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Newsletter July / August 2021

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

it's summer. Here in Germany, things are looking surprisingly good in terms of covid (who would have thought such low infection figures possible 2 months ago?). In Tamil Nadu, too, the situation has eased considerably over the last few weeks, so that we can now hope that the start of the new school year is within reach. But more on that later.

First of all, some information that should not be lost:

The Foster-parents meeting 2021 will take place on Saturday, 02 October 2021 in Werningshausen. **The invitation will be enclosed with the newsletter.** It will also be available immediately on our website www.amycarmichel.bplaced.net (current newsletter). **Please note that registration is required.** More on this in the invitation.

Unfortunately, the Foster-parents visit 2021 has to be cancelled. As things stand at the moment, it is unfortunately still not possible to plan a group trip to India for this year. The participants concerned have already been informed.

For 2022, we hope to be able to organise a (completely normal) Foster-parents again. This should take place between **15. and 30. October 2022** (autumn holidays in Saxony and Thuringia). **A few registrations are still possible.**

An important piece of information from the association's board: There was a tax consultation with a tax consultant specialised in non-profit associations. She pointed out **that donation receipts may only be issued for donation purposes that are covered by the statutes of the association concerned.**

For our association, this means that in addition to regular Foster-parentship contributions, the following donations in particular are tax-privileged:

- Donations for a special purpose as a result of an appeal for donations by the association
- Donations for the Foster-parentship project /Frolich Home in general
- Donations for the work of the association in general
- Special gifts for sponsored children on their birthdays or on public holidays
- Special gifts for sponsored children in special situations of need

We kindly ask you to discuss any donation requests above and beyond this **with the Board of Directors in advance.**

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Unfortunately, as of now, **donations for the Amy Foundation (India) financial base** are no longer tax-deductible, as the foundation is a foreign organisation and direct funding by the association is not possible.

More information will be available at the Foster-parents meeting. Enquiries can also be made now: amy.carmichel@web.de or 036374-21258.

So, now to India and the "true" topics of the newsletter:

The Corona situation in Tamil Nadu has also calmed down somewhat and the lockdown regulations have been relaxed more and more over the last few weeks, after a hard lockdown was introduced again at the end of April. Subsequently, the regulations were adjusted, mostly at intervals of 14 days. The latest extension is now valid until 19. July, but contains hardly any restrictions, except in the field of education.

We have received feedback from some of our students that **the semester examinations** in their colleges have either already taken place or are about to begin (these are the examination dates originally planned for April/May).

The new semesters are supposed to start in August. Mano Amma is in the process of contacting the students concerned so that the financing of the courses can be secured.



Our senior school girls in spring 2021

The school year 2020/2021 was also terminated prematurely with the start of the new lockdown.

While grades 1 to 8 had a complete school year in "home-schooling", at least the 10th and 12th graders were allowed to experience classroom instruction from January and the 9th and 11th graders from February until the end of April, and there were actually supposed to be final exams, originally in May, later in June.

In May, it was decided that all classes would start the new school year without exams. A little later, it was added that the new 11th graders would have to take a kind of entrance exam.

The new school year normally starts on 1st of June each year. Now there is talk that this year it may start at the beginning of August, probably already on the first of the month (information from the government on 9th of July). So for the moment we are confident.

Beforehand, there was a large-scale government survey to gain insight into the situation and mood in the families, especially with regard to the past year with almost only self-study, (where possible) teaching via the internet, etc. The conclusion was that such a year would be a great success. The conclusion was that such a year should never happen again.

This week, **on-site visits** (girls' home, kindergarten and also the boys' home) and negotiations with the individual government agencies and the home management are underway regarding the upcoming school year.

In the past few days, there has already been a large-scale work operation on the Frolich Home Campus. The aim was to prune the fruit-bearing trees so that they produce more fruit again.



The tree pruning campaign at Frolich Home

One more piece of good news to conclude the newsletter: The house construction (grandmother / grandchildren) has progressed well since the lockdown was relaxed. Already on 28 June, windows and doors could be put in place. This was celebrated with a small party (similar to our topping-out ceremony). The big event is the insertion of the front door.

I wish everyone a good summer time.

With many greetings,

(15.07.2021)

Winfried Stelle, Project-Coordinator „Amy Carmichel“

Here are the latest pictures of the construction work:





Here is a preview of the dates (as of 14.07.2021):

Saturday, 2. October 2021: Foster-Parents meeting with general meeting in the monastery St. Wigberti in Werningshausen / Thuringia. Cordial invitation!

Start: 10:30 a.m. - Please note that written registration is required (enclosed with the newsletter or available on the website).

Foster-Parents visit 2021: Unfortunately, the visit has to be cancelled once again this year!

Foster-Parents visit 2022: The trip is planned for the 2nd half of October (autumn holidays Saxony and Thuringia). **Please note:** There are already a number of registrations. Some places are still available. **If there is too much interest, we will try to offer a second round afterwards.**

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 afternoon or evening events are also possible in your town/parish by arrangement, as soon as the Corona regulations allow it again.

Please send enquiries to Winfried Stelle, email amy.carmichel@web.de or phone: 036374-21258.

The **newsletter for September / October 2021** is expected to be published in mid-September 2021.

The next money-transfer to India (with all special gifts received until then) is expected to take place at the beginning / middle of August 2021.

Interested in a foster-parentship?

Sponsorship with one of our boarding school children is possible for as little as 17.50 Euros per month, and a study sponsorship for about 25.00 euros per month (as of July 2021).

Help with a donation?

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Thank you for your support!

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