

PROPOSED PROJECT FOR SELMA, ALABAMA

In a meeting of the local people, which took place during the two days that only a limited number could march on the two-lane highway, it became quite clear that there were several specific areas in which immediate help was needed. Rev. A. Cecil Williams, who had been visiting many local families in order to learn just what the needs might be, was present at this meeting and brought back the program as outlined by the Selma residents.

A. Selma needs workers to help with voter registration.

1. Volunteers should be able to stay in Selma a minimum of one month, preferably two or three.
2. Volunteers must be able to pay their own travel expense. However, if enough persons can be found who wish to leave at the same time we will make arrangements for a chartered bus which will cut expenses considerably.
3. So that workers will not lean too heavily on the local people, \$10.00 per week will be available to those who need help in meeting their incidental expenses.
4. Volunteers must be over 18, and preferably over 21.

B. Selma needs workers to help with minor building repairs.

1. Help is needed in the repair of the two churches, Browns Chapel and First Baptist, used extensively by the thousands of people who participated in the demonstrations and march.
2. Minor repairs to private homes of the local residents.

C. Selma needs help for an emergency fund to cover:

1. Food, clothing, medical supplies and utility bills of families whose jobs have been lost through economic reprisals.

D. There is a need for money for "Families Enterprise, Inc."

1. The local citizens already have embarked on a project to own and operate a co-op grocery store. This business would employ some 40 people. They have a location, and all necessary papers to secure a charter have been drawn up with the help of a lawyer from Birmingham. The immediate need is for the first \$6,000.00 cash required to obtain a charter.

E. Selma needs help for the establishment of a scholarship fund. This would aid students whose parents are victims of the current economic reprisals and students who cannot otherwise afford school expenses.

F. The local committee hopes for the establishment of a "Modern Day Underground Railway". Marchers contributed the idea of an "exchange program" so that the Selma children and youth can experience first hand knowledge of the "outside world". This could provide increased motivation toward a better life, and the exposure of the very difficult way of life faced by southerners. It could lead northerners to a better understanding of the South, and increase their desire to see that deprived areas of this country can be changed.

All funds raised by the committee will be sent to the Dallas County Voters League, Rev. F. D. Reese, president, and members of his organization will allocate funds to local programs on the basis of needs. Funds can be specifically earmarked for certain projects.

A representative committee of six persons who participated in the march from the Bay Area has been established to serve as liason between the workers in the Bay Area and the Dallas County Voters League, headed by Rev. F. D. Reese of Selma.

1. Rabbi Sanford Rosen, President of Rabbinical Council of California
2. Rev. Theodore Gill, President of San Anselmo Seminary
3. William Bradley, Jr., Chairman of San Francisco Chapter of CORE
4. Father Eugene Boyle, Chairman of Catholic Interracial Council
5. Rev. Raymond Sawyer, First Christian Church of Richmond, California
6. Rev. A. Cecil Williams, Consultant on Community Involvement, Glide Urban Center

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