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An
BROT FÜR DIE WELT
z.Hd. Herrn Steinheil

7 Stuttgart 1
Gerokstr. 17

Betrifft: Projekt der Anglikanischen Kirche in Ranchi/Indien - Blindenschule

Lieber Herr Steinheil!

Diese Sache ist wirklich zähflüssig! Wenn ich ermesse, daß Sie auch nur mit der Hälfte der laufendent Projekte soviel Mühe haben und Geduld aufbringen müssen, wächst mein Verständnis für Ihre Situation und die Ihrer Mitarbeiter.

Jedenfalls möchte ich mich von dem Brief, den der Exekutivsekretär des Christenrates in Nagpur dieser Tage in Kopie auch an mich übersandte, sogleich entlasten und Ihnen als Material für Ihre Urteilsbildung in dieser Sache übersenden. Es ist fast unnötig, zu sagen, daß ich selbstverständlich weder im Gespräch mit Superintendent Laver noch in der Korrespondenz jemals von mir aus eine feste Zusage für die Erfüllung seiner Bitte gemacht habe, sondern das immer abhängig machte von der Vorlage und Prüfung des Projekts, seiner Bearbeitung und seiner Beschlußfassung im Ausschuß. Wie Sie verfahren wollen, unterliegt also völlig Ihrer Freiheit und Verantwortung. Wie schwierig jedenfalls diese Dinge im großen Indien sind, geht ja nochmals deutlich aus dem Brief von Rolston hervor.

Mit herzlichen Grüßen
bin ich Ihr

Anlage
Kopie des Briefes von Rolston an Superintendent Laver
im an mich übersandten Original.

15 November 1968
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Mr. T. Laver,
Superintendent,
St. Michael's School
for the Blind,
P.O. Box 1,
Ranchi, Bihar
I N D I A

Dear Mr. Laver:

As I answered your letter dated August 26th shortly, however, referring to the Indian authorities (CASA and Christian Council of India in Nagpur), I want to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated November 11th immediately.

Just like you I am rather worried, that you have so many difficulties with your plans. Also our Director Schwerk in Fudi asked recently, why the urgently necessary building for the extension of your beneficent institution was so much delayed, and if there were obstacles at BREAD FOR THE WORLD in Stuttgart.

I understand from your letter, that there are difficulties at CASA in India, and that they did not yet decide to write a recommendation to Geneva, so that Rev. Jacksen of DIKARWS, the Secretary for Asia, could send it with his recommendation to BREAD FOR THE WORLD.

I will now send your original letter to my friends in Stuttgart, and there they will have to consider, whether in view of your situation they want to forgo the recommendation from India or contact CASA for speeding up the process. As a single member of the Board of BREAD FOR THE WORLD among about 15 others I cannot influence the procedure of the secretariate in any other way. You will understand that.

Today I can only express my sincere hope, that you may finally reach your aim and especially that it will not be delayed anymore.

With heartfelt greetings,
Sincerely yours,

(Director Dr. Berg)

cc: BREAD FOR THE WORLD,
Stuttgart

St. Michael's School for the Blind
Post Box. No.1.
Ranchi,
Bihar.

26th August, 1968.

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

Dear Dr. Berg,

Everso many thanks for your very kind letter dated the 29th of July 1968.

I fully understand and appreciate that the delay of putting forward our application to BREAD FOR THE WORLD was entirely due to N.C.C..

I have received letters from the Rev. Rolston who has sent our applications plans etc to CASA. for the necessary enquiries regarding the project in question and the present position in the blind school.

It appears to me that CASA who are acting as the N.C.C. representative are under the impression that we are a profit making concern. I have written to say that this is not our intension. Our intension is chiefly concerned with the welfare and the helping of blind handicapped children and adults. I did point out that naturally some of these blind people are slow may be slightly infirm, or physically handicapped, never the less it is our duty to help such people. It was very difficult to try and furnish CASA with all the detailed information they required, as to the amount or turnover that the Industrial Section was intanding to make. The Rev. Rolston I know has written to Mr. Mathai requesting him to expedite the sending of the plans etc to Geneva as early as possible.

I must admit I was eagrely looking forward to a reply from BREAD FOR THE WORLD during July, then discovered through your letter that our application has even been submitted. As you know I am most anxious to expand and develope our work amongst the blind, and the two projects we have in mind will not only make the Industrial Section run more smoothly, but we shall be able to assist other blind people by offering them full time employment in this section of our work.

I have been wanting for a very long time to have Municipal water laid on the school premises, and I am glad

to say we have at last succeeded. This will mean that the blind people will be no longer required to draw and carry water from the well. It also means that further supplies of water especially during the hot season when our well water becomes so low.

I sincerely trust that you are keeping and ever so grateful to you for all your very kind help and advise that you give us. It is lovely to know that we have such friends as yourself who take such an interest in our work amongst the blind.

With kindest regards and all best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

T. Laver,
Superintendent.

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SENDER'S NAME AND ADDRESS:

St. Michaels School For The Blind
RANCHI, BIHAR

Dr. Christian Berg,
Director of GOSSNER MISSION

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29 July 1968
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Mr. T. Laver
Superintendent
St. Michael's School for the Blind,
Post Box No. 1
Ranchi, Bihar
I N D I A

Dear Mr. Laver:

Many thanks for your letter of June 17th.

A few days later I could already speak about it with my friends from BROT FÜR DIE WELT, and I learned the following:

They wait eagerly for a vote from N.C.C., India, (Mr. Rolston) and W.C.C. Geneva (Rev. Jackson) about your project. There is a clear agreement, that BREAD FOR THE WORLD will accept applications from non-German bodies only, if there is such a vote from WCC or LWF. I understand this policy and hope, that the above mentioned authorities will soon give a positive note about your project to BREAD FOR THE WORLD. At any rate, dear Mr. Laver, I am interested to inform you, that the delay of the answer to your application is not due to BREAD FOR THE WORLD!

I sincerely hope, that your important work will make blessed progresses, and that you will soon receive the eagerly awaited help.

Yours sincerely,

(Director Dr. Berg)

St. Michael's School for the Blind,
Post Box. No.1.
Ranchi,
Bihar.

17th June, 1968.

Dr. Christian Berg,
1, Berlin 41 (Friedemau)
Hanjerystasse 19/12
West Germany.

Dear Dr. Berg,

I thought it best to let you know that I have forwarded the plans estimate and application which I mentioned to you in my previous letter. These plans, estimate and application were send to the Director, Brot Fur Die Welt, 7 Stuttgart O, via Mr. Seeberg Martin. So far I have received no acknowledgement informing me that the plans etc. have safely arrived. I have written letters to the Director of Brot Fur Die Welt, requesting him to let me know whether the plans etc had safely reached him. According to instructions I send a duplicate copy of everything to the N.C.C. whose representative has already been to visit the school, and assertain all the necessary information and details that were required.

You will be interested to know that I have accepted more blind children in the school, and today I took one of our standard 9 blind students to start work in a ball bearing factory. This is a splended opening for him and I am hoping that the manager will accept more of our Blind people to work in this factory.

We are longing as you know and looking forward very much to the expansion and development of our work amongst the blind here at Ranchi, and so we sincerely trust and pray that Brot Fur Die Welt will sympathetically consider our appeal, and I will be most grateful for any help you could give us over these projects.

With kindest regards and all best wishes.
The blind students and staff send their greetings to you.

Yours sincerely,

T.Laver,
Superintendent.

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Superintendent
St. Michael's School For The Blind
RANCHI, BIHAR

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G.E.L.C. Girls College Hostel
Ranchi.
30.7.69.

Dear Dr. C. Berg and M. Seeberg.

Received your kind letter dated 13th March.69.
thank you very much for the same: and may I be excused for long delay.
we the women of G.E.L.C. are very glad and thankful to Rev. Frieriks Aurich Ostfris land who sent Rs. 51.00 for the help of women's works. His love is great for us the unseen poor women group. We are so very glad as to inform you too.

I am sure you had reports of Assam many times before so you can compairx mines written with tears to you and the K.S.S. I hope M. seeberg knows very well the place of women in the K.S.S. for I sat in the K.S.S with him three four times, and he will tell you the ~~th~~ place of women in the G.E.L.C. K.S.S.

1. Women in the K.S.S. Budget! shown Rs. 2000. but will not get a rup in budget of 1969. you can see.
2. women in the loss of theft. seaking help. came to K.S.S.!
3. Place of women who dared for tour without touring Fund? (Assam)

Men can fly but women!! The will of God for women no help of K.S.S.
To tell you the truth. Since back from Assam after full two months hard work I am not keeping well though spending much and trying best.
We the women believe you our best friends in His Love, wellwishers and helpers, based on these we the committee sent four copies one by one in the hope of good guide and advice!!
But your silence - discured the women and they are deeply wounded!
K.S.S. is composed of men and we do not know whether God sits in K.S.S or not. You can imagine what troubles I have to face in managing the women; they are still not calm, the case of Helen Bhangra will last long. I have to work hard, God is with me as I am for His Service.

Because of my weakness and the burning heat of India in the month of May I could not dare to call women Bible Class in May. So I did not ask Dr. T.C. Dell for help for which was your loving and kind help and advice, I heartily thank you in the name of the women department.

I hope in near future we will get a chance to sit and talk very friendly and freely.

Please do pray for the K.S.S. and the youth, and women department.
I hope to be well by the golden Jubilee.
We believe you both are in good health with your families, convey our hearty Jisusahay to Mrs. Berg + Mrs. Seeberg.
May God be our Guide, Shelter + help.

yours sister in His Service.
Anugrahit Minz.

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SENDER'S NAME AND ADDRESS:-

A. Minz
Ranchi.

Miss A. Minz

G. E. L. C. Mahila Sagh.
c/o Luth. Girls' College
Hostel
Ranchi. Bihar. India.
28.5.69

Dear Director Berg,

We regret to inform you that ~~Mx~~ Miss Bhengra, the wrong person is going to represent the Women's Organization of our church to Bastad, Sweden.

~~We request you to kindly make that she should not speakfor us to any women's organization in Germany.~~ Minz

The truth has been supressed and the authorities of the Gossner Church have been encouraged tocontinue in their mistakes.

Yours' faithfully.

P. Minz
28.5.69
Secretary Mahila Sangh

N.B. What ever we have written so far was the decision of our committee.
The committee was deeply hurt and discouraged.

P. Minz
24.5.69

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Miss P. Minz. Secretary.
G.E.L.C. Mahila Sangh.
Ranchi, Bihar
India.

G.E.L. Church Girls College
Hostel Ranchi.
5.11.68.

Dear M. Seeberg:

hearty Jesusahay to you both.

hope you got my letter and also the receipt of Rs 800/-.

We are too late to thank you all for the gift of such big amount! which was great help for to run the Lutheran Women Bible Class. The Women Bible Class was deeply moved for the love and help and is heartily thankful to each and every helping hand; May God bless you all for such good work so that the hungry and eager souls were feeded. I feel it very much, this year the number of women was much more than the last year! 250 from far villages and many from Ranchi 206 were in the mess. All were very glad to learn all the time happy and gay. The speakers and teachers were glad too to teach such a big gathering!

This is just to inform you that we gave Rs 402/27 np. T.A and in food etc Rs 365/15 np was spent.

As for 1969 is the Jubilee year and it will take place in October so we will try our very best to have the class in the month of May'69. I am busy now for a Mela Bazar for Evangelistic work on 7.11.68.

In my previous letter there was a great blunder! After dropping your letter I came to know the increased postage charge, I am really very sorry for it please excuse me.

I am supposed to go to Assam in early December'68.

Hope you are in green helth with your family. I am well with my girls.

please remember me to Director E. Berg.

with all good wishes to you and your family.

yours in His Love.
Anugrahit Minz

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Girls College Hostel Ranchi.
13th June'68

Dear M. Seeberg, Jesusahay.

Received your kind letter dated the 15th May'68. It is in my hand now, I must thank you for thanking, after two months silence I got it with my four photoes thank you very much for the troubles and care, at the same time I do remember the good shoping! My pen does not want to rest. I had been on my tour to:- Muri, Marcha, Murgu, Belangi, Lohardaga, Kharsidag and Patra Toli, the burning heat of India made me weary and exhausted and made me ill and weak. I am much better now to write to you.

I am sure you will like to know the folowings:—

From the Meena Bazar of 8th March'68 the income was Rs 416.10 np for the Bible societies. The first union day of churches was the 24th March'68 had a good gathering of women only numberd two thousand and seventeen. the sermon was on Galatins 6.2. Every thing went well all were much pleased. Marian Minz married on 15th May'68!! The ministry of N.E. Horo's party failed.

I hope you had been to see your sister and you parents, and also hope you had a good talk to sisters Diller & Schmidt. The Ten Comandments are to be printed soon after hard strugles.

I am really very thankful for your confidence and good advice it simply shows your love and care to us. I want you to know only this much that Indian mindes and thoughts and every thing differs from other contries. you are true to say that we Indians know our people better, as we know and see every thing what they say and do. My weapons in this hostel are love, kindness, care and help; my aim is that the girls may be in future a good wife, good mother, a good member of the church and a good citizon. I am convinced that my hard work and sacrifice is infront of God, as I have to stand alone to answer His call.

In October 1968 we will have our women Bible Class as the women of villages are very very anxious to have Bible Class once a year, we will never forget your kind and loving help, I will be going to Assam after the Bible class and just after the K.S.S. meeting, the climate of Assam will not suit me at anytime of a year but only from November to February. I hope you do remember my Assam tour also, without it I can't go to Assam!

I have heard that C.B. Aind will be going to Germany it is good we hope this time he should learn good things as how to love and help others. I think you do remember Mr. Dell and his family and also C.B. Aind and his family.!

I knew your troubles and need at Ranchi, sorry could do nothing excuse me. you should have been very frank to ask as I was for many things. When you will be again in Ranchi must ask for and you will be sure to get, of course we will have many importent talks for longer time. I always want to talk and tell one whom I trust.

Please give my hearty Jesusahay to Mrs. Seeberg and family, and to all in Germany who know me. I have finished writing this letter in two days! I hope you all are well. I will also be well soon pray for me and be so kind as to write me sometimes, so that I also can tell some news to you. Resting on His love - with all best wishes to you all.

very truly yours
Anugrahit Minz

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SENDER'S NAME AND ADDRESS:-

15 May 1968
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Mrs. Anugrahit Minj
G.E.L. Church
Girls College Hostel
Ranchi, Bihar

Dear Mrs. Minj:

Now I am again at home since some weeks, and I want to thank you very much for the hospitality and care you gave me in Ranchi. I enjoyed it very much and only wish to have had more time for many talks. Yet, we had some opportunities for talks. I listened carefully when you told me about the joy and sorrow of the women work and the life in the G.E.L. Church.

I also like to remember the visit in your girls hostel together with Dr. and Mrs. von Stieglitz. At that time I intended to talk to the girls in an easy and friendly way, as I am convinced, that the confidence of the young generation cannot be won by great severity but by kind understanding.

Confidence in each other - I missed this often in the Gossner Church. Many people complain about many things, as soon as one is not content with the work of another one. Still more: the mistakes of others are being discussed passionately.

God, who knows us well, has confidence in us men in spite of all the bad experiences with us, because he loves us. Also we Christians are full of this love of God, so that we meet our fellowmen with confidence.

My family is well. Mrs. Seeberg sends you kindest regards and thanks for the gifts. Also Miss Schmidt and Miss Diller are well, I met them some time ago.

I did not forget, that you want to have your bible class with the women in October.

With kindest regards, I remain,

Very truly yours,

Sg

(Rev. Martin Seeberg)

Mrs. Anugrahik Minj
G.E.L.Ch. Compound
Ranchi / Bihar

Liebe Frau Minj!

Nun bin ich schon wieder einige Wochen zurück in meiner Heimat, und ich möchte Ihnen durch diesen Brief einen sehr herzlichen Dank sagen für Ihre Gastfreundschaft und Fürsorge, die Sie mir in Ranchi gegeben hat. Ich hat mich darüber sehr gefreut und hätte gewünscht, noch mehr Zeit gehabt zu haben für viele Gespräche. Immerhin hatten wir einige Gelegenheiten. Ich habe sorgfältig zugehört, was Sie mir über die Freuden und Sorgen der Frauenarbeit und das Leben in der G.E.L.Ch. erzählt haben.

Durch an den Besuch gemeinsam mit Eleazar v. Spiegelitz bei den Mädchen Ihres Hostels erinnere ich mich gern. Mit Absicht habe ich damals einen leichten und freundlichen Ton angeschlagen, weil ich davon überzeugt bin, dass das Vertrauen zur jungen Generation nicht durch grosse Strenge, sondern durch wohlwollendes Verstehen gewonnen werden kann.

Vertrauen zueinander – das habe ich oft in der Grossfamilie verspürt. Viele klagen über vieles, kaum ist einer mit der Arbeit eines anderen zufrieden. Mein Wort: Die Fehler der anderen werden leidenschaftlich diskutiert.

Gott, der uns gerne kennt, hat trotz aller schlechten Erfahrungen mit uns Vertrauen zu uns Menschen, weil er uns liebt. Von dieser Liebe Gottes werden auch wir Christen erfüllt, sodass wir unseren Mitmenschen mit Vertrauen begegnen.

Meiner Familie geht es gut. Mr. Seeberg lässt Sie besonders grüssen und danken für die Geschenke. Fr. Schmidt und Fr. ~~[illegible]~~ Dillard treff ich zur einzigen Zeit; sie sind beide wohlauf.

Ich habe nicht vergessen, dass Sie im Oktober Ihre Bibel-Klasse mit den Frauen halten wollen.

Mit herzlichen Grüssen
bin ich Ihr

17 December 1968
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Rev. B. Minz
Adhyaksh of North West Anchal
G.E.L. Church
Gumla
Camp - Ranchi, Bihar
I N D I A

Subject: North West Anchal Headquarter Building at Ranchi

Dear Brother Minz,

I was very glad to receive your letter dated December 5th in the above matter, from which I see, that now all the difficulties are removed, so that the Headquarter Building of your Anchal, planned since years, can be established on the Ranchi compound of the G.E.L. Church: the KSS gave you the necessary land, the TTC checked the building plan and made it cheaper, and the Anchal decided to make the necessary funds available from its share of the 10-years-building-plan 1969. Thus everything is done, so that I can keep my promise given years ago, and you shall get the good news already in 1968.

Thus we will at the beginning of 1969 remit the amount of Rps 24.000.--, which is meant for the establishment of your Anchal building, to the Treasurer of the G.E.L. Church at Ranchi, and the Head Accountant will make the above amount available for you. Brother Schwerk, who sends kind regards to all the brothers, reported to me about his plans in detail and was very glad, that he was in a position to help you before his return to Germany. And I am looking forward to seeing the finished building in October 1969 and to lingering for a while in it.

Hoping to receive similar good news from you regarding your voyage to Germany after some months, I remain, with brotherly greetings,

Very truly yours,

(Director Dr. Berg)

cc: Rev. Aind
cc: Head Accountant Mr. Bhengra

OFFICE OF THE ADHYAKSH OF THE NORTH WEST ANCHAL, G.E.L.CHURCH.

Rev.Bimal Minz,
Adhyaksh.

G.E.L.Church, Gumla.
5th December, 1968.

Memo No.138/68/F-17-III.

To,

The Director, G.M.
B E R L I N.

Subject:- North West Anchal Headquarter Building at Ranchi.

Dear Brother Berg,

On the above subject I have the pleasure to to let you know the followings:-

I. - A portion of the G.E.L.Church compound Ranchi on the Church Road line was demarcated and handed over to the North West Anchal, and the Anchal Secretary Sri C.A.Tirkey took charge of the same.

II. - The Director T.T.C.Fudi was requested to prepare a plan of the building, and the same was prepared and submitted by him which was approved by the Anchal Samity. He has been requested to prepare two more copies, a ~~cpo~~ copy is to be sent to you. The T.T.C.No.of the Plan is 04. 0112/02/4.

III. - The Director T.T.C.submitted also the estimate of Rs. 30,000/- which also is approved by the Anchal Samity. The Samity decided to spend Rs.6,000/- out of the planing money of Rs.15,000/ for the year 1969. The T.T.C.Director is now requested to start building early after New Years Day.

Therefore brother you are requested to arrange to send the promised money of Rs.24,000/- for the same building. Now I assure you that you will see the complete building when you come for the Golden Jubilee of the G.E.L.Church Autonomy.

With best regards.

Copy to —
1. The Pramukh Adhyaksh.
2. The Anchal Secretary.

Yours Sincerely,

(B.Minz.)
Adhyaksh,
North West Anchal, G.E.L.Church.

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To,
~~To,~~ The Director - G.M.
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Rev.Bimal Minz,Adhyaksh,
North West Anchal,
G.E.L.Church, Gumla.
P.O. Gumla
Dt. Ranchi-Bihar-India.

SENDER'S NAME AND ADDRESS:-

17 October 1968
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Rev. Bimal Minz, Adhyaksh
North West Anchal
G.E.L. Church
Gumla /Bihar
I N D I A

Dear Brother Minz,

First of all I am not for you a "sir" but a "brother".

But now let me thank you very much for your cordial letter full of gratitude dated October 5th, which arrived here October 14th, still more as you wrote it against the prohibition of your lady doctor on your typewriter.

I am very glad to hear, that you recovered so far and that our small aid, which we gave gladly and willingly, freed you from the most urgent sorrows. May your recovery continue, and may our Lord give you back your full health and strength. Just with regard to the grievous quick death of brother Saban Surin we think with a special intercession of you, that the Lord may maintain your service for our dear Gossner Church still a long time.

I want to confirm you in writing, how much we are interested in your visit next spring here in Germany. We would be very glad, if you would come at the beginning of April and return perhaps at the end of June or beginning of July. We do not want to let you do much service and will offer you an easier program than the one of the brothers Topno, Tiga, and Aind during the last years. Please speak about that with your lady doctor, who will perhaps be glad, that you will be saved from the big heat in India during the months from April to June and enjoy the beautiful time of spring in Europe instead. For the first weeks we would recommend you a beautiful health resort, where your health will continue to recover. Especially as you should follow Rev. Aind at the end of 1969 as President of the Gossner Church, it is important for you that everything possible will be done for your health. I suppose that your dear wife will gladly do without you under these circumstances for about three months and will let you go in the hope to get back a healthy husband and father of her children.

I hope also your brother Hanukh in Khuntitoli will feel better again. Please let us or President Aind know, if he needs a special aid.

During these days I often think, that next year about this time I will be among you in Chotanagpur just after the celebration of the jubilee - when the Lord will grant it and we will live. I am looking forward to that.

But before that, as mentioned above, we will see you here in Germany just as we now enjoy the visit of brother Topno from Khunti.

With kindest yeshusahay greetings,
Very truly yours,

(Director Dr. Berg)

cc: Rev. Aind

From:-

The Rev.Bimal Minz,Adhyaksh.
North West Anchal.

G.E.L.Church,Gumla.
5th October,1968.

To,
The Director,G.M.
B E R L I N.

Dear Sir,

Heart-felt thanks to you for the help of Rs.1000/- Rupees one thousand which I received here on 8th September 1968 through the Rev.C.B.Aind,Pramukh Adhyaksh,G.E.L.Church.I did not send any request to you for help,but you could understand my difficulty through my Pramukh Adhyaksh and sent this generous help for which my wife and myself are very very thankful to you and ultimately to the Father in Heaven.

On the28th March 68,I fell sick which led me to Mandar Hospital twice where I did pay four bills amounting to Rs.457/-. I did it by taking loan·Afterwards I received the first help of Rs.217.93 from my Pramukh Adhyaksh.I received the second help from you which made me care free for money.So I thank you and my Pramukh Adhyaksh very much for such generous help.

Though I left the Hospital,I am still under treatment according to the advice of my Doctor (Lady Doctor.) and from time to time I go to Mandar for check-up.According to her advice I have to go to Mandar for the same in the first week November.Though I am under treatment at home,yet my monthly expenditure on medicine and diet is about Rs.50/-. My Doctor says that I shall have to undergo treatment till next March. Though it is very long time,I have to take patience as I am improving daily under her treatment.

It is your earnest desire, as my Pramukh Adhyaksh told me that I should come to Germany next year.Yes Sir,I am prepared,but it depends soley on my Doctor's advice. Till today she has not given permission for my work,but some time I am compelled to do my office work.Today is the second day that I am using my Type Machine which is also forbidden. However,it is my hope now that I shall surely recover though time may be long. I recovered so much that I am willing to attend the next full K.S.S.meeting at Ranchi from November 26, to December 1,1968.

Thank you Sir once again for your kind help which I can never forget in my life. My hearty Yishusahay to you and Mrs.Berg. Please remember me in your prayer for my complete recovery.

Yours Faithfully,

B. Minz
5/10/68

(B.Minz.)
Adhyaksh,
North West Anchal,G.E.L.Church,
(G U M L A.)

Copy to:-
The Pramukh Adhyaksh,
G.E.L.Church, Ranchi.

8 April 1968
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Rev. B. Minz
Adhyaksh of North West Anchal
G.E.L. Church
Gumla
Camp - Ranchi, Bihar
I N D I A

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Kindest regards to you and Mrs. Nias in Gumla and to all our friends there! Hoping to see you next year in spring here in Germany as our guest visitor, I remain,

Very sincerely yours,

(Director Dr. Berg)

cc: Rev. C. B. Lind

cc: Dipl. Ing. Klaus Hanewek

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8 April 1968
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Very sincerely yours,

(Director Dr. Berg)

cc: Rev. C. B. Aind

cc: Dipl. Ing. Klaus Schwerk

GOSSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Memo from Director Dr. C. Berg.

14th March 1965.

At present in Ranchi/Bihar.

To : Adhyaksh C.Minz, and Rev. Topno.

Sub : Congregational Centre of the N.W.Anchal Ranchi.

Informed by the Pramukh Adhyaksh regarding the above mentioned building that a clear resolution has been passed by the KSS, and in addition a promise was made by the former Chairman of the Property Board Mr. W.Thiel, I want to assure you very definitely that in the year 1965, the Gossner Mission will contrinute at least the sum of 24000 Rs. which includes the material already available, for the building of this centre.

When definite plans are at your disposal, and the property board has allocated the necessary land on the Ranchi Compound, the building could start immediately.

The finance adviser has been instructed to make the necessary sums of money available, within the framework of the above.

I hope that this clear statement by me, will enavle you to carry out the necessary steps in order that the Financial Adviser can be provided with the accomodation he so urgently requires.

With brotherly Greetings,

Sd/- Dr. C.Berg.

Copy : Pramukh Adhyaksh, as Chairman of the Property Board.
Gossner Mission Berlin.
Finance Adviser. (For his necessary action).

OFFICE OF THE ADHYAKSH OF THE NORTH WEST ANCHAL, G.E.L.CHURCH.

P. Letter

Rev.Bimal Minz,
Adhyaksh.

G.E.L.Church, Gumla,
Camp - Ranchi.
8th March, 1968.

To,

The Director, Gossner Mission.
B E R L I N.

Subject.- NORTH WEST ANCHAL HEADQUARTER AT RANCHI.

Dear Sir,

Herewith I am sending a Plan of the North West Anchal Administrative building. I should have sent to you the Plan much earlier, but sorry the first Plan was lost and it took long time to get the second Plan.

In this connection, please find enclosed your letter of the 14th March 1965, in true copy. As the Plan could not be made ready for building construction, all the material available for the purpose is now removed by the TTC for use at other place. Thus Rs 24,000/- is required for the purpose.

The Plan that I am sending is approved by the Anchal Samity. Rough estimate is about Rs.50,000/- , and therefore the Anchal Samity has decided to lay foundation of the whole building but to construct only the half, i.e. rooms for Adhyaksh. Other half will be constructed later on when Anchal will be able to find money.

With kind regards,

Yours Faithfully,

8/3/68

(B.Minz.)
Adhyaksh,
North West Anchal, Gumla.

23.6.1969
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Herrn
Pfarrer Werner Stamm

46 Dortmund-Eichlinghofen

Eichlinghofer Str. 6

Lieber Bruder Stamm!

Dr. Berg lässt Ihnen für Ihren Brief vom 19.6.1969 herzlich danken. Ihre gute Verbindung mit Hanukh Minj ist sehr erfreulich.

Die Gossner Mission hat seit einigen Jahren leitende Männer der Gossnerkirche eingeladen, damit diese jeweils für einige Monate durch Besuche in Gemeinden und kirchliche Einrichtungen ihren Gesichtskreis erweitern und Erfahrungen sammeln, die sie zu Hause auswerten können.

Für diesen Sommer steht auf der Liste Rev. B. Minj, Adhyaksch (Propst) des Nordwestlichen Kirchenbezirkes und ab 1.11.1969 Präsident der Gesamtkirche.

Es war längere Zeit ungewiss, ob er unsere Einladung annehmen konnte, weil er sich wiederholt in ärztliche Behandlung begeben musste. Deshalb hatten wir vorgeschlagen, dass im Falle seiner Verhinderung die indische Kirchenleitung seinen leiblichen Bruder, nämlich Rev. Hanukh Minj, Khuntitoli, entsenden würde.

Inzwischen aber hat Rev. B. Minj seine Bereitschaft und auch seine Reisefähigkeit mitgeteilt, und die "Ersatz"-Einladung ist damit hinfällig.

Vielleicht wollen Sie gern den Bruder von Hanukh Minj kennenlernen? Er stände Ihnen in der zweiten Augusthälfte zur Verfügung, d.h. ab 23.8., wenn in Westfalen die Ferien zu Ende gegangen sind.

Mit herzlichem Gruss

Ihr

Sg.

EVANGELISCHE KIRCHENGEMEINDE
DORTMUND-EICHLINGHOFEN

46 Dtmd.-Eichlinghofen, den 19. 6. 1969
Ruf: 72493

Betr.: Pastor Hanukh Minj

Eingegangen
20. JUNI 1969
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An die
Gossner Mission
1 Berlin 41
Handjerystr. 19/2o
z.Hd. Herrn Missionsdirektor Dr. Berg

Lieber Bruder Berg !

Vor mehreren Jahren habe ich durch Bruder Grothaus den indischen Pastor Hanukh Minj kennen gelernt, die beide eine Wochen lang unsere Gäste waren.

Seit einigen Monaten habe ich wieder Verbindung mit Bruder Minj. Die Schulgottesdienste werden dadurch belebt, daß Bruder Minj von seiner Arbeit im "Agriculture Training Centre" berichtet. Wir freuen uns beide über die gegenseitigen Nachrichten, die wir uns zukommen lassen.

Im letzten Brief deutete er mir dann an, daß er vielleicht in Aussicht genommen ist für einen Deutschlandbesuch. Teilen Sie mir doch bitte mit, wie Sie entschieden haben, denn dann muß Minj unbedingt unsere Gemeinde aufsuchen. Nicht nur unser Haus, auch die 300 Schulkinder und die Gemeinde würden sich über seinen Besuch gewiß freuen. Für Ihre Mittelung danke ich Ihnen schon jetzt herzlich.

Mit freundlichem Gruß!

Werner Stamm

Werner Stamm
Pfarrer
46 Dortmund - Eichlinghofen
Eichlinghofer Str. 6 Tel. 72493

6 May 1969
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Rev. C. B. Aind, President,
G.E.L. Church Compound,
Ranchi, Bihar
I N D I A

Dear Brother Aind,

Tomorrow is a meeting of the Kuratorium, at which we will say good-bye to Mr. Bruns, who is just sitting in my office in order to discuss different questions.

Among others he mentioned, that Rev. Hanukh Minz/Khuntitoli is rather ill and weak, and a stay in Germany of some months would be good for him in order to recover his full health, and also to serve a number of congregations with reports of the Gossner Church, as he did in former years.

We would appreciate it, if the KSS would agree with that, and would be glad to have him here as a guest for some months, still more so xx, unfortunately, as we cannot count upon his brother's -Adhyaksh Minz, Gumla - complying with our repeated invitations. The place left open to him would thus be transferred to his brother Hanukh Minz. So far there would not be any difficulty in this change between the two brothers.

I hope, this letter will reach you still during the meeting of the KSS starting May 12th, so that you will be in a position to arrange a resolution about that, again, the recovery of Rev. Hanukh Minz's full health is so important, that one should do everything in order to help him to it.

With brotherly greetings, also from Mr. Bruns,
Yours sincerely,

(Director Dr. Berg)

cc: Adhyaksh Minz
c/o G.E.L. Church Compound,
Ranchi, Bihar

Absender: Pfarrer Hanukh m i n j.

Lutheran Church Compound,
P.O. Khuntitoli,
Dist. Ranchi, Bihar, India.
31st July, 1968.

Dear Brother B e r g !

This year my time specially after April is passing in illness. It's God's plan, that I may be further strengthened in His Grace and be able to do more works in the rest of my life. Since September, 67 I am suffering from heart trouble. I am really very very thankful for the financial assistance given by my friends at Espelkamp in Germany and brought by the Mission-Inspector Pastor M. Seeberg. I was really proceeding on the way of recovery. But it was very strange and painful to come to know that I was again suffering in the meantime from high blood pressure. I was experiencing continuous headache and they were for me restless days and nights. On Palmarum Sunday I had to hold a very long sunday church service with confirmation of 37 High School boys and girls. This service was followed again by Lord-Supper service. On that day this our small church got very much crowded. Many worshippers had to remain outside the church. My headache got unbearable and I became very weak. On the next day when I was coming out from the bath room, it got suddenly before my eyes dark and I fell down suddenly on the cemented floor. People came and with great difficulty they brought me out and put me on my bed. Soon a doctor from SIMDEGA was brought, and he brought me later on in the Government hospital for treatment. I became unconscious. My condition instead of recovering got from bad to worse. The doctors at hospital became helpless and they therefore recommrnded for my quick removal from Simdega to Mandar Hospital, where the Catholic Church has got a big and modern hospital. And I was done accordingly. I felt great difficulty on the whole way while being brought to Mandar in breathing. Soon after arrival I was served with oxygen vash and thus my life could be saved. The treatment at Mandar I received was very careful and sympathetic. On the next day Rev. Joel Lakra and many Ranchi people men and women came to visit me. on my request Rev. Lakra did administer Lord-Supper for me. At this moment I regained my consciousness. After some talk with these people and again after a word of prayer these people went away. Our Pramukh Adhyaksh and many church leaders and other people came to see me almost every day.

After two days my brother who too got seriously ill was brought to the same hospital for tredtment. He was suffering from PLUROSY. It was certainly very interesting that we both brothers were put in the same hospital and at the same time and fot the same purpose. My brother Rev.C.B.Minj got released from the hospital on the 13th April, while I ~~myself~~ on the 5th May.

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But I regret again to inform that I on the 5th June got attacked for the second tome by that same trouble. This time Bruns were here. Mr. Bruns at once arranged to bring me again to that same hospital. Through that sudden fall my sensory-membrane has according to doctor's saying got badly damaged. This will require some time and full rest for its complete recovery. I am therfore at present on leave and without work. I had got paralysed in the left part of my body. But it's now only through God's Grace I have got completely cured. I have now only bodily weakness. This time I was released on the I3th June and I came back rejoicing to my place at Khuntitoli. But the same thing happened with my brother. He was attacked by his former disease. He too was therefore again brought to Mandar for treatment. Only on the last I5th July he has been released.

I am physically at present weak but am progressing no doubt. This entire treatment did cost me Rs.550/-, and am very thankful to Mr. Bruns for his financial assistance in this respect.. Pramukh Adhyaksh, Dr. Bage and similarly Pastor Junul Topno are or will be in Europe. They will most surely visit Berlin and you specially. Then I suppose you will perhaps hear more from them about us.

Dear Brother Berg, I regret again herewith to inform you that those two maps (Germany showing the two political divisions and Palestine and if possible that map which shows the missionary journeys of St. Paul) even after such an unexpected long waiting have not yet reached their destination Khuntitoli. I suppose now they got certainly lost. If possible try to make an enquiry from your side and if it seems useless try to send them this time through any one of these Pastors expected to visit you personally in Berlin.

Next year this Gossner Church will celebrate her 50 years Autonomie Jubilee at Ranchi from the I0th to I2th October, 69. Then we expect many our foreign friends in our midst for that purpose. What could be a nice thing if a german choir or a bugle party could be presented here in connection with that great occassion.

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India has a anti-christian political party (JAN SANGH). Though India has secular constitution this party seems totally bent for the disruption of the christianity in this vast country. The people of this party are here locally very active trying to do against our christians. But as yet without any success. You know perhaps that place near Raurkela named VED BYAS. that is the centre of their activities in this eastern part of India. They have there Hindu theological Institution, similarly their Pracharaks are being trained there. They are printing various kinds of tracts, pamphlets and booklets against christianity and missionries. These papers clearly show what they have in their plan to do against christianity. They mean to drive out all foreign missionaries. I have this firm belief that the time for testing our faith in Christ is fast approaching. Indian Church will no doubt rise to the occassion and this period will further vitalise the church in whole. India needs it also. Let our christian friends in Europe pray fervently to Lord God for the further spiritual advancement in our Lord

Jesus Christ the Saviour of the world. The church history proves clearly wherever this sort of anti-christian activities are carried on, the church instead of becoming weak got on the contrary revitalised and gave witness for our living Lord in a new and better way before the very anti-christians and anti-church people. We the Lutheran and Catholic Christians of this area have formed CHRISTIAN UNITY ASSOCIATION and I myself been elected its Chairman. Our Pramukh Adhyaksh is in position perhaps I contemplate to relate you more what did take place here in this area and what we have done with great success. Thanks to the Lord !

At present now we have the rainy season and as yet we are receiving good rain and hope to get likewise in the future too. This leads us to expect good harvest in this year.

Ich wünsche Ihnen vom ganzen Herzen zu Ihrer grossen verantwortlichen schweren Arbeit Gottes Segen. Jesu-Sahai !

Ihr,

Pramukh Minj

May I request you kindly to request Pastor Seeberg to kindly send per any Pastor visiting you from India as present for me. Two things I need very urgently, which are unavailable in Ranchi.

(I) Einige Knopfe für Kragen.

(2) 2 Basken Münzen- eine schwarz und eine halb oder leicht rot.

One Basken Münzen which I am at present using and which fits my head shows two numbers written on it. They are (I) 6 and 57.

Thank You!

Dr. Helmut Naumann

4542 Tecklenburg,
Kieselinge Kamp 10

am 17. Januar 1968

An die
Goßner Mission
z.H. Herrn Kirchenrat Dr.Chr.Berg
1 Berlin-Friedenau
Handjerystraße 19/20

Sehr geehrter Herr Kirchenrat!

Für Ihren Brief vom 8.Januar danke ich sehr. Als Antwort darauf schicke ich Ihnen heute einen Verrechnungsscheck in Höhe von DM 200.- mit der Bitte, daß der Betrag oder der Gegenwert in einer anderen Währung an Herrn Pastor Hanuk Minj persönlich übergeben wird. Mein Wunsch ist es dabei, daß Herr Pastor Minj das Geld für sich und seine Frau, insbesondere aber zur Wiederherstellung seiner Gesundheit verwendet und daß er es als Gruß von alten Freunden aufnehmen soll.

Ob ich mit einer Spendenbescheinigung etwas anfangen kann, weiß ich zur Zeit noch nicht; ich bin Privatmann und habe so viel mit dem Finanzamt nicht zu tun. Aber wenn es Ihnen keine Mühe macht, können Sie mir ja eine schicken; und wenn sich im Laufe des nächsten Jahres wieder einmal eine ähnliche Kurier-Möglichkeit ergibt, dürfen Sie mir gerne Nachricht geben. Was ich tun kann, will ich gern tun.

Mit den besten Empfehlungen bin ich

Ihr sehr ergebener

Helmut Naumann

200.- Verrechnungsscheck
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24./1.67

Gegenwert in S Reisescheck
an Pastor Minj gegeben 29./1.68

ut Naumann

4542 Tecklenburg, den 5. Januar 1968
Kieselings Kamp 10

8. Januar 1968
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Herrn
. Helmut Naumann

4542 Tecklenburg
Kieselings Kamp 10

Herrn Lenz

Wiedervorlage nach Eingang

An die

z.H. Herrn Kirchenrat Dr. Chr. Berg

Widderystraße 19-20

Sehr geehrter Herr Dr. Naumann!

Auch uns ist die bedauerliche gesundheitliche Situation unseres lieben Pastors Hanuk Minj in Khuntitoli bekannt, und wir haben schon Hilfe erwogen.

Es ist sehr freundlich von Ihnen, daß Sie auch Ihrerseits eine persönliche Unterstützung anbieten. Da trifft es sich gut, daß Herr Missionsinspektor Pastor Seeberg am 1. Februar nach Indien fliegt und Ihre Gabe persönlich in Khuntitoli überbringen kann, da er dienstlich dort zu tun haben wird. Für einen etwaigen hier eingehenden Betrag zu diesem klar designierten Zweck könnte Ihnen auch die Gossner Mission eine Spendenbescheinigung zugehen lassen.

Mit herzlichem Dank für Ihre persönliche Anteilnahme an unserem indischen Freund

bin ich Ihr Ihnen sehr ergebener

Pastor Hanuk Minj, der jetzt an der A.T.C. Khuntitoli im Dt. Ranchi im Bihar tätig ist. Von Freunden habe ich jetzt erfahren, daß Herr Pastor Minj krank ist und recht teure Medikamente benötigt. Ich möchte daher ihm und seiner Frau eine persönliche finanzielle Zuwendung zukommen lassen und bitte Sie um Auskunft, auf welche Weise ich das am besten an-

Helmut Naumann

4542 Tecklenburg, den 5. Januar 1968
Kieselings Kamp 10

An die
Goßner Mission
z.H. Herrn Kirchenrat Dr.Chr.Berg
1 Berlin-Friedenau
Handjerystraße 19-20

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Für Ihre freundliche Hilfe bin ich Ihnen sehr zu Dank verbunden.

Ihr sehr ergebener

H. Naumann

1 Aug. 1968
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Mr. Chonhas Panna, B.A.
G.E.L. Church Compound
Ranchi, Bihar
I N D I A

Dear Mr. Panna:

Today I want to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated July 10th with several copies, which I read. I cannot remember to have had the privilege to make your personal acquaintance during my visits in India.

Although the situation in the Ranchi compound is depressing me too, I have to say clearly, that the autonomous Gossner Church is responsible for order and security and not the Gossner Mission in Berlin. However, the name "German Mission Compound" is still being used in Ranchi. The situation there has radically changed. I do not know, whether or not the present bad conditions could have been avoided, if the property board of the headquarter congregation would not have turned down the Gossner Mission's offer to accept a loan for the completion of the wall around the compound. I do not know why this Board was too proud or too short-sighted not to accept this offer, at any rate, I believe, that at least partly the present unstability could have been avoided. Since that time there is no possibility for me anymore to suggest a helpful program. Also the decision to discharge some of the guards - who formerly were suggested by Mr. Montag - for financial reasons is subsequently to be regretted with regard to what you wrote. President Aind, being at present our guest, has tried to improve the situation, as he reported to me, but obviously till now without success. Also a discussion about the problem with the Bishop of the Catholic Church was obviously fruitless.

Thus you together in the great headquarter congregation of the G.E.L. Church in Ranchi have to consider suitable steps, which would lead to an improvement of the present situation. At any rate, also your friend Dipl. Ing. Jay Lakra, who is working 400 miles away from Berlin in West Germany, cannot help at the moment.

Hoping that you in the congregation will be encouraged to become helpful and responsible in the future, I remain,

Very sincerely yours,

(Director Dr. Berg)

cc: Rev. Aind

From,
Sri.Chonhas Panna,B.A.
Gossner School Compound,
G.E.L.Church,Ranchi,
P.O.R A N C H I.(Bihar),
INDIA.

Betr.: Rights unit [illegible]
Compound Ranchi

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To,
Dr.C.Berg,
DIRECTOR,
GOSSNER MISSION SOCIETY,
Berlin, _ 4I.

R A N C H I.
Dated the IOth,July,I968.
"AUTONOMY DAY"

Dear Sir,

As desired by my colleagues and co-workers, I intended to send you a list containing the vices, favouratism,utter incompetence and inefficiency,that is prevailing in our G.E.L.Church among the administrative clergy and lay members whoare, at present,occupying the highest and most responçible poste in the Church administration and its other Institutions:e.g. Press,technical Training Centre,Schools, and other Institutions.Unfortunately, the clergy has surpassed the laiety in this respect.

But tobe fair to all concerned,I did not deem it fit and proper to do ~~that~~ so at this stage, and instead, sent letters tothe administrative and other intelligentia of our Church by way of an appeal to do the needful in revitalising and reshuffling of the ~~of the~~ Church administrative matters, after serious and sincere consideration of the facts and conditions in the larger interest of the Church.

I have been advised to bring these matters respectfully,in a decent way to your notice also, for your kind information and review of your (Gossner Mission Society) policy, in so far as our Church is concerned at this critical moment.

WE here hope, that you would realise the gravity of the situation and the urgent need of efficiency,honesty, co-ordination and a dedicated sense of duty among the Gentlemen (clergy and laiety) holding the responsible administrative posts in the Church.

As such, just for an example, and your guidance, I am enclosing herewith copies of our letters addressed to the Chairman(Pramukh Adhyaksha), Ranchi Head Quarters Congregation & others dated 3.7.I968, and another letter addressed to Rev.C.I.S.Surin,Principal,Lutheran Theological College,Ranchi, and others, dated 4.7.I968, for your information and guidance.

I am also enclosing herewith a copy of one more letter received from one of my friend and collegue Sri Z.B.Lakra, as it ~~is~~ also contains some very interesting and vital points.

So far our introduction is concerned,fortunately,we have our old friend and colleague in our past youth work Mr.R.JOY LAKRA,in West Germany,who may be able to give our introduction to you and shall be able to assist you in evaluation of these matters,if deemed necessary,even after so many years of his absence from Ranchi.

Hope this letter finds your immediate and serious consideration for a new and dynamic programmes on the lines mentioned by us.

With best of my regards and Yishusahay from all my co-workers,I expect to hear from you as early as possible for our guidance.

Yours Sincerely,
Chonhas Panna
(CHONHAS PANNA) 10/7
I0/7/68.

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Enclosures:- Four Pages.

From:

Sri.Chandra Tanna,P.E.
Gossner School Compound,
G.E.L.Church,Ranchi,
P.O.& A M G a I.(Bihar),
INDIA.

To:

Dr.C.Berg,
DIRECTOR,
GOSSNER MISSION SOCIETY,
Berlin, W1.

D A R G H I.

Dated the 10th.July,1968.

"AUTOMOBY DAY"

Dear Sir,

As desired by my colleague and co-worker, I introduce to send you a list containing the views, favourables, other incompetence and inefficiency, that is prevailing in our G.E.L.Church among the administrative clerks and lay members, at present, occupying the highest and most responsible posts in the Church administration and its other institutions. Medical Press, Technical Training Centre, Schools, and other Institutions. Unfortunately, the clergy has surpassed the laity in this respect.

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I am also enclosing herewith a copy of one more letter received from one of my friend and colleague Sri E.S.Lakra, which contains some very interesting and vital points.

So far our introduction is concerned,fortunately,we have our old friend and colleague in our past youth work Mr. JOY LAKRA,in West Germany,who may be able to give our introduct on to you and shall be glad to assist you in evaluation of these matters,if deemed necessary,even after so many years of his absence from Ranchi.

Hope this letter finds your immediate and serious consideration for a new and dynamic programme on the lines mentioned by us.

With best of my regards and Namaskar from all my co-workers,I remain to be, Your obedient and humble servant,

Yours sincerely,

(SUDHRAS TANNA)

Encs.

Ref.
10.VII.68.

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Gossner Compound,
and
Konka Siromtoly,
R A N C H I.
Dated, 4th.July,1968.

To,
Rev,S.Surin,Principal,Theo.College,
Rev. Dr.C.K.Paul Singh,
Rev.Dr.N.Minz,
Rev.M.Tete,
Sri.P.Kerketta.
All at Theologocal College Compound,Ranchi.

DearSirs,

We are enclosing a letter addressed by us to the Chairman,Ranchi,Head Quarters Congregation,and copies sent to Secretary,K.S.S.,Chairman,Ranchi Committee on Prorperties, and Secretary, Hd.Qrs. Congregation, which is self revealing.Although a few facts and some feelings are mentioned therein, they are,however,of most serious nature and very pregnant. If it is considered in its correct perspective and analysed critically,it will pose man y big questions,the answers of which must necessarily be found out.The situations shown therein will certainly make a conscious and self-respecting member of our Church to hang his or her head in shame.

The place of occurence is theSeat (Hd. Qrs.) of the administration of the G.E.L.Church, in Chhotanagpur & Assam, and the persons involved are the men holding the highest Offices in the Church- Administration of the Church.When such is the situation existing here at Ranchi, we can well imagine what is happening to the leadership and members in different Anchals and Synods,of our Church.

We, therefore,consider that it is high time that the various matters of the Church are taken up for consideration in right earnest,and so we venture to address this letter to you all to take advantage of your wide knowledge and varied experiences.We also request you all to consider these facts in its broader aspects and enlarged scope in the larger interest ofthe Church,in general and in theological aspects, e.g.,Whether under the existing circumstances and crisis of confidence and character prevailing in the Church,we as a Church,are capable of defending and preserving our Church and our own self-respect in the midst of such Hooliganism, and from the onslaughts of Communism and Communalism (Jan Sangh) which are knocking at our door?On Theological side it may be pointed out for favour of your serious consideration and necessary suggestion whether the Ex-Communication is applicable only in cases of adultery, idolatry, and wine drinking, or it can be equally applied also in cases of breach of trust,and criminal misappropriation and embezzlement of Church money, property and public fund, which amounts to the violation of 8th.,9th, and IO th. Commandments,before taking up further necessary legal action? If the answer is -Yes, is there any example in the Church of such cases of ex-communication till now?

Silence is golden, but silence to suppress a fact is a crime.We, the self-respecting and conscious clergy and laity of the Church,can not keep ourselves aloof from these problems,as it is also an established principle that"he also serves who only wait and see" in commission or omission of a crime.We all realise that dynamism of our Church,of which we are all proud,is at present completely stagnant. It therefore,becomes our duty to take up the matter immediately to find out some solution to the best of our abilities to bring out our Church out of the growing rust.

We do realise that all and each of you are entrusted with very responsible dut-ies from which you are not able to find time even for your own personal works.But as the situation is existing at present,we request you all to snatch a few moments from your valuable time and consider over these matters and find out solutions and suggestions for the help of Church administrative authorities.

Inaddressing this letter toyou all maywe we be allowed to request you to kindly send your collective or individual suggestions direct to the addressees in the enclosed letter for their help and guidance ?We shall be hiigh-ly grateful to you all if youmwould be kind enough to send copy or copies of your suggestions to us through Sri.P.Kerketta, who is being requested to be kind enough to help us in this matter.

Due to unavoidable circumstances,beyond our control,we are not in a position to address you individually for which we pray to be excused, and, therefore,we are requesting Sri.P.Kerkette,to very kindly co-operate and help us and arrange for proper circulation of this letter and its enclosure among you all and to collect the copies of suggestions,if any,and deemed proper for us,which any of you may be sending direct to the authorities as mentioned and as requested above.

The addressees in the enclosed letter are also being informed by sending the copies ofthis letter tothem

Before concluding,we may be permitted to make ourselves very clear by declaring that with no malafide intentions,but due to the prevailing circumstances leading to the shaking up of very foundations of our Church,we are compelled to address you all,as the present and future learned leaders of our

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Gossner Compound,
and
Ranchi Diocesan,
R A N C H I.
Dated, 4th.July,1948.

To,

Rev.S.Surin,Principal,Theo.College,
Rev. Dr.C.R.Paul Singh,
Dr.P.N.Tigga,
Y. Tigga,
Dr.P.Marwaha.

All at Theological College Compound,Ranchi.

Beloved,

We are enclosing a letter addressed by us to the Chairman,Ranchi Head Quarters Congregation,and copies sent to Secretary,N.S.S.,Chairman,Ranchi Committee on Proceedings,the Secretary,Ha.Gha. Congregation, which is self-explanatory.Although [illegible] nature and very urgent. It is in consideration in the correct perspective and analysed critically,it will pose many big questions,the answers of which must necessarily be found out.The situations shown therein will certainly make a conscientious and sobr-responsible member of our Church to bang his or her head in shame.

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So, therefore,consider then it is high time that the various matters of the Church are taken up for consideration in right earnest,and we venture to address this letter to you all to take advantage of your wide knowledge and varied experience.We also request you all to consider these facts in its broader aspects and analysed score in the larger interest of the Church,in general and in theological respects, e.g.,Specially under the existing circumstances and crisis of conditions and character prevailing in the Church,we as a Church,are capable of defending and preserving our Church and our own self-respect in the midst of such Modernism, and from the challenges of Communism and Communalism (Can Church) with are knocking at our doorsin Theological sense.It may be pointed out in favour of your serious consideration and necessary action,of which the Communalism is a political only in sense of mutiny, idolatry, and wine drinking, or it can be equally applied also in sense of bribery and criminal misappropriation and embezzlement of Church money, property and public fund, which amounts to the violation of 8th, 9th, and 10 th. Commandments,before taking up further necessary legal action? If the answer is -Yes, is there any example in the church of such case of co-communalism till now?

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We do realize that we- all and each of you are engrossed with very responsible out-lies from which you are not able to find time even for your own personal worse.But as the situation is existing at present,we request you all to spare a few moments from your valuable time and consider over these matters and find out solutions and suggestions for the help of Church administrative authorities.

Regarding this letter,we-all have to be allowed to request you to keep your opinions & suggestions confidential. [illegible] the addressees in the enclosed letter for their help on purchase the affairs fully material to you all.If you would be kind enough to copy or copies of your suggestions to us through Sri.P.Marwaha,one who is being requested to be kind enough to help us in this matter.

Due to unavoidable circumstances,behind our control,we are not in a position to address you individually for which we pray to be excused, and therefore,we are requesting Sri.P.Marwaha,to very kindly co-operate and help us and arrange for proper circulation of this letter and its enclosure among you all and to collect the series of suggestions,if any,and deemed proper for us,which any of you may be sending direct to the authorities as mentioned and as requested above.

The addressees in the enclosed letter are also being informed by sending the copies of this letter to them.

Before concluding,we-may be permitted to make ourselves very clear beyond-doubt that with no sectarian intentions,but due to the prevailing circumstances leading to the slacking up of very foundations of our Church,we are compelled to address you all,as the present and future learned leaders of our

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our Church,with firm belief and hope that you would all take up the matter with the seriousness which it deserves, and not treat it as:-

"It was a tale, told by an idiot,
"Full of sound and fury,signifying nothing."

With best of regards and Yishusahay,
Yours Sincerely,
SD/-
I.Chonhas Panna, 4.7.68.
Mandli Panch Gossner Compound.
2.Sudarshan Minz, 4.7.68.
Mandli Panch,Konka Siromtoly,
RANCHI.

Copy forwarded to:-
(i) Chairman,Ranchi Hd.Qrs. Congregation,G.E.L.Church,/Ranchi.
(ii)Secretary,Kendriya Salahkari Samiti,G.E.L.Church,Ranchi.
(iii)Chairman,Ranchi Commottee on Properties,Ranchi.
(iv)Secretary, Hd. Qrs. Congregation, Ranchi.

Sd/- (i) Ch.Panna/ d/4.7.68.
(ii)S.Minz. /d/-4.7.68.

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From:-
Zehabenus Lakra,B.A.,B.L.
Bihar Civil Service (Ex.Br.) (On leave)

Station---Gossner Compound,
Ranchi.
Dated the, 8th July '68.

Respected Sir,

I have the privilege of being shown two letters sent by the Mandli Panches of Konka Siromtoly & Gossner School Compound Ranchi,addressed tothe Chairman,Ranchi Head Quarters Congregation, dated 3.7.68, and another to Rev.Surin, Principal,Lutheran Theological College, Ranchi, and others dated 4.7.68.

After perusal of the letters,I find that the points raised in both the letters are most pertinent,very serious and urgent,I hope,we all the members of the Church must be very much concerned about such develppments.

At present,we all know that the Roman Catholic Church, and its different Institutions,and the Foreign Missioneries have become a target of malicious attack by non-Christian public and even by Government.The Church Authorities there,were,unfortunately,were not prepared for this kind of situation nor could they foresee such events.Thus they are finding it very difficult to deal with the situation,inspite of the fact that they have an organised and perfect administration.

The present situation existing at present,I fear that the next target might be our own Church.Unfortunately,as a kind of lethargy and indifference is prevailing in our Church,I feel that we may not be able to deal with the situation as we are today.Hence in my humble opinion,the toning up of the Church Administration,a dedicated sense of duty, and honesty in the administrative mambers in different field of Church activity is the crying need of hour.

As such in endorsing the views of the signatories of the letters, I also appeal to you to kindly pay your urgent attention on the problems raised therein,and let it be our pious Resolution for this years "Autonomy Day" to find immediate ways and means for imbibing dynamism and a sense of realism in our Church,and also try to find the basic causes for such doldrums so that they may be eradicated immediately for the present,and a proper realistic policy is chalked out for thr future for every kind of Church activity (Institutions).

Since the matters contained in the letters under reference,deserve serious attention and need the urgent review of the present situations,I am also suggesting the signatories Panches to send the copies of their letters to GOSSNER MISSION SOCIETY, inBerlin, for their information and necessary guidance and help to us.

Hope you will very kindly realise the seriousness of the conditions and take immediate necessary action and give your valuable suggestions as requested by the signatories in the letters.

With my best regards & Yishusahay,
Yours Sincerely,
Sd/-
Z.B.Lakra.
8 .7.68.

TO,
Rev. etc.

Copy forwarded to Sarbasri, Chonhas Panna,and Sudarshan Minz,Mandli Panches of Gossner School Compound and Konka Siromtoly,respectively,for information. Since the matter and points raised by them are very important and need immediate solution,they are requested to send the copies of their letters D/-3.7.68 and D/-4.7.68,to Dr.C.Berg, Director; Gossner Mission Society,Headquarters I BERLIN, 4I.(Friedenau), Handjerystr, I9/20.WEST GERMANY,for information and their necessary guidance.

Sd/-
Z.B.Lakra.
8 .7.68.

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seriousness which it deserves, and not treat it as:-

"It was a tale, told by an idiot,
"full of sound and fury, signifying nothing."

With best of regards and Hlamnabay,

Yours Sincerely,

SD/-

1.Chombea Farms, 4.7.68.
Mandil Ranch Dosanger Compound.
2.Sudabenan Mine, 4.7.68.
Mandil Ranch, Konia Sirontolv,

R A N O H I .

Copy forwarded to:-
(i) Chairman, Mandil Ba.Ba. Congregation, O.S.D.Church, Mandil.
(ii) Secretary, Mandilya Galahavi Samiti, O.E.L.Church, Mandil.
(iii) Chairman, Mandil Committee on Properties, Mandil.
(iv) Secretary, Ba. " " " " " .

Sd/- (1) Ch.Farms, 4/7.68.
(ii) Sudabenan, 4/-4.7.68.

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To:-
Sahayous Lairs, S.A.S.D.
Army Div.I Service (Ba.Ba.) (On leave)

Station--Dosanger Compound,
Mandil Ranch.

Dated the 4th July '68.

Respected Sir,

I have the privilege of being shown two letters sent by the Mandil Members of Konia Sirontolyvk Dosanger School Compound Ranch, addressed to the Chairman, Ranch Head Quarters Congregation, dated 2.7.68, and another to Rev.Surin, Principal, Lutheran Theological College, Ranch, and others dated 4.7.68.

After perusal of the letters, I find that the points raised in both the letters are most pertinent, very serious and urgent. I hope we all the members of our Church must be very much concerned about such developments.

As present, we all know that the Roman Catholic Church, and Israelite Ferent [illegible] and even by Government. The Church Authorities there were unfortunately were not prepared for this kind of situation nor could they foresee such events. Thus they are finding it very difficult to deal with the situation, inspite of the fact that they have an organised and perfect administration.

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As such in concerning the views of the signatories of the letters, I also appeal to you to kindly pay your urgent attention on the problems raised therein, and let it be our prime resolution for this years "Autonomy Day" to find immediate ways and means for tackling dynamics and a sense of realism in our Church, and also try to find the basic reason for such doldrums so that they may be eradicated immediately for the present, and a proper realistic policy is chalked out for the future for every kind of Church activities (Institutions).

Since the matters contained in the letters under reference deserve serious attention and need the urgent view of the present situations, I am also suggesting [illegible] SECURITY, Ambedkar, for their information and necessary guidance and help to us.

Hope you will very kindly realise the seriousness of the conditions and take immediate measures by action and give your valuable suggestions as requested by the signatories in the letters.

With my best regards & Hlamnabay,

Yours Sincerely,

To,
Rev. etc.

Sd/-

2.S.Lakra.
2.7.68.

Copy forwarded to Sarkaari, Chombea Farms and Sudabenan Mine, Mandil Ranches of Dosanger School Compound and Konia Sirontolyv, respectively, for information. Since the matter and points raised by them are very urgent and need immediate solution, they are requested to send the copies of their letters D/-3.7.68 and D/-4.7.68 to Br.S.Ser, Director, Dosanger Tribal Society, Bazaar Ward, Mandil, Ar.(Tribesman), Landdevert, IS/20. SECRETARY, for information and their necessary guidance.

Sd/-

2.S.Lakra.
2.7.68.

To

The Chairman,
Ranchi Head Quarter Congregation,
G.E.L.Church,Ranchi.

Dated,Ranchi the 3rd July 1968.

Sub: Increase of Rowdyism, Misbehavior and Irresponsibly dangerous acts of violence in the Mission Compound and its surrounding Mahallas.

Sir,

This is to bring to your kind notice that since about six months the above mentioned activities of undesirable elements have created a havoc in the residential and institutional areas of the Church Compound.. In this connection it may be mentioned that many hold-ups by ~~by~~ miscreants have taken place in the road between your official residence and the church building. Besides this the indiscriminate raids, thefts, and lootings have already taken place in Bethesada Training School, Bethesada College hostel Bethesada Girl's High School and Gossner High School's garden. Further these miscreants have also not spared the properties, inside and out side the houses of private individuals residing in the church compound itself.

Unfortunately, we have felt that no proper and effective action to check this growing rowdyism has yet been taken by the church authorities, although the above facts are known to all concerned. In this connection we would like to record that even you along with Rev. Surin and others were confronted and driven away by these miscreants near old college hostel while taking your night round on 21st June '68. We all know its reactions on the Ruffians as these same miscreants stoned the residence of Rev. Surin and used abusive languages angainst him on the 22nd June'68 in the broad day light at about 8 A.M. Certainly such actions deserved immediate necessary action by the church authorities but instead, we are very much pained to find you all still in slumber.

As a conscious and well wisher members of the church, we feel that immediate action, if not taken timely, will further deteriorate the existing situation, and besides demoralising the general members of the church, it is also likely to creteand make deep rooted sense of fear-complex in the minds of church authorities to tackle the situation intelligently and boldly.

Since no sabstantial action was forth comming by the church authorities, according to the seriousness of thesituation, we the Panches of Gossner School Compound and Konka siromtoli,decided to call a general meeting of the Muhalla members of our church, as the abod-e of these miscreants is beleived , at present,to be the old Gossner College Hostel from where they are creating and executing their nefarious activities.

For the above reason we felt our duty to bring the matter in your notice from our side and the general meeting was held on 30-6-68 at 1.30 P.M. . Practically all the members of both the Muhalla were fully represented.

The meeting took notice ofthe above mentioned facts and we gathered further information about the intention and desire of these miscreants. It was learnt that on 24-6-68 Sri J. Lakra Konka sirom toli, was beaten by this gang for his attempt to check their activities. In this connection it may be mentioned that a Patrolling Committee in the Konka sirom toly has already been formed. Besides this these miscreants are reported to have threatened the members of our church in both muhalla with direconsequence.

At present the Old Gossner College Hostel building is a

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occupied in the eastern wing by about four or five college students and in the western wing it is occupied by Sri Jh.Tigga. Thus the whole of middle portion of the building containing about six to seven rooms are vacant. In one of these rooms we have found some 'Khatias' and other materials in an unathorised way proving this to be the den of these Ruffians. Here they sleep either at night or take rest in the day time.

Hence according to the decision of the meeting, we bring the above facts to your official knowledge for taking suitable action to forbid these bad elements from using the Old Gossner College Hostel and utilising the building in some way so that it does not remain vacant.

It was further decided that as these persons who are supposed to belong to Konka Muhalla take advantage of the fallen compound wall and in cases of their emergency they easily cross into their Muhalla. Hence, as one of the measure for checking the above we request you to take up the construction of the compound wall immediately for the safety of the Church Compound and its residents.

In the meeting we also considered the possibilities and its consequences of reporting this matter to the Police, but in our best judgement, and in the interest of church, we felt that it is not advisable, at present, to do so. In reporting the matter we would be exposing our inefficiency and inability for managing our Church affairs and Church properties to the Government as well as to the other non-christian public outside our church. As the present situation is very delicate, socially and politically, we feel that this would naturally lead to other consequencs which will be against the general interest of our Church; as other undesirable elements may take advantage of the situation existing at present in the Church and use it to exploit the same to their best advantage which may ultimately become out of our control.

For the time being, we have arranged a petrolling party of our Mahalla. But this is certainly not the ultimate solution of the problem as these parties may also be challanged beaten or driven away, as you have already experienced on the night of 21st June'68.

As such, according to the decision of the members of our Mahalla we are presenting these facts to you, K.S.S., Ranchi, Committee on Properties for official information and for taking immediate measures as indicated above.

We feel that the lack of a firm, bold and determined action by the Church authorities has allowed the situation to become so serious. Hence before the situation gets out of hand, and a sense of defeatism enters into the Church administration, we as sincere and well wishing members of the Church would once again request you to take immediate steps to check and make out plan for the whole compound to keep it safe and peaceful for the smooth running of educational institutions and for creating a sense of safety and fearlessness in the general public to move about within the compound freely.

If further suggestions are needed from our side we are always at your service.

Yours faithfully,

1. Kanna 3/7/68
Mandli Punch, Gossner High School Compound.

2. S. Minj 3.7.68
Mandli Punch, Konka Toly Ranchi.

Copy to:-
1. Secy. K.S.S. Ranchi.
2. Chairman, Ranchi Committee on Properties,
3. Secy. Head Quarter Cong. Ranchi.

For information and immediate necessary action.

Kanna 3/7/68
Mandli Punch
Gossner High School Comp. Ranchi

PANNA

To,
The Pramukh Adhyaksh,
GEL Church in Ch.Nagpur and Assam,
R A N C H I

Dated, Ranchi 6th November, 1966

Sir,

1.Whereas you and your colleagues assembled in an illegal meeting designating yourselves as KSS , are planning to exploit the innocent and loyal members of the G.E.L.Church;

2.Whereas you are breaking the rules of the Societies Registration Act under which our Church is registered ;

3. Whereas you are interpreting the Acts, rules and clauses of the Constitution of the G.E.L.Church accepted in 1960 Mahasabha according to your own whims and in order to accommodate your own personal wishes and aggrandisements;

4. Whereas you are deceiving the members of the Church by false statements and accusations brought against respectable pastors and officers of the Church ;

5. Whereas , without any rhyme or reason , you have set aside the decisions of the Election Tribunal of the G.E.L. Church ; and

6. Whereas you are appropriating all the offices and posts of reponsibility for yourself and your personal friends, confining the whole appointments to a few people who have been assembled by you in the KSS

we the undersigned members of the G.E.L.Church request you to invite (1), The Continuation Committee of the Ecumenical Commission to help us in this grave situation, and (2) To entrust the whole matter of the disputes connected with the elections of the Church to the Continuation Committee for their decision .

If, you are not prepared to do so, please signify that we the aggrieved membersof the Church can seek the help of the Law Court for fairness and justice. If we do not hear from you within three days from today any satisfactory solution of the problems placed before you we shall consider that you want us to seek the help of the Law Court and that you will not blame us for doing so.

Yours Faithfully,

cc: 1. Dr. G.Berg
2. Dr. A.Sovik
3. Dr. Bishop Manikam
4. Dr. Bishop Meyer

Phulchand Panna
Sulemman Biling
S.C. Kujotha
Nicolas Tirkey
H. Nimo Lakra
B. Toppo
Edwin Horo
Bimal Tiga
Jasman Kujur
Niran Chandra Toppo
(John Tirki)
Stish Soreng
Emmanuel Bungdung
Earnest Toppo
Philemon Minj

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From: Mr. P.D. Panna,
Secretary, G.E.L.Church, Kurukh Sabha.

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Yours faithfully,

(P.D. PANNA).

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Mr. Heran Samad,
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South East Anchal,
G.E.L. Church
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Dt. Ranchi, Bihar
India

Subject: CDS P 41 - Bridge Project on the Jhagru river

Dear Mr. Samad,

We have received the project request form with the enclosures in regard to the above proposed Bridge building project.

We will now start preparing this proposed project for our committees and if there are any additional questions you will hear from us again.

With best regards,

Sincerely yours,

Ch. Held

f. Robert K. Knutson

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South East Anchal, G.E.L. Church
Kadma, P.O. Khunti

Ranchi, Bihar / INDIA

Subject: CDS P 40 - Gelel Ras Lutheran Girls' High School, Govindpur

Dear Mr. Samad,

We have received the Project Request form and the enclosures attached to it in regard to the above proposed project.

We are now in the process of preparing the material for presentation to our committees and you will hear from us again in due course.

With best regards,

Sincerely yours,

RKK

Robert K. Knutson

cc: Pramukh Adhyaksh
Dr. Berg

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9 May 1969
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Mr. A. P. Singh
P.O. Bakhri Bazar
Dist. Monghyr, Bihar
I N D I A

Dear Mr. Singh,

Your letter dated April 27th came into my hands on the 2nd of May, and I am glad, that you as a former student in Germany for several years have desired to read the Bible in German.

I gladly send the Bible to you as a gift of the Gossner Mission, and I hope, that the Lord may bless your reading.

With kindest regards,
Sincerely yours,

(Director Dr. Berg)

P.S.: The Bible will reach you within about two months.

Dr. C. Berg,
Director,
Grossner Miss
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West Berlin.

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Eingegangen
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P.O. BAKHRI BAZAR
DIST. MONGHYR,
BIHAR,
INDIA.

27th April 1969.

Dear Dr. Berg,

May I request you for a favour. I am in need of a copy of Martin Luther Bible in German. I shall be grateful if you can help me in obtaining the same, preferably printed in Roman Script (but if not, then it could be in Gothic) On your advice as to cost of book I shall make arrangement for the remittance to you. It may take some time because of foreign exchange control regulations in India.

I have been a student of German language for several years and have desired to read the Bible in German. I have been a student of Bible for a long time.

I wrote first to the G.E.L. church in Ranchi. They advised me to write to you.

I hope you will not mind my request.

The Bible may please include both New and Old Testaments.

With regards and all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,
A.P. Singh
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Rev. C. G. Schmidt - Director, Youth Department, GELC, Ranchi, Bihar, INDIA.

ANNUAL REPORT - 1965 Submitted to: Lutheran World Federation/DWM, Geneva, and Gossner Ev. Luth. Church, Ranchi, India.

Dear Brethren,

It seems almost out of place to call this an 'annual report', because the chief work and development of which it speaks took place in the latter half of the past year. The first six months were filled with delays, frustrations and disappointments, which seemed to render all effort useless.

But, on looking back, one can say that even this unfruitful period may have had its value. There is no doubt that it was a time of testing, and this helped me to clarify in my own mind the goal which needs to be reached in the work here, and the principles according to which the work will have to be done if it is to have the maximum effect. Conditions differ according to different cultural backgrounds and in different Churches, But God can, in His own way and sometimes by quite evident miracles, continue His work through us, if only we shall allow ourselves to be conditioned. And in this spirit I can say that God had to condition us for six months before He showed us the progress which He had planned for this work.

Let me now, with a deep inner joy, report on the progress which is evident, and the work which has been and is being done.

1. YOUTH WORK

a) The Constitutions, etc.: During the course of the year I was able, with the help from Mr. H. Samad and Rev. M. Tete, to formulate Constitutions for Youth Work, on GELC level, on the Anchal level, and on the local congregational level. These Constitutions have been duly adopted by GELC authorities, and they have also been translated into Hindi. Together with notes and explanations they will appear in a special Youth Handbook (in Hindi), which is to appear early in 1966. I believe that this book will prove a real help and blessing to all those who are interested in youth work in GELC.

b) Appointment and Meeting of Youth Department: Members of the Youth Department were appointed during the course of the year. Apart from the Director, it consists of two pastors and nine laymen, representing the various Anchals, Khuntitoly Synod and Ranchi Headquarters Congregation. It has met on two occasions. The first meeting took place on Saturday, August 14, and the second on Saturday, October 2, 1965. At both of these meetings there was a 100% attendance of members, and at the first meeting all the respective Church leaders were also present to give their advice as we discussed the policies according to which the Department will work. All seem prepared to take an active interest in the work. This makes me very happy, and I look forward to a future of good and wholesome co-operation.

It is hoped that during 1966 most of the organization on Anchal level and local levels will also be brought into being, because this is where the really effective work must be done, the Youth Department at the top level being mainly advisory in nature.

c) Completion and Opening of GELC Youth Centre: The building on GELC Compound, Ranchi, which formerly housed the Chotanagpur Central Christian Co-operative Bank until it went into liquidation in 1965, is now the GELC Youth Centre. After this building had been allocated as a youth centre at the end of 1964 it took many months to finalize negotiations with the Liquidator, and special credit must go to Mr. R. Montag, GELC Financial Adviser, for his help in bringing this matter to a satisfactory conclusion. Finally, at the end of May the building became ours at a cost of Rs. 5,800.00. Then the work of alteration and renovation began, and the Youth Centre was opened and dedicated on Sunday, August 15, 1965 before a congregation of approximately 1,000 persons.

The Youth Centre includes a main hall, reading-room, kitchen, store-room, guest-room, director's office, one room possibly to be used for radio and recording work, caretaker' quarters, and bathrooms.

The Total cost, including the price of the building, is approximately Rs. 22,000.00, of which Gossner Mission, Berlin has donated Rs. 12,000.00 and LWF/DWM has suggested that the remainder be placed on the budget of GELC for 1967.

At its meeting on August 14 the Youth Department passed a special resolution of thanks to GELC authorities for allocating this land and building for youth work, and to Gossner Mission and LWF/DWM for sharing the cost connected therewith.

d) Youth Leadership Training Course: From October 1 - 3, 1965 we conducted a Youth Leadership Training Course at the GELC Youth Centre, and reports suggest that this was very favourably received. The following number were present: Church leaders, 5; members of Youth Department, 12; Delegates: South-east Anchal, 8; North-west Anchal, 11; Chandwa Mission field, 1; Orissa Anchal, 9; Khuntitoly Synod, 2; Visitors: Assam Anchal, 1; Ranchi District, 35; The Director's two main lectures were: "What is required of a Christian Youth Leader?" and "Helps for Youth Leaders in Programme Planning". Apart from these, there were also Bible studies and discussions.

The cost of such a Course, with Church-wide representation, makes it obvious that in future we shall have to have more and more of such Courses on a regional level. This will also give the possibility of reaching many more potential youth leaders.

e) Director's visits to outer areas: Apart from the work in Ranchi city, I was able to visit the following areas since April: Loyonkel, Takarma Synod; Chaibassa- Jamshedpur (with Rev. Y. Ishida, LWF/DWM); Kinkel Synod; Bible Camp at Baghdega; Takarma Synod social work camp at Bano; and Chitrakoda. I hope to make many more such visits also in the future, especially in 1966, because of the excellent opportunity to meet and speak to large groups of GELC youth.

f) Ranchi Programme: Since the opening of the Youth Centre we have had regular programmes, including Bible study, every Sunday morning from 9.30 to 11.30, and attendances have been around 100, mainly students, but not all. There has also been a special and very successful pre-Christmas programme, and a number of get-togethers to do manual work on the Youth Centre grounds. Apart from this, there has been much office work to attend to, including especially the manuscript for the Youth Handbook.

g) All-India Assembly of Christian Youth at Jabalpur, M.P., From December 28, 1965: This Assembly, held under the auspices of the Central Youth Committee of the National Christian Council of India, was attended by 19 GELC delegates, including Mrs. Schmidt and myself. But in actual fact there were about 6 more GELC youth present, representing other bodies, mainly Bihar Christian Youth Union. This Assembly, only the second of its kind, was noteworthy for the very high standard of materials offered by distinguished speakers. The organization was also good, and it gave our delegates opportunity to see the challenges of the Christian Church in this country and their responsibility in this situation. No doubt it also fostered good Christian fellowship and helped to make new friendships.

h) Finances: The GELC Youth Department Programme Budget for 1965, received from LWF/DWM, amounted to Rs. 2,270.00, and this proved sufficient for the normal expenses which had been foreseen when the budget was first applied for. But at that time the establishment of the Youth Centre had not been foreseen, and so it was with great thankfulness that we received voluntary donations from friends in Australia, which helped to cover unforeseen costs, and also made possible some of the very desirable and fruitful 'extras', such as attendance of delegates at Jabalpur, cost of translation of Youth Handbook, typewriter for Youth Office, and many reference books, etc. for the Reading Room.

The Programme Budget for 1966 is set at Rs. 7,000.00, of which LWF/DWM has promised to supply Rs. 5,150.00, and efforts will be made to raise the balance locally.

i) Full-time Assistant for the Director: In the latter months of 1965 the KSS of GELC appointed the Rev. M. Tete as Associate Director of the Youth Department, his work to

begin in January, 1966. Rev. Tete has the advantage of having been involved and interested in youth work for a long time, and was the formal leader of such youth programme as formerly existed in GELC under the name of Gossner Church Youth Organization.

It is my intention to work very closely with Rev. Tete, to learn from him, and also in the next two years to guide and help him, so that he may take over my position fully as from the beginning of 1968. But only time will tell whether this is possible or not.

2. OTHER DUTIES

a) Sunday school work: GELC authorities have asked me to make a survey of Sunday school needs in GELC, and perhaps to initiate a programme for training teachers. This has not yet been implemented, except for the fact of getting books, courses, etc. which will be helpful and necessary. Lectures in the Theological College during 1966 will also cover training in this sphere of work.

b) Theological College Lectures: During the latter half of 1965 I was able to give lectures on the importance of youth work, and how programmes could be implemented by the pastors of GELC. It seems very important to impress upon these future pastors the importance of this work, and also to show that our programme is meant to be a part of the Church's over-all spiritual programme, especially as our youth work is at present being looked upon somewhat suspiciously by the pastors in some areas - where they should be giving encouragement and spiritual guidance, they are rather hampering and opposing any progressive move in youth work.

During 1966 the weekly lectures shall continue, concentrating mainly on Sunday-school work, and perhaps also general teaching methods, so that pastors may be capable of training keen youth in the parishes to which they will be assigned.

c) English Divine sevices at Ranchi: These are held every Sunday at 6.00 p.m., with the Rev. Santosh Surin mainly conducting the liturgical portion and me preaching the sermon, although other preachers are also called in when available and willing. It is a cause for joy that an Indian brother-pastor makes himself responsible for the liturgical portion, and that a layman of the congregation plays the organ regularly. Attendances fluctuate rather drastically, sometimes being as high as 250 for a time, then occasionally falling as low as 50. Holy Communion is celebrated monthly.

d) Associate-Editorship of 'Gharbandhu': The general lay-out of this monthly paper of GELC has been brightened up condiderably as the result of a meeting of interested and qualified persons. My main task is to give two pages regularly in English, and to give one page of youth news for translation into Hindi, and sometimes to give advice on general matters. In the near future we shall also have to improve the subscription-management and mailing arrangements.

3. LAL BUNGALOW

The story of Lal Bungalow was not a happy one until July, 1965 when it was finally vacated completely. It is not necessary to go into the complicated background of this residence in this report. It is enough to say that with its being vacated - and seemingly without undue ill-will - an old sore has been removed from the Compound. We now have the room which we need, and a good accomodation has also been provided for Mr. R. Montag, Financial Adviser. But above all, the area around the bungalow has now been enclosed and this added personal privacy has put us in a much more happy frame of mind. Only a person who saw what lack of privacy we had to contend with during the first 18 months of our stay here could fully appreciate the pleasure with which we now enjoy the changed conditions in our personal home-life. This change was possibly the greatest miracle of 1965.

The Running Water Supply: This project was started in November, 1964 with the digging of a well. After many delays, due to the lack of qualified labourers, the water began to run only

in September, 1965. And still the project is not complete, because the bathroom must be repaired and slightly altered to take full advantage of the 'luxury' of running water.

Perhaps the saddest aspect of all is that in spite of a second grant from LWF/DWM and in spite of the fact that Mr. Montag paid plumbing costs, there will still be a deficit of app. Rs. 1100.00 before this project is finally complete.

And yet I say that the installation of this running water supply is a real blessing, which makes life in the home much more comfortable, and is therefore very much appreciated.

4. VISIT TO AUSTRALIA

On October 15 I left India for a trip to my home-country, Australia, returning to India on December 1. This trip, without my wife, was made in the time allowed for annual holidays (half month held over from 1964 and full month for 1965) and completely at my own expense. I believe, also, that it was beneficial for me and perhaps also for my fellow-Lutherans in Australia. There were many opportunities to speak about and show slides concerning the work here, and to present the challenge of Asia in a general way; and I could not help but use every opportunity which was offered to me. In no case did I make an appeal for financial support, either on my own behalf, or on behalf of GELC, or on behalf of LWF/DWM, but there were many spontaneous offers of help. And then it was reasonably easy to suggest avenues into which such support could flow and be of benefit to the whole programme here.

And now, as we look into 1966 it shows promise of being a busy year, a year in which there will be further progress, a year in which our work can be further expanded and consolidated. May God add His blessing to every endeavour according to His will!

Respectfully Submitted,

C. G. Schmidt

(Rev.) C. G. Schmidt, Director GELC Youth Department

Ranchi, Jan. 18, 1966

8. Januar 1969
psb/d.

Herrn
Pastor Hans-Theo Wrege

4933 Blomberg
Paulsenstr. 7

Lieber Bruder Wrege!

Für Ihren Brief vom 30. Dezember danke ich Ihnen herzlich und erwidere gern Ihre guten Wünsche für ein gesegnetes neues Jahr.

Mein Rat, wie Sie mit Professor Tiga weiterhin korrespondieren sollen, mag kurz sein. Alle Berichte, die er über seine wirtschaftlichen Verhältnisse mündlich und schriftlich gegeben hat, sind richtig und seine kontinuierlichen Klagen über das Geld durchaus zu verstehen. Der Unterschied zwischen indischem und deutschem Lebensstandard ist derartig groß, daß ein Besucher von drüben fast wie von selbst an einen Lastenausgleich denkt.

Wenn wir in Berlin trotzdem sehr kritisch zu dem Verhalten von Professor Tiga stehen, hat dies allein seinen Grund darin, daß er die Solidarität mit seinen Landsleuten und den Gemeindegliedern zu Hause vergißt. Im Vergleich zu ihnen geht es ihm als Professor noch einigermaßen gut, und er kann es nicht verantworten, daß er eine Reise im Auftrag seiner Kirche für persönliche Vorteile ausnutzt. Selbstverständlich können wir seine Verhandlungsweise nicht verurteilen, wohl aber bedauern, zumal jüngere Besucher aus der Gossnerkirche die innere Freiheit besaßen, persönliche Geschenke nur zögernd anzunehmen.

Der beigefügte Brief von Prof. Tiga vom 20. 12. ist wohl als ein nochmaliger Dank anzusehen. Die Höflichkeit sollten Sie freundlich beantworten ohne ein nochmaliges Angebot für weitere private Hilfen.

Herzlichst Ihr

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Anlage
Brief von Prof. Tiga

Die Evangelisch-Lutherische
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30. 12. 1968

An die
Gossner-Mission
Herrn Pastor Martin Seeberg
1 Berlin 41 (Friedenau)
Handjerystr. 19-20

Lieber Bruder S e e b e r g !

Als Anlage möchte ich Ihnen einen Brief von Prof.Tiga beifügen, der uns in den letzten Tagen erreichte. Er war im September 1967 hier und hat eigentlich sehr nett beim Missionsfest mitgewirkt. Im Laufe eines anschließenden Gespräches kam er auch auf seine wirtschaftlichen Verhältnisse zu sprechen und unsere Gemeindeglieder gaben ihm spontan DM 100,--, die ich auch überwiesen habe und deren Empfang er mir bestätigte. Kurze Zeit nach dem Missionsfest rief er mich von einem ostfriesischen Pfarrhaus hier an, um mir noch einmal zu sagen, wie sehr er Geld braucht. Auch dieser Brief handelt ja auch im wesentlichen davon. Ich habe über die Sache kein Urteil. Herr Pastor Dröge in Bergkirchen, den ich kurz einmal daraufhin ansprach, meinte allerdings, daß er überall mit derartigen Wünschen hervorgetreten ist. Ich wäre Ihnen für eine kurze Stellungnahme sehr dankbar und werde vorher jedenfalls nicht antworten.

Ihnen, Ihrer Gattin und Bruder Berg möchte ich auch im Namen meiner Frau von Herzen ein gesundes und gesegnetes neues Jahr wünschen.

Mit herzlichen Grüßen bin ich

Ihr

Hans-Theo Dröge

Anlage

Tete

Youth Work in the Gossner Church.

The coming of Pastor C. G. Schmidt to the Gossner Church helped in achieving the following for the young people of the Gossner Church.

A. Constitution for the young people:..Pastor C. G. Schmidt took great interest to ~~form~~ prepare a constitution for the Youth Work. He became successful in doing so and moved the K. S. S. of the Gossner Church to adopt the Constitution for the Youth Work. The K. S. S. with sincere thanks accepted and adopted the Constitution prepared by him. Now the youth of the Gossner Church have Constitution for their work. The Constitution, of course, is not the end and final means of the Youth Work. It does not help in the daily lives of the young people , but it is something which the young people can accept ~~their-e~~ to be organised among themselves.

B. Pattern for the youth work in the city and the industrial Chotanagpur:- Pastor Schmidt has set a pattern for the youth work in the cities. The Youth Centre at Ranchi is the proof of it. The busy young people, the wandering ones, the lost ones and others can come together to have fellowship in the centre. They can play together they can read, talk together here in the Christian environments.

C. Youth pastor for the Church: The Gossner Church was longing for the youth pastor. It is in the time of Pastor C. G. Schmidt that the Gossner Church has realised the importance of a pastor to run after the young people of the Gossner Church.

Organization of the Youth Work:- There is a Youth Department Constitutionally recognised by the Gossner Church. The Anchals and Synods of the Gossner Church send their representatives to sit in the Department. At Present Pastor C. G. Schmidt is the Director of the Youth Department, and Rev. M. Tete, one of the pastors of the Gossner is working both as full time youth pastor and the Associate Director of the Youth Department.

South East Anchal:- The South East Anchal is the largest of all the Anchals of the Gossner Church. The Youth of this Anchal at the Anchal level are not yet organized. But all the young people of of the Synods are oraganized and doing some concrete work in their respective Synods. The Young people of Purulia Synod are yet to be organized.

North West Anchal: The Organisational work has been finished

at all levels but the influence of the youth work has not yet touched the young people of the Synods of Hazaribagh and Buars.

The Orissa Anchals:. The Young People are organized at all levels.

The Assam Anchals: The Young People Are organized at All Levels.

Activities of the youg people in the Gossner Church:

The City Young People:- They do the following...Bible study, Social work(clean up streets etc) work camp, preaching, visiting sick people, picnic. Besides these they have adopted some of the Western costumes(Christmas gathering etc).

The village young people:- They do the following... Dance, Fishing, hunting, Singing hymns(Bhajans) play together, work together, They have learnt to play hockey from the Western countries. The pastor or the village preacher is the final authority for their spiritual lives, because they do not know how to read and write.

Co-operation: The pastors of the Gossner Church have not fully been coperative in this field of evangelism. They still gaze with suspecting eyes towards the coming together of the young boys and the girls. Hence in the rural areas it will take time to achieve success in the rural fields. The pastors of the rural parishes first of all be tought of this field of evangelism.

Finance of the Youth Work:- The financial aspect of the youth work at almost all levels is poor. This problem can be overcome by training. The illiterate young boys and girls can be trained to work among themselves. In some rural congregations of the Gossner Church illiterate young boys and girls have been leading prayer meetings and other works among themselves. They need more and better guidence to make progress where they are. Here again the need of those village preachers arise who have vision for these illiterate youg people.

Leadership Training: The leadership training is going on both in towns and rural areas. It is expected that in near future our young boys and girls will be aroused whereever they are, for the Church, Society and the country.

Martin Tete.
Acting Director
Youth Department

15. 2.1967

2 October 1968
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Confidential

Mr. Bhengra, Head Accountant KSS
G.E.L. Church Compound
Ranchi, Bihar
I N D I A

Prof. Tiga

Dear Mr. Bhengra,

Unfortunately I could not answer your letter earlier, as I had to inform myself about the matter first.

I inform you now, that the Gossner Mission advanced beside the traveling expenses also Professor Tiga's expenses for the transport of his luggage to Calcutta, but not from Calcutta to Ranchi.

However, it is our opinion, that this is a personal matter of Professor Tiga, who on his visit to Germany had the opportunity to bring some things, which are important to him, to India. Therefore it is not an obligation of the Gossner Mission or the Gossner Church to take over the small expenses resulting from this.

With kindest regards, I remain,
Very truly yours,

(Rev. Martin Seeberg)

GOSSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

(Rgd. under Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860)

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PRAMUKH ADHYAKSH : Rev. C. B. AIND
UP-PRAMUKH ADHYAKSH : Rev. B. MINZ
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HEAD OFFICE
G. E. L. Church, Ranchi
Bihar/India
Phone : 510

Ref.No. 194/68

Ranchi, the Sept.2,1968.

Honorable Pastor M.Seeberg,
Gossner Mission,Berlin.

Dear Pastor,

It would be very kind of you if you could give me a piece of information confidencially about the following matter:

Rev.J.J.P.Tiga who had been to Germany for a few months and returned to India on December last has produced a Bill of an amount of Rs.129.02 Paise in connection with Freight Charges of his personal effects from Calcutta to Ranchi.

He requests that the above amount be paid to him personally.

The Bill submitted is from :
"Lee + MUIRHEAD (1) PRIVATE Ltd." in payment of clearing charges of one case personal effects ex.S.S.SIMARA Bill No.68/722 dated 20-5-68.

It shows in the above Bill that Rs.250/- was advanced to "Lee + MUIRHEAD(1)Private Ltd". and the actual cost incurred came to be Rs.129.02 Paise, the balance refunded :

Frankly speaking,I am a bit suspicious about above payment.Who had advanced the above Company Total Rs.250/- ?

I do not think Rev.J.J.P.Tiga while returning from Germany had so much money in hand.So I am compelled to enquire even if it is a matter connected with clergy man.

x at Calcutta.

Would you please kindly write me by return post whether you have paid Rev.J.J.P.Tiga for Freight Charges from Gossner Mission or not ? If yes, for what charges.

PEASE KEEP THIS MATTER WITH YOU ALONE AND ADVISE.

Yours faithfully,

S.Bhengra 2/9

(S.Bhengra)
Head Accountant KSS.
GELC.Ranchi/Bihar/India.

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Ref. No...... *Date*.....196

To
Dr.C.Berg, Director,
Gossner Mission,Berlin.

Subj:- Headquarter of North West Anchal at Ranchi.

Dear Brother Berg,

Many thanks for your letter .In short I would like to convey you the decision of the KSSS and Anchal Samity regarding the Headquarter of N?W?A.

1. Now it is ~~xxxxxx~~ settled that the North West Anchal shall take over the demarcated part of the compound from 1st October 1968.

2. Anchal has decided to cancell our Plan sent to you and a fresh Plan be prepared by Mr.Swerk. I have already contacted Mr.Schwerk for this and he will shortly submit the plan for us.The Plan would be within 30 thousand.

This is for your early information.Brother Topno will confirm this to you.

Yours faithfully,

(C.A.Tirkey)
Secretary,
North West Anchal.

C. A. Tirkey

26 July 1968
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Rev. J. Klimkeit
4956 Bierde über Lahde
Kirchstrasse

Dear Brother Klimkeit:

Subject: Church Bell for Chainpur

I am sorry to have to write to you once more in this matter, but today the following note from Headmaster Tirkey, Chainpur, arrived here:

> "I am again reminding you for the bell. You wrote a letter to Rev. Klimkeit but until now we donot know its, position. Kindly see that something is done."

Please write us the obstacles, which prevent you from executing this matter, or write us a few words, what we could do to fulfill the justified expectation of our friends in Chotanagpur.

With brotherly greetings, I remain,
Very truly yours,

(Director Dr. Berg)

cc: Headmaster C. A. Tirkey
Chainpur/Ranchi/Bihar

P.S.: Note for Mr. Tirkey
It is possible, that Brother Klimkeit cannot finish this matter, because he needs the import licence for the bell first, the shipment cannot be done without an import licence. Please contact our friend Mr. Tirkey from the TTC Fudi in Ranchi and ask him to help you with the import licence. If my supposition is right, Rev. Klimkeit will kindly confirm it again for this purpose.

25 July 1968
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Headmaster C.A. Tirkey
Secretary North West Anchal
G.E. L. Church
Chainpur-Ranchi/Bihar
I N D I A

Subject: Anchal Headquarters Building at Ranchi

Dear Brother Tirkey:

Your answer to my letter in this matter, which is very important for your Anchal, arrived in Berlin on July 2nd, and after my vacation time I found it in my office. I am going to answer it at once.

You write, that you are not in a position to give a complete answer, but that you want to start the establishment of the building soon. I want to give you again the preconditions for the contribution of the Gossner Mission, which I promised.

1.) I am very glad that you offer the establishment of the building to brother Schwerk, as thus you follow the basic resolution of the KSS, that all buildings in the G.E.L. Church shall be made by the TTC of the G.E.L. Church. Certainly brother Schwerk will be glad to learn about Mr. P. D. Panna's plan. Perhaps a talk between Mr. Panna and brother Schwerk would be advisable, whether the building should be suitably constructed in this way or another way. I hope the experts will support each other with good advice.

2.) But it seems indispensable to me to clarify completely on which place of the Ranchi compound the building should stand. Dear brother Tirkey, please enclose a short document to your next letter in this matter, in which the property board of the headquarter congregation gives a clear and unequivocal affirmation about that. This is a relatively small matter, of which I hope it will be settled without difficulty.

3.) This is the most important precondition: You write, that you want to construct the building in parts. If the necessary finances are not completely at hand, that would mean, that the foundation stones would be laid with the money of the Gossner Mission and the first floor would be built, and then it would empty stare into the sky and perhaps wait two or three years until it would be carried on. I do not like this thought. Here in Germany we are in the habit of bringing the whole building expenses together and then start constructing and finish the building in one action. Regarding the equipment one could at first be economical and gradually complete everything, but the house itself has to be completed in one working operation. Please imagine, that we will meet in October 1969 for a jubilee celebration in Ranchi, and at a certain place there is a building, which is unfinished since a longer period of time, and one would say: the brothers from Berlin came thus far with the money, and they will try to collect the rest. I kindly and urgently ask you and all the brothers in the synods of the North West Anchal to understand, that we will again confirm the promised money, but wait with the remittance to Ranchi until you have collected the additionally necessary amount according to the expenses of the project.

Looking forward to see you next year, I remain, with brotherly yeshusahay,

Yours very truly,

cc: Rev. Aind
cc: Director Schwerk

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Ref. No.

Date 27/6/1968

Personal Note from Mr.C.A.Tirkey.

Dear Brother Berg,

I think you must have received my letter requesting you to send a recommendation to Mr.Knutson at Geneva about the construction of School building at Chainpur.If you have done it so much the better.But as I have no knowledge of the same I am putting these few lines to remind you.

Church Bell for Chainpur.

I am again reminding you for the bell. You wrote a letter to Rev.Klimkeit but uptill now we donot know its position.Kindly see that something is done.

My kindest regard to you and Mrs.Berg .Mrs.Tirkey and children are keeping sound health.

Yours Sincerely,

27/6.

C.A.Tirkey).

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Ref. No.: 203/68 Date 27-6-1968

To
Dr.C.Berg,
Director,Gossner Mission,
Berlin.

Dear Brother Berg,

My adhyaksh Rev.B.Minz is not keeping well so he has requested me to give an informal reply to your letter regarding our Anchal Headquarter Building at Ranchi.

First of all I must thank you for your generous contribution towards the construction of the said building according to your promise,At present we are not in a position to give you a complete answer to all your questions.It is definite that we are going to have our Anchal building very soon.You have our plan and we were waiting for your favourable reply.

Plan and Estimate:-Your remark is quite in position.We didnot like to ignore Brother Schwerk intentionally but as we wanted indian style of accommodation,we requested Mr.P.D.Panna to do the job and he volunteered to do so.We have not offered any one to construct the building and we think to offer this to brother Schwerk if he can work on our plan and estimate as it has been prepared according to the local cost.You are right in putting the question about the heavy sum of money involved in it.We have decided to complete the building in parts.The Anchal is optimistic in this.

Headquarter of NWAnchal:-Gumla is only temporary headquarter. As soon as living accommodation for the Adhyaksh is completed, he will move to the new building.

Settlement with Ranchi Committee and the KSS.3/4 KSS has already asked the Anchal to settle the matter with the KSS and Ranchi Committee for the demarcation.All papers related to the above question are available now and it shall be carried through the KSS.

With thanks and kind regard,
Yours Sincerely,

27/6 (C.A.Tirkey) Secretary,NWA.

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Ref. No. 188/68 *Date* 28/5/ 1968

To
Mr.R.K.Knutson,
C.D.S/L.W.F.
Geneva.

Subj:-C.D.S.200-SchoolBuilding Project at Chainpur.

Dear Mr.Knutson,

I am very sorry that we could not supply the necessary opinions and recommendations along with the application.Mr.Schwerk wrote me that we shall have to arrange this from the Gossner Mission at Berlin and we could not settled it as Mr.Schwerk was out to Darjeeling for some days.Now we have requested Dr.C.Berg,Director of the Gossner Mission at Berlin to supply the same direct to your office in eleven copies.

I have already got the recommendation of the District Education officer,Ranchi of the Bihar Government in the application forms sent to you.

I am sorry for the delay but I do hope you will not mind it.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

28/5/68

(C.A.TIRKEY)
Secretary,
North West Anchal.

Copy to Dr. Berg

True Copy

Mr.C.A.Tirkey
Secretary of North West Anchal
G.E.L.Church in Chainpur
P.O.Chainpur
Ranchi/INDIA.

Subject: CDS 200-School Building Project at Chainpur

Dear Mr.Tirkey,
We received your letter of April2 together with all the plans other necessary papers for our presentation to the Central Ag

In Engineer Schwerk's statements answering the questions list the application scheme he refers to some statements Nos 5 and under'Opinions and recommendations'.For some reasons or other seem to have omited or forgotten.Could you kindly check your and send these on to us as soon as possible.
We will ~~be~~ inmeantime be preparing the other materia for pres ion to the Central Agency.
With best regards,

Sincerely yours,

Sd/ R.K.Knutson

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Ref. No. 189/68

Date 28-5-1968

P. Seeberg
I have to apologize for this unauthorized letter
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To
Dr.C.Berg,Director,
Gossner Mission,Berlin.

Dear Brother Berg,

After a long gap I am contacting you for another great help.

You might be aware of the fact that the CDS/LWF,Geneva has been kind enough to sanction a school building Project at Chainpur and has also found out a a donor agency at Bonn.Mr.Schwerk has undertaken to execute the project and has prepared the plans and estimate of the same.Now we have furnished every thing about the project concerned except 'opinions and recommendations from some organisations like N.C.C.,W.C.C.,L.W.F?German or Foreign Churches or Govt. Since you know the G.E.L.Church and Chainpur very well, I will be very grateful if you kindly furnish opinion and recommendation of the Gossner Mission about the said project direct to Mr.Robert K.Knutson at Geneva to expedite the matter.Please note that eleven copies of the recommendation is necessary.

Thanking you,

Dated P.S. Missing
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Yours Sincerely,

C.A.Tirkey 28/5

(C.A.Tirkey)
Secretary,
North West Anchal,
Chainpur,
Ranchi.(Bihar).

C.A. Tirkey

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P. Seeberg

March 27, 1968

Mr. C. A. Tirkey
Secretary of North West Anchal
G.E.L. Church in Chainpur
P.O. Chainpur

Ranchi / INDIA

Re: CDS 200 - School Building Project at Chainpur, India

Dear Mr. Tirkey,

We acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 4, 1968 together with the enclosed completed questionnaires regarding the school statistics. As you know we have made initial contacts with a donor agency in regard to this project.

We will need, however, the completed forms that were sent to you on Jan. 25, '68. We trust that you will be able to furnish us with the necessary information as soon as possible so that we can proceed.

Please provide us also with the requested information concerning the actual building of the school as indicated in the third paragraph of our letter of January 25, 1968.

Sincerely yours,

RKK

Robert K. Knutson

cc: Rev. Seeberg
Pramukh Adhyaksh
Mr. Schwerk

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March 27, 1968

Mr. G. A. Tirkey
Secretary of North West Anchal
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Sincerely yours,

Robert K. Anderson

cc: Rev. Deepak
Premila Ambrosius
Mr. Schwarz

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Secretary of North West Anchal
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P.O. Chainpur

Ranchi / INDIA

Subject: CDS 200 (no longer P 35) - School Building Project at Chainpur, India

Dear Mr. Tirkey,

I am happy to inform you that the above mentioned project was considered by our Governing Committee on January 16/17, 1968 and accepted for presentation to a Donor Agency. Enclosed is a copy of the Project Request as approved by our Committee.

We intend to approach the Central Agency in Bonn and in order to help us in our seeking of funds we would like you to complete the enclosed preliminary estimate of cost form sending two copies back to us and keeping one copy for your own files. Enclosed is also a copy of the instructions for the preparation of an application for your use. Please note particularly pages 10 - 13 where it asks for plans to be submitted and the scale. Also please note the enclosure entitled "Conditions for the Approval of Funds". Please read this carefully and furnish us with the necessary legal signatures on page 15 and return two signed copies to us (that would mean sending us pages 1 - 15 in duplicate with signatures). The remaining enclosures you can keep for future use.

Is it the intention of your church to have its own builder construct this school or will it be presented to contractors for bids? If your own builder will do the work will he be available in the next few months if funds are available? Are the plans as you have presented them to us complete enough to actually start your construction?

We would appreciate hearing from you soon and we will keep you also informed of any progress in our contacts with the Donor.

With best regards,

Sincerely yours,

Heidi Giesler

for Robert K. Knutson
- left after dictation -

Encl.: sent by separate air mail

cc: Rev. Seeberg ✓
Pramukh Adhyaksh
Mr. Schwerk

RKK:bk

Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church in Chotanagpur & Assam

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Date 22-11-1968

To
Inspector Pastor Seeberg,
Gossner Mission Berlin.

Dear Sir,

I reached Khunti on 19th Evening safely. on the way there was no trouble except at Berlin. our plane left Berlin from Tegel airport at about 2 P.m. and we all passengers reached Frankfort at about 3 P.m. Because at Frankfort only Ten minutes left for me so I was in a hurry and forgot to bring with me the motor parts for Mr Brunel. Exuse me for this. I will deposit the amount D.M 78/= (Rs 136=50) only to the K.S.S Treasury.

At Calcutta on 19th early morning I met Mr Hartel and his wife and Mr Montague and we all flew from Calcutta to Ranchi with the same plane. At Ranchi Pramukh Adhyaksh welcomed the new guest I mean Mr Hartel and his family in front of a big crowed and afterwards we proceeded to our ow ways.

P.T.O.

Lastly I want to thank you all for the Love, fellowship, guidance and for the opportunity you have given to me to visit congregations of your country. At least I got a chance to learn many good things from the congregations of the churches in Germany. I ~~thing~~ think now I will be able to tell my people about the life of the churches in abroad.

Yishusahay to you to your wife, Mrs Renta Dr Berg and his wife and to all living in the Gossner house.

Yours faithfully,

[signature]
22-11-68
Adhyaksh
S-E Anchal

Points of Discussion between Adhyaksh Topno, Dr. Berg and Rev. Seeberg in November 1968 in Berlin

1.) Church Court of Constitution. The Kuratorium agreed, that Rev. Seeberg is a member of this committee. Berlin agrees to send him to a meeting to Ranchi as soon as a clear agenda is submitted for the conference. It is not likely, that this will take place at the beginning of next year.

Thus Rev. Seeberg will be prepared to go to Chotanagpur for this purpose in January or February 1970 for some weeks.

Moreover, we in Berlin discussed the question, whether or not it would be wise to postpone all discussions about a new and better constitution of the G.E.L. Church until the end of the year 1969 or the end of the jubilee celebrations respectively. Thus the KSS would have more time for the preparation of the jubilee, and the committee would then have more time for the discussion of this matter.

2.) The necessary letters about the visit of Rev. Schreiner have been written, he will begin his visits in the South of the G.E.L. Church. It is necessary to prepare a program for his visits from Christmas to the beginning of February in Ranchi. One should bear in mind, that he is a coworker of the Gossner Mission, and that he will hold many lectures in congregations about his impressions there.

3.) Adhyaksh Minz, Gumla. Dr. Berg reminded, that again a letter was written, in which Brother Minz was cordially invited to Germany from April to June. There will not be a big program for him, it should be cared for his health and recovery. Latest at the end of February we should know whether he will come.

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Thus Rev. Seeberg will be prepared to go to Chotanagpur for this purpose in January or February 1970 for some weeks.

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Eingegangen 13. DEZ. 1968 Erledigt

Dr. Christian Berg,
Director Gosner Mission
1 Berlin 41(Friedenan)
Handjeryster- 19120
West Germany.

Dear Dr. Berg,

The Hatia Congregation of the G.E.L. Church, which you visited has decided to send Mr. Surendra Mohan M.G. to Durgapur to undertake a course of training in the Ecumenical Social Industrial Institute next year. The KSS has selected 5 Pastors for this training who are being supported by the Gosner Mission. Mr. Surendra Mohan is not among them. He is in charge of our congregation as a candidate.

We do not know how the KSS selects persons for different kinds of training, but this much we know that on technical grounds Hatia Congregation has been neglected in many matters.

We have now therefore decided to send our representative (Mr. Surendra Mohan) to ESII Durgapur and have requested the Pramukh Adhyaksh and the KSS to accept him as one of the GELCtrainees. We are ever prepared to support him financially.

We are writing to you to let you know our situation. If the Gosner Mission is supporting the five GELCPastors, it should also support our condidate. Same and equal treatment should be meted out to all. It is requested therefore that you would kindly exercise your good office in this mater so that our representative Mr. Surendra Mohan is accepted as the sixth trainee from the GEL Church, if you write to ESIIDurgapur, they would accept youradvice.

We are enclosing a copy of letter we sent to the Adhyaksh NWA and the Pramukh Adhyaksh.

With best of greeting.

Date 7.12.68

Treasure,
Barnabas Lakra
Mandli Punch
6.12.68

Your Sincerily,
Gossner John Tappo
Secretary.
H.E.C. G.L. Church.

P.T.O

Adress :—

Gossner John Toppo

A/166/2 Jagarnath Nagar

P.O. Dhurwa, Ranchi-4.

To,

The Adhyakhs, North West Anchal,
Rev C.B. Minz.

Dear Sir,

It has been known that the G.E.L. Church is sending five pasters to Durgapur for undertaking ''Urban,Industrial training'' in the Ecumenical Social and Industial Institute .We do not know what was basis of the selection of these representative.We ~~fx~~ feel that people working in the Urban or Industrial areas should have been given prefarence who have already acquired experience of the problemse of areas.

Through this pitition we request you to kindly move the Pramukh Adhyaksh and KSSto negotiate with Authorities of the ESII Durgapur to make a provision for one more representative from the G.E.L. Church .It might be that KSS would be unwilling or unable to bear cost of the sixth representitives .

The Hatia congregation of G.E.L. Church is prepared to bear the cost of this additional representative, if our candidate Mr. Surendra Mohan M.G. is sent as one of the G.E.L.C. representatives .

We hope that KSS will have no diffifulty in including Mr. Surendra Mohan M.G. as one of their trainees while first five trainees are being supported by the KSS , Mr. Surendra Mohan will be supported by the Hatia Congregation .

It is requested that Mr. Surendra Mohan's name may kindly be forwarded to the ESIIDurgapur through the Pramukh Adhyaksh G.E.L. Church and necessary forms may kindly be obtained for our candidate .

For which act of your kindness we ~~xxxxx~~ shall be ever greateful to you

Dated 7.12.68

Treasure
Barnabas Lakra
Mandli Punch
6.12.68

Yours Sincerely,
Chandra John Toppo
Secretary
G.E.L. Church, Hatia.

G.E.L. CHURCH HATIA

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Copy to:-

1. Pramukh Adhyakh G.E.L. Church, Ranchi.

   He is requested to kindly negotiate with the ESIIfor making room for Mr. Surendra Mohan M.G. in the Institute as the sixth trainee from the G.E.L. Church. His cost of training will be borne by the Ratia Congregation if the KSS x can not support him .

2. Anchal Secretary North West Anchal Mr. C.A. Tirky.

3. Synod President N. Ekka.

4. Ilaka Chairman Rev Johan Topo.

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3. J.T.

PROPOSAL FOR FORMATION OF RANCHI ANCHAL

ELIZABETH HOSPITAL BUILDING AND HEAD QUARTERS CONGREGATION.

It is to be noted that Rev.John Toppo has been occupying Elizabeth Hospital Building as a residential quarter, as Chairman of the Ranchi Ilaka. He occupied this building from the month of April, 1965. The Ranchi Committee on Properties fixed Rs 25.00 per month as house rent for this building but, Rev.John Toppo did not respond inspite of reminders. On the other hand, Rev.B.Minz, Anchal Adhyaksh, North-West Anchal, writes to inform us that, Rev.John Toppo claims that the building was allotted to the North-West Anchal and so no rent is payable to the Ranchi Committee on Properties. There have been long correspondences, copies of which were given to all concerned, but the matter remained unsettled.

A point has been raised that the Ecumenical Commission recommended that a portion of land, along side the Church Road within the G.E.L.Church compound measuring some meters be given to the North-West Anchal for construction of the office and residential quarters for Officers and Staff of the North-West Anchal. This recommendation of the Ecumenical Commission does not appear to have given effect to. The G.E.L.Church compound is within the Head Quarters Congregation at Ranchi, and it is presumed, it can not be split up nor part of it be tagged to any other Anchal. The Constitution framed by the Ecumenical Commission in 1960, is conspicously silent over the clear cut geographical boundary of the Ranchi Head Quarters Congregation.

In the interest of proper control and to maintain status quo of the Head Quarters Congregation and also to maintain unity of all the communities residing in Ranchi city and in the vicinity thereof; there can not be any other fair and wise solution than to unite all the Christian communities of the Lutheran Church, living within the boundary of the Ranchi Improvement Trusts, including the agricultural farms, maintained at the cost of CDS money at Lali and Dokad, be tagged to one circle to be named here-in-after as " RANCHI ANCHAL ". The Constitution framed, has given the Ranchi Head Quarters Congregation a special status. The Constitution does not define what special status the makers of the Constitution aimed and hinted at. I believe, [illegible] certainly the Constitution makers must have had in their minds in giving the Ranchi Head Quarters the status of an Anchal.

It is reported that Khuntitoli synod has been declared already as an Anchal naming it as the " CENTRAL ANCHAL". The Ranchi Head Quarters has an unique feature; more defined and has special importance being the centre of general intelligentia.

It is, therefore, suggested that the entire geographical boundary of the Ranchi Improvement Trusts, falling within Ranchi city, Hatia, Doranda, Kanke, Namkum, in other words the greater Ranchi, must be taken into consideration while considering Ranchi, which is the intellectual head and Head Quarters of the G.E.L.Church and which has the better and qualified status than Khuntitoli, be declared as a " RANCHI ANCHAL". This will automatically nip in bud all sorts of differences raised by some interested persons claiming a portion of the G.E.L.Church compound at Ranchi to be under North-West Anchal, which is absolutely a bad proposition.

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27. DEZ. 68
Erledigt:

Dr.Christian Berg,
Chairman,Bread for the World,
Gossner House, 19/20 Handjery Strasse,
BERLIN, Germany

December 18,1968.

Dear Dr.Berg,

In the name of VIKAS MAITRI(=Alliance for Progress) we send you our warmest and sincere greetings for a holy Christmas and happy new year.

Vikas Maitri is the outcome of the Chotanagpur Project and the All-Chotanagpur Seminar, held at Mandar(near Ranchi) last year. It is an association of the Christian Churches of Chotanagpur and Santal Parganas for the development of health and socio-economic projects.

To keep you informed about the activities of this infant organisation, we are sending you by separate mail our first news letter and another detailed letter.

Wishing you once again, the best,

I am yours truly for Vikas Maitri,

M. V. d. Bogaert

Fr.Michael Van den Bogaert S.J.
Secretary

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Geneva, Switzerland

Wellesley

May 27, 1968.

The Rev. G. Devadas
Wellesley Square Church
76 Wellesley Street
Calcutta 16.

Dear Pastor Devadas:

Thank you for your letter of May 18 concerning the matter of property at Wellesley Square.

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I will, of course, keep you informed of any developments.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours

Yoshiro Ishida

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cc. Dr. C. Berg, Gossner Mission
Bishop R. B. Manikam.

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

May 21, 1985.

The Rev. G. Ravalas
Wellesley Square Church
75 Wellesley Street
Galewia 16.

Dear Pastor Ravalas,

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With kind regards,

Sincerely yours

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cc. Dr. O. Berg, Gossner Mission
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Wellesley Square Church
76, WELLESLEY STREET,
CALCUTTA, 16

19th MAY 1968.

The Rev. Dr. C. Berg,
Director, Gossner Mission,
1000 Berlin 41 (Friedenau)
Handjerystrasse 19/20,
West Germany.

Dear Dr. Berg,

Greetings in His Most Precious Name. We are all keeping on quite well by the Grace of Almighty and trust that the same attends you. I hope that you have received my letter of the 7th March 1967. I have so far very well responded to your suggestions contained in your letter dated 6th April 1964 to the G.E.L.Church, Ranchi, but it appears that Ranchi authorities are so bussy in their own way that they could not follow up your recommendations therein.

The Church of Scotland Trust or the Scotish people will be treated as trespassers, by the Wellesley Square Church congregation, if they enter the premises.

We are grateful for all that you have done for our Church in the past and believe in our Lord Jesus Christ that you will always remember us in your daily prayers.

One visiting German gentleman who recently witnessed the site and condition of Wellesley Square Church buildings volunteered help and asked me as to whom he should send any contribution whereupon I told him your name coupled with the Gossner Mission and requested him to wait till I take your permission for the same and inform him. Kindly let me know if I could request any such person in West Germany to hand over to you any contribution to be transmitted to Wellesley Square Church. I shall be eagerly waiting for your reply.

With all good wishes and kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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(The Rev. G. Devadas,)
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18th MAY 1968.

The Rev. Yoshiro Ishida,
Secretary for Asia,
The Lutheran World Federation,
Geneva.

Dear Rev. Ishida, MY LETTER DATED 16TH MAY 1968.

Greetings in His most precious Name. On receipt of the copy of your communication, dated 22nd December 1967, with Rev. Marshall, I have instructed my soliciters to stop proceedings of appeal against the order of the judgement in the Church of Scotland Trust case. The copy of your communication, dated 13th March 1968, with Dr. Duncan Fraser is also received.

Meanwhile some members of R.C. denomination one day entered the Church premises unnoticed and were surveying the church buildings when they were treated indignantly whereupon I was told that they were asked by the Church of Scotland Trust to revise their offer as the one previously submitted was considered too low. I have immediately contacted His - Grace the Arch Bishop and the R.C. Provincial and explained our position. The Wellesley Square, Tamil and Telugu, Church thinking that your negotiations must have broken informed Edinburgh that they are determined to oppose and resist any Such sale.

Please let me know if your negotiations with the Church of Scotland Trust have failed and if so on what account. The L.W.F. being the responsible ecclesiastical body can negotiate on behalf of Wellesley Square, Tamil and Telugu, Church for peaceful transfer of Wellesley Square Church property to the G.E.L.Church which would undertake responsiblity of maintaining the property for the purpose for which it was consecrated. Reference for settlement will be the 1958 Legislation of the Church of Scotland on their oversess Mission properties.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

(The Rev. G. Devadas.)

MINISTER,
WELLESLEY SQUARE CHURCH.

c.c. Dr. C. Berg.

Wellesley Church
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GOSSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH RANCHI.

No. 30/68/PA-6 Ranchi Dated 9th Jan. 1968.

Eingegangen
15. JAN. 1968
Erledigt:

To

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

Dear Brother Ishida,

Your letter dated January 3,1968 along with your copy of letter to Bishop Manikam and copy of the letter of Rev.Marshell to you,is acknowledged thankfully.Through these enclosures I came to know your line of action regarding the Wellesley Church at Calcutta.

On behalf of the Gossner Church,I am specially thankful to the DWM/LWF for the generous grant of subsidy of Rs.4,500.00. Now,I will be able to draw programme for the Pastors' Refresher Course to be held from Mrch 1-10,1968 in good time.Please make the remittance of this amount to the Treasurer,G.E.L. Church,Ranchi as soon as possible.

With love and best regards,

Yours Sincerely,

Pramukh Adhyaksh,
GELChurch Ranchi.

cc: Dr. C. Berg,Berlin.

Mr.M.Takane,Admin.Secy.DWM

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31. Juli 1970
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Herrn Oberkirchenrat
Dr. Linnenbrink

Evangelische Kirche in Deutschland
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3 Hannover 21
Herrenhäuser Str. 2 A

Betr.: Antrag der Gossnerkirche zur Verbesserungen von Oberschulen
Bezug: Ihr Schreiben vom 17. Juli 1970

Sehr geehrter Herr Dr. Linnenbrink,

der Form halber möchten wir kurz den Eingang des obigen Antrags bestätigen. Er soll auf der Geschäftsführersitzung am 14. September besprochen werden.

Mit freundlichen Grüßen

nach Diktat verreist:
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Kopie: Herrn Dr. Berg, Gossner-Mission, Berlin

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An die
Evang. Kirche in Deutschland
z.Hd. Herrn Dr. Linnenbrink

3 Hannover 21
Herrenhäuser Str. 2A

Lieber Bruder Linnenbrink!

Dies ist ein knapper Mantel zu einem Antrag der Gossnerkirche aus Ranchi. Er hätte direkt an Sie gesandt werden können, wie im Herbst in Indien kurz besprochen . Aber nun muß ich mich doch der Aufgabe unterziehen, ihn gemäß der Adresse an Sie weiterzuleiten.

Der Antrag spricht eigentlich für sich selbst. Daß er auf dem Gebiet des Schulwesens bzw. der Bekämpfung des Analphabetismus entwicklungspolitischen Charakter trägt, ist mir keine Frage. Er würde also - nach meiner Meinung wenigstens - kaum in den Folgekostenausschuß des Missions-Rates gehören, denn im Schulwesen ist die Junge Kirche seit Jahrzehnten völlig selbständig und trägt die Bürden selber.

Der Antrag begegnet natürlich nur einem Ausschnitt aus den Nöten des Schulwesens, aber einem sehr charakteristischen und eben von hier aus behebbaren. Fragen der Lehrerbildung, der Bezahlung ihrer Gehälter, der Reparaturen der Schulgebäude etc. sind sehr viel schwerer in Antragsform nach außen zu bringen und haben auch viel tiefere Folgewirkungen, wenn wir uns da engagieren lassen. Da muß schon die Junge Kirche selber durchzukommen versuchen und an den Aufgaben und in den Nöten wachsen. Aber an diesem Punkt schien uns in den Vorgesprächen im letzten Herbst in Indien eine Hilfe möglich, vertretbar und nicht schädigend sondern wirklich hilfreich.

So begleitet die Gossner Mission diesen Antrag mit guten Wünschen auf eine baldige Annahme und hält sich, wenn Sie nicht noch etwaige Rückfragen nach Indien hin stellen wollen, zu näheren Erläuterungen bereit.

Nochmals mit herzlichen Grüßen
bin ich Ihr

Anlagen
Antrag 2-Fach
Jubiläumsausgabe der "Gossner Mission" 2-fach (S. Seite 29)

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

Ranchi, 31st May 1970.

To
KED-Mittel-Ausschuss der EKD
Attention of Herrn Oberkirchenrat Dr. Linnenbrink

3 Hannover/West Germany
Kirchenkanzlei

Dear Sir,

Sub: Application regarding improvement of High Schools of the Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Churches of Chotanagpur and Assam (GELC Church).

Our approx. 100 schools are a precious heritage but at the same time also a heavy burden for a church of almost 300 000 members in about 1200 congregations which are almost all in the rural areas.

1) Since 1850 ehen the Gospel reached the plateau of Chotanagpur in northern India the foundation of a Christian congregation was almost synonymous with the establishment of a school. The missionaries used to insist on the erection of schools in the same way Martin Luther used to do in Germany at the beginning of the Reformation. The Gospel came to us in this unity of Christian worship and Christian teaching. Already several generations of our minority church have been brought up in this unity. And all changes and difficulties nowadays could not extinguish this obligation in the conscious of our congregations: As long as possible we must try to keep our schools.

2) Since the independence of India (1947) the difficulties increased, with regards to personnel as well as finances. We don't expect nationalization of schools in tribal areas now and in general we would also not object to this policy. The Government is even ready to pay 50% of the teachers' salaries as subsidy. But maintenance of the buildings is an additional heavy burden for our poor congregations (besides salaries for pastors, maintenance of church buildings and costs for general education).

It is not for these problems but for a very special problem that we would like to request

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for help from outside.

It is the problem of refurnishing of 13 High Schools of our Church involving expenditure of

Rs. 343 220 --

(Rs. three lakhs forty three thousand two hundred twenty)
(see cost breakdown in detail enclosed).

The below mentioned schools (except Ranchi) are situated in the rural areas of Chotanagpur and they are oftenly the oldest and mostly the only High Schools far and wide. Still today compared to their importance the equipment of these schools is very poor which very often pointed out especially by foreign visitors.

The means of the proprietor of the schools are very limited, and in several cases Government help had to be invited. But in every such case a certain decline in the educational standard and importance of the school was the consequence. Under these circumstances it would be very much appreciated if the improvement of the schools which is long due could be implemented without help of the government, so that they would become even more attractive.

Every detail of this application had been discussed with and approved by Rev. Dr. M. Bage (member of the CDS Committee of the LWF), who was the Chairman of the Board of Education of the GEL Church for many years. Our Teachnical Training Centre at Fudi now under the directorate of our previous Church President Rev. C.B. Aind, is prepared to take over the order.

We are sending this application through Gossner Mission/Berlin and would like to request them to enclose also a report of Dr. Bage about the educational situation in Chotanagpur. We would like to request Gossner Mission, to forward our application if necessary.

Hoping not to pray to you in vain.

Yours in Christ,

B Minz 16/6/70
(Rev. B. Minz)
President of the Church.

H Samad 16.6.70
(Mr. Samad)
Chairman of Board of education.

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Details to the application:

The following High Schools have been considered for the application :

1. Eidnes H.S., Takarma
2. Jubilee H.S., Govindpur
3. Plathpur H.S., Koronjo
4. Lutheran H.S., Marcha
5. Gelel Ras Girl's H.S., Govindpur
6. Lutheran H.S., Lohardaga
7. Lutheran H.S., Gumla
8. Augustus H.S., Kinkel
9. Joel Lakra H.S., Ranikhatanga
10. Khuntitoli H.S., Khuntitoli
11. Lutheran H.S., Rajgangpur
12. Gossner H.S., Ranchi
13. Bethesda Girl's H.S., Ranchi

Total number of pupils will be 4,700 if we consider also the increase of the next two years. The total number of class rooms is 110. Every School has got besides that a Science Lab.(S.L.), a small Hall (Ha.), an office of the Secretary (S.O.), an office of the Headmaster (H.O.), a Teachers Room (T.R.) and a Library (Lib.).

Cost breakdown : in Rupees

		Class Rooms	S.L.	Ha.	S.O.	H.O.	T.R.	Lib.	To-tal	Pri-ce.	Tota amou
School benches small		257							257	62	16 517
Double seater medium		791							791	70	55 370
	big	1306	260						1566	80	125 28
Table	small	110	26		13	13	26		214	180	38 34
	BIG		13	13					26	220	7 2
Office Table					13	13	26		26	320	8 32
Chairs		110	26	39	39	78	78		370	35	12 95
Almirahs			52		13	13	13	52	143	220	41 47
Book racks						13	26		39	90	3 5
								Grand total			303 9

On this amount Sales Tax of 7% will be charged. And in addition to that there will be transport charges for round about 100 truck trips in average 150 miles up and down per trip. The rate per mile is Rs. 1.25 This will bring the required amount of money up to -

Rs.	303 944.00	for furniture
Rs.	21 276.00	for 7% Sales Tax
Rs.	18 000.00	for transportation from TTC Fudi to the various schools
Rs.	343 220.00	total

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We are planning to utilize the old furniture as far as possible. That's why the number of chairs and tbles required for some of the rooms may seem to be a little bit low. Used school benches which will be replaced by new ones, are suppposed to be utilized in the Primary or Middle schools situated mostly in the same villages or towns.

9 April 1970
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Rev. B. Minz, President
G.E.L. Church Compound
Ranchi, Bihar
I n d i a

Re: Gifts from Germany for Theological Education (20.000.-- DM) and High School - Khuntitoli (15.000.-- DM).

Dear Brother Minz,

I was glad to learn during these weeks that my endeavors to get the above mentioned funds to you into the Gossner Church were successful. The applications were granted. The central office of the Diakonisches Werk made the aid available to the Gossner Church for the B.T.E. from the "Interchurch Aid"Program; and the Lutheran World Service in Germany supported Khuntitoli. Both funds were directed via L.W.F./Geneva and will probably have reached you already.

There are two questions now, dear brother Minz;

1a) Are you convinced with the KSS that it would be good to get the same or a similar aid also next year 1971? Then it would have to be applied for until the end of June 1970, as both organizations prepare their programs already early.

b) Or do you perhaps not need the aid in the B.Th.E., because the Gossner congregations are much more conscious of the independence now and more faithfully make sacrifices? Inspector Seeberg was very glad to report about the success of your visits in congregations.

2) If 1a) applies, detailed reports would have to go to Stuttgart in order to explain the necessity of the support and the use of the funds. Vivid perhaps even pictured descriptions of the Theological Cellege in Govindpur and the high school in Khuntitoli would have to be sent. This was not necessary to the Gossner Mission till now, as the mother, of course, knows her daughter rather well. Now this would be different.

At this I proceed from the fact that you in Ranchi - thus the independent Gossner Church - send your possible applications to Stuttgart; and no longer (as it was still in 1969 for the year 1970) we in the Gossner Mission.

Perhaps it will be the best way when I enclose two draft letters, which you will send from Ranchi. The answer, which you will receive, will make you see clearly for the year 1971.

With cordial yeshusahay greetings
Yours

(Director Dr. Ch. Berg)

cc: Chairman of B. Th. E.
cc: Headmaster Lakra - Kuntitoli

India

Herrn
Präsident B. M i n z
R a n c h i / B i h a r
G.E.L. Church Compound

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Lieber Bruder M i n z !

Ich habe mit herzlicher Freude in diesen Wochen erfahren, daß meine Bemühungen erfolgreich waren, die oben erwähnten Fonds schon jetzt zu Ihnen in die Gossner-Kirche gelangen zu lassen. ~~Meine~~ Die Anträge wurden bewilligt. Aus dem "Interchurch Aid"-Programm stellte die Zentrale des Diakonischen Werkes die Hilfe für das B T E der Gossner-Kirche zur Verfügung; und der Lutherische Weltdienst in Deutschland unterstützte Khuntitoli. Beide Fonds wurden über L W F / Genf geleitet und dürften Sie wohl schon ~~af~~ erreicht haben.

Es erheben sich jetzt zwei Fragen, lieber Bruder Minz:

1)a) Sind Sie mit dem K S S davon überzeugt, daß es gut wäre, auch im nächsten Jahr 1971 die gleiche oder ähnliche Hilfe zu erhalten ? Dann müßte sie bis Ende Juni 1970 beantragt werden, weil beide Organisationen ihre Programme schon frühzeitig vorbereiten.

b) Oder haben Sie vielleicht im B. Th. E. die Hilfe nicht nötig, weil die Gossner-Gemeinden jetzt der Independence sehr viel bewußter sind und treuer größere Opfer bringen? Mit großer Freude hat mir Inspektor Seeberg von dem schönen Erfolg Ihrer Gemeindebesuche berichtet.

2) Wenn 1)a) zutrifft, müßten ausführliche Berichte nach Stuttgart gehen, um die Notwendigkeit der Unterstützung und die Verwendung der Mittel darzustellen. Lebendige, vielleicht sogar bebilderte Schilderungen vom Theol. College aus Govindpur und der Oberschule in Khuntitoli müßten gesandt werden. Das brauchten Sie bisher der Gossner-Mission gegenüber nicht zu tun, denn die Mutter kennt ja ihre Tochter ziemlich genau. Jetzt wäre das anders.

Dabei gehe ich davon aus, daß Sie in Ranchi - also die independente Gossner-Kirche - die etwaigen Anträge in Stuttgart stellen; und nicht (wie noch 1969 für das Jahr 1970) mehr wir in der Gossner-Mission.

Vielleicht ist es das Beste, wenn ich zwei Brief-Entwürfe beifüge, die Sie von Ranchi aus absenden. Die Antwort, die Sie darauf empfangen werden, wird Sie für das Jahr 1971 klar sehen lassen.

Mit herzlichen Jeshu sahai Grüßen

Ihr

Copie:

Chairman of B. Th. E.
Headmaster Lakra - Khuntitoli.

Entwurf

Ranchi, den

An die
Hauptgeschäftsstelle
des Diakonischen Werks
z.H. Mrs. Elisabeth U r b i g

7 S t u t t g a r t
Alexander - Straße 23

Betrifft: Support for Theological Education in the Gossner-Church;
your gift of 20.000,-- DM.

Respected Madame, dear Mrs. U r b i g !

Es war eine große und herzliche Freude für uns, am ..... via L.W.F./Geneva and F.L.Ch. in India die brüderliche Unterstützung von ..... Rupees für die Theologische Erziehung in unserer Gossner-Kirche zu empfangen. Im Theologischen College hier in Ranchi, im Katechisten-Seminar und in der Tabitha-Schule in Govindpur hat die Nachricht ebenfalls dankbare Freude ausgelöst. Nun können wir ohne größere finanzielle Sorgen unsere wichtige Arbeit in den drei Institutionen dies Jahr 1970 fortsetzen.

Es liegt mir heute daran, Ihnen den Empfang dieser großen Gabe zwischenkirchlicher Hilfe aus unserer lieben, deutschen Mutterkirche dankbar zu bestätigen; und Ihnen für später im Jahr einen ausführlichen Verwendungsbericht in Aussicht zu stellen, aus dem Sie erkennen mögen, welche Aufgaben Sie unterstützt haben. Ich halte mir vor Augen, daß Sie auch deshalb einen lebendigen Dankbericht benötigen, um bei den Spendern Ihrer Mittel die Opferbereitschaft für Ihr so wichtiges Hilfsprogramm lebendig zu erhalten.

Und damit darf ich vielleicht die bescheidene Frage verbinden, ob es Ihnen möglich ist, auch für das Jahr 1971 einen ähnlichen Antrag entgegenzunehmen und wohlwollend zu erwägen. Im vergangenen Jahr war unser Herr Dr. B e r g in Berlin so freundlich, den Kontakt zu Ihnen herzustellen; jetzt sollte das unsere Angelegenheit sein. Wie ich die ökumenischen Strukturen und Bräuche kenne, müßten Sie im positiven Fall einen Antrag von uns wohl schon bis spätestens Mitte 1970 in Händen haben, wenn Sie eine Unterstützung für uns auch im Jahr 1971 vorsehen können.

Ich darf gewiß Ihrer freundlichen und hilfreichen Antwort entgegensehen und bin

Sincerely in the Lord
Yours
ges. President Minz

Copie: Dr. Berg/Berlin
Dr. Singh-Chairman B.Th.E.

Entwurf

An den
Deutschen Hauptausschuß
des Lutherischen Weltdienst
z.H. Herrn Kirchenrat Dr. E b e r h a r d

7 S t u t t g a r t 0
Diemershalden-Straße 45

Re: Your support für High School in Khuntitoli/
Gossner Church.

Respected Sir, dear Dr. E b e r h a r d !

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gez. Präsident Minz

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Headmaster Lakra/Khuntitoli

P. Feeberg z. K. R.

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Betr.: Unterstützung der Goßnerkirche in Indien für die Oberschule in Khuntitoli

Wir überweisen Ihnen für o.a. Zweckbestimmung

DM 15.000,--

und bitten um möglichst umgehende Weiterleitung auf die gleiche Weise wie dies mit dem Betrag von 20.000 DM des Diakonischen Werkes in Stuttgart geschehen ist (s. dazu Brief vom 3. März 1970 von Mr. Masao Takane an Mrs. Urbig).

Herzliche Grüße

Dr. Eberhard

cc: KR Dr. Berg, Berlin: ein paar Randbemerkungen zu Ihrem
Frau E. Urbig, Stuttgart
OKR Becker/Klapper, Hannover
letzten Brief: s. Anlage!

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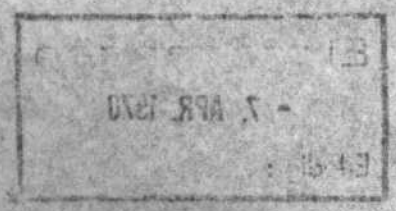

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z.H. Wolfgang Lenz
1750 Malsch
Postfach 1271

Betr.: Die Verwaltung der Waldorfschule in Indien für das Jahr 1970 in Ausbildung.

Lieber Herr Lenz, Ihr Schreiben vom 6.3.

Sind bitten in Ausbildung begriffenen Mitarbeiterinnen auf die Liste setzen. Dies gilt für den Betrag von DM 20.000 für das Ausbildungsjahr 1970 in Stuttgart eingetragen hat (s. dazu Schreiben vom 5. März 1970 [illegible] Herrn Tejwan an Ihn).

Mit freundlichen Grüßen

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Luth. Weltdienst Stgt.
EINGEGANGEN
31. MRZ. 1970
Erledigt

– zum Dr. Eberhard z.K.
d. sofortige Überweisung an 2.4.
und Rückgabe an
Urbig

Betrifft: Unterstützung der Gossnerkirche aus dem Programm "Kirchen helfen Kirchen"

Liebe Liesel Urbig,

herzlichen Dank dafür, daß Sie mich von der Tatsache und dem Grund unterrichtet haben, weshalb Genf so rasch Ihre Spende von DM 20.000,-- für die theologische Erziehung in der Gossnerkirche nach Indien weitergeleitet hat. Es war ja bekannt, daß seit Jahr und Tag in den Schubladen der Ministerien in New-Delhi ein Entwurf schmort, der die Kontrollierung ausländischer Funds rechtlich möglich macht. Nun soll er also nach der Ankündigung von Innenminister Chavan Gesetzeskraft erlangen und nicht zuletzt den Indern eine Einsicht und vielleicht sehr bald eine Einschränkung für das gestatten, was Missionen und Kirchen nach Indien gelangen lassen. Nun, man wird ja sehen.

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↳: natürlich hat er sie!

Wie stets, herzliche Grüße,

getreulich Ihr

Christian Berg.

Fr. Bg 6: sofortige Überweisung!
dann zurück an Er 1

1) P. Seeberg u. R. 3. Kts
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24. März 1970
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Ohne besondere(s) Anschreiben

Von E. Metzger

An Herrn Pfarrer Berg
Gossner-Mission

mit der Bitte um

X Kenntnisnahme

O Stellungnahme

O Erledigung

X Verbleib

O Weitergabe an

O Rückgabe an

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March 3, 1970

Mrs. Elisabeth Urbig
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Dear Mrs. Urbig:

Enclosed please find a copy of our letter to Rev. Lazarus informing him that we have credited the FELC-I account with National and Grindleys Bank, for the amount of US$ 5,464.48, representing a grant made by Das Diakonische Werk - Innere Mission und Hilfswerk - Der Evangelischen Kirche in Deutschland, for Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church, toward their Theological Education in Ranchi College.

Despite your desire that the payment should be made in instalments, namely: the first payment now and the second payment in July, we have remitted the whole amount because of the following information which reached us today:

> "Bill To Curb Flow Of Foreign Funds - New Delhi - February 25 (UNI) - Home Minister Chavan told the Rajya Sabha today that Government had formulated tentative legislative proposals to impose suitable restrictions on receipt of funds from foreign sources"

According to further information, this bill may come any time into force. Therefore, we have hurried up in sending the fund to them. We hope that you understand the situation and agree with the arrangement we have made on this transfer.

Sincerely,

Masao Takane

Enclosure:

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Dear Pastor Lazarus:

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With kind regards,

Sincerely,

M. Takane
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Lieber Herr Pastor Ries,

Wie Sie sicherlich wissen, haben Herr Pfarrer Eberhard und ich die beiden von Christian Berg zugunsten der Evang.-luth. Gossnerkirche in Indien erbetenen Beihilfen für die Schul-Arbeit in unsere jeweiligen Ökumenischen Notprogramme aufgenommen. Während der LWD/DHA sich bemüht, DM 15.000,-- für die Oberschule in Khuntitoli aufzubringen, hat es die Hauptgeschäftsstelle übernommen, DM 20.000,-- für die theologische Erziehung im College Ranchi bereitzustellen.

Ich habe die große Freude, Ihnen mitzuteilen, daß wir unseren Beitrag schon jetzt überweisen können. Sie werden in den nächsten Tagen auf Ihrem Konto bei der SMH-Bank in Offenbach

DM 20.000,--

haben und ich wäre sehr dankbar, wenn diese je zur Hälfte jetzt und im Juli an die Gossnerkirche in Indien weitergeleitet werden könnten. Eine stufenweise Überweisung empfiehlt sich aus weiteren möglichen Devisenverschiebungen und es wird nicht zum Schaden der empfangenden Kirche sein, wenn man ihr die zweite Hälfte der Spende erst im Sommer dieses Jahres überweist.

Mit sehr herzlichen Grüßen
Ihre

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Liebes Fräulein Urbig,

Seit wenigen Tagen aus Indien und Nepal wieder zurück - und es waren natürlich erlebnisreiche Wochen - mit vielen Einblicken und Arbeit im riesigen Sub-Kontinent - darf ich gewiß zwei Punkte heute Ihnen gegenüber zur Sprache bringen.

1.) In Kalkutta nahm sich unser alter Freund P. C. Joseph meiner wieder sehr freundlich an, und wir plauderten von alten Zeiten, nicht zuletzt der großen Zeit des großen Speisungsprogramms 1966 ff. Er bestätigte nochmals, daß bis heute hin dieses Wagnis aus Germany der Casa außerordentlichen Auftrieb gegeben und ihr zu einem Durchbruch geholfen habe. Nun, das wissen Sie gewiß, bei den Gesprächen kam zuletzt auch heraus, da ja wohl mit Ende nächsten Jahres die Mitwirkung von unserer Seite ihr Ende finden soll, dass er gern einmal in Stuttgart persönlich referieren und etwaige Fortsetzungsmöglichkeiten diskutieren möchte. Würden Sie dies wohl bedenken und gelegentlich zu einem geeigneten Zeitpunkt zur Sprache bringen, ob eine Einladung bezw. Aufforderung an Joseph, nach hier zu kommen, möglich ist und Aussicht auf Zustimmung findet. Es sollte mich freuen, wenn das ohne größere Mühe gelänge.

Nebenbei: Josephs Chef, Stephen Mathai, wird Ende Januar wohl in Genf sein bei der großen Entwicklungstagung und sicher einen Abstecher nach Stuttgart machen. Ob es angezeigt ist, Josephs Wunsch mit ihm zu besprechen, wage ich zu bezweifeln. Er wird seine eigenen Wünsche vortragen, unter denen wohl die Möglichkeit der Errichtung eines eigenen Casa-Gebäudes im Vordergrund steht, da das Hauptquartier von Casa in Neu Delhi eine horrende Miete zahlt. Aber das ist ja nur sehr nebenbei, my baby, im Zusammenhang mit dem Vorhergesagten wollte ich Sie nur darauf schonend vorbereiten.

2.) Ich hoffe sehr, daß Sie auf der letzten B.f.d.W. Sitzung auch mit Ihrem ökumenischen Notprogramm 1970 durchkommen und grünes Licht erhalten haben. Das hoffe ich im Allgemeinen und im Besonderen auch wegen der ja so freundlich aufgenommenen beiden Beiträge für die Gossner Kirche. Wenn das so ist, halten Sie es für denkbar, daß Sie und Kollege Eberhardt die beiden Beträge für die theologische Erziehung der Gossner Kirche und die Oberschule Khuntitoli in zwei Raten aufteilen und jeweils die Hälfte der Zuwendung im ersten und im dritten Quartal überweisen, das wäre den Freunden dort sicherlich eine große Hilfe. Daß wir den Betrag keinesfalls über die Gossner Mission geleitet haben möchten, schrieb ich wohl schon

bei dem Antrag. Es liegt mir alles daran, daß eine direkte Verbindung zu Stande kommt und die Unterstützung klar als zwischenkirchliche Hilfe in Erscheinung tritt.

Das wäre es für heute, liebe Liesel, so gewiß vieles auszutauschen wäre. Ob Freund Montag nicht nur geneigte Ohren sondern auch Zustimmung zu seinen Plänen gefunden hat, nun, ich werde es gelegentlich hören.

Herzliche Grüße in alter Verbundenheit

stets Ihr

Be-ginn gemeinsamer christlicher Diakonie in Chotanagpur ?

Eine bedeutsame Konferenz in Nordost-Indien.

1.

In Chotanagpur liegt das Zentrum des werdenden indischen Ruhrgebietes. Hier sind oder entstehen die großen Stahlwerke (Bhilai und Durgapur, Rourkela und Bokaro - und das älte-ste, aus privater Initiative bald nach der Jahrhundertwende errichtete in Jamshedpur). Kohlengruben (Dhanbad) und stahlverarbeitende Industrie (Ranchi, Gua) haben hier ihren Platz. Die indische Nation begleitet den Aufbau der Schwerindustrie hier mit den größten Hoffnungen,und das wahrha-ftig nicht ohne Grund.

Chotanagpur, das Bergland westlich Calcutta, ist gleichzeitig aber das Land de-r Urbevökerung Indiens. Hier wohnen die Stämme (Adivasi), die bisher wenig oder kaum an der Kultur und Zivilisation des Landes teilhatten. Hindus und Moslems blickten auf diese Menschen mit dem Gefühö der Überlegenheit und Herablassung. Sie stecken tief im Animismus und Analphabetismus. Ein liebenswürdiges Völkchen, sind sie doch die Zurückgebliebenen - "Tribels","Bakward people", so nennt sie die staatliche Administration.

Aber Chotanagpur ist zugleich intensives Tätigkeitsfeld der christlichen Kirchen und ihrer Mission seit vielen Jahrzehnten. Etwa 300.000 römische Katholiken, 50.000 Anglikaner und 225.000 evangelische Lutheraner (die Gossner-Kirche), sowie andere kleinere Gruppen, sind hier gesammelt worden. Bisher in scharfer, innerchristlicher Konkurrenz stehend - und diese eine Ärgernis erregende, ihre missionarische Aufgabe hindernde Tatsache - scheinen sie jetzt zu spüren, was die Wandlungen der neu hereingebroche-nen Entwicklungen an Herausforderung für sie, die auch gemeinsam eine christliche Minderheit sind, miteinander bedeuten.

Nur von daher ist es jedenfalls zu verstehen, daß vom 19. - 24.Oktober 1967 in ~~Mandraxbeixxxxxxxxxx~~ Mandar bei Ranchi ein "Seminar" stattfand, in dem es um die Fragen gesundheitlichen Dienstes, sozialer und ökonomischer Aufgaben ging, die auf die jungen, christlichen Kirchen mit Macht zu/kommen. Wir würden hier in Deutschland sagen: Die Christen, über alle konfessio~~nelk~~ nellen Grenzen hinweg, haben sich den diakonischen Problemen in gemeinsamer, grundsätzlicher Besinnung und Bemühung um praktische Schritte gestellt. Ein bemerkenswerter, hoffnungsvoller Einschnitt in der jungen, christlichen Geschichte Chotanagpurs !

Die Zusammensetzung der Teilnehmer war symptomatisch für die Absicht, wirklich eine neue, gemeinsame Initiative der christlichen Kirchen zu ~~er~~ erreichen. Die über 100 Besucher - so gewiß der Hauptan~~step~~stoß von römisch-katholischer Seite als der größten Gruppe ausging - war gleichmäßig von den verschiedenen Denominationen einberufen und entsandt worden, auch die kleineren (Methodisten, Mennoniten usw.) waren fair vertreten. Der Entschluß, gemeinsam an die Arbeit zu gehen, und der Wille, keine diesen Neubeginn im Ansatz zerstörenden Führungsansprüche einer einzelnen Kirche geltend zu machen oder hervortreten zu lassen - beides hat offenbar ein gutes Klima für die intensive~~r~~ Arbeit des Mandar-Seminars geschaffen.

3.

Bemerkenswert ist noch ein Weiteres. Die Anwesenheit einiger europäischer und amerikanischer Teilnehmer in ökumenischen Funktionen unterstrich die Offenheit der Konferenz, sowie das Bewußtsein ihrer Teilnehmer, daß sie in ihrem indischen Bereich Fragen aufnahmen, von

denen die Christenheit in aller Welt zur Zeit bewegt wird. Es überrascht also nicht, daß die Ergebnisse des 2. vatikanischen Konzils (1964 - 1966), die der Genfer Konferenz "Kirche und Gesellschaft"(1966) und die Tübinger Entschließung über "Heilendes Handeln der Kirche" den Beratungen zugrunde lagen und für die Aufgaben der Christenheit in Chotanagpur herangezogen wurden. Man hat in Mandar nicht regionalistisch beschränkt, wohl aber regional verantwortlich; nicht isolationistisch, aber konkret im Blick auf die Verantwortung eben dort nachgedacht und gearbeitet.
Was für eine erneute Unte-rstreichung der uns von Jahr zu Jahr deutlicher werdenden Tatsache und uns bewußt werdenden Erkenntnis, daß wir ~~uns unu unausweislich~~ unausweichlich in einer gemeinsamen Welt und in einem Austausch der Gaben und Erfahrungen mit christlichen Brüdern und Schwestern in anderen Gebieten der Erde an unserer Stelle Gehorsam des Glaubens und Dienst der Lie-be zu betätigen haben. Die Ökumene wird immer mehr Wirklichkeit, im Guten wie im Bösen, in Gefährdung und Verheißung. Auch in Chotanagpur haben es die # Christen gemerkt - wenigstens ein entscheidender Vortrupp von ihnen.

4.

Wie hat die Konferenz gearbeitet ? Nach einigen Grundsatzreferaten - eins davon hielt der Leiter unserer Lehrfarm Khuntitoli, Direktor A. Bruns - teilten sich die Mitglieder in Arbeitsgruppen auf, die sich den Fragen auf folgenden Gebieten stellten:
Landwirtschaft; Industriealisierung; Gesundheitsdienst; Wohlfahrtspflege.
Unter den spezielleren Themen der sechs Gruppen liest man in dem 28-seitigen Konferenzbericht, der uns Anfang Januar im Gossnerhaus in Berlin erreichte, die folgenden:

a) Planung und gegenseitige Abstimmung in den Aktivitäten der Kirchen.

b) Verantwortliche Elternschaft-und die christlichen Kirchen, also das für Indien so brennende Problem der Bevölkerungsexplosion !

c) Die theologischen Grundlagen und die Lehrbasis christlichen Dienstes.

d) Die Rolle de-r aus dem Ausland kommenden, der ökumenischen Mitarbeiter in den Kirchen.
Vor einem Jahrzehnt hätte man noch schlichtweg gesagt: "der Missionare" !

e) Die Aufgabe der Laien in den Kirchen.

f) Die erzieherische Aufgabe der Kirche - auf sozial-wirtschaftlichem Gebiet, wie im Gesundheitswesen.

Man erkennt also, daß sich das Seminar in großer Breite dem Thema gestellt hat und auch heiklen Fragen - zumal in Ind-ien - nicht ausgewichen ist (b) und d)).

5.

Läßt sich etwas über die <u>Ergebnisse der Arbeit in Mandar</u> sagen ? Gewiß nur andeutend ! Vielleicht war das Wichtigste schon dies, daß man miteinander und untereinander Die Fra-gen besprochen uni Erfahrungen - gewiß auch ~~die vielen Einzelgespräche~~ in vielen Einzelgesprächen - ausgetauscht hat. Menschen, die Jahre hindurch nebe-neinander und sicherlich oft in einem geheimen oder gar offenen Gegeneinander Dienst im Namen Jesu Christi taten, haben gemerkt, daß sie nicht fortfahren dürfen, in solcher Getrenntheit voneinander zu arbeiten - zumal angesichts der riesigen Aufgaben.Das ist wesentlich.

Aber auch eine Reihe von Sätzen, die sich in den Berichten der einzelnen Arbeitsgruppen finden, überraschen durch ihre Nüchternheit, Aktualität und Klarheit. So heißt es z.B. im Bericht der Gruppe 5: "Die industrielle und technische Entwicklung der Gesellschaft entspricht dem fortdauernden, schöpferischen Handeln Gottes. Oder, wenn die Kirchen aufgefordert werden, eine Theologie des Dienstes in der industriellen Situation und dessen Bedeutung für die ganze Gemeinschaft zu erarbeiten. Die Kirchen werden ermahnt, nach einem neuen Lebensstil zu suchen, um gehorsam auf den Ruf ihres Herrn in der Gegenwart antworten zu können. "An den Laien ergeht der Ruf, die Kirche an allen Fronten zu sein." Es wird dann die Forderung erhoben, ihm volle Verantwortung in der Kirche zu geben und auch die Möglichkeit, eigene Entscheidungen zu fällen; selbst auf die Gefahr hin, daß er Fehler macht. Früher galten "Priestertum", "geistliches Amt", "Kloster" u.a. als höchster Wert; jetzt erkennt man, daß die Berufung zum Volk Gottes in der Kirche zugleich die Berufung zum Dienst in der Welt in sich schließt, weil Gottes Absicht der Erneuerung dieser seiner Welt auch heute gilt. Und wie wenn die Teilnehmer in Mandar vor der Tatsache erschrecken, daß die Christen so oft große Worte brauchen und sich daran genugtun, fügen sie schlicht hinzu: "Wir müssen dies nicht nur sagen, sondern auch danach handeln".

Die praktischen Fragen und Empfehlungen, auf die dörfliche Situation in Chotanagpur bezogen, nehmen einen breiten Raum in jedem der sechs Gruppen-Berichte ein. Sie im Rahmen dieses Beitrags wiederzugeben, ist nicht möglich. Der immer wiederkehrende Refrain ist aber: Laßt es uns fortan gemeinsam tun !

Unddie Pläne der weiteren Arbeit ? Auch hier ist man in Mandar sehr nüchtern und konkret gewesen.

1) Ein ständiger Ausschuß, von den Kirchenleitungen oder ihren Beauftragten berufen, wird zur Zusammenfassung der Arbeitspläne und Erarbeitung von Programmen praktischen Dienstes für ganz Chotanagpur eingesetzt.

2) Unterausschüsse werden für die verschiedenen Arbeitsgebiete gebildet werden, um einzelne Experimente in gemeinsamem Handeln zu fördern.

   In diese sollen Fachleute berufen werden, die aktiv in der Arbeit stehen, aber gleichzeitig auch Persönlichkeiten mit Erfahrung in der Gemeindearbeit. Denn an den Ortsgemeinden darf das Planen und Wirken nicht vorbeigehen. Nur so ist zu hoffen, daß es zu gemeinsamem Handeln auf regionaler und zugleich örtlicher Ebene kommen wird.

3) Im Glauben an Gottes Heiligen Geist als das gemeinsame Fundament, das die Bruderschaft begründet, soll jährlich vom 18. - 25.Januar in ganz Chotanagpur in gemeinsamen Gottesdiensten eine Gebetswoche für die Einheit aller Christen gehalten werden.

Wer die Situation in Chotanagpur ein wenig kennt, wird gerade diesen letzten Beschluß bezw. die Empfehlung der Konferenz als einen bedeutsamen Schritt vorwärts ansehen. An ihm wird der Geist des Zusammenseins in Mandar nochmals offenbar. Aber auch zugleich das Drängen, welches die Christen in diesem Gebiet der beginnenden industriellen Revolution verspürt haben.

Wenige Wochen vorher hatte die Arbeitsgruppe auf dem "Deutschen Evangelischen Missionstag" in Bad Liebenzell folgenden Satz in ihrem Bericht (September 1967) ausgesprochen:

"Wir müssen uns jetzt in großer Gemeinsamkeit den im Zuge der Industrialisierung in den neuentstehenden Städten Afrikas und Asiens zusammengeballten Millionen, ja bald Milliarden Menschen zuwenden, wenn wir Gottes Auftrag in unserer Zeit nachkommen wollen."

Welche Einheitlichkeit der Erkenntnis in Indien und in Deutschland - 10.000 km voneinander entfernt ! Gott drängt, der Herr aller Enden, der Gott aller ~~Vok~~ Völker !

F. Weissinger.

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A Study of the Activities of Voluntary Agencies in the Fields of Health and Socio-Economic Development

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ALL - CHOTANAGPUR SEMINAR

Mandar, Oct. 19-24,1967

CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The All-Chotanagpur Seminar was held at The School of Nursing, Holy Family Hospital, Mandar, Ranchi, from October 19 to 24, 1967. The theme of the Seminar was "The Role of the Christian Churches in the Fields of Health and Socio-Economic Development". More than 140 delegates participated, belonging to the various Christian Churches working in Chotanagpur, i.e. Roman Catholics, Anglicans, Lutherans, Methodists, Mennonites and British Churches of Christ.

The purpose of the Seminar was to help Christians reassess their role in the fields of health and socio-economic development in the light of existing conditions and trends and current theological thinking. The Seminar aimed not only at getting a clearer and deeper understanding of the Church's role, but also at achieving a better and more coordinated Christian effort in those fields of activity.

Data on existing conditions and trends were provided in the form of background papers by the research team of The Chotanagpur Project and technical experts. The Chotanagpur Project sponsored by the Indian Social Institute, New Delhi, had been conducting an extensive survey of the region prior to the Seminar. The Second Vatican Council, the World Conference of Church and Society held at Geneva in 1966, the Tübingen Consultation on the Healing Ministry of the Church and other documents provided the theological and doctrinal basis for the Seminar's deliberations.

The main theme of the Seminar was divided into the following areas: Agriculture, Industry, Health and Social Welfare. These topics were presented at plenary sessions and further discussed by the participants in smaller discussion groups. There were

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seven such groups: Two for Agriculture, two for Industry, two for Health and one for Social Welfare. The leaders of these groups were:

I.	Agriculture	- Fr. G. Saupin, S.J. Mr. E. W. Massey.
II.	Industry	- Rev. Subir Biswas. Fr. M. Van den Bogaert, S.J.
III.	Health	- Dr. C. L. Joshi. Dr. B.E. L. Thompson.
IV.	Social Welfare	- Mr. John P. D'Costa.

Work Groups on specialized topics also met daily under the following leaders:

I.	Planning and Coordination of Church Activities	- Fr. James Berna, S.J., and Miss Elizabeth Reid.
II.	Responsible Parenthood and the Christian Churches	- Fr. Anthony D'Souza, S.J.
III.	Theological and Doctrinal Principles of our Service	- Most Rev. Dominic Athaide, OFM.Cap.
IV.	The Role of Outside Assistance	- Rev. Douglas W. Cook.
V.	The Role of the Laity, Clergy and Religious	- Rev. S. K. Biswas.
VI.(a)	The Educational Role of the Church in the Socio-Economic Development Field	- Fr. F. McFarland, S.J.
(b)	The Educational Role of the Church in the Health Field	- Dr. J. S. Carman.

On October 19, the Seminar opened with an inaugural address delivered by Archbishop Dominic Athaide, O.F.M.Cap. of Agra on the theme of the Seminar. The following day was devoted to the study of present conditions and Government policies. The theme for this day was:"Chotanagpur Today: The Signs of the Times". It was against this objective and factual background that on the third day the work of the Churches in these fields was presented.

Sunday, October 22, focused the attention of the participants on the spiritual basis of our service. In the morning a joint worship service was held at which Bishop S.K.Patro of Patna gave the homily. The theological and doctrinal principles of our service was the subject of a panel discussion in the afternoon. "A Better and More Coordinated Effort" was the theme of the fifth day: The recommendations of the various discussion and work groups were presented and concrete proposals for future action formulated.

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The closing session was presided over by Shri Jayaprakash Narayan and devoted to a panel discussion on the role of voluntary agencies in the fields of health and socio-economic development.

What follows are the final conclusions and recommendations of the Seminar.

A. REPORTS OF THE DISCUSSION GROUPS

I. Agriculture

II. Industry

III. Health

IV. Social Welfare.

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I. Report of the Discussion Group on Agriculture:

The discussion group on agriculture consisted of agricultural experts, research workers and progressive farmers both from the locality and abroad. The main problems facing agricultural development in Chotanagpur are:

a. Rural conservatism among the farmers
b. Ineffectiveness of Agricultural Extension Services
c. Lack of finance
d. Lack of chemical fertilizers, improved seeds,etc.
e. Lack of irrigation facilities
f. Lack of rural leadership

Suggestions to overcome these problems:

a. To overcome rural conservatism:

- Progressive farming to be developed among middle-aged farmers and community leaders of the area.
- Agricultural subjects should be introduced in the school curriculum in Chotanagpur.
- Farmers to be organized through village panchayats to work with Government.
- Self-help agricultural developmental works should be initiated.

b. To solve the problem of the ineffectiveness of Agricultural Extension Services:

- Local farmers to be trained as extension workers. They will be able to gain the confidence of the people better than an outsider.
- Extension workers should be well-trained both in theory and practice in order to guide farmers in the proper use of chemical fertilizers, pesticides,etc.

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c. To help solve financial difficulties:

- Well-managed cooperatives like grain golas, service cooperatives should be established in each parish.

- The other Christian Churches in Chotanagpur should organize a cooperative on the lines of the existing Catholic Credit Cooperative Society for the purpose of collaboration and cooperation.

- Each farmer should put aside some of his fields for cash crops like groundnuts, maize, etc. to meet the cash problem.

- Subsidiary food production should be encouraged (e.g. inland fish rearing).

d. Regarding the lack of fertilizers, seeds, etc:

- Sufficient fertilizers, pesticides, etc. should be made available to the farmers before cultivation both by Government and Church agencies.

- Seed multiplication farms should be set-up in each Block.

- Improved seeds should be popularised among the farmers.

e. To solve irrigational problems:

- Small-scale irrigation schemes like wells, small tanks, dams, etc. should be encouraged.

- Pump sets should be provided for farmers on credit or hire.

- Windmills and water-wheels to be tested for irrigation purposes.

- AFPRO could be contacted regarding the possibility of digging irrigation wells in rocky areas of Chotanagpur.

f. Regarding leadership:

- Village Panchayats should be reorganized for rural leadership.

Other suggestions offered by the Group were:

a. Since rice is the main, staple food of the people of Chotanagpur, more emphasis should be given to increase the per acre yield.

b. Marketing facilities and cooperatives should be developed for farm produce.

c. Soil erosion should be fought.

d. Agro-type of cottage industries should be developed in the villages, e.g. oil pressing, jaggery producing, etc.

e. The Church should coordinate and plan agricultural works.

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II. Report of the Discussion Group on Urban and Industrial Problems:

The group pointed out some of the basic problems in the urban and industrial life of Chotanagpur. The main problems indicated were:

a. The influx of immigrants from all over India and the displacement of the local people. For the local people in general, industrialization calls for a difficult transition to new forms of employment, thought and life patterns.

b. A gap between the demand for technically skilled workers and the actual number of candidates presenting themselves for technical education.

c. The presence of group loyalties among competing groups of workers and the absence of commitment to industry. This is manifested in caste or communal rivalries in the various aspects of industry like trade unions, employment, promotion, etc.

d. The absence of entrepreneurship among the local people. The growth of ancillary industries is negligible in spite of the fact that basic industries have created enough opportunities for the development of smaller units.

e. The unplanned growth of townships having problems like slums, delinquency, crime, unbalanced sex-ratios,etc.

The second half of the discussion was concerned with finding the answers to these problems. Some solutions were:

a. The Church has to render help to displaced persons by rehabilitating them either in agriculture or industry. Assimilation of these people in industry deserves the highest priority. For the local people in general, adequate training through general and technical education should be given to channel them into new avenues of employment. One way by which the local people could get involved in industry is through the promotion of entrepreneurship in small-scale and ancillary industries.

b. The education of workers and trade unionists deserves the Church's special efforts. It has to aim not only at imparting knowledge, but at improving motivation of the workers. In this field the Church will not be able to play her role fully until the work is entrusted to Indians themselves, chiefly lay people.

c. The training of management executives and industrial welfare officers is a task of the Church. This must not be seen as an end in itself, but as a part of the total approach of the Church in industry.

d. The Church must work out a theology of industrial service to the whole community and adapt her pastoral ministry accordingly.

To fulfil this task, steps should be taken toward greater integration of X.L.R.I., X.I.S.S. and the E.S.I.I., reorganization of the Christian Council of Vocational Guidance, and the formation of a committee to consider urban and industrial matters.

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III. Report of the Discussion Group on Health:

a. Some prevalent diseases in Chotanagpur which called for concentrated attack were considered. These were tuberculosis, leprosy, malnutrition, intestinal disorders (diarrhoea, dysentery, gastroenteritis) and anemias. Suggestions regarding the preventive and curative aspects of these diseases were made.

1. Tuberculosis: A survey to determine the most effective types of treatment of tuberculosis in the area is necessary. Dosages of drugs and combinations of drugs should be indicated. Beds for tuberculosis patients should be made available in cases of hemorrhage, pneumothorax, surgical involvements and drug-resistant cases.

2. Leprosy: An assessment of the incidence of leprosy was urged using mobile or static "skin clinics." Preventive measures such as health education and the use of B.C.G. vaccine were recommended. Curative measures should include the establishment of centres with facilities for physiotherapy, surgery and rehabilitation. The present leprosy centres at Brambe, Dhanbad and Purulia could be investigated for the purpose of expansion to meet these needs.

3. Malnutrition, intestinal disorders, anemia, etc.: For conditions like malnutrition, intestinal disorders and anemias, health education in the villages was urged. There are few trained laboratory technicians in the region. Since the clinical laboratory is important in the diagnosis of these and other diseases, a school for training laboratory technicians should be provided.

b. Staff needs: The attention of the group focused on rural health. Emphasis was laid on promoting "group doctor practice" to encourage doctors to undertake village work. That is, there should be a group of doctors, not just a single doctor in one set-up; and facilities for decent quarters, transportation and their children's education should be provided. These facilities would attract doctors to work in rural areas.

c. Cooperation: Collaboration with others was stressed. Cooperation with Government in the total health programme is essential. So far inter-denominational cooperation is only in the experimental phase; but now, new patterns of cooperation could grow in Chotanagpur. Areas for joint action were suggested: Training of staff, exchange of personnel, and providing facilities for specialization in clinical pathology in some hospitals of the area.

1. Joint Action Committee: A Joint Action Committee for all Church (or voluntary) hospitals should be formed to make decisions about matters of common concern, especially those that need to be discussed with Government. It was recommended that this Committee be formed by members drawn from the Churches' medical committees, i.e. C.M.A.I. and C.H.A. It was also recommended that there should be free exchange and sharing of useful information regarding changes, new services, Government regulations etc. A mailing list of health institutions in the area would facilitate this exchange.

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d. Finances: Finances were discussed at some length. Finance is a vital aspect of all health work and needs to be thoroughly examined. It was strongly recommended that a Finance Committee be formed as a Sub-Committee of the proposed Joint-Action Committee to go into this matter and make recommendations. It was felt that until we apply cost accounting to our health work, we can not move forward.

e. Prayer: The discussion group felt there was need for prayer for the success of health work. Prayer could be offered regularly at Sunday services.

f. The following recommendations also were made:

1. That accounts of the health institutions be kept up-to-date and in an understandable form; that accounts be kept open to all so that correct assessment of payments due and finances available could be made by each individual working in the health unit.

2. That Church institutions should share among themselves the knowledge of the business side of our hospitals - methods of accounting, methods of economy, methods of adding to income so that we can cooperate more intelligently in our plans and work.

3. That before appeals for special grants for equipment and buildings are made the cost of use and maintenance is also worked out.

4. Regarding concessions for clergy and religious in our hospitals it was urged that each religious congregation or community set-up a special fund to pay toward the medical bills of their members.

IV. Report of the Discussion Group on Social Welfare:

The group started the discussion on Social Welfare trying to pin-point some of the social problems confronting them in their own communities.

The following problems were dealt with from several points of view:

a. Beggary

b. Unemployment

c. The tribals' weakness in mathematics. (cf , Work Group on the Educational Role of the Church in socio-economic Development.)

d. The exodus of educated youth from the villages for lack of opportunities. Hence the villages have become depleted of leaders.

e. Lack of leadership - or the need to develop the people to take responsibility in solving problems.

f. Complete absence of professional social workers(Christians) in Chotanagpur.

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g. Absence of adequate night shelters for women (working or in transit) in cities.

h. Lack of recreational facilities for all age groups in villages and towns.

i. Difficulty of getting orphan girls married.

j. Education and rehabilitation of the handicapped.

a. Beggary: Pastors and laymen spend a lot of money giving alms to beggars. This involves much time and patience, but it does not help them efficaciously and permanently. The beggar problem, therefore, is not solved. (Beggars here does not mean leprosy patients or disabled persons, but professional beggars, fakes and unscrupulous persons.)

Solutions or remedies:

1. Support existing Government and private agencies that take people off the streets. Help Government enforce the Children's Act and the Anti-beggary Act - as is done in some States.

2. Support "food for work" projects when and where possible.

3. Bring together all those who give alms in a particular city or community.

4. Try to pick out the deserving cases (old, disabled, widows with large families, abandoned wives, etc) and let one institution take care of a certain number of cases: Not all institutions should give to everyone as they do now.

5. Train suitable young people who could, on a volunteer or paid basis, help those with employment problems.

b. Unemployment:

1. For Post-Matriculates:

a) Encourage people to go in for independent jobs like tailoring or small industries.

b) Encourage students to go for technical or agricultural training. If possible, help students get stipends.

2. For the Illiterate:

a) Multiply Grihini schools for uneducated girls. Train some of them to be assistants to Grihini teachers, house-keepers, domestics, etc.

b) Train girls to be good "Ayahs" giving them a sound moral background (otherwise people will take advantage of them). Teach them to be less fickle and stick to a good job, also help them secure a decent scale of pay.

c) Organize rickshaw-walas and encourage them to own their own vehicles so that they can earn more for themselves.

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c. Weakness in Mathematics:(cfr. Report of Work Group on the Educational Role of the Church in Socio-Economic Development).

d. Our educated young people do not wish to stay in the village, nor is there any scope for them, unless they are trained teachers or agriculturists. On the other hand, it is necessary for some of them to stay there and work for the social uplift of their fellowmen.

Solutions:

1. Vocational guidance should be imparted to children from the early stages of their education.

2. A student counsellor or a social worker trained in that line should be engaged on the staff of the school. If for financial reasons this is not possible, a part-time teacher with knowledge or aptitude for the job could be engaged as a student counsellor.

3. The aimless rush to college should be checked by the above mentioned means and also through a Parent-Teachers' Association. There should be regular dialogue between the headmasters, teachers and guardians, so that every child may be directed toward the occupation best suited to his talents.

e. Need for development of human resources:

Training people for responsibility should be carried on at all stages, i.e. among school children, university students, adult farmers, housewives, etc. This should be done consciously with the aim of developing leaders. The classroom, existing organizations, etc, should be used for this purpose. Modern methods and techniques should be introduced to accomplish this goal.

f. There is not a single,trained, Christian Social Worker in Chotanagpur! Complex problems of unmarried mothers, juvenile delinquency, etc, need trained people. A need for employing professional social workers has to be created, otherwise trained personnel will remain unemployed.

1. Begin by up-grading the work of untrained persons in orphanages and other social welfare institutions, so that their service to people can be improved. Do this through short-term courses and on-the-job training.

2. Organize short-term courses for volunteer social workers, sisters, lay people etc. through the St.Xaviers' Social Service Institute or Xavier Labour Relations Institute.

3. Make sure that religious sisters from Chotanagpur who are presently being trained for professional social work, are assigned to social work agencies and not to other types of work.

Unfortunately the group did not have time to formulate solutions for the remaining problems.

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B. REPORTS ON WORK GROUPS

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I. Report of the Work Group on Planning and Coordination of Church Activities:

Discussion in the working group followed the general outline of the questions for discussion that had been presented to the members of the group. Those questions dealt with various aspects of three main subjects:

- The present situation regarding planning and coordination of Church activities in the All Chotanagpur Region, and the strengths and weaknesses of the present mechanism for planning and decision-making.

- What scope there is in the region for more scientific and systematic planning and coordination among the various groups.

- Concrete suggestions for ways of improving the situation and promoting joint-action at both the planning and implementation levels.

a. As regards the present situation, there was general agreement on the following points:-

1. Some efforts at more systematic planning, exchange of information and co-ordination of efforts are beginning to be made. To date, however, such efforts represent rather isolated instances on the part of a few rather than being the general rule. They have taken place almost exclusively within particular Church groups rather than on an inter-denominational basis. Efforts at co-ordination have been almost exclusively limited to the field of education. The members of the working group agreed that by and large it can be said that real systematic planning and co-ordination of Church activities has not yet come to Chotanagpur.

2. The present mechanism for planning and decision-making reveals the following characteristics:-

a) Each group carries out its own planning by itself with generally no exchange of information on prospective plans with other groups.

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b.) The structure of planning and decision-making seems to tend to be more dependent on hierarchical sanction, although in a few places there is evidence of some kind of direct or indirect participation and consultation at parish, deanery, diocesan and other levels.

c.) Here and there new structures are being developed i.e. "Agriculture Boards" in two Protestant Church Groups, and the Extension Service of the Ranchi Catholic Co-operative Bank. Overall planning and co-ordination through such bodies, however, have barely begun.

3. The present mechanism is characterised by the following strengths and weaknesses:

a.) Strengths: There is the fact that responsibility is well-defined and located in the hands of strong, autonomous centres having the power to act.

b.) Weaknesses: The danger of impressionistic planning based on inadequate study of needs and situations; needless duplication of efforts due to failure to exchange information and plans with other groups working in the same area; loss of strength which could come at times from not pooling personnel and funds; lack of integration of different fields of work, i.e. socio-economic development work with health programmes.

b. As regards the desirability and possibility of improving the situation there was a consensus in the group that it is important to work towards a more scientific method of planning Church activities in the area and coordinating more systematically the efforts of the various groups. The present system with its weaknesses represents a certain degree of failure to make the best possible use of the Church's human and material resources and, to that extent, a certain defect in the Church's stewardship. Better planning and co-ordination would also result in better integrated programmes able to strike more effectively at the roots of problems.

It was also agreed that the climate of opinion regarding greater co-operation among the different Church groups has been improving markedly, and that there is real scope for greater joint-action. At the same time it is necessary to proceed realistically and prudently in this matter and with a great deal of serious study, reflection and prayer together. The Holy Spirit is clearly working to bring about a greater unity of viewpoint and activity, but we must beware of possibly running ahead of His grace in a spirit of excessive enthusiasm of a doubtful nature.

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c. In discussing how we can begin moving towards greater co-ordination of plans and activities in tangible ways, two significant principles were agreed upon by the group:

1. Emphasis should be placed at this stage on promoting greater co-ordination at the local level - i.e. among individual project holders and particular institutions and programmes in localities where practical and concrete opportunities for some degree of joint-action exist.

2. It would be better to think in terms of joint-action on an ecumenical basis right from the beginning, than to concentrate for an initial period on developing better planning and co-ordination within particular Church groups.

Despite the marked preference for practical and functional arrangements of a local nature, it was recognized that at least in the early stages it would be difficult to stimulate such initiatives. For this it would be necessary to have some kind of "high level body" to give initial impetus and integrate local efforts into the overall framework of the Churches' authority. It was felt that the various aspects of these problems can be reconciled by the following proposal, which is hereby presented as the main recommendation of the Seminar.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. As a follow-up on the Seminar the work group recommends that a STANDING COMMITTEE be constituted, which may be called ALL CHOTANAGPUR DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE, consisting of the heads of Churches or their nominees, for the purpose of promoting greater co-ordination in planning and carrying out programmes in the All-Chotanagpur region. The group felt that for the initial period it would be profitable to have one expert representative from AFPRO to sit on the Committee to help do survey and planning works.

2. One of the first tasks of the Committee should be to establish a number of SPECIALISED SUB-COMMITTEES to study the possibility of launching some concrete experiments in joint-planning and action in particular fields of activity where the ground is already fairly well-prepared for joint-action i.e. in relief work, education, agricultural programmes and in the medical field.

3. The specialised Sub-Committees should be composed mainly of persons who are professionally competent in their respective fields of activity and who are actively engaged in such work in the area. However, since the various aspects of the Churches' activities are closely related to one another and all related in an intimate way to pastoral concerns, each specialised Sub-Committee should include representatives of related fields of activity and at least one person with wide experience in pastoral work.

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4. The Standing Committee and its Sub-Committees should be organised in the first instance on an All-Chotanagpur basis, including Santal Parganas. Their initial aim, however, should be to promote practical and concrete experiments in joint planning and action at the local and sub-regional levels.

5. The group decided that the "All-Chotanagpur Region" be defined to include besides Chotanagpur and Santal Parganas, the contigous areas such as Sundergarh District in Orissa, Surguja and Raigarh Districts in Madhya Pradesh and Purulia District in West Bengal, and recommends that the Committee, when constituted, study the implications of such an inclusion.

6. The Indian Social Institute and the Secretariat of the Bihar Christian Council together should be requested to act as the Secretariat of the All Chotanagpur Development Committee and each of these bodies may be further requested to make available the services of a representative to act as joint conveners of the Committee.

7. The Secretariat should be provided with competent personnel and facilities for continuing research of a scientific nature as a basis for the planning and co-ordination of activities undertaken by the Committee.

8. The group strongly recommends that the Standing Committee be constituted and begin functioning not later than the end of the year.

9. Recognizing the fundamental fact that the cooperation in different development services recommended in the Seminar must be the outcome of a deep sense of fellowship bestowed on the faithful by God the Holy Spirit, it is urged that conscious efforts be made to grow in a fellowship of prayer and that joint worship services be held during the octave of prayer for Christian unity from January 18th to 25th every year throughout the whole Chotanagpur Region.

Note: The working group has specially recommended that the above resolution be incorporated in the final resolutions of the Seminar.

10. It also recommended that the charts and graphs displayed on the walls be published as part of the report of the Seminar.

II. Report of the Work Group on the Population Problem and Responsible Parenthood:

All agreed that the population explosion was one of the most serious problems which India and the world had to face today. It is a real problem affecting the material and spiritual well-being of large numbers of human beings. Those political and religious leaders who even today minimize the urgency and gravity of this problem, are not always aware of the present rate of demographic growth in India and of its impact on the living conditions of a vast majority of the country's population.

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Since the year 1921, often called by demographers "the year of the great divide", there has been an accelerated growth of India's population. With a steady two and half per cent population growth rate the country has to feed some 13 million new mouths every year. According to a U.N. statistical projection India's population will double by the year 2,000 and hit the one billion mark.

The country's agricultural and industrial production has not kept pace with population growth. One of the most urgent needs today, therefore, is to reduce the birth rate while efforts to increase India's productive capacity continue.

The Christian Churches have to accept the population explosion as a real problem and use every morally acceptable means to help India reduce its population. However, birth control, as an Indian Cabinet Minister once put it, deals with human beings and bristles with a series of social, cultural and psychological problems. The Christian Churches cannot and will not accept methods of birth control when they go against the natural law or challenge man's dignity and the sacredness of marriage.

Government legislation aimed at reducing India's population will have to be carefully examined before it is accepted by the Christian Churches. Wholehearted support should be given to Government efforts to raise the age of marriage.

During the group discussions the Catholic Churches present stand on artificial birth control methods was questioned. The freedom of conscience of husband and wife vis-a-vis the Church's teaching on family planning should be re-examined in the context of the pronouncements of Vatican II.

The Causes of Population Explosion in India:

1. Because of the easy availability of, and access to, modern scientific medicines, the death rate has been markedly declining. Greater control of epidemic diseases, better maternity and child care, and improved personal and community hygiene have increased the life span of Indians without a fall in the birth rate.

2. This constitutes a serious problem for the country because the available supplies of food, clothing, housing and education are not increasing at an equally rapid rate. The official family planning policy of the Government will eventually, but not immediately, lower the rate of population growth in India. Modern demographic problems in India are varied and complex and consequently require a multi-dimensional approach.

   Some of these problems are the results of:

   a. Fragmentation of land holdings

   b. Rapid expansion of industries and subsequent concentration of people in urban areas.

   c. Increased full-time employment of women.

   d. Increased proportion of women in the total population, most marked in the rural areas as men migrate to cities in search of employment.

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e. Growing desire on the part of parents for better health and educational facilities for their children.

f. The changing status of women. Someone illustrated the changing status of women by saying that before the wife used to follow a few paces behind her husband, carrying a child and often a head burden. Now she rides on the cycle carrier or the rear seat of his motor cycle!

3. Indian cultural traditions emphasise that (a) all should marry, (b) all should marry young. The attitude toward unmarried women who have a business or professional career is changing, but very slowly. Once married, the young woman is "safe."

4. The tropical climate of India seems to have a positive impact upon human fertility.

5. For climatic and environmental reasons, Indian children reach physical and sexual maturity earlier than those in the West. A young couple may be physically but not emotionally mature.

6. Crowded housing conditions.

7. Conservatism and religious scruples prevent couples from using available means of birth control.

Solutions:

Since the solution to this problem depends ultimately on the free will of the individual couples themselves, and not on any coercion from Government, the discussion group unanimously agreed that only education and removal of poverty can solve the problem.

Education would mean improving the efficiency of every indi vidual to accelerate economic growth. It also means arousing a sincere desire in individuals for social change.

When poverty is removed and the material standard of living raised, there is bound to be a more responsible control by individuals of their sexual life and of the size of their families.

Education should also include sex education. Because of housing conditions many families enjoy very little privacy. People also live in close proximity with animals and become aware of sex biology early in life.

The need of society today is to understand better the higher moral and spiritual implications of marriage and of the sexual relations of husband and wife.

The group realizing the great need of sex education and responsible parenthood in the present social set-up in Chotanagpur recommended to the Seminar that it consider this need seriously and find ways and means of fulfilling it.

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Only a strong motivation for responsible parenthood can have any appreciable impact on the reduction of birth rate in India. Hence immediate and adequate measures to provide more and better educational facilities and make the conditions of living worthy of human beings are necessary. Such social changes will gradually lead to right attitudes and the proper motivation for responsible family life.

Some Concrete Suggestions:

To better equip parents, teachers, Church leaders, doctors and nurses as counsellors for young people, the following suggestions were made:

1. Classes should be organized by the Churches for lay people to discuss and learn present trends and the social implications of sex.

2. In conferences for teachers and Church leaders, some time can be profitably set aside for such discussions and guidance.

3. Doctors and nurses should be aware of the desire of many for counselling on sex matters.

4. Clubs for boys and girls giving place and time for wholesome activities, can often provide good opportunities for counselling.

5. Premarital counselling by pastors should (a) insist on premarital medical examinations, (b) give time for discussion of factors other than sex in family relationships.

6. Existing organizations such as the YMCA, YWCA, Mothers' Unions, etc, should include sex education in their programmes.

7. Education in family living can be imparted by public health teams during school visits as a part of training in personal hygiene. This could be done on an individual or group basis.

8. Religious sisters should invite doctors and nurses, preferably religious or persons known to be good Christians to their annual educational conferences to lecture on sex education.

9. In the senior year of high schools, courses on sex education and family living could be given as part of the moral science course. Suitable books or lectures by outside nurses or doctors could be a means of instruction.

10. A hand-book should be prepared for sex education at different levels in schools and colleges.

11. Adult sex-education in the form of Cana Conferences conducted by a priest, a doctor and a married couple would be of great value.

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12. Establishment in hospitals and health centres of a family life centre where pre-marital and marital counselling and information would be available.

III. Report of the Work Group on the Theological and Doctrinal Principles of our Service:

a. It is clear from Holy Scripture that our goodness should extend to all people; that the Church should appear in society in the spirit of Christ serving.

b. Our contribution to improved social amenities, economic development and making a better world is a way in which we can continue and participate in God's creation.

c. Christian social, health, and industrial workers, being themselves in a manner other Christs, born in our time to assist in conveying redemption to their contemporaries, continue to present in their persons the incarnate life of Christ in all its aspects, birth, public life, crucifixion and resurrection.

To our people we should teach the redeeming value of poverty, illness and all suffering, and communicate to them the joy and hope which spring from the grace of the resurrection and the promised happiness of heaven. Non-Christians are encouraged by our optimism which is based on the resurrection. They tend to feel guilty and to despair, believing that their sickness or other misfortune may be a punishment for unknown sins in some previous existence.

One way special to our times in which the crucifixion may be expressed in our lives is to be willing to allow obsolete ways, customs and views to die like the grain of seed wheat, that clearer, truer and more dynamic insights, more appropriate for our times may prevail.

d. All who are engaged in the healing ministry exercise their function in the name of the Church. The Christian community, therefore, should think of their hospitals and other health work as their witness to Christ the Healer. Similar statements could be made of workers in other skills and professions.

e. Flowing from the principle of brotherhood in God's world wide family, there flows the need of unity and cooperation with all providers of social, health, agricultural, industrial or economic services, whether by Government or other Christian and voluntary groups, and this on the local, national and international levels.

f. As health along with other physical and civil advantages such as education, scientific progress, and better living standards, seem equally good by whomsoever provided--we scarcely pause to ask whether our watch was made by a Christian or an athiest -- the question arises: what is the specific Christian contribution?

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One reply, doubtless inadequate, is that while Christians and others may perform objectively the same service, Christians in varying degrees according to their spiritual capacities, may be presumed generally to perform their actions with nobler motives, and with a realization of the numerous relationships with God, redemption and the Mystical Body of Christ. They may thus give greater glory to God.

A more dynamic insight is that Christians may in some way assume into union with themselves, and elevate the good done by others, offering it to God along with their own good works as part of the total praise offered by the Church to God.

g. The Church has a mission to announce the glad tidings of the Gospel to all men. The Church likewise according to her ability endeavours to come to the assistance of all who are in need. Still, the Church worker should never require a change of religion as a condition of providing services.

IV. Report of the Work Group on Outside Assistance:

a. The Aims of Assistance:

Outside assistance for programmes and projects in India may consist of funds, materials such as food, medicines, equipment or fertilizers, and personnel. Whatever form it takes, the assistance is designed:

1. to complement internal resources available. Therefore any successful programme must be based on the fullest use of indigenous resources if it is to have a stable and continuing value.

2. to activate internal resources. Outside aid can act as a "spark plug" or catalytic agent to release latent resources and bring them into action.

3. to create genuine partnerships between people with different resources. Aid which creates a donor-recipient mentality rather than an attitude of equal sharing defeats its purpose. Whatever the quantitative proportions, the qualitative value of each party's share must be such that it inspires a sense of dignity and equality on the part of all involved.

4. to give opportunity for the development of local leadership and skills. This is especially true of personnel whose role and function must be so defined as to not stifle or inhibit others.

5. to meet immediate needs as in the case of emergencies. Even here, however, we should look for ways to make the aid remedial and constructive rather than just temporary relief.

6. to initiate and support development projects aimed at solving basic problems.

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b. Uses of Assistance:

1. Planning:

a.) Planning is an essential factor in the responsible use of resources, both internal and from the outside. Planning must include a clear statement of the objectives of the project, setting forth its limits as well as its goals. A feasibility analysis and realistic plan of execution are basic to determining the kind and extent of aid called for. A projection of the expected benefits from a project is also a determining factor in seeking assistance.

b.) Exploration of every possible internal resource should be done before determining what outside assistance is needed. The internal resources will include the local Church, service bodies such as clubs and welfare organizations, and Government at various levels. Most important of the internal resources is what the beneficiaries can provide themselves.

c.) Only after the above two steps can one determine the amount and kind of assistance needed from outside.

d.) "Pay-off" possibilities are also an important factor in any project. Outside assistance should be given in the form of loans whenever possible to recover from those who benefit all or a part of the in-put. It is only right that they should make available to others the resources which have enabled them to prosper. A project which calls for a substantial repayment of initial investments will stimulate more business-like methods and help create a higher degree of responsibility.

2. Types of projects requiring assistance in Chotanagpur:

The group discussed some of the types of needs that exist in Chotanagpur for which assistance is required. The following are not in order of priority:

a.) Aid for general education at the village level:
It is often difficult to get outside aid for general education because it is generally thought to be the responsibility of the Government. However, in vocational and technical aspects, it is not so difficult. To give a person a vocation is to help him for life. Schools are aided to some extent through school lunch and nutrition programmes which act as an incentive to bring children to school.

b.) Social amenities and services at the village level to create a more satisfying community life:

Community centres, sports fields, mobile movie units, etc. can bring people together and bridge traditional lines of difference to provide greater integration. They also serve to make life more "tolerable" for people with ability who would otherwise leave for urban areas.

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c.) Projects aimed at agricultural development:
These are projects basic to improving the lot of the farmer and villager, as well as helping to meet the needs of the nation. Economically productive projects can also provide resources for meeting some of the needs mentioned in 1 and 2 above.

d.) Small-scale and home industries:
Investment capital is required to help people start activities that would make them self-supporting. This should be primarily in the form of loans.

e.) Health cooperatives:
Assistance for this may include personnel as well as funds to start health programmes aimed at preventive as well as curative aspects of medical care. The local community must also undertake the responsibility of supporting health institutions.

3. The group discussed the development of indigenous personnel resources through the use of volunteers in a kind of "service corps." The work of over 200 volunteers in Bihar during the past months has shown that many Indian young people can make valuable contributions to development projects if given the chance. A number of those who have proven to be most capable could be recruited for a kind of service corps, on a one or two year basis, to help in strategic projects. They could be given specific assignments where they could focus their efforts at the village level in a more effective way than the usual village worker-type person who has many varied responsibilities. Once such a service corps is well-established, then outside volunteers could be invited to work with them.

c. Coordinating Body:

In considering the variety of overall needs for outside assistance in the Chotanagpur area, the group felt that it was necessary to establish some kind of coordinating, financing body. This might be in the form of a Development Body which would work out a more comprehensive plan for Chotanagpur that would include various aspects of work in the medical, socio-economic and educational fields. Support could be sought for the development programme as a whole. In this way projects which the Chotanagpur group felt important, but which might be less attractive to outside support, could be assisted along with the total programme. It would also, of course, provide for designated support of specific projects of an overall plan as well.

Such a Body would also be charged with the responsibility of developing internal resources to the fullest and of helping to make each economic development project as profitable as possible. Over a period of time funds would be generated from projects and from other sources within the area that would enable a group to have greater flexibility and freedom in undertaking those projects which it felt were most important, regardless of the availability of outside assistance. This would require a high degree of competence in financial management and control and the technical assistance of competent, professional people.

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V. Report of the Work Group on the Role of the Laity, Clergy and Religious:

One of the great problems that the people of Chotanagpur and the Church face results from rapid social change, chiefly industrialization. It brings with it a new way of life, a new vision, new values and a new culture. The bulldozers which precede the rise of new industrial and urban complexes often sweep away the old, whether physical, spiritual or social. The problem, as in other newly industrialized areas, is that of preserving the workers' human dignity and identity. Production of material goods should not disregard the basic principles that man cannot be treated the same as a machine.

The task of the Church in this industrial age, therefore, is to be a helper and guide, directing her members in the right direction. The industrial and technical evolution of society is but the continuation in time of God's own creative action, and Christian witness should be adapted to, and expressed in, these new fields of human activity. Instead of keeping aloof from industrial and technological developments, Christians should prove themselves stewards and fellow-workers of Christ. Every creature is of God and therefore good; Christians should accept this principle and use it in so far as it contributes to the attainment of the ultimate goal for which they are striving. Although the Church's realm is not strictly speaking the material world or its needs, yet she has the obligation of preparing man to use and enjoy the fruits of modern culture and civilization, since she deals with the wholeman, body and soul. She has to be the artisan of the new age so that its culture is truly human, and in it each man can find his true dignity.

If the Church is to answer the call of God then she must have a new stance and a new style of life. The task calls for a reappraisal of the role of the laity, clergy and religious. For the laity the call is to be the Church on all frontiers. They must live up to the high dignity to which they are called - a high dignity and a great responsibility to love and serve the world for which Christ died. In the past we have thought of the Church as an institution run by the hierarchy, priests and religious. Laymen were outside observers. Today this false conception has been corrected, thanks to the clear and unequivocal definition by Vatican II of the theological meaning of the Church which includes all the faithful, all the "people of God", all baptized members - lay, religious and clergy - of the mystical body of Christ possessing a gradation of gifts as well as duties.

In the past we have held the vocation to the priesthood and the cloister as the highest good, but now a change in direction and emphasis is called for. All vocations in the Church and in the world are of God and of equal importance to his plan of redemption. We must not only say this but act upon it.

In particular in the Chotanagpur area it would appear that the Church has treated the tribals, and still continues to treat them, as children who need protection and support. From the tribal people, however, comes a clear and persistent call for acceptance as co-partners in the Church and ambassadors in the world. This desire is good, God-given and cannot be rejected.

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In the work group the Adivasis expressed a strong desire for training in leadership which would equip them for their urgent task. The roots of reform should go back to the educational system, so that their latent and potential qualities might be developed. The lack of leadership among the local people is obvious - we have only to look around at this Seminar. The Church must help laymen to emerge as leaders, healers and apostles in the Church. Each of the faithful has to feel that the Church is his, and fulfil his obligations according to his talents and gifts.

The group strongly felt that we should dispell erroneous and preconceived ideas about the Adivasis not having the inherent qualities and capabilities to play an important and responsible role.

Within the organization of the Church the laity must be given full responsibility and be allowed to make their own decisions and remedy their own mistakes. They must be equipped to be partners with the rest of their Indian brethren in every facet of life - political, social and economic.

The clergy and religious have a vital responsibility in initiating this change. Financial backing is important. The setting up of projects for training should take priority. Traditionally the Church trained nurses and doctors to minister to the sick, and teachers to prepare children for life's challenges. In this century she is called by God to train laity to minister to man.

Christians will serve society better by recognizing that God is at work in every situation and by becoming involved in it themselves. They can best contribute - indeed it will be their specific Christian contribution - by studying the ethical implications of the situation and by acting accordingly.

A necessary prerequisite to serving man in the world is to see him not as a dangerous usurper, but to see God at work in and through him, for the potential benefit of the world. Through this recognition of God at work in all facets of life, Christians will be led to competent participation in every situation. Also at the heart of the Christian ministry is the ability of laymen to stimulate and sustain a meaningful dialogue about the ethical principles involved in the situations they face.

How many Christian managers, politicians, civil servants, social workers, scientists and teachers are equipped to do this? How many of the clergy are equipped to help them? And how much contact between the two groups is developing so that they can work together.

The tribals and their leaders, on the other hand, must also respond. They can no longer rely entirely on others. It is only when the laity take their proper place in the world that the clergy and religious will find their proper role as initiators, catalysts and servants. On the latter devolves the main responsibility for bringing out the ethical dimension of human activity.

The floodgates have been lifted and the torrent of history is sweeping through the land of Chotanagpur. It is for all to enter boldly into the mainstream and each play his role.

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VI.a. Report of the Work Group on the Educational Role of the Church in Socio-economic Development:

The work group on the educational role of the Church in socio-economic development discussed the following topics:

1. General Schools
2. Specialized Schools
3. Under-matrics in urban and rural areas
4. Leadership Training

1. General Schools:

General Schools include all middle and high schools preparing students for the S.S.C. examination. Some observations were:

a) There is weakness in mathematics and science in the village schools of Chotanagpur. As a result of this students go mostly for arts subjects in colleges. Science courses are neglected. For those who cannot afford to go to college, the possibility of going for technical training is almost excluded.

b) The overall weakness in mathematics and science in schools is chiefly due to poor teaching standards. The factors responsible for this are: poor salary and lack of social amenities which fail to attract good/ lack of /teachers, adequate library facilities and laboratory equipment for science courses, and negligence on the part of school authorities.

c) It was noted that students develop attitudes towards certain types of work. White-collar jobs are preferred to farming which requires hard labour. Many students are attracted to Government jobs which promise security and entail less risk in comparison to business. Teaching for many is the last resort.

Suggestions to overcome these problems:

a) Students should be given intensive coaching classes in mathematics in Class VIII so that they can take up science subjects in Class IX. After finishing matriculation and before entering college (an interim of three (3) months) special classes could be given in these subjects to prepare students for college courses. Source books and scientific apparatus should be requested from UNESCO for teaching purposes.

b) The standard of teaching could be improved by:

1) Giving a good salary and reasonable amenities to teachers.

2) In-service training to be arranged in cooperation with Government.

3) A more sympathetic concern for teachers on the part of headmasters.

c) The attitude of students regarding careers can be changed by:

1) Creating an interest for technical training.

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2) Providing work camps which stress community and social service (cf. Kothari Report on Education).

3) Training teachers for vocational guidance and counselling.

4) Providing vocational guidance for all students preferably in Classes VII and VIII.

5) Supplying vocational information and guidance through the following methods:

a) Use of charts, posters and films on careers.

b) Invite guest speakers to speak on the various professions open to youth.

c) Keep parents informed of career opportunities for their children.

6) Encouraging commercial studies such as typing, shorthand and filing, as well as the arts and sciences.

2. Specialised Schools:

In this category two types of schools were considered: Technical High Schools and Grihini Schools.

a) High Schools with a Technical Bias: In these schools vocational training would be imparted along with the ordinary high school curriculum. Some observations made concerning the feasibility of such schools are:

1) Ordinarily high school is the end of formal education for most students. After S.S.C. they look for a job.

2) College education causes frustration to many students as many become "drop-outs" for financial or other reasons.

3) Many subjects presently included in the high school curriculum are useless.

Suggestions:

- High Schools should be more diversified.
- Useless subjects should be eliminated from the curriculum.
- New subjects such as crafts, metal work, wood work, agricultural and business courses, and commercial courses should be introduced.
- For young girls, subjects like home economics and home science should be encouraged.

b) Grinini Schools: A Grihini School is a school for young village girls who have had little or no formal education. The primary purpose of the school is to prepare young women to make good wives and mothers. Courses taught in Grihini Schools include reading, writing, basic arithmetic, hygiene, nutrition, child care, gardening and home management. The Grihini schools have been very successful and are becoming more and more popular in the Chotanagpur area.

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What is urgently needed now is a similar type of school of boys. Courses such as carpentry, methods of cultivation and other agricultural skills could be included in the curriculum.

3. Under-matrics in urban and rural areas:

Both men and women with incomplete high school studies have employment problems in urban and rural areas.

a) In urban areas: Some of the young people with little education are employed as semi-skilled or unskilled labourers in urban centres. Others are employed on a temporary basis as coolies or in the case of women "rejas" (construction workers).

Suggestions: In order to check the social, economic and moral deterioration of this particular group of workers, the following recommendations were made:

1) A local committee should be formed which would examine the needs of these labourers and suggest remedies.

2) Night schools should be established so that some of these people could complete their education.

3) General education courses should emphasise technical subjects like mechanical drawing, welding, wiring, bench fitters,etc. which offer immediate employment.

b) In the rural areas: Farmers have employment problems also. They work hard for six months of the year (July to December), but once the harvest is over, they look for casual jobs in industrial areas. They work as coolies in construction works or in brick kilns. Many of them migrate to other areas, especially Calcutta and Assam, leaving behind lands and families. The social impact of their migration is observed in broken families and in community life disorganization.

Suggestions: The main problem is how to keep the young farmer at home. Some suggestions were:

1) The development of "cottage industries" which would have a local market.

2) Encouragement of vegetable gardens, bee-keeping,etc.

3) A survey should be conducted either by Government or a private agency to find out which home or cottage industries could be started in the different regions.

4. Leadership Training:

To provide more and better leaders in the community, Leadership Training Camps and Holiday Camps were encouraged by the group. Such camps could foster genuine concepts of service and generosity in young people. Teachers, too, could avail themselves of these opportunities. The "House-System" and Scouting are also excellent means of leadership training.

Counselling was recommended as a means of developing each student.

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VI.b. Report of the Work Group on the Educational Role of the Churches in the Field of Health:

The proposals and recommendations of the group are presented here under five headings; medical education, paramedical education, nursing education, training of auxiliary health personnel and health education.

Medical Education:

1. In order to detect early cases of leprosy in "skin" clinics, more stress should be laid on the study of dermatology in the medical school curriculum.

2. To remove the stigma of the term "leper" medical personnel should be re-educated to avoid using this word and also to readily admit leprosy patients, as ordinary patients, in general out-patient clinics.

3. Group doctor services were recommended for the rural areas. By providing good, general, educational facilities for the children of these doctors, it was felt that more doctors would be attracted to the rural areas.

Paramedical Education:

1. A laboratory training centre was proposed to supply local health institutions with a constant source of well-qualified laboratory personnel.

2. Some of the larger hospitals in Chotanagpur with X-Ray units should be encouraged to undertake X-Ray training courses for local candidates.

3. Short-term courses for medical record librarians were recommended.

4. Social service centres in the area should be encouraged to undertake short courses, seminars, etc. for those engaged in medical social work. Eventually this could develop into a professional course.

Nursing Education:

1. Several problems were discussed by the work group regarding nursing education in the Chotanagpur area. The main problem encountered was that the Christian nursing schools have to be entirely subsidized by the service hospital, implying a tremendous financial burden for these hospitals. At present board, room, free tuition and a small stipend are granted to the nursing students. In order to help finance their training schools, hospitals should apply to agencies both Indian and foreign for individual scholarships for students.

2. Closer collaboration and cooperation between health institutions could provide a sharing of faculty and facilitates for the extension of nursing programmes.

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3. An Auxiliary-Nurse-Midwifery School was suggested for Chotanagpur.

4. Nursing School candidates are often poorly prepared in mathematics and English. A post-matriculation course was proposed prior to entrance into nursing school which would prepare students by eliminating these basic deficiencies.

Education of Auxiliary Health Personnel:

1. Short-term courses were suggested for the following categories of health personnel to acquaint them with modern methods and techniques:

   a) Hospital administrators.

   b) Those in charge of finances (the curriculum could include cost accounting, methods of economy, ways of adding to income and the study of recurring costs.)

   c) Hospital housekeepers.

   d) Hospital chaplains.

   e) First Aid Course for employees and responsible people in the local community.

   f) Home Nursing Course for the local youth.

   g) Course for nurses' aides.

   h) Courses for young men as hospital orderlies and/or O.R. technicians.

Health Education:

1. Prevalent diseases in Chotanagpur such as malnutrition, intestinal disorders (diarrhoea, dysenteries, gastroenteritis, etc.) and anemias were discussed by the group with special reference to children. Personal and environmental hygiene are basic factors in tackling these diseases at the village level. Contacting village leaders and through them mothers by means of regular home visits was considered to be a practical means of attacking this problem.

2. A propaganda campaign against using the word "leper" for leprosy patients should be inaugurated. "Skin" clinics should be established instead of "leprosy" clinics.

3. Medical personnel involved in health education should be taught how to teach and establish contact with village leaders, panchayats, teachers, and church leaders. In view of the shortage of health personnel, suitable people in the community could be taught techniques of health education.

4. In regard to health education, an investigation should be undertaken of modern and suitable methods of teaching in the villages. A pilot project could be designed for research in this area.

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5. The joint-action committee proposed by the work group should gradually build up a library of visual aids (films, charts,etc.) for use in public health teaching. A catalogue of these aids could be distributed to all hospitals and health centres in the area. Vans equipped to show films were suggested. These vans could be shared for teaching purposes by health institutions in Chotanagpur and also provide a mobile library including literature on health and careers in health.

6. The work group urged closer cooperation between health centres in Chotanagpur in sharing equipment for public health education.

7. First aid courses and home nursing courses for responsible community leaders were suggested especially in isolated villages where medical care is not readily available. Methods of resuscitation and sanitation should be stressed in these courses. The Red Cross Society of India Course in First Aid should be given priority because it offers a Government certificate. A list of course material prepared in other countries could be made available to health institutions. The joint-action committee could provide this service.

8. Health teaching by the Churches and an annual health day or hospital Sunday were also recommended.

9. The work group emphasised the fundamental idea that all medically trained personnel have a part to play in health education. Education for better health begins with the patient and his visitors.

Proposals regarding Medical and Health Education:

1. The discussion groups emphasized cooperation with Government in the total health programme of the country.

2. Inter-Church cooperation is desirable, particularly in the training of health personnel. Post-graduate education for physicians, especially in clinical pathology, would be beneficial.

3. Hospitals were urged to initiate programmes of health education in the villages.

4. Midwifery in the villages to be up-graded by short courses of training.

5. Priority should be given to medical and health education. The Christian hospitals by discussion, fellowship and joint-planning should set standards of medical education and Christian staff members should be encouraged to participate as members of Government examining boards.

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