



# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH – SHANTHINAGAR

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**Fr. Aswani Kumar smm**  
**Parish Priest**

**03-11-2023**

**To,**  
**Rev. Fr. Jackel**

**Sub: Requesting financial assistance for the medical aid of boarding children, catechists, and poor elderly of Immaculate Conception Church, Shanthinagar Tribal mission.**

Dear Fr. Jackel, I express my gratitude to you for being generous towards needs of the poor and especially towards the needs of the poor tribal people of Shanthinagar mission. I pray that you are keeping fine by the grace of God and by the tender loving care of Mary our mother. It gives me joy and pleasure to write this letter to you with all respect and reverence for you. Considering your great service done to this mission; I along with the children of this boarding home and catechists appreciate and appeal to you to kindly consider my request.

The apostolate of the Montfort Missionaries is to serve in the interiors & backward areas of India. One such daring apostolate is SAURA TRIBAL MISSION in south India. It is people centered mission which envelops holistic development of the tribals in particular. Far from the civilized society, these people live on the steep hills. With hard work rendered by the Montfort Missionaries from 1989, these tribal people have seen a great light and grown in the conviction of faith in the Lord and show a great hope of the future of the Christianity in the Diocese of Srikakulam. The Montfort Missionaries for the past 34 years serving in this area attending to the Social, spiritual and educational needs of the tribals.

For the past 34 years of our service, the Montfort Missionaries have adopted 48 villages and more than 107 hamlets among the hills. Our service is extended to 4 mandals and 2 districts of Andhra



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Pradesh of north region. This mission consists of two parishes, one free school till upper primary and a free boarding for the boys going to the school.

Shanthinagar parish has got 24 substations and 24 Catechists and K.D. Jola too has 24 substations and 24 Catechists as well, where together it would total 48 substations and 48 catechists in this tribal mission. All the substations are about 3-25 kilometers away from the presbytery and there are 1100 catholic families in this mission. There are about 156 tribal children together with boys and girls being educated for free of cost and about 96 children staying in the campus boarding who are provided food, stay and medical for free of cost as they live in poverty.

The entire Tribal belt is prone to MALARIA, TUBERCULOSIS, TYPHOID & DENGUE sicknesses. These sicknesses are known for this hilly, forested and inaccessible region. The infant mortality rate is high in this region and life span is very less in this area. Mostly people do not live above 55 years due to sickness, geographical marginalization, poor access to health care, low socioeconomic status, and other cultural differences. There is a long-standing battle with the forest malaria where many of the remote and rural areas we are serving have poor access to health care and this fever problem is exacerbated during the rainy season where malaria transmission is at its peak. As a result, many of them fall ill and remain on the hills where some lives are even fatal. Most of the children miss their education for a long period of time due illness. For malaria course of medicine alone costs them 6000 rupees (68 Euros) without admission in the private clinic here. People have to travel about 75 kms to get an equipped private hospital for better medical care which would cost them rupees 5000 per day which includes doctor's fee and the staff assistance. As a whole it would cost them about rupees 30,000 (348 Euros) to get treated in a proper hospital.

It would be a great help if you could financially support these poor tribal catechists who are serving in the remote areas and the tribal children studying in our school and staying in our boarding and poor elderly people, towards their medical expenses.

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## **Estimation of the proposed project:**

<b>For 48 Catechists</b>	<b>: Rs. 1,25,000-00</b>	<b>= Euros 1,453.00</b>
<b>For 156 children</b>	<b>: Rs. 2,50,000-00</b>	<b>= Euros 2,907.00</b>
<b>Medical aid for poor elderly</b>	<b>: Rs. 1,00,000-00</b>	<b>= Euros 1,163.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>: Rs. 4,75,000-00</b>	<b>= Euros 5,523.00</b>

We believe that our request for financial help for our boarding children will fall under your kind consideration. Therefore, I humbly request you earnestly to help these poor people. We have no other alternative except to request you to help the poor tribals. Your generosity will certainly provide them with better health conditions. Thanking you in anticipation, I remain.

Yours in Christ,

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Shanthinagar mission superior



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