |     | 9598.40    |     |
| 3.              | Anchal Contribution                    | (9)   | ...            |     | 11631.00     |     | ...                 |     | 11631.00   |     |
| 4.              | Evangelistic WorkBGT                   | (13)  | 34397.36       |     | 6.48         |     | 34390.88            |     | ...        |     |
| 5.              | Evangelistic Work GM                   | (192) | 106739.61      |     | 138277.65    |     | ...                 |     | 13473.31   |     |
| 6.              | Luth.Theol.C.Rnc.Bgt                   | (24)  | 18466.50       |     | ...          |     | 18466.50            |     | ...        |     |
| 7.              | Luth.Theol.C.(G.M.)                    | (195) | 34546.92       |     | 43990.27     |     | 1196.08             |     | ...        |     |
| 8.              | Pra.Trig.Sch.Govi.Bgt                  | (31)  | 5978.50        |     | ...          |     | 5978.50             |     | ...        |     |
| 9.              | Pra.Trig.Sch.Govi.(G.M.)               | 36    | 32520.00       |     | 39614.00     |     | ...                 |     | 480.00     |     |
| 10.             | Tabita Bible Trg.Sch.Bgt               | (39)  | 5260.89        |     | ...          |     | 5084.91             |     | ...        |     |
| 11.             | Tabita Bible Trg.Sch.GM                | (41)  | 26200.00       |     | 29095.00     |     | ...                 |     | ...        |     |
| 12.             | Establishment                          | (52)  | 17620.53       |     | 1001.00      |     | 13386.86            |     | ...        |     |
| 13.             | N.M.S.Chanda                           | (53)  | ...            |     | 100.53       |     | ...                 |     | 156.39     |     |
| 14.             | Advance Recoverable                    | (55)  | 20762.66       |     | 2539.26      |     | 18223.40            |     | ...        |     |
| 15.             | Loan Recoverable                       | (59)  | ...            |     | 10.00        |     | ...                 |     | 10.00      |     |
| 16.             | Printing & Publication                 | (61)  | 122.85         |     | ...          |     | 122.85              |     | ...        |     |
| 17.             | Election Tribunal                      | (63)  | 85.88          |     | ...          |     | ...                 |     | 274.34     |     |
| 18.             | Board of Theol.Ed.                     | (65)  | 315.09         |     | ...          |     | 315.09              |     | ...        |     |
| 19.             | Board of Education                     | (69)  | 195.14         |     | ...          |     | 195.14              |     | ...        |     |
| 20.             | Rewa Mission                           | (71)  | ...            |     | 1133.23      |     | ...                 |     | 1177.48    |     |
| 21.             | Motor Account                          | (79)  | 6537.94        |     | 216.69       |     | 6321.25             |     | ...        |     |
| 22.             | Bible Society Chanda                   | (81)  | 67.96          |     | 67.96        |     | ...                 |     | ...        |     |
| 23.             | KSS.Contribution to P.F.               | (83)  | ...            |     | ...          |     | ...                 |     | ...        |     |
| 24.             | KSS.Contribn to Pension                | (84)  | 839.39         |     | ...          |     | 839.39              |     | ...        |     |
| 25.             | P.F.Contribn of Staff                  | (87)  | 715.32         |     | 715.32       |     | ...                 |     | ...        |     |
| 26.             | Pension Contribn of Staff              | (90)  | 56.76          |     | 56.76        |     | ...                 |     | ...        |     |
| 27.             | Bethesda Women's Trg.Sch               | (98)  | 70623.00       |     | 62546.32     |     | 6566.62             |     | ...        |     |
| 28.             | Jeep Ambassador Car                    | (107) | ...            |     | ...          |     | ...                 |     | 529.66     |     |
| 29.             | Telephone                              | (109) | 40.00          |     | ...          |     | 40.00               |     | ...        |     |
| 30.             | Auditor's Fees                         | (111) | 6.35           |     | ...          |     | ...                 |     | ...        |     |
| 31.             | Office Equipment                       | (112) | 206.00         |     | ...          |     | 206.00              |     | ...        |     |
| 32.             | Kalishya Sangh                         | (114) | 571.14         |     | ...          |     | ...                 |     | ...        |     |
| 33.             | Mahila Samelan                         | (116) | 600.00         |     | 600.00       |     | ...                 |     | ...        |     |
| 34.             | K.S.S.Meeting                          | (117) | 3640.24        |     | ...          |     | 3640.24             |     | ...        |     |
| 35.             | K.S.S.S.Meeting                        | (173) | 1989.06        |     | ...          |     | 1989.06             |     | ...        |     |
| 36.             | Officers(KSS)Meeting                   | (123) | 70.17          |     | ...          |     | 70.17               |     | ...        |     |
| 37.             | GELC.Pension Fund                      | (127) | 18404.39       |     | ...          |     | 9113.89             |     | ...        |     |
| 38.             | Travel & Transfer                      | (138) | 9488.98        |     | ...          |     | 9488.98             |     | ...        |     |
| 39.             | Diaspora Work                          | (139) | 1000.00        |     | ...          |     | 1000.00             |     | ...        |     |
| 40.             | Affiliation Fee                        | (141) | 3759.00        |     | ...          |     | 3759.00             |     | ...        |     |
| 41.             | Contribn Payable                       | (143) | 903.00         |     | ...          |     | 903.00              |     | ...        |     |
| 42.             | Youth Department                       | (145) | 5969.37        |     | 141.65       |     | 5827.72             |     | ...        |     |
| 43.             | Ecumenical Social Industrial Institute | (149) | ...            |     | ...          |     | ...                 |     | 3196.00    |     |
| 44.             | Medical Fund                           | (151) | 2000.00        |     | 4000.00      |     | ...                 |     | 2000.00    |     |
| 45.             | Medical Project                        | (152) | 4800.00        |     | ...          |     | 4800.00             |     | ...        |     |
| 46.             | Mikir Hills(Assam)                     | (153) | 2003.25        |     | 510.00       |     | ...                 |     | 16981.75   |     |
| 47.             | Specific ProjectBgt                    | (155) | 25000.00       |     | ...          |     | 19737.99            |     | ...        |     |
| 48.             | Pastors Ref.Course                     | (160) | 6082.33        |     | 6995.77      |     | ...                 |     | 1221.16    |     |
| 49.             | Security Deposit                       | (161) | ...            |     | 2000.00      |     | ...                 |     | 2000.00    |     |
| 50.             | Planning Commission                    | (164) | 158033.41      |     | 135400.00    |     | ...                 |     | 2448.55    |     |
| 51.             | Saleable Forms+Reg                     | (167) | ...            |     | 61.75        |     | ...                 |     | 145.00     |     |
| 52.             | Motor Cycle                            | (169) | 10041.57       |     | 8000.00      |     | ...                 |     | 4.73       |     |
| 53.             | Bd.Evangm.& Litre.                     | (180) | 8004.73        |     | ...          |     | 8004.73             |     | ...        |     |
| 54.             | Over Regional                          | (183) | 14470.00       |     | 22470.00     |     | ...                 |     | 8000.00    |     |
| 55.             | Special Account                        | (187) | ...            |     | 2763.36      |     | ...                 |     | 2763.36    |     |
| 56.             | Miscel.+ Unforeseen                    | (201) | 15937.64       |     | 10514.45     |     | 5423.19             |     | ...        |     |
| 57.             | Board of Properties                    | (203) | ...            |     | 1000.00      |     | ...                 |     | 1000.00    |     |
| Total.          |                                        |       | Rs.1068037.96  |     | Rs1054555.43 |     | 185091.44           |     | 221099.89  |     |
| Opening Balance |                                        |       | 36008.45       |     | 49490.98     |     | ...                 |     | ...        |     |
| Closing Balance |                                        |       | 36008.45       |     | ...          |     | 36008.45            |     | ...        |     |
| Total.          |                                        |       | Rs. 1104046.41 |     | 1104046.41   |     | 221099.89           |     | 221099.89  |     |

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE K.S.S. SPECIAL ACCOUNT  
FOR THE YEAR 1967.

| S.L.No.         | Particulars                                          | L.F. | Payments | Receipts | Balance on<br>31-12-67 |          |
|-----------------|------------------------------------------------------|------|----------|----------|------------------------|----------|
|                 |                                                      |      |          |          | Cr.                    | Dr.      |
| 1.              | Bethesda Hall                                        | 235  | ...      | ...      | ...                    | 3591.78  |
| 2.              | Widow's Fund                                         | 237  | 261.00   | 262.65   | ...                    | 4329.19  |
| 3.              | Reserve Fund                                         | 239  | ...      | ...      | ...                    | 3154.53  |
| 4.              | Centenary Jubilee Fund                               | 240  | ...      | ...      | ...                    | 3390.95  |
| 5.              | Ranchi Cemetary Fund                                 | 241  | ...      | ...      | ...                    | 224.15   |
| 6.              | Study Help Fund                                      | 242  | ...      | ...      | ...                    | 235.00   |
| 7.              | Reserve Fund F.D.+C.D.<br>Deposit in C.B.Association | 243  | ...      | ...      | 2439.49                | ...      |
| 8.              | Centenary Jubilee Fund<br>S.B.A/c in C.B.A           | 244  | ...      | ...      | 2898.17                | ...      |
| 9.              | Widow's Fund with U.B.I.                             | 245  | ...      | ...      | 4330.25                | ...      |
| 10.             | C.D.With C.B.Association                             | 246  | ...      | ...      | 3469.68                | ...      |
| 11.             | G.E.L.C.General Reserve                              | 247  | 994.68   | 1067.68  | ...                    | 17646.08 |
| 12.             | G.E.L.C.General Reserve<br>F.D.Deposit with U.B.I.   | 248  | ...      | ...      | 17573.08               | ...      |
| Total           |                                                      |      | 1258.63  | 1330.33  | 30710.63               | 32571.68 |
| Opening Balnce  |                                                      |      | ...      | 1789.36  | ...                    | ...      |
| Closing Balance |                                                      |      | 1861.01  | ...      | 1861.01                | ...      |
| Grand Total     |                                                      |      | 3119.69  | 3119.69  | 32571.68               | 32571.68 |

Detail of Cash Balance

|             |                           | Cash Balance |              |          |
|-------------|---------------------------|--------------|--------------|----------|
|             | R.F.                      |              | Cr.          | Dr.      |
| 1.          | Budget Account            |              | Rs. 36008.45 | ...      |
| ii          | Special Account           | 91           | 1861.01      | ...      |
|             |                           |              | <hr/>        |          |
|             |                           |              | 37869.46     |          |
|             |                           |              |              |          |
| i           | C.D. Account No 1564 with |              |              |          |
|             | U.B.I.Ltd.                |              | Rs. 43635.59 |          |
|             | Less Cheque No 322741     |              | 7000.00      |          |
|             |                           |              | <hr/>        |          |
|             |                           |              | 36635.59     | 36635.59 |
| ii          | Cash in Hand              |              |              | 1233.87  |
|             |                           |              |              |          |
| Grand Total |                           |              | 37869.46     | 37869.46 |

( C.A.Tirkey)  
Treasurer  
G.E.L.Church, Ranchi.

*S/Bhengra*  
( S.Bhengra )  
Head Accountant  
G.E.L.Church, Ranchi.



FINAL BALANCE OF K.S.S. MAIN ACCOUNT FOR  
THE YEAR 1967.

|                                               | L.F.  | Dr.           | Cr.           |
|-----------------------------------------------|-------|---------------|---------------|
| 1. Evangelistic Work Grant Budget             | (24)  | ...           | 415.74        |
| 2. Evangelistic Work Grant Gossner Mission    | (195) | ...           | 5468.58       |
| 3. Pracharak Training School G.M.             | (36)  | ...           | 480.00        |
| 4. Advance recoverable                        | (55)  | 18,223.40     | ...           |
| 5. Election Tribunal                          | (63)  | ...           | 274.34        |
| 6. Rewa Mission                               | (71)  | ...           | 1333.87       |
| 7. K.S.S. Contribution payable                | (83)  | ...           | 5510.97       |
| 8. Bethesda Women's Training SCHOOL           | (98)  | ...           | 838.00        |
| 9. Jeep Ambassador Car                        | (107) | ...           | 1318.41       |
| 10. G.E.L. Church Pension Fund                | (127) | 9,113.89      | ...           |
| 11. Diaspora Work                             | (139) | ...           | 500.00        |
| 12. Ecumenical Social Industrial Institutions | (149) | ...           | 3196.00       |
| 13. Medical Fund                              | (151) | ...           | 2000.00       |
| 14. Medical Project                           | (152) | ...           | 1600.00       |
| 15. Mikir Hills                               | (153) | ...           | 16981.75      |
| 16. Pastors' Refresher Course                 | (160) | 6,082.33      | 1221.16       |
| 17. Planning Commission                       | (164) | ...           | 10850.87      |
| 18. Forms & Saleable                          | (167) | ...           | 145.00        |
| 19. Over Regional                             | (183) | ...           | 8000.00       |
| 20. Special Account                           | (187) | ...           | 2778.09       |
| 21. Miscellaneous & Unforeseen                | (201) | ...           | 426.90        |
| 22. Property Board                            | (203) | ...           | 6.06          |
| 23. By Balance                                | ...   | 36,008.45     | ...           |
| <hr/>                                         |       |               |               |
| Total.                                        |       | Rs. 63,345.74 | Rs. 63,345.74 |

Mr. C.A. Tirkey 31.12.67.  
Treasurer,  
G.E.L. Church, Ranchi.

Shri. S. Bhengra 31.12.67.  
Head Accountant,  
G.E.L. Church, Ranchi.

|                                      | Dr.        | Cr.       |
|--------------------------------------|------------|-----------|
| 31.12.67. L.W.F.Subsidy Dr.          | 144008.76  |           |
| To                                   |            |           |
| Ev. Work grant A/c                   |            | 34306.62  |
| Luth. Theological College Ranchi A/c |            | 13466.50  |
| Prach.Train. School Gd.pur A/c       |            | 5978.50   |
| Tabita Training School A/c           |            | 5034.91   |
| Establishment A/c                    |            | 13386.36  |
| Printing & Publication A/c           |            | 122.35    |
| Board of Theo.Education A/c          |            | 315.09    |
| Board of Education A/c               |            | 195.14    |
| Motor A/c                            |            | 6312.25   |
| Jeep, Ambassador Car A/c             |            | 738.75    |
| K.S.S.Contribution to P.F.A/c        |            | 5510.97   |
| Bethesda Women's Training School A/c |            | 7404.62   |
| Telephone A/c                        |            | 40.00     |
| Office Equipment A/c                 |            | 206.00    |
| Travel & Transfer A/c                |            | 6064.90   |
| Diaspora Work A/c                    |            | 1500.00   |
| Youth Department A/c                 |            | 5327.72   |
| Medical Project A/c                  |            | 6400.00   |
| Specific Project A/c                 |            | 19737.99  |
| Misc. & Unforeseen A/c               |            | 5350.09   |
| Total                                | 144008.76. | 144008.76 |
| 31.12.67 Anchal Contribution Dr.     | 11631.00   |           |
| To                                   |            |           |
| K.S.S.Meeting Expenss A/c            |            | 3640.24   |
| K.S.S.S.Meeting Expenss A/c          |            | 1939.06   |
| K.S.S.Officers Meeting Exp. A/c      |            | 70.17     |
| Affiliation fee payable A/c.         |            | 3759.00   |
| Contribution payable A/c.            |            | 903.00    |
| K.S.S.Contribution to G.E.L.Church   |            |           |
| Pension Fund A/c.                    |            | 339.39    |
| Travel & Transfer A/c.               |            | 430.14    |
| Total                                | 11631.00   | 11631.00  |
| 31.12.67 Security Deposit Dr.        | 2000.00    |           |
| To                                   |            |           |
| Travel & Transfer A/c                |            | 2000.00   |
| Total                                | 2000.00    | 2000.00   |
| 31.12.67 Property Board Deposit Dr.  | 993.94     |           |
| To                                   |            |           |
| Travel & Transfer A/c.               |            | 993.94    |
| Total                                | 993.94     | 993.94    |
| 31.12.67 H.M.S.Chanda Transferred    |            | 156.39    |
| To                                   |            |           |
| Rewa Mission A/c                     |            | 156.39    |
| Total                                | 156.39     | 156.39    |
| 31.12.67 Loan Recoverable A/c        |            | 10.00     |
| To Special A/c                       |            |           |
| Total                                | 10.00      | 10.00     |
| 31.12.67 Motor Cycle A/c Transferred |            | 4.73      |
| To Special A/c                       |            |           |
| Total                                | 4.73       | 4.73      |
| 31.12.67 Ev. Work Grant Dr.          | 3004.73    |           |
| To B.E.L.A/c                         |            | 3004.73   |
| Total                                | 3004.73    | 3004.73   |



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|                                                                                                                         | Debit.<br>Rs.                 | Credit.<br>Rs.     |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| 2.1.37 Miscellaneous & Unforseen a/c<br>to Theological College Ranchi<br>Pracharak Training School                      | 1579.50                       | 1079.50<br>440.00  |
| " Planning Commission a/c Dr.<br>to Theological College Ranchi                                                          | Total. 1579.50<br>1004.66     | 1519.50<br>1004.66 |
| 20.6.67 Auditor's Fund a/c Dr.<br>Kalishiya Sangh a/c Dr.<br>Motor Cycle a/c Dr.<br>to Special a/c                      | 6.35<br>571.14<br>2046.30     | 2623.79            |
| "                                                                                                                       | Total. 2623.79                | 2623.79            |
| " Theological College Dr.<br>Pracharak Train. School Dr.<br>Tabita " " Dr.<br>to Gossner Mission Subsidy<br>(By adjust) | 5000.00<br>6000.00<br>6000.00 | 17000.00           |
| "                                                                                                                       | Total. 17000.00               | 17000.00           |
| Hearl 1967 G. M. Subsidy                                                                                                |                               |                    |
| 1967 Receipt Rs. 369325.66                                                                                              |                               |                    |
| 1966 Balance " 17475.11                                                                                                 |                               |                    |
| Dr. from Advance recoverable " 15762.66                                                                                 | Dr. to 402563.43              | 124540.00          |
| Evangelistic work Grant a/c                                                                                             |                               |                    |
| Planning Commission                                                                                                     |                               |                    |
| ( Anchals) 60000.00                                                                                                     |                               |                    |
| ( Tejpur Bunglow) 32000.00                                                                                              |                               |                    |
| ( Bokaro Land) 13400.00                                                                                                 |                               |                    |
| ( Rajgangpur Well) 2470.00                                                                                              |                               |                    |
| ( Hessag, Debadih) 25000.00                                                                                             |                               |                    |
| ( Account) 3402.32                                                                                                      |                               |                    |
| Over Regional a/c                                                                                                       |                               | 146272.32          |
| Theological College Ranchi a/c                                                                                          |                               | 20000.00           |
| Pracharak Training School "                                                                                             |                               | 37102.19           |
| Tabita Training School "                                                                                                |                               | 33174.00           |
| Motor Cycle "                                                                                                           |                               | 23028.00           |
| Medical Fund "                                                                                                          |                               | 8000.00            |
| Pastors Refresher Course "                                                                                              |                               | 4000.00            |
| Women's Work "                                                                                                          |                               | 2500.00            |
| Mr. Hermann Lakra, Japan Trip "                                                                                         |                               | 600.00             |
| F.E.L.C. (I) Bishop Manikam "                                                                                           |                               | 2640.36            |
| Special a/c                                                                                                             |                               | 500.00             |
|                                                                                                                         |                               | 139.57             |
|                                                                                                                         | Total. 402563.43              | 402563.43          |
| Bethesda Women's Training<br>school bill for months<br>April to June Dr. to<br>Government Grant 1966-67                 | 2496.00                       | 2496.00            |
|                                                                                                                         | Total 2496.00                 | 2496.00            |

Mr. C.A. T. Roy  
Treasurer  
31.12.67

Mr. S. Bhengra.  
Head Accountant. 31.12.67

G.E.L. CHURCH PROVIDENT FUND ( STATEMENT )  
1967

| S1 No. | Particulars                        | L.F. | Payment   | Receipt   | Balance on 31.12.67 |           |
|--------|------------------------------------|------|-----------|-----------|---------------------|-----------|
|        |                                    |      |           |           | Dr.                 | Cr.       |
| 1.     | Members Own Contribn.              | 147  | 1698.99   | 10702.93  | ..                  | 59393.00  |
| 2.     | " Anchal "                         | 97   | 348.94    | 5122.92   | ..                  | 27552.26  |
| 3.     | " KSS. "                           | 101  | 1238.70   | 21.36     | ..                  | 25872.02  |
| 4.     | Interest Payable                   | 103  | 681.13    | 4.81      | ..                  | 16261.61  |
| 5.     | General Reserve                    | 107  | 9.42      | 7078.34   | ..                  | 15148.88  |
| 6.     | Contribution recoverable from KSS. | 113  | 21.36     | ..        | 17.31               | ..        |
| 7.     | Loan to members                    | 117  | 600.00    | 600.00    | 260.00              | ..        |
| 8.     | Outstanding Intrst(Loan)           | 119  | ..        | ..        | 91.12               | ..        |
| 9.     | Suspense Refundable                | 121  | 54.86     | 183.56    | ..                  | 146.73    |
|        | Total.                             |      | 4653.39   | 23713.92  | 368.43              | 144374.50 |
|        | Opening Balnce                     |      | ..        | 124945.54 | ..                  | ..        |
|        | Closing Balance                    |      | 144006.07 | ..        | 144006.07           | ..        |
|        | Grand Total.                       |      | 148659.46 | 148659.46 | 144374.50           | 144374.50 |

Detail of Cash Balance.

|                                      | Cr.       | Dr.       |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| 1. Cash Balance                      | 144006.07 |           |
| 2. S.B. Deposit No 60. U.B. I Ltd.   |           | 29454.10  |
| 3. S.B. Deposit No 315. U.C.B.Ltd.   |           | 5922.61   |
| 4. F/D No. 484/67.RN 352669.17.11.67 |           | 12771.68  |
| 5. " " 483/67.RN 352668. "           |           | 33920.00  |
| 6. " " 34367 R.N. 35258 29-8.67      |           | 52032.66  |
| 7. " No.FDR/U9/196 4.9.67            |           | 6371.64   |
| 8. S.B. Deposit No. 604 C.B.I.Ltd.   |           | 3531.14   |
| 9. Bank commission to be deducted    |           | 2.00      |
| 10. Cash                             |           | 0.24      |
| Total                                | 144006.07 | 144006.07 |

G.E.L. CHURCH PENSION FUND  
1967.

| S.No. | Particulars           | L.F. | Payment  | Receipt. | Balance on 31.12.67 |          |
|-------|-----------------------|------|----------|----------|---------------------|----------|
|       |                       |      |          |          | Dr.                 | Cr.      |
| 1.    | Members Own Cotribn   | 77   | 33.39    | 5203.06  | ...                 | 5920.52  |
| 2.    | " Anchal "            | 56   | 33.39    | 4559.09  | ...                 | 5180.73  |
| 3.    | " KSS. "              | 59   | ...      | ...      | ...                 | 839.39   |
| 4.    | Contribn from KSS     | 60   | ...      | 839.39   | ...                 | ...      |
| 5.    | Gen. Reserve          | 61   | 6.10     | 190.94   | ...                 | 185.10   |
| 6.    | Suspense Refundable   | 63   | 18.00    | 74.74    | ...                 | 59.34    |
| 7.    | " Recoverable         | 64   | ...      | ...      | 9.96                | ...      |
| 8.    | G.E.L.C. Pension Fund | 66   | ...      | 18839.29 | ...                 | 18948.18 |
| 9.    | Regular Pension       | 72   | 6811.50  | ...      | 6811.50             | ...      |
| 10.   | One time Pension      | 75   | 11639.14 | ...      | 11639.14            | ...      |
|       | Opening Balance       |      | 18541.52 | 29706.51 | 18460.60            | 31133.26 |
|       | Closing Balance       |      | 12672.66 | 1507.67  | 12672.66            | ...      |
|       | Total.                |      | 31214.18 | 31214.18 | 31133.26            | 31133.26 |

Cash Balance in detail.

|                         |              |              |
|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1. Balance              | Cr. 12672.66 |              |
| 2. S.B. Deposit No. 315 |              |              |
| C. Com. Bank Ltd.       | 12734.38     |              |
| Less Extra Depo.        | 61.72        |              |
|                         |              | Dr. 12672.66 |
|                         | 12672.66     | 12672.66     |

Mr. C.A. Tirkay Treasurer.  
31-12-67

Mr. S. Bhengra. Hd. Accountant.  
31-12-67.



*Interessed!*  
*29/11/67*  
*25th November, 1967*  
*Wally: see Kurem...*  
*also filed brief...*

To : The K.S.S., G.E.L. Church in  
Chotanagpur & Assam, Ranchi.

Through : The Pramukh Adhyaksh,  
G.E.L. Church, Ranchi.

Sir,

Kindly permit us to place the following before you for your consideration and necessary action.

We, the undersigned members of the G.E.L.C., are pleased to know that the Gossner Mission Society has decided to withdraw its financial assistance to the Gossner Church after 1969 and that the GELC has agreed upon this decision and has accepted this plan. We suggest that the Gossner Church decide to stop taking subsidy from the Lutheran World Federation also after 1970 and plan to meet all her recurrent expenses out of her own resources. Only occasional financial and other assistance from the L.W.F. and the Gossner Mission should be accepted by the Gossner Church for special major projects in the future, e.g. - Secular College etc.

TTC Phudi, Agriculture Farm at Khutitoli and Amgaon Hospital should remain under a separate category of institutions. They should be supported by the Gossner Mission for the next five years during which period these institutions also work out their ways and means for self support.

In order to meet the above mentioned financial crisis in the Gossner Church the undersigned members suggest the following sample plans:-

1. Maintenance of Lutheran Theological College, Ranchi.

- a). Gossner Church members whose monthly income is Rs.200/= or more, should be enlisted as the Chartered members of the College and they contribute Rs.50/= annually to the College Fund. 100 chartered members' annual contribution : Rs.5,000/=.
- b). Gossner Church farmers who own 10 acres or more Don Land contribute One Maund (One Oria) Paddy annually to the College. 600 such farmers' annual contribution ( @ Rs.25/= per maund ) : Rs.15,000/=.
- c). The Bride and the Bridegroom, on their Wedding Day, offer Re.1/= each towards the College Fund. 1200 Weddings in the Gossner Church will bring the contribution of Rs.2,400/=.
- d). Each new Confirmed pay Re.1/= to the College Fund. 1,000 Confirmations in the Church will contribute : Rs.2,000/=.
- e). The Congregations throughout the Gossner Church observe a College Day (Seminary Parab Day) once a year, and the offering of that day should go to the College Fund. Over one thousand Gossner Church congregations' contribution : Rs.10,000/=. Envelop and other systems can be used for this purpose.

Thus the total annual income towards the maintenance of the Lutheran Theological College amounts to :

... Rs.34,400/=.

The annual expenditure of the College is : ( approximately ) :

... Rs.25,000/=.

2. Financial resources for the Missionary and evangelistic work in the G.E.L.C.

- a) Mission Parab should be celebrated on the 2nd of Nov. throughout the Gossner church using the envelope systems in all congregations. Over thousand congregations can contribute: Rs.10000.00 np.
- b) Rajbridhi girja be revived and reinforced in the congregations. It will bring an annual income of Rs. 7000.00np.
- c) Lent offerings of the whole Gossner Church should be diverted to the fund for Missionary work Rs.7000.00np
- d) Enlist "A" grade congregations in the Gossner Church. Those congregations which have 60 and above families as their members should each be made responsible for the support of one Pracharak in the mission field. Suppose at least we have 40 such "A" grade congregations. At the rate of Rs.50.00np per month in support of the assigned Pracharak these congregations contribute annually Rs.24000.00np.
- e) Workers offering at the rate of one N.P. or two Naye paise according to their income can contribute at least about Rs.500.00np p.a.
- f) Tithing on landed property's annual income of the whole church. The rough estimate is Rs.20000.00 np
- g) Tithing on rent of buildings and others annual income; the rough estimate will come to about Rs.2000.00 np
- h) Bahin Samaj annual quota; Rs.5000.00np
- i) The Yua Sangh annual income quota Rs.2000.00 np

Thus the total annual income for the missionary and evangelistic works of the Gossner Evan.church will be

Rs.77,500.00np

The present annual expenditure of Missionary and evangelistic work is not known-.

The above are the two sample plans for guidance only. Adequate ways and means, for the management of other institutions and offices in the Gossner church be explored by the K.S.S. with the help of experts if necessary.

May we further suggest that the Gossner Church launch on a SAMPURNA SWAPALIT ANDOLAN throughout her constituencies beginning from January 1968 to explain the seriousness of the situation to the members in the church encouraging them to prove themselves equal to the occasion. We urge that the K.S.S. together with the interested and responsible members of the Gossner church, constitute a SAMPURNA SWAPALIT ANDOLAN SABHA to plan and work for achieving the intended goal.

Yours Faithfully,

Sd/- by *Dr. N. M. M. M.* 20 signatories.



GOSSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH RANCHI.

KSS SAMITI MINUTES

Minutes of the KSS Samiti meeting held on  
Nov. 25 - 27, 1967.

1. The meeting was held in the Office of the Pramukh Adhyaksh. It started with opening devotion conducted by the Pramukh Adhyaksh, Rev. C.B. Aind.
2. Attendance : The following members attended the meeting.

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|---------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| 1. Rev. C.B. Aind   | Pramukh Adhyaksh.                                  |
| 2. Rev. C.B. Minz   | Up-Pramukh Adhyaksh.                               |
|                     | attended by joining the session on 26th afternoon. |
| 3. Rev. Dr. M. Bage | Secretary.                                         |
| 4. Mr. C.A. Tirkey  | Treasurer.                                         |
| 5. Rev. J. Topno.   |                                                    |
| 6. Rev. C.S.B. Horo |                                                    |
| 7. Mr. John Tutti   |                                                    |
| 8. Mr. H. Samad.    |                                                    |

Mr. Nuas Kerketta had sent a letter of apology for not being able to be present for the meeting.

3. Matters from previous minutes of August 6 - 13, 1967 :

Item No. 34 : Khutitoli Synod - Anchal :- The Committee formed in this connection was to report in the next full K.S.S. Meeting.

Item No. 33 : Purulia T.T.C. Matters :- Mr. N.E. Horo was asked to report on this matter. Mr. N.E. Horo reported that a deputation consisting of Mr. N.E. Horo, Mr. K. Schwerk, Rev. J. Topno and Rev. C.B. Minz, Up-Pramukh Adhyaksh had met the Deputy Commissioner at Purulia and discussed the matter with him. From the talk of the D.C. it was clear that the Bengal Government wants to press the Church to reopen the Purulia T.T.C. failing which the Government itself would start. They would not allow to bring the Machines from Bengal to Bihar.

Item No. 37 : Report of Ministerium Committee, re-corroborative vote:- Noted that the resolution of the K.S.S. was still to be sent to the Anchals for their corroborative votes.

Item No. 27 : Pastors' Refresher Course 1968 :- It was decided that the Pastors' Refresher Course in 1968 be held from March 1 - 10. Arrival date will be 29th February.

Item No. 16 : Chairman Board of Properties :- The corroborative vote from N.W. Anchal was still awaited on this matter.

Item No. 8 : Election Tribunal - Action taken by respective Boards and Tribunals :- The Chairman reported that no report had yet been received from Orissa and Assam Anchals. The N.W. Anchal and S.E. Anchal have made the decisions as follows :-

- (I). N.W. Anchal's Statutory Board considered the complaints made in connection with the last Anchal elections and arrived at the following decisions :-
- (a) The complaint stating that the newly elected officers could not become the members of the Anchal Statutory Board was not justified because there was no specific clause in the Constitution to such effect.
- (b) The complaint stating that no admonition was made prior to the election of the members of the Nomination Committee was found false.

- (c) The complaint stating that the newly elected officers were not qualified to function until the fresh election took place was not justified because there was a clear provision in the regulations that the newly elected members and officers could not be stopped from functioning until their election was declared invalid by the proper constitutional body.
- (II) S.E. Anchal Statutory Board considered the complaints made in connection with the last elections of the S.E. Anchal and arrived at the following decisions :-
- (a) There was a complaint that the Pastors working in the Central Institutions at Govindpur were not invited to attend the Synod Sabha at Govindpur and as such the elections made in that Synod Sabha and also that of the Anchal Sabha in which the members elected by the Govindpur Synod Sabha participated were illegal. The Statutory found that the actions of the Synod Sabha referred to in the complaints were according to the decision of the K.S.S. as per K.S.S. Minutes dated 10th October, 1965, Appendix (5).
- (b) The complaint that the Adhyaksh and the Secretary of the Anchal were declared confirmed inspite of the protests made by nine members of the Anchal Sabha and that the procedure of election followed was tricky was found unjustified because the statements made in support of the complaint were false and baseless.

Above mentioned actions of the Statutory Board were noted and thus the matters in this connection were considered as closed.

Item No.33 : Transfer of Rev. Hironimus Lugun from Orissa Anchal to Assam Anchal :- The Chairman reported that the Orissa Anchal Secretary in his letter of 10.10.67, informed that Orissa Anchal was unable to release Rev. Lugun from Orissa because Rev Surin of Jorabandh was on long leave because he was suffering from T.B.

Resolved that the transfer of Rev. H. Lugun from Orissa to Assam be recended.

Item No.3 : Transfer of Rev. P.D.S. Bage :- The Adhyaksh of the Assam Anchal informed that the Anchal had recommended to cancel the transfer order of Rev. P.D.S. Bage.

Resolved that the K.S.S. resolution in favour of transferring Rev.P. D.S. Bage from Assam to Mornai be recended.

#### 4. Matters from Anchals :

##### (i) Assam Anchal :

The Anchal Adhyaksh reported that Rev. P.Tete who had joined the Theological College at Jorhat had not yet received any stipend for his study. He also reported that the Anchal was still in need of a Pastor for Assam Anchal to take the place of Rev. P.Tete.

The Chairman reported that, as the money had now been received from G.M. Rev. P. Tete would soon be paid his stipend.

It was also decided that Assam Anchal be given one Pastor as requested by them.

##### (ii) N.W. Anchal :

The Anchal Adhyaksh reported that the N.W. Anchal was in need of five more Pastors. He also recommended that Candidate William Khalkho be recommended to the Pramukh Adhyaksh for ordination.



(iii) S.E. Anchal :

The Anchal Adhyaksh mentioned that they had already expressed the need of a Pastor in the S.E. Anchal as Rev. I. Aind had already joined the Theological College. On the above stated reports received from the Anchals the K.S.S. Samiti took the following actions :-

- (1) Resolved to request the Pramukh Adhyaksh to take necessary action to ordain Candidate William Khalkho now working at Jashpur Nagar and he be given to the N.W. Anchal for his appointment as ordained minister.
- (2) Resolved to request the Pramukh Adhyaksh to take necessary steps to declare the following as Candidates for ministry in the G.F.L. Church.
  - (a) Mr. Sadanand Minz.
  - (b) Mr. Saban Martin Topno.
- (3) The transfer of following Pastors be effected from the 16th January, 1968.
  - (a) Rev. Hanukh Minz : From Khutitoli to N.W. Anchal.
  - (b) Rev. Jiwan Dungdung : From S.E. Anchal to N.W. Anchal.
  - (c) Rev. Simon Bakhla : From S.E. Anchal (Jamshedpur) to N.W. Anchal.
  - (d) Rev. Heran Tirkey : From N.W. Anchal to S.E. Anchal.
  - (e) Rev. Saran Purti : From N.W. Anchal to S.E. Anchal.
  - (f) Rev. Elias Surin : From S.E. Anchal to Assam Anchal.

Above transfer cases except that of Rev. Hanukh Minz who is now working in A.T.C., the Central Institution be forwarded to the Inter Anchal Relationship Committee for its approval.

5. K.S.S. Staff Applications :

- (1) Application of Mr. D. Kuzur dated 24.11.67 : Mr. Kuzur had pointed out that by the introduction of the New Pay Scale he had been a loser.

In this connection it was found that according to New Pay Scale Mr. Kuzur was put in U.D. Grade. Accordingly it was noted that he was given more than what he was previously getting and as such he was not a loser.

- (2) Application of Mr. A.P. Barla : Mr. Barla had requested to unify his pay scale with the scale provided for the workers of the Treasury Section.

In this connection it was noted that all employers were fitted into the new scale. Mr. Barla was put in U.D. Clerk's Grade, and as such he could not be paid higher pay than what was fixed for the Grade in which he was placed.

- (3) Mr. Saban Sanga's Application : Mr. Sanga had mentioned that he had been under training for the last nine months in the KSS Office and requested that he be treated as having completed his training period.

It was decided that Mr. Saban Sanga be appointed as L.D. Clerk in the KSS Office with effect from 1st January, 1968 and be paid as per scale fixed for the same starting with Rs.80/- per month.

- (4) Mr. P.D. BAGE'S Application : Mr. P.D. BAGE had mentioned in his application that although Mr. Bhengra had joined the office as a Head Accountant on 1st October, 1967, he, (Mr. P.D. Bage) had to work in the office for the whole month for preparing the books for handing over charge to Mr. S. Bhengra.

In this connection the Chairman mentioned that he, in consultation with the Treasurer had already granted Mr. P.D. Bage ten days of October for the necessary office works.

On this the K.S.S. Samiti resolved : (i) that, the action taken by the Pramukh Adhyaksh granting ten days time for office work by Mr. P.D. Bage be approved. (ii) that, Mr. P.D. Bage be paid salary up to 15th October, 1967 for the works he rendered in the K.S.S. Treasury Office.

- (5) Mr. S. BHENGRA'S Application : Mr. Bhengra, the Head Accountant had mentioned that he when having joined the office of the Head Accountant was to start with Rs.200/- the starting pay of the Head Accountant as per scale where as he was already drawing Rs.230/- p.m. as Co-Manager of the Property Board before he was given leave to join the service of the Relief Programme at Calcutta. He requested that his past service in the G.F.L. Church be considered and be granted higher initial pay.

After due consideration it was decided that although the appointment given to Mr. S. Bhengra as Head Accountant was a fresh appointment and as such was given a new start in his pay scale, it was also felt that the policy of the K.S.S. had been that no one be given a pay less than what he was drawing as an employee of the Church in any office. Accordingly the K.S.S. Samiti resolved that Mr. S. Bhengra, the newly appointed Head Accountant be fitted in the scale of the Head Accountant starting from Rs.230/- p.m. with effect from the date he joined the post.

#### 6. Treasurer's Matters :

- (a) The Treasurer submitted a Quarterly Statement of Accounts for the period from July to September, 1967. According to the report Cash Balance of different accounts on 30.9.1967 was as follows :-

|    |                              |                    |              |
|----|------------------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| 1) | Budget A/C.                  | Rs. 36,192=13 Ps.  | Gr. balance. |
| 2) | Special A/C.                 | Rs. 2,052=01 Ps.   | "            |
| 3) | GEL Church Prov. Fund A/C.   | Rs. 135,617+05 Ps. | "            |
| 4) | GEL Church Pension Fund A/C. | Rs. 9,435=48 Ps.   | "            |

The above reports were scrutinised and approved.

- (b) Handing over charge to the new Head Accountant : Mr. Bhengra the new Head Accountant reported that the handing over charge of the Provident Fund is quite correct as per quarterly statement of A/Cs. for July - Sept' 67.

As regards G.F.L. Church Pension Fund Mr. Bhengra pointed out that the Book Balance was Rs.8,622=18 Ps. and the Bank balance is Rs.8,574=74 Ps. Thus cash falls short of Rs.47=44 Ps.

Mr. Bhengra further pointed out that the Cash balance of Rs.623=78 Ps shown under the Special A/C. is with Sri P.D. Bage.

Mr. Bhengra further pointed out that as per audit report of Mr. Bhengra Rs.1,000=00 Ps. is also with Sri P.D. Bage.

Resolved that Mr. P.D. Bage be asked to handover all the Cash balance still with him.



- (c) K.S.S. Allotments from Anchals : Its statement was as follows :-

|                    | <u>Total Allotment</u> | <u>Paid so far</u> |
|--------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| Assam Anchal ...   | Rs. 850=00 ...         | Nil.               |
| Orissa Anchl ...   | Rs. 2,600=00 ...       | Rs. 600=00         |
| S.E. Anchal ...    | Rs. 4,300=00 ...       | Rs. 2,000=00       |
| N.W. Anchal ...    | Rs. 2,760=00 ...       | Rs. 2,070=00       |
| Khutitoli Synod... | Rs. 500=00 ...         | Rs. 250=00         |
| Hd. Qr. Congr. ... | Rs. 271=00 ...         | Rs. 271=00         |

- (d) Pension Fund Contribution : The Treasurer reported that there were still some Pastors who had not yet started giving their contribution to the Pension Fund of the G.E.L. Church. Among them there were some such pastors who were working in the Schools as teachers and as such they were not contributing to the G.E.L. Church Provident Fund and Pension Fund. On this the Samiti took following actions :-

- (i) Resolved that those pastors who are serving in schools be exempted from being contributors to the Pension Fund of the Church so long as they are in the School Service.
- (ii) Resolved that those pastors who have not yet joined the Pension Fund of the Church be asked to join the Pension Fund latest by the 31st Dec'67 failing which they will be allowed to join the Pension Fund only on payment of Rs.5/- as fine up to the end of 31st January, 1968. After 31st January, 1968 they will be debarred from joining the Pension Fund of the Church.

#### 7. Pension Committee's Report :

The Convener reported the case of Sri C.M. Horo to the Samiti. It was reported that as per Pension Rule it was worked out and found that Mr. C.M. Horo was entitled to get an amount of Rs.1,308=00 as one time pension.

The Samiti resolved that Rs.1,308=00 (One thousand three hundred and eight Rupees) be paid to Mr. C.M. Horo as his pension.

In this connection with the Pension holders the Chairman reported that there were some pastors who, though retired occupied the Church Quarters which were needed for other pasotrs.

After due consideration it was decided that Rev. Manshid Hemrom, Rev. S.Kula, Rev. J.A.Kuzur and Rev. Amus Bara be asked to vacate the church houses they are now occupying latest by the 1st January, 1968 failing which K.S.S. will be compelled to take necessary action.

It was further decided that a suitable service conditions for the church employees be framed in which provisions be made to guarantee that a church employee must vacate the church quarters after his retirement. The Pramukh Adhyaksh and the Ministerium Secretary Rev. C.B. Minz were authorised to prepare such a draft and present it before the next full K.S.S. Meeting.

#### Other Matters :

- 1) Mr. Samad's Case : The letter of the Assam Anchal Secretary dated 9.11.67 was read in which the K.S.S. had been requested to meet the expenses incurred for sending back the wife of late Candidate Mattias Samad to her native place. It was reported by the Anchal Adhyaksh that she had to come from Rangagota via Rajabehar and Tezpur.

It was resolved that out of the K.S.S. Fund "Transfer & Appointment" an amount of Rs. 560=75 Ps. be paid to Mrs. Samad to meet the total expense for her return from Rangagora to Lombol.

- ii) Rev. Mansidh Hemrom's action : The Chairman reported that, although Rev. Mansidh Hemrom had retired he was serving the North Lakhimpur Parish and was thus violating the church discipline.

On this it was decided that the Pramukh Adhyaksh be requested to send a warning to Rev. Mansidh Hemrom and thereafter if Rev. Hemrom does not stop his present action steps be taken by the Pramukh Adhyaksh to cease the Marriage Licence of Rev. Hemrom.

- iii) Amendment to Constitution : Rev C.B. Minz pointed out that the need of abolishing Synods had been expressed in several church conferences and as such it was necessary that steps to such an effect be taken.

It was then resolved that Mr. C.A. Tirkey be requested to place in the next full K.S.S. Meeting a draft of amendment in the Constitution in favour of abolishing the Synods.

- iv) Mr. N.E. Horo's Application : The Chairman reported that Mr. N.E. Horo had been granted a long leave which terminated on Oct' 11, 67, however Mr. Horo joined office on November 1, 1967 and had applied to grant him leave also for the period from Oct' 12 - 31, 67. The Up-Pramukh Adhyaksh had received the joining report of Mr. N.E. Horo on the 1st November, 67 and on which he kept its acceptance pending until the Pramukh Adhyaksh returned from abroad.

After due consideration resolved that :-

- (a) The Pramukh Adhyaksh be advised to accept the joining report of Mr. N.E. Horo for the month of November and payment of salary be made accordingly.
- (b) Mr. N.E. Horo's request to extend his leave without pay also for the period from Oct' 12 - 31, be granted.
- (c) Mr. N.E. Horo, as he is now serving as M.L.A. be advised to take long leave with effect from December, 1st. 1967 as required by him with an understanding that his service in the K.S.S. Office is not terminated.

- v) Report on 450th Anniversary of Reformation : The Pramukh Adhyaksh Rev. C.B. Aind gave an oral report to the K.S.S. Samiti about the 450th Anniversary of Reformation. It was reported that out of three persons whom the K.S.S. had appointed to participate in this anniversary, Rev. C.B. Aind and Mr. C.A. Tirkey were able to visit Germany. They had been invited by the E.K.U. (Evangelical Church Union), as E.K.U. also celebrated its jubilee from Nov. 2-5, 67.

The Chairman reported that during this visit to Germany he had occasion to meet the authorities of the Gossner Mission and had talk on certain matters on which the K.S.S. Samiti's action was needed. On this the Samiti took following action :-

- (a) Reported that early next year there will be three visitors from Germany who will come to us. Rev. Dr. V. Stieglitz and his wife will be already reaching Ranchi on 23rd December. Pastor Seeberg will be reaching Ranchi on 2nd February so as to be able to attend the Budget Session of the K.S.S. During January and February Pastor Dorman is coming to Durgapur. From there he will come to visit the Gossner Church. It was also told that he had already

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