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Newsletter September/October 2019

Dear Foster-Parents, Friends and Supporters of our Foster-Parentship project,

three weeks filled with good experiences in August - and a very labor-intensive time before lying behind me (us). At this point, we (including Mano Mamma and Shobana - both cordially greet each other) would like to sincerely thank once again all those who made it possible to be here in Germany through a donation, through active assistance in the events, our care, the paperwork and, and, and ... - **THANKS!**

At the end of July and the beginning of August many new foster-parentships were created. A big "**THANK YOU!**" here to all new foster-parents - and to all who have advertised with. Unfortunately, I will need some time while processing all the papers (sorry).

However, we are still **looking for foster-parents** for one student** and for another for one co-sponsor (with 10.00 € per month), as well as 3 to 4 co-sponsors for a College student. Co-sponsors for study starters could still be searched some more. (** here sponsors are found)

Interested parties can simply contact me:

amy.carmichel@web.de or 036374 21258 or 0174 7156846. Please keep saying!

One more note: Please remember to transfer the **Christmas gifts** to the Amy account by November 8, 2019. Later incoming gifts can then be transferred to India in January or February 2020. I ask for your understanding.

Now I want to hand over to my foster daughter Shobana and her report about the trip to Germany. She was with Mano's companion here - and had to worry about her visa until shortly before leaving:



„By the grace of God and by the prayers of You all, I got the Visa at-last on 31.07.19. Finally I started to think that I am also going to Germany. Here I want to give my thanks to Moritz Abel who helped us a lot with all the visa process. Since I was working up to 10th I had only two days for shopping for warm clothes and for my packing. On 12th evening I went to Pandur hostel, along with Mano Amma we went to Airport and we got

AIR INDIA boarding pass and checked in and at exactly at 6.20 am the flight was started to fly above the ground and then slowly above the clouds. It was really amazing to see and I just had remembered the beautiful creation of God and also technological advancement of the Mankind. The Sky was very clear with blue color and clouds are like the layers of mountains. After 2 hours 50 mints, by having a nice fly good hospitality in the flight, we had landed in Mumbai. There we

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had to wait for 2 hours for next connecting flight as per the scheduled time. Here also we were to be checked in, the process was little strict and they checked thoroughly then only we boarded into the flight for Frankfurt in Mumbai airport. Here in the Airport, we had a good rain so that it delayed for take-off. But later on, when the flight get started to fly it was wonderful to see outside and as the time passed by we can see that in some places its dawn and in some places it was evening and some places it was dark night. It was all because of the reality of Time changing and it was amazing to see and experience for the first time. Around 5 pm, as per German time, we had landed safely at Frankfurt. For the first, we had to show our invitation letter, where we are going to stay and how long? These many questions were asked by the officers, after thorough and clear checkout we came out by collecting our Luggage. We found my Foster Father and David (the Volunteer) who were waiting for us at the Airport. We welcomed warmly by both of them and David was driven us to the Frankfurt Railway Station by His car. Then we got the train to Erfurt, in the train everyone was very silent, it was very new to us and then after some hours we had reached Erfurt Railway station. From there, my foster Father was driven us to Weißensee. We found our nice & comfortable rooms and had a good sleep after a long fly.

14.08.19, Wed. (a free day): Around 8.30 am, I had went to Bakery shop along with my Father. It was the first place in Weißensee, I was and I have seen that everyone has been warmly greeted by each other and it was a nice experience. I had a German breakfast first time, it was interesting one and our days get started. We went to Super Market, then we went to Mrs. Doris house for a tasty Lunch .We had a nice time and get to know about each other and everyone was so kind loving persons and we have seen their beautiful Garden with various plants. We then visited Mrs.Lotti, she is so good, very warm and kind person and we all had coffee and it was pleasure to speaking with her and knowing about her good interest. Then we came home and had some rest then we went to the Birthday Party of Mr.Andre , we met more nice people and it was the first time we had the bright Sun even after 9.30 pm, it was very new experience to us . So the first day in Germany got over by meeting a wonderful people.

15.08.19, Thurs. (trip to Erfurt): As usual after having Breakfast, We went to the city, Erfurt. First we entered in the Post office and sent a post then we had visited Cathedral Church. We attended a Sermon and it was nice to be at the Service. Then we had a Lunch with famous bread with (Thuringian) Worst. Then we explored the city by walking around. Three things, I felt that it was new to me and I am happy to see about 1) the **city Transportation**, one side Trump / Train is going, other side is Bus and also the other side people are walking etc. 2) **the Statue Man**, the silver coated man was standing and I thought that He was a Statue and I took a photo then only I came to know by my Father



that if we want to take a photo then we had to pay Him. I am happy that we made the Statue man happy and He made different sounds like mimicry, then we took a photo with Him. 3) **The street play**, I already heard about it but first time I was seeing the street play. I liked it so much if I were a musician sure once I would have done this in my life. So I am happy that I got the chance to see it. We went to Lutheran Church Office met the foster parents and we had a coffee and it's very nice to meet all and to see the Bishop office etc . We met Mr.Markus and then we visited the Synagogue, all

was preserved very good and we have seen the beautiful houses or buildings which built above the River (it's named "Krämerbrücke" that means bridge of the traders). Erfurt was lively and

I am also happy that for few minutes I got a chance to walk around by myself and look around. So the day got over with very good memories.

16.08.19, Fri. (Weißensee): Morning breakfast started with Birthday song & wishes to my Foster Father. Then we started to St.Nicolai Church, we met children and we had seen how interestingly learning and doing things. Next we visited Weißensee Castle, it was very interesting to know about the history of it. Next we visited the City Hall and the Weißensee Church both was so nice and beautiful. Then Mano Amma went for one hour Swimming at Mrs.Doris House and Foster Father went Home for the preparation of Grill Party. Mano Amma was so Happy that she can able to Swim in Germany. Then We reached Home where we met some friends. We had a nice party and had a nice day.



17.08.19, Sat. (Foster-Parents-Meeting): After the Breakfast, we headed over to Köllda for foster Parents meeting. We had a good time with all the loving foster parents and we had a Lunch and coffee .Then I had the opportunity to thank all the foster parents with their help we can able to visit Germany. A special thanks here to Hannes for his translation help. I am very happy to meet Till & many people after a long time. Behind the meeting, we had a small prayer in the Church. Mr.Fred had shown us the five bells and explained & short tour around Köllda. All was very nice and new experiences with this the happy day got over.

18.08.19, Sun. (Chance Meeting Day): This was the day in Sömmerda for foster Parents meeting. We met more friends, foster parents and beloved volunteers. It was good to have the interactions with each other after a long time.



19.08.19, Mon. (Excursion Day South Thuringia): We travelled to Meiningen , on the way we went through longer Tunnels and it was so nice to see and it was new experience. Father found the



parking place for the Car easily then we went to the meeting place and we were very glad to meet Mrs.Andrea, Mrs.Ivonne, Mrs,Bettina and Mrs.Irene from Westenfeld and from Milz. They had arranged everything systematically and nicely so that we can be able to visit beautiful places and feel good. First we had good Lunch then we went to Mountain place Geba. We came to know about the history of the place which was very interesting and surrounding places and beautiful landscape with good nature. Then we had a coffee time with ice cream and shared about our works. And I admired about them

that how well they are doing so many good things for the people and women in the Society. Then we moved to our Hotel in Römhild. It was a nice Hotel, we slept well. I can able to notice that in

every Hotel only one person taking care or managing the Hotel.



20.08.19, Tue. (Milz): We went to Primary School in Milz, we were warmly welcomed and went to a short tour about the School Garden Area , play area of the pupil and pet animals. Then we met the students , they were very enthusiastically listened to us and asked many questions eagerly to know about us.. It was very nice experience to meet and have an interaction with small, innocent and young children. And the Teachers explained us everything very clearly and we had a very nice and unforgettable time. Then we went to Westenfeld Church, it was very nice to know about all, how they work for people and it was a good chance to know about the various Church activities. In the evening we went to Milz Church with the Children, They dedicated a special song for

us and they are very sweet and we had a small evening Prayer. Then we went to Church community hall. The Children happily made the presents to the foster child in India. Then we had a meeting with the Women from the nearby places, all was very nice and we had a nice get together and then with the tasty Dinner (We also had rice with chutney especially made for us, for which I am very thankful to them) the day was got over happily.

21.08.19, Wed. (Neuendettelsau):

We had a last and nice breakfast with all and we had nice farewell from all. Then we started to Neuendettelsau to visit Sister Hildegard Klein. I was just emotionally touched to see the person who worked all here life for India. And we met other Missionary sisters also, all are so



loving persons and it was truly a nice time to be with them. They all are wonderful and become unforgettable persons . I am very thankful to my Father because of him this meeting become possible. He had to drive for a very long way , though it become difficult to find the place , finally we were able to meet the most beautiful persons in the world. I felt that I am very lucky that I can able to meet them in my life.

22.08.19, Thurs. (free Day): After a long travel, it was very good to have a free day. We enjoyed it by spending time to wash our clothes , luckily we had a bright Sunny day so our clothes got dry easily. Next We went to the Chinese Garden and I had seen a nice view in lake side, some of the people were fishing and some the people were walking, it was very calm and a nice place. Then we came to Volksbank and then visited Mrs.Ruth. It was very nice to see everyone in the family and speak with them. We went to home and had some to pack our things for Leipzig Mission Annual festival.

23.08.19, Fri. (Halle and Leipzig): We started by car and we reached Halle. We visited Frankische Stiftungen & Museum , everything was explained by my Father because everything was in German, all was interesting to know about many historical things. we had a nice Lunch then in the evening we reached Leipzig, went in to our nice & comfortable room and get refreshed and then attended the meeting about the situation of “ Dalits” in India at the Chapel. After the meeting, we met our volunteers Ms.Claudia , Mr.Paul , Mrs.Monika and her Mother came to meet Mano Amma. And also we met our new Volunteer. We had a nice Indian dinner then we went to our room and had a good sleep after a long travel. I must thank my Father , he

used to drive the car very smoothly and safely.



to meet us. A big thanks to all... Then Marieka family came and discussed about the Girls who met with accident in India. Then the Volunteer Stella and Hanna Came , it was all nice time to meet them. Then Mrs.Angela and Mr.Torsten and also Mr.Fred and Family came for the meeting , we all went and seen the small museum hall. In the evening , Mano Amma told about the Frolich Home and Amy Carmichel Project. All are very nice and loving persons to speak and to have an interactions.

24.08.19, Sat. (Annual festival of the Leipzig Mission / LMW): After the very good breakfast, we were waiting for the friends and Foster Parents, first Sister Helga came to meet Mano Amma, it was nice to meet her, amazing part is still she remembers Tamil and she spoken with me in Tamil only which was so inspiring. Then foster-parent Mr.Johannes came , it was very pleasant to meet Him after a long time, He travelled all the way from Berlin



25.08.19, Sun. (Delegation-Service and Eisleben): We went to St.Nicolai Church at Leipzig, we had a nice Sunday service with more people. It was very nice farewell and dedication given to the volunteers . after the Service we had a nice Lunch together, we travelled by Trump and came to the room. Then we started back to Weißensee. On the way we visited Eisleben , the Birthplace of Martin Luther. Then late in the evening we reached Weißensee and went for the Lunch by Mrs. Ruth. We had a nice dinner and family time together.

26.08.19, Mon. (free Day): We had a breakfast little late at 9 am because we needed a long sleep. Then My Father took us for shopping in Bad Frankhausen and a small (to late)Weekend trip. All was very nice Mano Amma got more chocolates for children. Then we came home took some rest, in the late evening Mano Amma went to Köllda for Song practice (by a Choir meeting) and myself & Father went to Grandparents shrine.

27.08.19, Tues. (Magdeburg): We started to Magdeburg at 7.30 am and its long way , after 2 hours travel we had reached Mr.Thomas Pietsch apartment. It was nice and warm place , after spending some time we started to city tour. First we went Cathedral Church, it was very historically old and biggest Church. That was very nice of Mr.Thomas, He arranged a English guide who explained us with all the history and good things about the Church, all was very interesting. Then we walked along the streets which was good and we explored the city transportations, biggest buildings with excellent Architectures. Then we went for Lunch and we had seen the Elbe River which was very big and nice to see all around the places. We had some more people in the outside so it looked lively and good. We went back to home and had a ice cream for a Sunny day by this we said good bye to Mr.Thomas and we started our journey back to Weißensee.



On the way back, Father stopped us to Mrs. Marion , cousin from my Father. She is very energetic , sweet and nice person to meet and we had a nice time. Then we had departed and came home.

28.08.19, Wed. (Sömmerda and Weißensee): We went to Sömmerda Primary School event. There we met sweet and intelligent children who asked so many questions which were answered by my Father very patiently, wisely and clearly. Then we went to one of Chinese Restaurant and a nice Lunch. Then we started back to Weißensee, after a short break, we went to women's fellowship meeting at 2.40 pm at St.Nicolai Church. Many of them came, it was a good interaction session. Then we went to Mrs. Ruth for Dinner and had nice family time. I thank Mrs.Ruth for her love and care towards us.

29.08.19, Thurs. (free Day): It is a free day for us to pack our things. As Mano Amma wanted a new Suitcase because the older one got damaged. We went to Sömmerda & bought it and Mano Amma felt very happy. Then we came to Mrs. Doris for Lunch. We had a nice time and had given us a nice farewell for which we are very thankful to Mrs.Doris and her family. Then we went to Mrs. Lotti for coffee. We were very happy to meet her again and we had chance to say goodbye to her. She is very interesting Person with kind heart and her Home was decorated so nicely with beautiful flower Garden. Then finally our trip is getting to an end. We had a last dinner at Fathers house.

30.08.19, Fri. (Flight back): Last day started at 8.30 am with breakfast and finished Last minute packing and exchanged our photos then around 12.30 pm we started to Erfurt station. Exactly 2.50 pm our train to Frankfurt airport came and we said Good Bye to my Father and our train get started. After a tight check in at Airport we boarded the flight at 8.45 pm . Due to some issues flight took off at 10.pm only then we had a nice fly and we reached Delhi around 8.30 am as per Indian Time.

31.08.19, Sat. (Arrival at home): In Delhi we had to wait for longer time for the connecting flight to Chennai. It was started at 2,00pm only then after flying 2 hours 30 minutes, around 5.30 pm of Indian time we landed at Chennai Airport and then all was become easy we collected our luggage and came out and met Martin Anna. Then we had reached our places around 9.00pm.

All the Trip was very good , God was with us all the times and we can be able to meet all the nice persons and beautiful country. By this Trip , I can see how hard my foster Father is working to get sponsorship for Girls. By His continuous and tired less work, here in India many Girls education gets fulfilled. I pray to God that may God bless him and protect him because He is not taking care of himself. And I take this as a opportunity to convey my thanks for all the foster parents and sponsors especially LMW Mission Partners and also Amy Carmichel project because of whom all was become possible for us to have a nice stay , sightseeing and for all the nice & interesting events.

With a Big Thank you I close this article and I am very thankful to my Father who gave the opportunity to write this article about our visit in Germany.“

Thank you Shobana!

Two more information about the degree:

All who were in Leipzig already know that this year, all volunteers who had to apply for the visa via the Indian embassy in Berlin had received a refusal. The reason given was a change in the conditions of access by the government (it was allowed from now on no foreigners work in education anymore). Why this only applies in the Berlin Embassy and not in Frankfurt or Hamburg, remains unclear. In the case of Pandur, this will affect both volunteers. A renewed application with changed criteria should be made. This seems, however, according to information from Mano, so far to have been unsuccessful. Until further notice, we will not have any volunteers at Frolich Home this year.

From now on the DVD with **the movie of the Foster-Parents-Visit 2018** is available for 10.00 € donation + postage costs. The film is designed for the most part by one of the traveling foster-parents and has 50 minutes in length. If you are interested, please contact me. If the film on another medium (SD card, USB stick, etc.) are desired, this must be invoiced separately.

I wish you all a nice autumn time. Until the next newsletter in November. He will probably not be able to appear until the middle of the month.

Best regards,



(Project-co-ordinator „Amy Carmichel“)

(September 10, 2019)

Here is the date preview (as of 09/10/2019):

Saturday, October 12 to Saturday, November 2, 2019: Amy Foster-Parent visit to India

India afternoons or evenings are also possible on request in your locality / municipality.

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The newsletter for November / December 2019 is expected to be published in mid-November 2019.

The next money-transfer to India will be at the beginning of November 2019 (with all special and Christmas gifts received so far), the follow-up transfer is expected to begin in early February 2020.

Interested in a foster-parentship?

The foster-parentship with one of our boarding school children is already possible for 17.50 Euro per month, a sponsorship for about 25.00 Euro per month (as of September 2019).

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