

HOUSING PROJECT PROPOSAL

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| 1 | The Project Title | Request for the support of construction of 10 houses in 1 Kaghaznagar in Adilabad Diocese of Telangana, India. |
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| 4 | Location of the project | Kaghaznagar in the Adilabad Diocese of the state of Telangana, India. |
| 5 | Cost of the Project | Rs.225,000.00 (Euro 3,462.00) X 10 = 2,250,000.00 (Euro 34,620) |
| | Area of the structure | One room with 15 x 15 =225 sq. ft.
Kitchen 10 x 5 = 50 sq.ft
Toilet 5 x 5 = 25 sq.ft
Total area - 300 sq.ft. |
| 6 | Amount requested from the Agency | Rs. 160,000.00 (Euro 2,462.00) X 10 = 1,600,000.00 (Euro 24,620.00) |
| 7 | Bank account & Address | Account No: 10366887252
IFSC Code : SBIN 0008657
Branch Code: 0865
<i>Superior, Claret Bhavan
State Bank of India
Palai Branch
Kottayam Dt.
Kerala, INDIA</i> |
| 8 | Implementation of the project | Within one year after receiving the amount. |

**[One Euro considered as equivalent to Indian Rs. 65.00 only]*

Introduction

Adilabad is one of the 10 districts in the newly formed on June 2nd 2014 state of Telangana in India with a population of 2,737,738 as per the census of 2011. Being a border district to Maharashtra as well as the climatic situations it is often a neglected area in terms of development. Majority of the population here live under the poverty line. More than 70 per cent of the population do little bit of farming and they do not have even the minimum basic facilities like proper housing, drinking water, education, healthcare etc. The developmental works from the part of the Government is yet to reach the area, but it may not be so helpful for the poorest of the area.

The Christians in Adilabad region were part of the Chanda diocese of Maharashtra state until its erection into a diocese on July 16, 1999. Though Adilabad is one of the most backward districts in the state of Telangana, it is a fertile land for mission work. Two Claretian priests stayed in this region for a few years, and after some initial studies decided to take up the whole of Bejjur Mandal and later Kaghaznagar Mandal for missionary and socio-pastoral activities. Now Claretians have pitched up in three centers - Kaghaznagar, Marthidi and Penchikalpet – for pastoral work as well as developmental activities, since 1998.

Most of the people here are landless labourers, who were migrated from Warangal, Guntur, Nalgonda etc., who take the fields from the landlords on lease for cultivation. Draught or excess rainfall and flood are frequent phenomena here and it adds to their extreme poverty. As their whole farming depends on the benevolence of nature and the scarcity of rain, when it is needed not getting it or untimely rain damages their crops. Modern techniques of farming are not much used in these areas. They still use bulls and buffaloes for farming. Besides, most of them take agriculture loans with high interests from the local landlords and often fail to return them due to poor crops and remain in debts. The people who seek work with others also do not have regular works. Only during certain seasons they get work. All these contribute to their poor and pathetic living conditions and keep them always under the threat of real poverty, starvation and sickness.

Kaghaznagar is one of the least developed mandals in the district of Adilabad, with 36 villages covering an area of 90365.94 acres of land and having population of 52495 (Men -26519, women - 25976) according to 2011 census with 3924tribals (Men -1918, women – 2006) and scheduled caste with 7909 (Men -3968, women -3941).

Kaghaz Nagar Mission

Kaghaznagar mission had its origin in 1940s under the diocese of Nagpur and from 1970 under the diocese of Chanda. At present it belongs to the diocese of Adilabad. This mission consists of 36 villages, within the radius of 20 kms. The center has a church – Fatima Church, Kaghaznagar-having more than 158 practicing Catholic families with in the radius of 5 Kms and another 100 families with in the radius of 20 kms. After Claretians took up this mission station we started a boarding for children as majority of the local population here was illiterate and economically backward to educate their children. We also admit children to our hostel from far away villages as the education facilities are minimum in remote villages. At present there are 120 boys and girls in the boarding. Most of the educated people here were migrated population who were working in the paper mill but from the month November 2014 this factory is closed down. Kaghaznagar mission was started in 1940s in order to take care of the spiritual needs of the workers of two companies namely Sir Silk cotton mill and Sirpur paper mill. Sir Silk cotton mill was closed down almost 30 years back. Most of the local people who were working in these companies were provided with quarters for accommodation but as the companies are closed down many of them remain in the same quarters (as they have no other place to go) but without any possibility to renovate the quarters as they do not have the right of the land and building. Those who were working in the companies as contract workers (who were paid Rs. 5000/- per month if they finish the work) were not provided with

quarters but living either in some rented houses or temporarily made houses. Many of these houses are at the verge of collapsing as they are not able to maintain or construct new houses.

Project proposed

Taking into consideration the urgency of the situation (I attach few photos of the houses showing the situation) and need of the place we propose for a project seeking **aid for the construction of a minimum of 10 houses in Kaghaznagar mission.**

Specific aim of the Project

The project aims to provide for the homeless people of the locality a proper place of shelter. Since both the companies are closed down and those contract workers in the company are now without any income and are homeless. Some regular workers still stay in the company quarters which are also under litigation. There are many families in these villages that have no proper houses to stay in. Most of them have only very old shelter which is at the brink of collapsing and in the rainy season they live a very miserable life. The summer temperature(the mercury goes up above 50 degree centigrade) is so horrible that they not are able to stay inside, that they go to road side to sleep in the night. A house of their own will surely boost the morale of the people here and will raise the prospects of them being socially accepted by other classes of people. The project will also help the families to settle in one place and thus plan for the future, especially with regard to the education of their children. This will also benefit the families to apply for some of the government funds for the development of the weaker sections of the society.

Impact of the Project on Evangelization

It was mainly due to the evangelization thrust that this remote and mostly non-Christian area was taken as a mission station by the Claretians. When the missionaries first reached this zone, other than proper Kaghaznagar, the people here had no knowledge about Jesus, Bible, Christians and the Catholic Church. After we had started the centers people came to know about Jesus Christ and Christian feasts Christmas and Easter. The missionaries here have given themselves totally for the spiritual, social and economic development of the people. The people here wholeheartedly welcome the missionaries and any developmental activity. Therefore, once this project is accomplished, it will have a very positive impact on the evangelization activities in these mission centers.

Cost of the Project

The proposed house to be constructed will have one room and a kitchen and a small toilet.

The cost estimated for project is given below.

<i>Details</i>	<i>Indian Rupees</i>	<i>Euro</i>
Construction estimate for one house	225,000.00	3,462.00
Total cost of the project (for10 houses)	2,250,000.00	34,620.00

Local contribution

As the people here are very poor they are not able to make any big contribution. And they do not have any other sources of income besides the daily wages if they get some work. But each family has come forward to raise a local contribution of **Rs. 65,000.00** by way of material and human labour.

The Amount Requested from the agency

	<i>Indian Rupees</i>	<i>Euro</i>
Expense for the construction of one house	225,000.00	3,462.00
Local contribution from one family	65,000.00	1000.00
Amount requested from the agency for one house	160,000.00	2462.00

Total amount requested from the agency for the construction of 10 houses	Rs.16,00,000.00	Euro 24,620.00
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Conclusion

We thankfully acknowledge the valuable services you are rendering to the humanity, especially for the uplift of the poor and the downtrodden. And we humbly submit this project proposal for your kind consideration and expect a favourable response from you. May God bless all your endeavours and bring to fruition all your charitable works.

Sincerely yours,

Fr. John Poovathany, cmf
Kaghaznagar
15\08\2015













Photos.

- ① Burgam Lalitha - Husband expired, 3 sons studying
Living in a rented house.



②



M. Bheena Rao.
Wife - Kamala. - Children - 2 studying in School.

③ Burgam Namdev
Three children of 12, 9, 6 years.



④ Chinthalu Prakash
3 children studying in school.



⑤ Meda
Marianna
(Catechist)
Handicapped
Youngest son yet
to get married.
Two daughters
lost their husbands
living with Marianna.



⑥ M. Lakshmi - Husband expired - only one daughter - married.



⑦ Vajaya Balm. - Wife expired
Two daughters



- ⑧ Joseph Falcira
Five children two girls and three boys.



- ⑨ B. Vijayakumari's house - Running two kids.



(10) Gungam Chikaradheer .

Two boys

Living in a rented house

