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**4<sup>th</sup> PACE VISIT - TRIP REPORT**  
**March 25<sup>th</sup> – May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2003 - Fact Finding Program 3/03**

This report is prepared for FAMIN board members and is the necessary information for further decisions during the next board-meeting. It also serves the special group of friends linked with FAMIN in Switzerland and Germany.

**GENERAL**

During this trip I mainly worked in the Bangalore – Salem – Bangalore area to further find facts and figures on the projects and programs to be supported by FAMIN. Our board, the members and supporting friends want and deserve that we give them proper account for their personal and financial involvement

FAMIN has three main streams of social help in South India

1. Support to build Schools and Homes
2. Support Families and Children
3. Support the developing of Christian Communities

After entering South India on March 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup>, during one day I was at SAIACS, the South Asia Institute of Advanced Christian Studies. The secretary of our project in Palmendorf, Bro. Rev. David Kirupakaran, completed his studies and had his graduation to receive the degree of Master of Arts.

After completing studies with Banking systems, Organizational aspects of Trusts and Organizations, investigating in the Bangalore Central Church development and their plans, I transferred on Friday, April 4<sup>th</sup> to Salem/Panamarathupatty.

**PALMENDORF Project / School and Home Children**

In this project, I invested much time to follow-up on my previous local work in 2001 and 2002. I completed the fact findings for further decisions and proceedings: Here my historical and actual update:

1.

On 9<sup>th</sup> November 1987, Bro. David Kirupakaran, Salem Tamil Nadu, South India, and two more trustees founded Christopher Educational Trust (**CET**). I have now a copy of the Trust Deed Paper.

2.

On 6<sup>th</sup> September 1989 CET bought 3.05 acres of land at Panamarathupatty. Bro. Sidler, President of South India Dienst Switzerland (SID) was instrumental to finance the land for the School premises (SID INR 325000 of total INR 399778).

3.

The land was under development and many activities took place, smaller houses were built for home children, administration as well as teaching facilities.

In 1996 it was agreed with Bro. Werner Sidler, to build a School on the premises of the land at Bethlehem, Panamarathupatty (Salem) for a total cost of not exceeding CHF 400000 equiv. to INR Lakhs 100.

4.

Also under common agreement was the financing process for the new School. Bro. David Kirupakaran should promote for the provision of one third and Bro. Werner Sidler with his supporting friends of SID 2 third of the above mentioned cost. Bro. David understood his part as to be financed by his friends of the Schmalzhaf-Group in Germany.

5.

The architect was chosen to be Mr. Davis Moses, Bangalore. He was known to Bro. David and involved in the building process at SAIACS, South Asia Institute of Advanced Christian Studies, Bangalore.

6.

The architect knew about the basic idea and plans to build a school for Lakhs 100, for which he first wanted to make the necessary plans. During the planning process with Bro. David, he was strongly requested to develop the present project with the result, that by end of 1999 only a Skeleton for a Higher Matriculation Secondary School was built for the total amount of INR Lakhs 93.

7.

Then the building process stopped because of lack of further financial support. SID by that time also merged into Inter-Mission, another Mission work in Switzerland and Germany. Their board did not agree to the funding of the further construction as it's size and purpose was beyond their regulations for supporting poor and needy children.

8.

In November 2001, I, Peter Mueller-Graf, President FAMIN Switzerland, visited for the first time Panamarathupatty for a fact finding and evaluation program. In Riehen Switzerland I met Bro. David and Sis. Esther in August 2001 for the first time through the indication of Dr. M. Pickmann.

Bro. Martin Fischer, Switzerland, who previously also visited Panamarathupatty with his family, was also very interested, that a Swiss sponsoring Group would help to finish the school building. At that time Bro. Martin tried to develop a regular information letter to be sent to friends.

9.

FAMIN started to support financially for the building (1<sup>st</sup> contribution 19.11.2001), the home children and also for the purchase of the adjacent land (6.3./11.4.2002) which was needed to run the school for governmental rules. The land of 2.68 acres was totally financed through FAMIN with the amount of INR 1'434'585.

10.

My 2<sup>nd</sup> visit for fact findings, assistance in developing organizational aspects etc was from February to April 2002 with Bro. Fredy Weber Switzerland. We met the architect Bro. Davis Moses in Bangalore three times and developed a budget and financial plan (flow chart) with the works to complete the school in different stages/levels and showed the respective financial needs (VII levels, 201 Lakhs, see listing dated September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2002, incl. tenders for appr. Lakhs 160).

11.

During the visit in April 2002, the works to complete the school building at Panamarathupatty restarted.

12.

When I was back in Switzerland, the the plans made in Bangalore were reviewed. A move was taken to cut down unnecessary building cost. After some attempts it resulted in a first cutting

cost for not cladding walls, using no teak door framing and using no floor tiling (see letter Davis Moses .....15 Lakhs, CHF 45000, see also open question according to paragraph 19).

13.

Bro. Fredy Weber wanted to promote fund raising in Switzerland. This failed because it became evident during the promotion work, that more information on the Christopher Educational Trust and its leading body was necessary to satisfy people for involving them in sponsoring the Mission. On request, Bro. David later gave a summary report which showed unclear and insufficient data (see letter David Kirupakaran April 24, 2003).

14.

In March - Mai 2003 I started my 3<sup>rd</sup> mission trip for fact finding and clarifications on different issues in South India (Salem and Bangalore).

Bro. Werner Sidler also requested to request data for of all his financial assistance during the time of funding CET directly through SID. (still open, pending David Kirupakaran).

15.

I was in Panamarathupatty from April 4<sup>th</sup> to April 16<sup>th</sup>. I requested for detailed documentation on Trust Deed/Constitution (Annual Reports, Statement of Accounts, Audit Reports), historical data on cost for land, for the skeleton building with a listing who funded the 93 Lakhs, the actual Building cost and the financial not for completion, School cost for Home Children.

On many of the given materials I could already do follow-up work in Bangalore and also when I was back in Salem on April 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup>.

I had a personal talk during a meeting with Bro. David and Sis. Esther together for the first time. I explained them their actual and future responsibilities from our side and the necessary changes due to the big task given with the School (CMHSS)

16.

I returned back to Bangalore in Pastor Bernad's flat at Kamanahalli on Wednesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>. The heat in Tamil Nadu brought me in a difficulty. I had to receive medical treatment for an upcoming dehydration in my body. The room temperature of 38 degrees at daytime was early morning still above 30 degrees. In Bangalore I could find adequate conditions and do further follow-up work.

17.

In Bangalore when coming to India, I stayed as usual with Pastor Bro. Bernad and his family joining him in his works for the developing Christian churches in the outskirts of Bangalore City (Church planting). At the same time I had talks with Banks and other Institutions to investigate on different matters related to our work.

18.

I traveled for a 2<sup>nd</sup> visit to Panamarathupatty on April 24<sup>th</sup> for another meeting and follow-up with Bro. David (see letter Bro. David Kirupakaran April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2003).

19.

After returning again to Bangalore, I visited the architect, Bro. Davis Moses on April 28<sup>th</sup> to investigate on the building process at Panamarathupatty.

It became evident, that Bro Davis Moses at first wanted to build a school for 100 Lakhs only. He has different projects where foreign sponsors are actively involved in their local projects. He was astonished to note, that we after a first communication in April 2002 did stop this process (see letter Bro. David Kirupakaran 26.4.2002)

Further talks showed that for the remaining work to be contracted (our plan 25.9.02, levels IV to VII), the cost is approximately 96 Lakhs. According to this budget, in this amount there is a reserve for furniture and generator of Lakhs 15 included.

Bro. Davis Moses with his responsible collaborator Mr. Kumar agreed, that a further cost cut down on the remaining work for at least 15 Lakhs (CHF 45000) could be made without damaging the project.

They will also further investigate on the discrepancy and details for the cut down of cost for cladding Lks 11, teak door framing Lks 6, flooring tiles Lks 8, total Lks 25, instead of Lks 15.

20.

I requested Bro. David to come for a further meeting to discuss the situation, but he did not report here in Bangalore.

### **Further proceedings**

1. inform D. Kirupakaran (amendment trust deed, building cost cut down etc)
2. inform architect Davis Moses (cost cut down, information exchange etc)
3. inform special friends Palmendorf (overall situation etc)
4. inform FAMIN friends (report)

### **BANGALORE Project / Development community centers**

1.

In Bangalore when coming to India, I stayed as usual with Pastor Bro. Bernad and his family joining him in his works for the developing Christian churches in the outskirts of Bangalore City (Church planting).

During this time I had talks with Banks, Institutions and organizations to investigate on different matters related to our given work.

Bangalore, 30.04.2003