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This is An S.O.S

Dear Pastor and Co-workers,

Greetings and love in the name of the Lord Jesus.

Our School namely "Grace Baptist School for the Hearing and the Hearing Impaired" is in danger of being closed down by the Government of Tamil Nadu. The reason being that we are not approved or recognized by the Government.

We have been functioning as a private Christian School with English and Tamil Medium of Instruction for years. Our students receive biblical instructions daily and attend all church services. These many years we have been sending our students for 8th STD and 10th STD examinations through the help of other recognized schools without problem. But the present State Government has come heavily on us and many Schools have already been affected.

Presently we have 114 students. All of them are boarding students except a few "Day Scholars." We have never used Government aids otherwise they will take away our freedom to preach and teach the Bible. All these are poor, under-privileged children, the hearing impaired too.

These are the requirements for Government approval:

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| 1. Have our own property with proper facilities for class rooms. | - Not O.K. |
| 2. No thatched roofing (due to fire hazards). | - O.K. |
| 3. Government audited accounts. | - O.K. |
| 4. If rented building; it should have a registered lease agreement for 11 years. | - Not O.K. |
| 5. The building approved by the "Fire Department." | - O.K. |

As you know we do not possess a property of our own. We will need to get a property on lease for 11 years. It costs money (Rs.7,00,000/- or \$ 16,670). We have seen a building close to our School which was built for a Primary School which is not functioning now. The Landlord is demanding Rs. 7,00,000/- (\$ 16,670/-) for a 11 years lease. He is willing to take \$ 2,400/- (Rs.1,00,000/-) as initial payment and the rest to be paid within a year. This is an urgent (SOS) need. We cannot send our children (students) back to their miserable background. Please help us to meet this need. We love the students and we know you love them too.

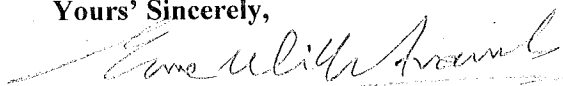
1. At least \$ 2,400/- is needed now and the rest \$ 14,170/- within a year.
2. Our Bible College students need help. \$30/- per month is all that is needed to support a student (\$360/- per year).
3. Some of you have responded to our requests in our last letter for school furniture, etc. Thank you so much for your help.
4. Please pray earnestly that we get the Government approval. They can make it hard for us as we are a Christian Organization that actively preaches the Gospel.

5. Please pray for the F.C.R.A. (Foreign Contribution Regulation Act Number). Recently I visited the Home Ministry at the Central Government in Delhi and presented our request and application. These men in the Government are very corrupt and require bribes. We will not bribe them. Pray that God will speak to these men and we get the F.C.R.A. number, which will enable us to receive dollars without problem.
6. Pastors and churches, we need your support for our work. If you have not yet, please take us on for support; as financially we are currently in deficit.

Some of you have done great sacrifice for our work in India and appreciate your faithfulness. Please send your contributions to our Mission Board, namely World Wide New Testament Baptist Missions.

Kindly send your e-mail address to us.

Yours' Sincerely,



Rev. Dr. E.W. Franks.

