Location of the Project

Gundampadu - Village

Sirvel – Mandal

Nandyal – District

Andhra Pradesh - State, 518583.

INDIA.

Longitude and Latitude

15.388338 - 78.588158

Beneficiaries of the Project

200 Dalith (low caste) families

## **Project Proposal:**

Gundampadu is village in Sirvel Mandal, recently made Nandyal District. It is village close to a huge forest called Nallamal. The people of the village are agricultural laborers. The landowners are always high caste and hire the low caste laborers for a fixed amount for daily work in their fields. It is always a bargain for the landowners. It amounts to 2 or 3 dollars a day for the laborers. This is seasonal work. Husband and wife have to work to make ends meet. In the time they do not have the agricultural work they go to the nearby forest to collect firewood and sell it to maintain themselves and their children. They do have livestock like cows and buffaloes which provide milk and sometimes meat. Gundampadu is not a typical village in that it is far from normal developed villages. They have a small church which I visited a few times for Mass and interactions when I was in the area. They do have a well which was dug years back for the whole village but it is quite far from the Gundampadu community. Today that well is no longer giving water sufficient for the whole village. For just a pot of water, much time is consumed until a person gets a chance to pump the water. This was the situation when I visited this village during my annual vacation to India, at which time the villagers pleaded with me to help them get another well.

Thank you so much Lloyd for patiently responding to our poor peoples' concerns and helping them.

May God reward you for your good work particularly in this great Season of LENT.

Fr. Shoury.

Dated: 29<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Completion Report on Bore well drilled at Gundampadu Village, India

To

**Deacon Lloyd Duplantis** 

Date: May 15<sup>th</sup> 2024.

Haiti Mission, Inc.

P.O. Box 694

Thibodaux, LA 70302

Dear Deacon Lloyd,

This is the completion report on the bore well recently drilled in Gundampadu Village in Sirvel Mandal, Nandyal District in Andhra Pradesh.

The project started on April 5<sup>th</sup> and was completed and dedicated on April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

The Gundampadu village people made a request of me a few years back to provide them drinking water. I personally was aware of the social and economic condition of the village people. I promised them when the opportunity presented itself, I would oblige their request. When the funds became available for the project from HMI and OFI, the drilling work was completed very fast but took some time for the finishing and dedication.

The dedication took place on the 28<sup>th</sup> of April. It was a great day for the Village people to attend the Mass and the dedication Service. The people emphatically expressed the fact that so far no one showed any interest in their dire need for potable water but, with your help, now the village has a safe and substantial source of drinking water. The village is so appreciative of this incredible work. It is such a blessing to the Village.

Mr. Metla Vijaya Baskar, who is in charge of the community, promised to take care of the well and its future maintenance. In the event of any further repairs in the future, he would attend to them with the community expenses without asking any donation from the donor in the U.S.A.

While I was there. I personally checked on our previous works and was quite satisfied for that which we have done over the past years were all functioning quite well.

I thank you Lloyd and members of the Haiti Mission and One Family International for your concern and generous help.

I sincerely pray that God may bless you all, your families and your wonderful works and reward you, maybe not here on this earth but sure enough in **HEAVEN**.

Fr. Shoury.

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