

A report on MOUNT ROSARY HOSPITAL EXTENSION PROJECT

1. Introduction:

Mount Rosary hospital was earlier a Tuberculosis sanatorium. It was started in the year 1937, to treat and cure T.B. disease which was dreaded in those years, because there was no proper medicine for the illness and the sick T.B. patients were shunted out of their houses. They came to Alangar for shelter and treatment and a priest by name, Msgr. Francis Elias D'Souza, treated them with herbal medicines as well as with community Rosary prayers, which he himself led with outstretched hands. Presently there are excellent medicines to cure T.B. disease and it will be treated as an outpatient illness. Therefore a sanatorium at Alangar was irrelevant. The present administration changed the T.B. Sanatorium into a village general hospital of 10 beds.

2. The ten bedded Mount Rosary hospital at Alangar:

This concept of a general hospital came into being about 30 years ago, after the foundation of the Religious congregation, Helpers of Mount Rosary. There is a doctor who serves day and night with Sister nurses, lab technicians, x-ray technicians, scanning technicians, as well as pharmacist. Sick people of all communities Hindus, Muslims, Jains and Christians, especially from among the poorest come to this hospital. Since sisters are serving day and night in this hospital, people in general prefer this hospital of Moodbidri hobali (Bezirk) for the treatment of their illnesses.

3. Mount Rosary hospital extension project.

Some of the community leaders from among Moodbidri area approached the sisters, to upgrade Mount Rosary hospital into a 50 bedded hospital having more medical machines and at least four post graduate doctors. We have presently a MBBS doctor. We need a full time general physician, a general surgeon, and an Orthopedist. Even a suggestion of obstetrics and gynecology, and pediatrician has been suggested. Though we have modern lab tech machines, scanning machines, digital x-ray etc, still we need ventilator, dialysis machine, and if possible MRI (MRT), which are very costly and also up to date furniture for the doctors, nurses and patients.

4. Mount Rosary hospital extension project planning:

We have hired a qualified and experienced Architect to plan the hospital building which costs around rupees five crores (50 Millionen Rupien). It has wards and rooms for patients, rooms for doctors and nurses, an operation theatre with accessories, and also a small chapel for the sick to pray quietly. Most of the present old building of ten beds is demolished and the ground floor of the new hospital is coming up. I am inserting few photos to explain to you the work that is progressing.

May 1, 2018, blessing of the soil to begin the Mount Rosary Hospital Extension Project



2. JCB digging up soil for foundation



3. Concrete bed with iron rods;



4. Concrete work of pillors:



5. Concrete Slab





The actual work of the hospital project began on May 1, 2018 this year on the feast of St. Joseph the Worker. It is already four months since the work has been progressing. We have had contractor to build the hospital project, in the name of Mr. Sunil Mendis with his team of workers and construction machines. The work is going on fast as the pictures of the work progressing are given above.

Donation and expenses:

For the last few months, the collection for the project from local donors have been Rupees fifty two lakhs (5,2 Millionen Rupien). We have already paid to Mr. Sunil, Contractor, Rupees thirty six lakhs (3,6 Millionen Rupien). We have paid municipal taxes, and land conversion fees, of rupees three lakhs (300.000 Rupien) already. Therefore we have a balance of Rupees thirteen lakhs (1,3 Millionen Rupien) only.

We have to raise now an amount of rupees four crores and fifty lakhs (45 Millionen Rupien). The time now is little hard for our project. It is peak monsoon season torrents of rain floods and whirlwind have come and have destroyed rubber estates of northern Kerala and coffee and tea estates in Kodagu districts which are near to Moodbidri area. The donors we wanted to approach were the proprietors of the rubber estates and coffee and tea estates. They themselves are now economically hard hit. Therefore it is difficult to approach them for donations for our hospital project

Our prayer;

Dear friends, our refuge is Mother Mary, Queen of the Holy Rosary who has interceded for us with Lord Jesus and father almighty. No Project we have begun is unfinished or incomplete till now. So also will be the Mount Rosary Hospital Project. We rely on your prayers of petitions and a compassionate heart.

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