

Dear Anall,

I hope that Lois has told you about the Freedom Church Project. We are tentatively continuing with plans and waiting around for the NCC to come and discuss it with us. The idea is not just an COFO hands, it is already being worked on by the local leadership (Mrs. Devine, Rev. Macree, Mr. Wilbur Robinson). When I leave, the project will be handled by Marth Wright, a volunteer who is staying in Canton. She, along with the local people, will coordinate the actual building of the Church. I will be ~~raising~~ money in the North and trying to keep a steady flow of funds to the project. There will most likely be a court battle over the permit and we'll need a COFO lawyer. The legal advise is now coming from Lou Stone and James Sobieski of LCDG. As soon as we have discussed the project with NCC and ~~have~~ have a local meeting to make final plans, you will receive a full report from myself or Martha Wright. If you have any comments (good or bad) that you feel are important please call me in the morning at the freedom house. I feel personally thay the idea is excellant and will really solve the problem ~~in~~ of a permanent center.

Right now there is another problem at hand. We are planning to set up a temporary center (it may go as long as a year) in the building next to the freedom house. We need ~~80~~ a month for the rent. Can COFO help us out ~~on~~ that and we'll try and raise the \$15,000 for the Freedom Church?

The following volunteers are staying to work in the center: Sally Shideler, Mary Ann Shipenko, and Arlene Boch. George Johnson, the local person who works with us may be sent to a freedom school by the staff and may not be able to work in the center. If you have any community center workers coming in to the state, especially if they have experience in establishing an overall program, ~~they~~ one would be very valuble in the Canton Center.

The temporary center will not have a lot of space. It has 5 rooms but they are smaal. The emphasis will therefore be on classes, educational and recreational, ~~instead of~~ activities for large numbers of people. The building can be used at any time so the program we were unable to implement in the Church, we will be able to in this building.

Please call me if you have anything important to discuss. I think the program is going to work out well here. Again, if you can, try and get a center coordinator up here fofer the winter. It would really help.

Sincerely

Tom Manoff