

May 14, 2004

Mr. Doug Sensabaugh
Communication Officer
Presbytery of Shenandoah
1111 North Main Street
Harrisonburg, VA 22802
USA

Dear Mr. Sensabaugh:

Greetings in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

I heard that you are very much involved in the Ethiopia Network group therefore I am addressing this letter to you.

I'm quite sure that you know about our compound in Gulele where we have our guesthouses, administration and elementary and high school. Most of the houses that are in the compound were built about fifty years back. The front fence, which is on the main road across from the Pasteur Institute, was built at about the same time fifty years ago. It was made with rocks not fit for a proper fence and so, because of this as well as long-time service it started cracking about fifteen years ago. We have been patching it for several years, but unfortunately, because of minor earthquakes, some road construction, and some utilities work, the major part of the fence started falling. The Addis Ababa City Council has noticed the disrepair of the fence and is pressuring us to get it repaired. We have approached PCUSA several times to help us to do the construction but they have not been able to assist us at this time because, as you know, PCUSA is going through a financial crisis themselves. We brought this matter to the Bethel Synods Coordination Office Administrative Committee to find a solution, but because of the serious financial crisis due to drought, coffee price failure, tribal conflict, and other reasons some of our Bethel Synods, who are not even able to pay the salary for their regular staff, cannot take on this request either. Therefore, I am forced to approach your Presbytery to consider the project before we get a penalty from the City Council.

I am modifying the quantity of the grand summary by adding 15% to the cost since this project was drafted in June 2001. So you will see that the detailed specification cost represented does not reconcile with the summary since I added this amount to reflect the price changes in building materials and labor. Therefore, the total amount needed for the fence now is USD \$11,104.00

If you need any clarification or additional information please do not hesitate to communicate with me at any time. As you know, you can also communicate with Mr. Yonas Yegizu who is in the States studying at Union Seminary in Richmond. Since he has been on the Bethel Synods Coordination Office Administrative Committee Chairman and member in previous years he knows the situation quite well.

I am sending this project by express mail to help you to assess and I will send this cover letter by email with the grand summary of the cost.

I take this opportunity in advance to thank you for all the efforts you are taking to consider this project by the parties whom you will approach.

Respectfully Submitted,

Solomon Nega
BSCO Coordinator

CC: Rev. Teferi Berkessa, President WWBS and Chairman BSCO Administrative
Committee
Ato Yonas Yegizu, Union Seminary in Richmond

BETHEL SYNOD CORDINATION OFFICE
FENCE MODIFICATION WORK

GRAND SUMMARY

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|----|---------------------------|------|---------------------|
| 1. | TEMPORARY FENCE WORK | BIRR | 9,056.00 |
| 2. | DEMOLISHING WORK | BIRR | 3,163.00 |
| 3. | EXCAVATION AND EARTH WORK | BIRR | 5,980.00 |
| 4. | MASONARY WORK | BIRR | 29,239.00 |
| 5. | CONCRETE WORK | BIRR | 12,707.00 |
| 6. | BLOCK WORK | BIRR | 4,140.00 |
| 7. | METAL WORK | BIRR | 14,778.00 |
| 8. | FINISHING WORK | BIRR | 4,899.00 |
| 9. | MAINTENANCE WORK | BIRR | <u>1,840.00</u> |
| | TOTAL | BIRR | 85,802.00 |
| | 10% CONTINGENCY | BIRR | <u>8,580.00</u> |
| | GRAND TOTAL IN | BIRR | <u>94,382.00</u> |
| | GRAND TOTAL IN | USD | \$ <u>11,104.00</u> |