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Amy-Newsletter April – July 2024

Dear fosterparentss, friends and supporters of our sponsorship project,

over the past few days, the invitations to this year's foster-parents meeting have been sent to our foster-parents and donors by post. As it will be exactly 20 years since the start of our project in July 2004, we have decided to organise a meeting day this year instead of a "normal" foster-parents' meeting. For this reason, we have also tried to invite former foster-parents, companions, sponsors ... - and since the official work of the project began in July 2004 during a service in the church of St. Nicolai in Weißensee, with the announcement that sponsors for girls in India are being sought, we want to celebrate this meeting day on 24 August 2024 in the St. Nicolai church community centre in Weißensee.

The motto for the whole day will be: **HOFFNUNG - HOPE** - நம்பிக்கை .

The programme is as follows:

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| from 10:30 am | ○ Arrival of the guests and participants |
| 11:00 am | ○ Festive service with regional bishop Bettina Schlauraff |
| afterwards | ○ Joint lunchtime snack |
| | ○ Current situation in India - in general and in Pandur in particular |
| | ○ 20 years of the Amy Project |
| | ○ Insight into the missionary history |
| ca. 3:30 pm | ○ Coffee and cake together |

If you would like to contribute something to the buffet or a cake for coffee, please contact me (Winfried Stelle): amy.carmichel@web.de or phone 036374 21258 or 0174 7156846. Thank you!

As we cannot reach all of you by post (a number of the invitation letters have been returned in the last few days, as some addresses are no longer valid or we sometimes have no postal address at all), I will enclose the invitation for everyone once again with the newsletter. It can also be found and downloaded from the Internet.

Latest news from the project work:

We had all hoped that I would be able to start the next (i.e. this) newsletter with the good news: "The Frolich Home is finally open again, we have taken in ... new children - and we are urgently looking for new foster-parents!".

As you know, however, our project is located in India...

The good news first: on 1 July 2024, the two hostels at Frolich Home (girls' and boys' home) were granted their operating licence and can officially reopen.

Unfortunately, it is still unclear today (10 July 2024) when this step can actually take place. The reason for this is a lack of money. The money is there, but unfortunately it has not yet been possible to get it to the place where it is needed.

As a reminder: Last year, the (old) Indian central government withdrew the approval of all non-governmental organisations, institutions and companies to receive funds from abroad. The organisations and companies in question then had to reapply for this - and approval must (now mandatorily) be granted by the central government in Delhi.

We also heard in the press that the aid organisation "World Vision India", for example, had permanently lost its licence. Many NGOs suffered a similar fate.

The Tamil Church (TELC), to which our Frolich Home also belongs, was granted temporary permission to access foreign currency again at the end of last year.

This was to apply for the months of November and December.

However, only one transfer to India was actually possible at the end of November. Another transfer, after the first money had arrived, was blocked by the Indian bank on TELC's account and could not be withdrawn. After we investigated the reason for this (as the exemption was still valid), the entire amount was transferred back to Germany by the Indian bank without explanation. So far, so bad.

From January onwards, negotiations between TELC and the government resumed and there were property inspections and audits by government officials.

The result was that there were no objections and nothing stood in the way of the licence to receive foreign funds being granted again.

However, the parliamentary and central government elections in India this spring lasted six long weeks (with no preparation or follow-up work), leaving the civil service with little time for anything else.

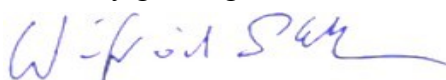
The election is now history. Although the previous governing party won the election mathematically, it was also the biggest loser of the election, losing around 200 parliamentary seats. It can no longer govern without a coalition partner. This will certainly be reflected in a (hopefully) more moderate government policy over the next five years.

The bishop of the TELC has sought dialogue with the government again in recent weeks. It was confirmed to him that the TELC will receive the foreign exchange licence. The money needed to make the Frolich Home fit for the new start is waiting at the LMW in Leipzig for the "green light" to be transferred. That is the current status.

Independently, we have also checked all possible alternatives to the official transfers in case of an absolute emergency. However, there is no really good alternative solution.

We hope and pray that everything will get up and running quickly (faster than we might dare to think).

With many greetings,



Winfried Stelle, Project-Coordinator „Amy Carmichel“

(10 July 2024)

For all those who do not use the WhatsApp group or the news ticker on the Internet, here is the most important information that has not yet been mentioned in the text above:

Due to the election campaign and the parliamentary elections, the 2024 upper secondary school examinations were postponed until March to April (they normally take place between the end of February and the end of March). The exam results were then announced in mid-May:

The result of the Public Examination had been published on the following days:

Date	Standard	S.No	Name	AC No	Marks	Remarks
06.05.2024	12th std	1.	A. Prasanna	(AC 02-15)	374/600	Passed
06.05.2024	12th std	2.	S. Dharshini Priya	(AC 05-18)	331/600	Passed

10.05.2024	10th std	1.	G.Priya Dharshini	(AC 08-16)	338/500	Passed
10.05.2024	10th std	2.	C.Lavanya	(AC 03-17)	398/500	Passed
10.05.2024	10th std	3.	S.Janani	(AC 11-14)	290/500	Passed
10.05.2024	10th std	4.	C.Manusha	(AC 09-19)	272/500	Passed

Our girls all passed this year.

S.No	Name	AC No	Marks	Remarks
1)	A.Lydia Krenapu	(AC 12-17)	284/500	Pass
2)	S.Bharathi	(AC 01-18)	300/500	Pass
3)	R.Jenitha	(AC 04-18)	340/500	Pass
4)	M.Abinaya	(AC 07-18)	312/500	Pass
5)	A.Ashitha Merlin	(AC 11-17)	224/500	Failed in 3 subjects
6)	P.Priya Dharshini	(AC 09-18)	204/500	Failed in 4 subjects

The examination results for 11th std. for the 2023 / 2024 school year were also announced in mid-May (see above).

Unfortunately, 2 of our girls in this year group did not pass (one in 3 subjects, the 2nd even in 4 subjects). However, both of them have the opportunity to retake the exams in the subjects concerned.

In June, all previous temperature records were broken in northern India. On 1 June, for example, the temperature there was 52.8°C.

In Tiruvallur, the temperature was "only" 45 degrees. As there had already been deaths due to the high temperatures, schools remained closed until 10 June (the summer holidays would actually have ended on 1 June).

The weather improved from the 2nd week of June. The first rains came and the daytime temperatures dropped to around 32°C at present. The rainfall is still continuing.

Date preview (as of 10.07.2024):

Foster-parents meeting 2024: will take place on **Saturday, 24 August 2024 in Weißensee**, in the St. Nicolai church community centre as a **meeting day**. The theme of the day will be "Hope". It is planned to begin at 11:00 a.m. with a festive church service. Regional Bishop Schlauraff will celebrate the service with us. This will be followed by a buffet lunch and a small festive programme (20 years of the Amy Project).

Please make a note of the date!

The Foster-parents visit 2024: This year's foster-parents visit will take place from 24 September to 11 October 2024. The foster-parents visit group has been finalised.

Unfortunately, registrations are no longer possible.

Please note: The **Foster-parents visit** is always a guided group tour offer. Participation is possible for up to 20 people.

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

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The **next newsletter** is expected to be published in September 2024.

The latest news is always available in the "News Ticker" on our website and via the WhatsApp info group (registration possible via 0174-7156846).

The next **transfer to India** will take place as soon as possible.

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Interest in a Foster-parentship?

Foster-parentship of one of our boarding school children is already possible for 17.50 euros per month, a study sponsorship for approx. 25.00 euros per month (as of July 2024).

New sponsorships will hopefully be possible again soon.

The Foster-parentship project can be reached at amy.carmichel@web.de

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Thank you for your support!

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