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## Newsletter April - June 2022

Dear foster-parents, friends and supporters of our foster-parents project,

Today, once again, a newsletter covering a period of 3 months. This time, an important information of the association's board will be at the beginning. The main part is the report of our home manager, Mrs. Raja Manohara (Mano) about the last months in Pandur - and the conclusion will be some more current information.

### **Important information from the Board of the Association:**

As a non-profit association, our work is subject to strict regulations and controls. We are bound to fulfil the purpose of the association as described in the statutes: to support needy children and young people in the T.E.L.C. Frolich Home Pandur and in particular to promote their school and vocational training or studies.

**From now on, payments to India that go beyond the foster-parentship contributions are only possible to a limited extent.** Personal payments, e.g. to relatives of the sponsored children or employees of the Frolich Home, can in principle not be processed via the association's account.

**Attached to the newsletter is a detailed letter from the Amy Board regarding this matter.** This will also be sent by post to all sponsors, members and donors in the foreseeable future (as long as the addresses are known). At the moment, however, this is being delayed due to illness. We ask for your understanding.

**Enquiries** can now be sent **directly to the board of the association** via the following email address: [info@amycarmichel-kinderhilfe.net](mailto:info@amycarmichel-kinderhilfe.net)

**More information about the Amy Association**, e.g. the statutes, membership application etc., can also be found on the Amy website: [www.amycarmichel.bplaced.net](http://www.amycarmichel.bplaced.net)

On the homepage you will find the direct link "**Amy Association and Foundation**".

### **Here is Mrs Mano's report on the months of March and April:**

Looking back on the past months in the New Year 2022, we can indeed say with the Psalmist that 'God's merciful kindness was great towards us. There were times when we were perplexed, but we were conscious of our loving Father's hand gently leading us through difficult situations as the year 2021 held challenges we have never experienced before. Even in the last 2 months there was several times precaution information that the 4<sup>th</sup> wave corona virus is rising and the schools will be closed again. Still today in Chennai and in Thiruvallur there are few cases with covid-19. Individuals, families, churches, businesses and governments worldwide have been impacted due to the global pandemic. We can never thank our God enough for the wonderful way He has led

us and supplied all our needs. He is still the same, faithful God in keeping His promises.

**Church activities:** By God's grace, the regular Sunday School, Junior Ministry and the Women's Fellowship, the Youth programs in our church had started to function. Our girls attend regularly the Junior Ministry and the Sunday school on every Sunday between 2 to 4.00 afternoon. The 3 days convention meetings were attended by a large group in the open air of our church in the evenings from 6.30 to 9.30 with music and singing followed by Passion Week message by 2 Lay Preachers from the independent churches.



Few girls help to broom outside the church campus, few inside the church, few polishes the brass vessels thus keep them busy in the evening of Saturday. This gives them also a **“Work Experience”**. Also few Women's Fellowship members will come to help (*photo on left*).

**The Palm Sunday** was celebrated enthusiastically with a procession started from the church in which our girls also joined, accompanied by the village choir with their musical instruments and went through the streets. The church started half-an-hour late. Before the participants came

from the procession, the church became full.



*The Church in Pandur on Palm Sunday (left) and Easter (right) - all photos Frolich Home / Amy*

On Easter Sunday, the **Dawn Service** was conducted by our local Pastor in the colorful illuminated cemetery where also many people gathered. On this Easter Sunday too the procession to the grave-yard was accompanied by the village choir of Pandur -exactly at 4.30 in the early morning in which our girls also joined the procession. Not to mention- the church was full in and outside under the shamiana. (Panthal). The midday lunch was provided with chicken Biryani.

The Confirmation Class in our church will start from the 1<sup>st</sup> of May, 2022.

**School events:** On the 4<sup>th</sup> of April, There was a Big Book stall exhibition arranged by the Government near the Collectorate Office Play ground at Tiruvallur. We hired a van to take our girls to this big Book Stall of many kind of books. Our girls also bought some books. It was ordered that all the students in the schools and colleges should hurry up to see this book stall as it was only for one week.

Sadly on Friday, the 22<sup>nd</sup> of April, 2022, a young English teacher Mrs Alen Jebaselvi, 34 years of our TELC Kabis HSS, Pandur had expired in her residence at Tiruvallur early morning with a heart attack which gave everyone a shock. The previous day, she was conducting English classes to all the higher classes as per the time-table and went home normally. She was also an English teacher who helped with the girls in **‘School Partnership Progrmme’** few years ago and came several times to our Frolich Home. Last year nearly at this time, Mr.R.Rajasekaran, TELC Kabis

HSS passed away due to covid-19. So the school has lost 2 teachers. Due to less strength, there is no possibility of appointing 2 teachers in these 2 vacancies.

During these days, the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> classes are having their Government Practical Examination which will continue up to the 2<sup>nd</sup> of May, 2022. Then the Public Examination commences as follows:

For **Plus II** - from 5<sup>th</sup> of May up to 28<sup>th</sup> of May, 2022

For **Plus I** - from 10<sup>th</sup> of May up to 31<sup>st</sup> of May, 2022

For **10<sup>th</sup> Std.** - from 6<sup>th</sup> of May up to 30<sup>th</sup> of May, 2022

The days between the examination dates are considered as holiday days.

The other classes 6 to 9 attend school only in the afternoon (*which means that the regular start of the holidays was not at the beginning of April this year, as has been customary over the years, due to the many Corona-related downtimes*).

The date of graduation has not yet been announced by the Ministry of Education.



*Ready for school*

**State recognition of the Frolich Home:** After the news Letter was sent to your office for January to March 2022, we had 2 times the visit from the Child Welfare Committee, (CWC) and also from the District Child Protection Unit (DCPU). They checked the girls present and all the records maintained up to date and inspected the rooms and dormitories, kitchen, store-rooms and measured all the rooms and dormitories once again. On the 24<sup>th</sup> of this month, we have got the information from the Main Office of CWC that all the 5 Committee Members' period was over and they all got Relieving Order and left the office. In their place 5 other new members were appointed.

**The main and important work** from November 2021 was to get ready to submit the records and documents to get register our Home for another 5 years as an institution for Children in need of care and protection under the Juvenile Justice Act 2015. The old Proceedings from the Directorate of Social Defence, Purasawalkam, Chennai 600 010 has been exhausted by January 25, 2022. Therefore, we had prepared and sent our all documents to the District Child Protection Unit (DCPU) at Tiruvallur but with the exhausted Tamilnadu Societies of Act instead of the updated Tamilnadu Societies of Registration Act. So our papers had been sent back to us.

So we applied to our Bishop/President, and he had sent a letter to the District Registrar, Tiruchirappalli to renew the Registration under the Tamilnadu Societies Registration Act. 1974. After our Bishop sent the required Certificate for renewing the Registration from the District Registrar, we re-submit the papers to the office at Tiruvallur and a copy directly to the Directorate of Social Defence.

We have asked some time to the Director not to close our Homes due to the delay of submitting the required Certificate as the students are writing the Public Examination. We hope that before the end of May, we will be able to get the Certificate from our Bishop through the District Registrar, Tiruchirappalli.

**Regarding the court case:** The Bishop has won the case. He is the Bishop/President until the 14<sup>th</sup> of January 2023 (*I will give you some more information on this in a moment*).



Today I received a mail from our Bishop – TELC regarding the new volunteers for TELC (*at the moment, it is planned that a volunteer will come to Pandur again from September via ELM*).

Kind greetings Mano  
(26.04.2022)

**More current information:**

At the moment **it is not possible to transfer money** to India. The background is a legal dispute within TELC, which has once again led to the church not being able to access its accounts for some time. In our case, this currently affects 3 regular transfers (one cannot be accessed in India, 2 are withheld in Germany).

Despite all this, it has been possible to keep the Frolich Home running until now. However, there have been quite a few TELC homes and projects in other regions that have had to close temporarily and send the children in their care home.

The court case is ongoing and in large parts there is an agreement (Info Mano). We hope that everything will be settled by the start of the new school year on 1 June, so that the work in the TELC facilities (including the Frolich Home) can continue without restrictions.

We assume that the **school year 2022/2023** can start regularly on 1 June, then finally with a number of new children.

Mrs Mano described the hurdles in the extension of state registration in her report. Here it is pure bureaucracy. Everything remains a work in progress.



**Sr Elizabeth** has passed away at the age of 80. She was the long-time head of the sewing school on the grounds of Frolich Home. Many of our sponsors got to know her during one of the sponsorship trips.

It is unclear whether and how the sewing school can continue. The funding for it had already been discontinued a few years ago. Recently, the work has only been maintained on a voluntary basis by Sr Elizabeth and through regional donations via her and Mrs Mano.

**The temperatures in India.** For days, we have been hearing reports about the heat wave "in India" in the media. They forget to mention that they are reporting on an exceptional situation in northern India (as is usually the case in our news in Europe). Temperatures there are now extremely high for the region.

The south of India belongs to the tropical climate zone. Here, temperatures are usually higher and the hottest time of the year is always between March and June. Temperatures can now regularly approach 45°C - and cooling down with a little rain is usually a pipe dream. Unfortunately,

Currently, the temperatures in the region around Chennai and Tiruvallur have been around 39°C for a long time. On some days, however, the temperature feels like 45°C or more.

There is a date for the **Foster-Parents Meeting 2022: Please note Saturday, 10 September 2022**. The venue is again planned to be the monastery of St. Wigberti in Werningshausen. Invitations will be sent out with the July newsletter.

So much for this time. If there is any news, you can still find the "news ticker" on our website and you can get daily updates via our WhatsApp info group. Just contact me at [amy.carmichel@web.de](mailto:amy.carmichel@web.de) or phone 0174 7156846. I will then include you in the group.

With many greetings,

Winfried Stelle, Projekt-Koordinator „Amy Carmichel“  
(05. Mai 2022)

**Preview of dates** (Status as of 05.05.2022):

**Saturday, 10 September 2022:** Foster-Parents Meeting and general meeting Amy e.V. in the monastery St. Wigberti in Werningshausen.

**Foster-Parents visit 2022:** The trip is planned in the period from 15 to 29 October 2022 (autumn holidays in Saxony and Thuringia). **Please note:** There are no more registrations for this!

**The Foster-parents Visit is a group travel offer.** Participation is possible for up to 20 people. It is planned to spend one week in Pandur (with excursions in the region and opportunities to do something together with the children) and the second week will be a multi-day trip to a more distant destination in the south of India.

**India afternoons or evenings** are also possible in your town/parish by arrangement. Please send your enquiries to Winfried Stelle.

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The next **newsletter, then for July / August 2022**, is expected to be published in early / mid July 2022.

The next **money transfer to India** will take place as soon as possible (see info section in the current newsletter)..

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**Interested in a foster-parentship?**

A foster-parentship with one of our hostel children is possible for as little as 17.50 Euros per month, a study sponsorship for approx. 25.00 euros per month (as of May 2022).

**Help with a donation?**

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Thank you for your support!



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03.05.2022

Dear foster-parents, friends and supporters of our foster-parents project,

As we have already informed you, in 2020 the previous private initiative was transformed into a non-profit association, so that it is now possible for us to issue donation receipts for the donations we receive from you. We have already sent you the donation receipt for 2021.

As a non-profit association, our work is subject to strict regulations and controls. We are bound to fulfil the purpose of the association as described in the statutes: to support needy children and young people in the T. E.L. C. Frolich Home Pandur and in particular to promote their school and vocational training or studies. The use of the money must be specifically documented by the Indian side and will be checked by the tax authorities in Germany.

## What changes for you?

Personal payments to India that go beyond the sponsorship contributions are now only possible to a limited extent.

- **We must limit additional gifts to individual children/young people to a maximum amount of EUR 50.00 per child/young person per year.** We reserve the right to distribute payments in excess of EUR 50.00 per year to other children of Frolich Homes who do not receive any further gifts.
- **Other personal payments, e.g. to relatives of the sponsored children or employees of Frolich Home, cannot be processed via the association's account.** Payments made on the basis of a special appeal for donations by the association are exempt from this regulation.

We gladly accept donations that can be used for the Amy project or the Frolich Home in general according to the purpose of the statutes.

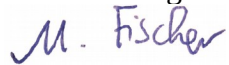
We ask for your understanding for this procedure in order not to endanger the non-profit status of the association.

Should you wish to make personal transfers to India outside of the statutory purpose, this is possible via payment providers such as "Western Union".

Thank you very much for your support of the project "Amy Carmichel - Help for Children in India".

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. You can reach us at email: [info@amycarmichel-kinderhilfe.net](mailto:info@amycarmichel-kinderhilfe.net)

With kind regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "M. Fischer". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'M'.

Markus Fischer  
Chairman