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Dear Friend,

For the first fall and winter since SNCC began its work in the south, we are not alone, because there are many in the north such as you who we can depend upon during emergencies. While you and your congregation are enjoying Thanksgiving and preparing for the Christmas season, those who live in the Black Belt are preparing for another winter of hardship and privation.

The prospects' look very dim not only for the local communities but for the 60 volunteers who agreed to work with them but have no means of support. We have committed ourselves to their support, because we believe in the importance of their stay in Mississippi. But our own payroll expenses are approximately \$7,000 a week and our limited funds won't stretch any further. We need your help in paying the \$10 a week subsistence for these volunteers.

Would you, or some group in your church be able to support one of the freedom workers? All they need is \$10 a week which you could send regularly in a money order directly to them at their project office in Mississippi. They, in turn, will write you about the community in which they work.

If you will write me of your interest in aiding the freedom movement this way, I will send you the name (s) of freedom workers in need of support. Please indicate whether you can sponsor one or more individuals and for what period of time you can undertake this support. (We would prefer that groups commit themselves until June).

I will write you soon of the upcoming Mississippi Congressional Challenge which I'm sure will interest you. Please write us of your activities and as participants in the MOVEMENT we look forward to your continued help.

For Freedom,

Barbara Jones  
SNCC staff