



SIMALUGURI SCHOOL

Project for the purchase of a schoolbus

BACKGROUND

Betharramite missionaries have been present in India since 1995.

The first residence was that of Bangalore in the state of Karnataka in southern India.

Currently the missionary presence counts 29 religious priests and about fifteen young people in formation; some of them work in education u as school directors.

THE PROJECT

In March 2017, an area of land was purchased in the state of Assam (north-eastern India), more precisely in the village of Simaluguri, in the diocese of Guwahati.

This part of India is characterized not only by chronic poverty, especially among the people of the villages in the interior , but also by religious (Hindu-Muslim) and political tensions (some movements seeking independence from the central government).

A small school was built and then a wing made of bamboo was added, anticipating the number of pupils to increase and for a more adequate construction to meet the in needs of the local people.

Currently the school has 94 students divided into six classes.

The demand is increasing year by year, particularly from families who live far from the school.

In order to respond to this need, **it's necessary to purchase a school bus** that would allow a greater number of children to reach the school.

The school is run by two fathers and a seminarian, together with two religious sisters (Missionary Sisters of Incarnation) and four lay teachers.

The cost of the vehicle is 1,049,000 Indian Rupees equal to € 12,000 to which taxes must be added, to arrive at a total of € 15,000.