



Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee

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Dear friend,

This is an urgent call for help.

You have probably read about the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee in the *National Guardian*. Enclosed is a copy of Joanne Grant's article from one issue about our field secretary in Ruleville, Mississippi. It will explain to you SNCC's reason for existence better than anything we could say.

SNCC's battle to bring civil rights to the South is intensifying. Money is needed now for some very down-to-earth reasons. Here are just a few:

- transporting Negroes from rural areas to register for voting;
- shipping food collected by northern supporters to sustain local people who have lost their jobs because of civil rights activity;
- legal expenses for SNCC workers and local Negroes arrested on "traffic" and "trespass" charges;
- sending our field secretaries their \$9.64 weekly subsistence checks.

That's right: \$9.64.

Our staff members live among the people with whom they work, at the same level. Mostly they live on air - and hope.

This is what SNCC aims for: a grass roots movement of human beings who persist in the face of hunger, harassment and real danger. But we need your help.

Every dollar you send will be put to direct, practical use. We do not exaggerate when we say that this is an urgent request. Please use the enclosed envelope today!

John Lewis
John Lewis
Chairman

Yours,
James Forman
James Forman
Executive Secretary

"One Man, One Vote"