

SACRED HEART JESUS TRIBAL MISSION

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Dear Director,

Greetings of love, joy and peace to you from Fr.Bharath Reddy. I hope that you are safe and secure by the grace of God. Here it is same with me. I pray that may Good Lord bless you and keep you in good health of mind and body.

At the outset, let me introduce myself to you that I am Fr.Bharath Reddy ordained on May 14th in 2009 and now I am doing my ministry of the Lord. At present I am incharge of the parish called Sacred Heart Jesus Tribal Mission Church in Nallarayaguda. The Parish is in the Tribal agency place and at the same time in charge of the tribal poor children Boarding and at present , I have **one hundred and ninety Eight(198)** poor and Tribal children, **57 of them are orphan children** (for some their father\mother were dead, for some other their father\mother left them, they don't want them, for some other children, from the beginning they were born as handicapped, because of their physically handicapped their parents left them, for some other children, their families are broken families, for some other children, their families are large families, they don't bother about their children, for some other children, they are mentally disabled, some children with 'step' parents cruel life came out from home) the Catholic Church provides the Food, Shelter for the children, but the other thing like Bags, Books, school dress, School fee, Stationary, Dresses, Medicine...etc, everything they should buy. The children are very poor & in a worst condition. They cannot able to afford themselves for their clothes, books, medicine, for their education. The children are very poor. It is also a tribal and agency place. When the children drink water, they are suffering with all kind of **dangerous diseases like fever, malaria, typhoid, stomach infection, other diseases....etc.** because the water is so dirty. I always feel to do something for them, but I am not able to do. Because, lack of financial support. With what I have of my little amount I am sparing for them. The children are very poor. When I see them I get tears in my eyes. The little I am doing for them gives me a lot of internal happiness. Here I am in need of your help both by prayers and financial support. Dear Director with regard to the parish, the Parish which I am working is Tribal Parish in the agency and hilly areas, having 28 sub- stations with 3/4 hamlets. All the substations are very interior and on the hilly areas. It is very far from one sub-station to the other. They live in the remote forest and hilly areas far from civilization. The electric light, telephone, roads, schools, post office, adequate housing, drinking water and

hospital are not yet within their reach of everyday life. They are illiterate, innocent. Malnutrition is high among the tribal people. They don't have even proper house. They live under the hut on the hills. Their families are joint families. In the small hut, they live around 20 people. They adjust everything in that hut. They even don't have bathrooms/toilets, taps, lights...etc. For marketing, hospital, water or other means, they walk around 30 k/m from the hill to down. Water is taken from streams or in some places deep wells that tend to dry three months of the year. The contaminated water by drinking they are suffering from water borne diseases. It is like the forest to go from one substation to the other. In many sub-stations there are no churches at all, I celebrate Mass in one hut or under a tree. In many churches there are no proper vestments, no proper mass kit...etc. To be frank with you, I have no proper vehicle and nearby places we come across the wild elephants, mostly the Holy masses are celebrated during night time usually at 7 pm hours and by the time I reach back to the parish it is around 11pm hours. In doing ministry I have no problem, but to reach each village is the problem, no proper transportation, one more thing no proper vestments and no proper mass kit what to do here, I am in helpless condition. First of all I have no proper food from where can I bring money and purchase all these things. Dear Director, recently due to cyclone storms wind, many catholic people huts were collapsed, and their crops were spoiled, they don't have even food to eat, water to drink, they were sleeping under the trees on the hilly areas, most of the villages were completely smashed by wind, many people died here for the cool air, many animals dead, lot of trees, electrical poles collapsed, no electricity, no medicine, no food, no water, no medicine, no one cares them and they were in a worst condition. They lost everything, what they have. Dear Director I am not able to express their sorrows and feelings. We have never seen such cyclone before. It is 230 k.m per hour. Cyclone stood many people on the roads. Children/adults/ youth/women/old age, everyone are suffering, because of cool air. They became helpless. Really I don't know, what to do, I am in a helpless condition. Dear Director I request & beg you that you may do something, for my mission work. I could get no sources from any one. Before seven years only, parish was started, slowly, they were believing in Christ & receiving Baptism. Please kindly help my parish tribal people & children the way, you can, so that they don't lose faith in the Lord and also Please kindly I request you to give me some Mass intentions, and Travelling Mass kit, some Blankets, clothes, medals for the people & children. If you support my Parish/children, I am the happiest person in this world. I hope that I could get the positive reply from you, let me also become good missionary with your help. Sometimes I feel to go away from this life what to do, I get so many temptations, what I can do, and I know it is very difficult to live like missionary in this mission country. Most often I cry myself Lonely. Please do continue to pray for me so that I may be faithful to my vocation and my mission. Seeking your prayers here I remain in God's love and keeping in my prayers that may good Lord bless you and keeping you in good health of mind and body.

Thanking you,



Your sincerely in Christ,
Fr. Bharath Reddy.

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