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## Newsletter July - August 2022

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

Unfortunately, once again a somewhat belated newsletter - sorry. The main part is the report of our home director, Mrs. Raja Manohara (Mano) about the last months in Pandur. Before that, there will again be some important current information.

### Important information:



**The Frolich Home** has been temporarily closed since 18 July. As in Germany, the Frolich Home has to prove its non-profit status at regular intervals. The application for renewal is still being processed by the authorities and the final decision is still pending. The last old certificate expired last week. Because of this, the authorities have now ordered the temporary closure of Frolich Home. More details on this in Mano Amma's report.

*Children and parents on 19.07. on the way to CWC*

**Remittances to India** are still not possible. However, an official administrator has now been appointed at TELC again, as in previous years, so a solution is sure to be found soon.

**Reminder of the foster-parents meeting date:** This year's **foster-parents meeting** will take place on **Saturday, 10 September from 10:30 am at the monastery in Werningshausen.**

The meeting will again, as last year, be the general meeting of the Amy e.V..

It will end with a coffee together in the early afternoon. This will be followed by the **preparatory meeting for the participants of the foster-parents visit** in India.

The **invitations to the foster-parents meeting** will be sent by post and will also be available on the website (current newsletter - schedule).

The **cover letter for the special editions** of the last newsletter will also be sent with the letter.

## Here is Mano Amma's latest report from Pandur:

Dear Amy Board Committee Members, fosterparents, friends, and well- wishers of our 2 Projects - Amy Carmichel and Amy Foundation in Pandur,

Loving greetings to you all. Praise be to our God who through His many loving kindnesses and tender mercies has carried us through the past 7 months. He who has been with us, guiding and leading us through times of struggle, disappointments, setbacks and trials can be trusted to give us grace to continue to the end of this year. The Lord has been so faithful in providing, protecting and preserving our family so far and we give Him all the praise and thanksgiving. We heard many End Time signs this year – earth quakes, storms, heavy rains and floods, electrocution due to electric shock, factories where crackers are being manufactured,, road accidents and still more- causing death and unfold sufferings in many parts of the world. We do not know what holds the rest of the months of this year. God holds the keys of all unknown and so we need not to fear. May the joy of the Lord be our strength and His loving presence gives us peace whatever happens. What can we give God then?

I hope you, your relatives, friends and members in your community are keeping in good health. I would like to express my gratitude to all who are accomplishing with their effort, kind thoughts and prayers to keep our 2 projects alive.

Despite in Tamilnadu, especially in Chennai, Tiruvallur and also in the surrounding areas, there have been signs of corona, admission in the hospitals for treatment and few deaths in many areas, our children and their parents are kept safe till today. There were no reports from any family of our inmates that they were affected by corona. But yet it was very strictly instructed by the Government Health Department/Police that all have to wear face masks to cover their faces and keep distance from each other as it was before 2 or 3 years. Few people observe the rules and few others not. But it is compulsory while entering the offices of the Government, (CWC and DCPU).The banks, clinics, hospitals etc., to wear face masks. If anyone forgot to bring the face mask, there is a shop nearby to provide the masks. Our children wore masks daily when they left for school and also on their return to our home. Also when they went to the CWC Office on the 19<sup>th</sup> inst. to meet the Chief Chairperson with their parents, they observed it.



## School Events and Activities :

**Independence Day** (15<sup>th</sup> of August), **Teacher's Day**, (5<sup>th</sup> of September,) Birth day of Mahatma Ghanthi, 2<sup>nd</sup> of October. The honorific Mahatma (Sanskrit:"great-souled", "venerable"), first applied to him in 1914 in South Africa, is now used throughout the world. **Children's Day** (14<sup>th</sup> of November in commemorate the Birthday of our late Prime Minister, Mr. Jawaharlal Nehru, **Women's Day**, (8<sup>th</sup> of March), **Mothers Day**, (9<sup>th</sup> of May) and **Fathers Day** (20<sup>th</sup> June). Their activities and History of them should be produced to the students by the inmates of the school (each one teach one).Very important is to speak about Mr. Kamaraj on his birthday (15<sup>th</sup> of July). He is the one who established the Midday Meals Scheme in the school for the poor students. He was also a Chief Minister of Tamilnadu. On his birthday many cultural programmers, such as quiz, competitions, and speeches about his life will take place by the students as well as by the teachers, every year.

The 1<sup>st</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> standards attended the school only part time while the higher standards had examination. So in the evening they made brooms out of the fallen coconut leaves' fiber. (Refer my letter dated 14.05.2022).



A storm/cyclone by name Asani hit our area with a heavy Monsoon rain – with a strong wind 250 km. in an hour. Many tender coconuts and ripped coconuts fell down. The many monkeys drank the fresh and clean water from the tender coconuts and also partly ate the inside fresh skin from the ripped fallen coconuts.

*Broom-making workshop in the evening hours*

Farmers nearby and far were getting ready to cultivate crops such as pearl millets, maize, corn, cashew nut, ragi etc. in their dry lands which awaited rain water.

9<sup>th</sup> of July was observed as “Mission Thanksgiving Day” to commemorate the service of the many Missionaries – Ziegenbalg, Plutschau, Grundler and the other Missionaries who all came from abroad to the TELC, gave their precious, valuable service and hardships to our church. Our children went in the morning at 6.00 with the Pastor and few congregation members to the cemetery to place the flower wreath and gave thanks to our Lord for sending the Missionaries to India/TELC and for their great services, rendered to our church and society. At 6.30 in the evening, the special Mission Thanksgiving Day Service” took place in our church. This is not only in our church, but also in all the churches of our TELC.

The Final examination results of those in X and XII stds, were not satisfactory. Out of 7 X std. students, only 3 got through and in XII std. out of 11 students 8 only have come out successfully. All the failed 4 students in X std. and 3 in XII standard = totally 7 have applied to re-write the failed subjects in August/September this year, hoping to go for XI std. or to some training. All those who failed did not stay in our Frolich Home and went to their homes during the “Study Leave” granted by the Government. Please, kindly refer to my letter dated 17.06.2022.

*(Note: The relevant information of the respective letters had been published in the Amy group and in the news ticker on the project website).*

The school restarted on the 13<sup>th</sup> of June for 1<sup>st</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> standards and for the higher classes -11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> on the 27<sup>th</sup> of June.

### **Statistics of the Home 2022/2023:**

Roll	:	33	-	inside
Failed and repeating	:	07	-	at home
Extended 21/22	:	23	-	on training
Extended 22/23	:	09	-	waiting for application and prospects
<b>Total</b>		<b>:</b>	<b>72</b>	



**Garden Products.** Residential Birds- stork, crane, kite, paddy bird, pigeon/dove, sparrow, woodpecker etc. Due to the sufficient rain, the trees have grown fast and tall -Guava, Ashoka, Mango, Lime and Orange trees, Tamarind, Jack fruit, curry-leaf tree, plantain/banana, palmyra, papaya, banyan bamboo tree, Portia, coconut, magosa, sweet plum, casurina, custard apple etc. But most of the fruits, the monkeys, squirrel and crows eat. We could give to our church 6 buckets of mangoes for thanksgiving and afterwards for auction. The price went up more than Rs.5,000.00 despite the quantities are many.



There were flowers always in our campus which welcome the public and whoever enters our campus. Also on Sundays every Sunday the flower vases were arranged and were taken to our church to place them in the altar table. We can look everywhere wild flowers which look like beautiful colored carpet. It reminds me of a song “All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all. There are so many colorful butterflies’ flying all over our campus after drinking honey from our various flowers and are enjoying their life in our Frolich Home. They all give me much joy, especially at this critical time when our Homes were temporarily closed and I miss so much of our dear children.

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> of July, the chairperson of the Child Welfare Committee (CWC) in Tiruvallur informed me that she would like to speak to me on Monday 18 July.

The chairperson then told me that it is now illegal for the girls to still be in the home as the certificate of registration of the society has not been issued till date. The dates have already expired at the end of December 2021 for the boys' home and January 2022 for the girls.

*(Note: The application was made by Mano in 2021, but the first time it was rejected by the office because of a formal error - the forms had changed. The new application could not be approved because the CWC committee members had been newly elected in the meantime and no one from the old committee was still there, so there was supposed to be another complete review of the home, but this was repeatedly postponed due to the ongoing Corona legislation. In addition, there were always new administrative obstacles - and so it went on somehow with transitional arrangements until last week - see also the newsletter May-June 2022)...*

The chairperson of the CWC told me that I had to hand over our girls to the CWC tomorrow (19.07.). But I refused to hand them over before asking the parents for their consent. When the children came back from school, I spoke to them about this matter, that the CWC is temporarily transferring them to other homes until the home gets back the required registration certificate.

The CWC chairperson told me that this was only a temporary arrangement, that our children would be moved to other homes and could attend school from there.

When I spoke to the girls in the evening, they cried a lot and told me that they did not want to go to other homes but preferred to go home with their parents tomorrow and come to school from there.

The chairperson was very kind to me and confided in me that she was very afraid of the Internal Affairs officers if they came to know that the children would continue to stay at the home

without presenting the official registration certificates. She told me several times not to get upset and not to be sad because this arrangement was only temporary.

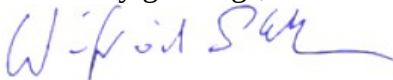
Kind regards - very sadly – yours Mano

P.S.: On 19<sup>th</sup> of July, the parents of all the children in the home, together with their children, went to the Childrens Welfare Office (CWC) and protested against the closure of the facility and officially stated that they were not ready for the girls to be divided into other homes (*picture on page 1 of the newsletter*).

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

With many greetings,



Winfried Stelle, Project Co-ordinator „Amy Carmichel“  
(27<sup>th</sup> of July 2022)

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#### **Date preview** (as of 27.07.2022):

**Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> of September 2022:** **Foster-Parents meeting and general meeting** Amy e.V. in the monastery St. Wigberti in Werningshausen. Start 10:30 a.m., end with coffee together. - **Afterwards there will be a preparatory meeting in the afternoon for the participants of the sponsorship trip 2022.** The invitations to the sponsors' meeting will be sent by post and will then also be available on the website (current newsletter - schedule).

**Foster-Parents visit 2022:** The trip is planned in the period from 15<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> of 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 September / October 2022**, will probably be published in mid-September 2022.

The next **transfer to India** will take place as soon as possible (see info section in the May / June newsletter and above under "important information").

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