

## GRANT APPLICATION COVER

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Dear Committee Members,

Please find our enclosed proposals for an Academy grant.

Our plan is to expand our Academy to the X grade and the details specific to the requirements are described below.

**The urgent need for a land or a school - building for the slum children and all the under privileged children.**

**Purpose of Project:** Expansion of the present Academy from Nursery to V grade.

It is very essential to have our own shelter with sanitation facilities, as the number of students have increased from 30 students to 150 students who require proper classrooms, toilets, and a school ground.

Failing to meet our needs will cause the children who become dropouts from other schools to go back to the trash picking.

After October 2016 we have no further support for the present school Gala which we wish to expand. The first year Mustard Seed Foundation granted us 4000\$ from 2014-2015 and the second year Mustard Seed Foundation has granted 3000\$.

- The present drawback we are facing – lack of building for higher grades which would leave the slum children who are passed from III to IV grade and students who wish to join V to X grade with no option but to drop education and take up odd jobs like trash picking, 10 to 14 year old girls move into domestic service such as baby sitting, house chores, or idle around and boys will turn into drug addicts, pick pockets or enter into teenage marriages.

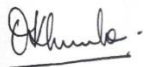
Alternatively it would:

- It would also encourage the parents to send their children to our school where they would benefit all the advantages of any other private school which they cannot afford.
- The difference would be they would be treated equally and normal in comparison to the other privileged children around them.
- They would not have to pay exorbitant fees and donations which other schools demand.
- They would not have to attend extra tutorials as followed in all other schools.
- It is inappropriate and atrocious to allow parents to rob the kids of their privileges.

### **Our Urgent Needs:**

- A building to accommodate at least 10 classrooms.
- At least three toilets for boys and girls each.
- A Video Projector and three computers.
- A vehicle to pick up the kids from all the adjacent slum areas.

My signature below confirms that my application is truthful and authentic. My signature confirms that any potential funds awarded will NOT be used for any political activities but will be used solely for the purposes stated on this application that are in fact charitable and religious in nature:



Signature:

Date: July 3, 2016,

## **THE BEGINNING OF THE SLUM MINISTRY**

### **In Mira Road**

The burden of the Lord on my heart grew intense and the conditions of the slums in Mira Road were heavy on my heart since the year 2000. My deep desire to bring equality in the midst of the poor grew intense. The poor are being robbed by the rich through the exorbitant donations for admission to a school including a nursery school. Moreover the inadequate teaching methods in the school resulting in extra tuitions for the kids have caused many of the slum dwellers to drop from schools or to take to trash picking.

Consequently the ministry to the underprivileged began ever since we had shifted to Mira Road in 2000, beginning at our rented residence.

In 2006 we managed to conduct a Bible college in a rented apartment with no external funds apart from the members of the Mira Road Baptist Church. The college students continued the ministry to the slum dwellers holding teaching sessions on weekends and other available days. We had classes in the open air under a shelter or in the open space in front of the huts.

For 10 years we have continued in spite of few of the slums that were wiped out by the builders, who indulged in grabbing land for their own profit. We moved on to the adjacent slums and today we have classes from nursery to the III grade from three different slums. We wish to reach out to the neighboring stations too.

From 2014 November to 2015 we received a 4000\$ grant from the Mustard Seed Foundation which enabled us to move our school to a regular school in the gala. From 2015 -2016 we have received 3000\$ grant which enabled us to continue our school and it has now expanded to III grade.

### **The Work Thus Far**

#### **Bonny Academy Marches Onward**

The beginning of the pre-primary school for all age groups including little infants was a challenging task taken over by Olga Khumlo Woman's President of Mira Road Baptist Church since 2006 and this organization was named Bonnie Academy affiliated to Maharashtra Baptist Society since 2014. Since the parents of these slum dwellers are domestic servants, and workers

on the building sites, they are accustomed to leave their homes in the early morning hours and the kids thus left on their own with the elder siblings are responsible to look after the younger ones.

The number grew to 80 children whose attendance fluctuated as there were frequent domestic problems propping up now and then and these kids were protected with our prayers and the Lord Jesus Christ was in charge with his angels surrounding them. This was visible in the handling of the kids who were absolute in order whenever the classes were going on. Even the kids who were brought with ailments such as dysentery and fever would be seated calmly and quietly in one corner.

In every class the word of God was taught and children learned on their own to fold their tiny little hands while Olga would pray for them. There are every day incidents like father's drunkenness, beating up the mom, and children, kidnapping of kids, and burning down of the house, and conflicts within the community and in the surrounding like the appearing of ghosts in the night and so on. These were opportunities to show them the power of the cross and their deliverance from all such mishaps. The children knew the power of God and parents would visit us for prayer requests, and witness the wonder saving power of God.

#### **The Growth Evident:**

Gradually children from three pockets of slum dwellers turned up to learn to read and write, speak English and develop their talents through coloring, clay modelling and creative making best out of waste. The word spread to the neighboring shops and owners were willing to provide snacks and refreshments for the kids on particular occasions. Many of our kids thus increasing in knowledge were able to join regular schools directly to the second, third and fourth grade. These kids often returned back to us for assistance in their lessons which were done for free of cost.

Children from other schools began to approach us to enroll their kids in the first grade since they had to pay big amount as donations for admission to grade 1 in private schools. Moreover they found the method and teaching in Bonny Academy different from other schools and requested to continue their kids in our school. Hence the urgent necessity to continue this coming year 2016 to grade II and III and up to grade X

#### **The Growth Expands:**

Coaching children for their school lessons were also conducted after school at extremely low rates thus making it available for all kids to improve in their studies. The Bonny Academy was thus open to coaching classes from grade I to grade X from the month of August form 1.00 pm to 6.00 on weekdays and from 4.00 to 6.00pm on weekends. Under privileged kids are open for absolutely free coaching on Saturdays and Sundays for Mathematics, Science, and English.

#### **The Growth Deepens:**

Friday Bible study, prayer and counselling are conducted for the parents and other members from 7.00 pm -10.00 pm.

Parents approach for counselling and one such child Kashish, who rebelled against her parents, was rescued and is now set on the right path.

She has restored her relationship with her parents and is now under the coaching guidance for grade IX with Olga. The number of students for coaching classes is also increasing.

One of the teachers Mrs. Milly Pandya whose son is in our coaching classes had volunteered to assist in the teaching and is regular for the last two months.

**Craft and recreational Activities:**

Children come in for recreational activities like Carom, Clay modelling,

Drawing and painting, learning to make bow and arrow, improve their skills in the same. They play yoyo, construction drawings, and craft.

Other recreation activities are also conducted on Sundays like Tea and Snacks fellowship, Games, Church visiting and presenting songs, Christmas and Easter Celebrations with the main church, visiting the parents in the slums and distribution of clothes, mosquito nets and shoes, books, pencils, tiffin boxes etc.

Celebration of the church member's Birthday with these kids by distributing food, ice cream and sweets are also carried out.

**The Church Worship:**

This is conducted by Pastor Marson Khumlo. New converts are actively participating in the Sunday worship, the Amar Singh family, and fetching others like 'the women at the well' is going on. Mr. Babu and our youth Michael and his family, Rajesh and Shubam have been a support to the evening worship service by their presence and participation.

**The Harvest is plenty:**

More and more students are approaching us to enquire about various needs and urge to study. Delivery Boys from the adjacent shop are keen on joining the Bonny Academy regular school in order to improve their English. We will need more teachers to be teachers of Kindergarten, grade I, II & III.

**Our Urgent Needs:**

- It is very essential to have a video projector and Computer in order to show Bible Videos and educational videos so as to imbibe the Biblical truths and ethical values into the lives of our kids.

A building a school 6000 square feet cost approximates to 100,00,000 rupees

Picnic, Medical Camp and Workshop, carpentry, tailoring & sculpturing: 40,000 rupees

**The Vision of Mira Road Baptist Church:**

- **To reach out to the street children mainly who are on the road side in huts.**
- Fellowship for Prayer meeting
- To provide daily Snacks and uniform for the children and study materials clothes, shoes, bags, water bottles for the street children as they are living in bad conditions and environment.
- Bible-Study on Wednesday evenings 7pm to 9pm.
- **Sunday-Service** for the families of the slum dwellers from 6pm-8pm

**Our Vision: Go Light The World:**

- **To expand** the present Bonny Academy to Grades I to Grade X in the Slums of Mira Road Mumbai, Maharashtra by the Mira Road Baptist Church, a self -supported church. Our conviction that all children are born equally and have the right to proper education whether black, brown yellow or white.
- **Our concern** for a foundation of the word of God in their lives and the right ethical and Biblical values in their lives. To avoid the early marriage of the girls in this community we have requested the parents to permit them to be educated first.
- **To prevent** these young boys from becoming trash-pickers, future thieves, and criminals.
- **To eradicate** completely the demonic influences in these children who are left the whole day on their own and are prone to misbehaviour.

***Required Funds and Matching Funds***

REQUIRED FUNDS	In Rupees	MATCHING FUNDS	In Rupees
A Building	75 lakhs	Mira Road Baptist Church	25 lakhs
Video Projector/ Computer	60,000.	Mira Road Baptist Church	30,000
Picnic/Workshop/Medical Camps	30,000	Mira Road Baptist Church	10,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>75,90,000</b>		<b>25,40,000</b>

Total Grant Requested Seventy Five Lakhs Ninety Thousand Only.

## Our Goal and Objective

### To Render Justice to the Poor and the Underprivileged



Past



Present

## Growth was Evident

Children learnt to praise God



The children learnt to give Tests







Food and Toys were Distributed



Activity and Free Education Kept the Kids off the Streets





The Beginning of the Slum Ministry Since 2006



Shifting to Different Slums was Expedient

## Distribution to the Poor and the Underprivileged



## Testimony of Miraculous Healing



**Sapna** is one of the slum dwellers whose parent's income is meagre. A lump grew on her throat, which needed a surgery. The director of the school Olga had prayed for her and she received complete healing within three days.

**Roshni** is our student whose dad would be drunk and beat her. She had to quit school and came to us to continue her schooling at Bonnie Academy.



**Master Assaul** attends our school regularly and last month met with a tragic accident. They lost almost all their belongings in a fire that accidently burnt down their home. Despite this fact the child wishes to continue his studies.

## Amar Singh and his Family

I believe on the Lord Jesus Christ that He has died for my sins and I and my family will serve God and trust him for all our needs. I have opened a tea shop and many times the Muslims have come to break it down however the prayers of Bonny Academy and the church have helped us to win over all our difficulties.

My two kids are studying in bonny Academy School in Sr. Kg. I am looking forward to put them in the Bonny Academy School. On one occasion my cycle had been swiped away by some mischievous neighbor. I trusted God to show me and help me get it back.

Praying thus I went to the man's backyard and found it hidden among the bushes behind his shop.

I quietly unlocked my cycle and rode away. Now I have asked Pastor to give me Baptism for me, my wife and my friend as well as for my children.



## Shubham and his testimony:

I have believed on the Lord Jesus Christ and though I belong to a staunch Hindu background, I have stopped all the idol worship and believe God will help me through my service to him in supporting the growth of the Kanakya church through our prayer cell held by Pastor Marson Khumlo in my office.



### **Daniel and his testimony**

I will always be faithful and support the Kanakya church which is situated in the midst of slum dwellers and though I belonged to the Chinese background I believe in the only true God Jesus Christ. Pastor Marson has given me Baptism and I got married on December 12 2015. I have a lovely Baby Boy. We will serve the Lord.



### **Pastor Marson and his wife Olga Khumlo:**

God has done a great transformation of the school in the slum from the shack to the assembling of the children from three different areas to a Gala. We trust God will surely provide the children a school building available for all the children including the children in the adjacent areas.



Bonnie Academy: Pastor Christopher John, Olga Khumlo, Pastor Marson and Pastor Sunil Gaikwad

Our Vision: From Trash Picking to Education and Better Prospects  
Past



Present

Future



Kanakia Church planted for the slum dwellers

