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Newsletter November/December 2021

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

For weeks I have been waiting day after day for the good news from India that the rain that has lasted since November 3rd in northern Tamil Nadu has finally stopped. Unfortunately in vain so far. For some time now and then there have been rain-free sections and there have also been a few days when the sun has shown itself. But so far there have been weather warnings for heavy rain every week.

After the school for the upper level could start again after the Corona closure on September 1, the start of school for grades 1 to 8 was delayed again and again, until finally on November 15. In September this was still due to the Corona situation, in October then a large number of public holidays and then in November the never-ending rain, which so far has led to several days of absence at schools (the Tamil government then leaves school free at short notice exclaimed as soon as a storm front approaches).

We **currently** have a total of 47 school girls in our home (60 are regularly scheduled). The new admissions for this school year are still pending (with a few exceptions). I described the relevant procedure in more detail in the last newsletter. Many papers have to be presented to the authorities and confirmed. It all takes a lot of time - and not all families have, for example, birth certificates for their children. Sometimes some of the other required papers are missing or, or ...

The Frolich Home has been a state-approved facility for 5 years now. This recognition was given for the first time and it was initially set for 5 years. This year, a **review and reclassification by the authorities** is due.

There was a property inspection and inspection by government officials last week. All children were questioned by the officers. We hope, of course, that there will be state recognition again for the next 5 years.

Ms Mano, our home manager, asked when the **new children could be expected** and how many there would actually be. For the time being, 10 girls are envisaged by the office. A possible date cannot yet be said. But everything can be settled until after the Pongal holidays (mid / end of January), so the answer. That is not what I would have wished for, but at least something tangible at last (and certainly a positive indication of further recognition).

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The two CWC officers inspecting the home -



and talking to our children

Unfortunately, what is imminent is that some of our girls have to leave the Frolich Home again. These are children who have been in the Frolich Home for several years, but do not have a birth certificate, for example.

According to the applicable state guidelines, these children are not allowed to be admitted to any other institution or school. In my understanding, an impossible state. But this regulation was introduced by the central government a few years ago (and is currently one of the points to be considered when reclassifying).

We already had this procedure five years ago. At that time, after a certain period of time, the office considered and asked whether some of the girls affected with a special status could not be re-admitted after all ...

It is now known from some other children that the families intend to move to more distant regions over the Christmas and Pongal holidays. Here, too, the support measures and the respective sponsorships will probably end (it is also a government requirement that no more children may be in the facility whose families do not live in the home district of the facility).

The foster-parents concerned will of course be informed as soon as the children concerned really have to leave the facility.



Briefly **back to the weather**. Extreme weather situations with a lot of rain occur in the region every 5 to 7 years. The interim is often marked by drought over long stretches. Some readers may still remember the severe floods of November / December 2015. At that time the water stood over a large area, sometimes several meters high over a longer period of time, and rivers and streams had turned into torrents. The situation in 2021 is not that serious. But the prolonged rain with repeated downpours also causes great damage in many places. There were also localized floods this year, especially in the first two weeks in northern Tamil Nadu. The situation is currently worse further south.

Most of the houses have flat roofs. The drainage pipes are quickly clogged when it rains heavily and water stagnates quickly on the roofs. Small cracks in the seal then quickly become a problem.

< Flooded Street in Chennai in early November

As a result, many people had to deal with water leaking into their homes.

Hardly a house was spared on the Frolich Home campus either. Ms Mano had hired 3 additional workers who were only busy preventing the worst damage during the period of continuous rain. If the situation allows, a whole series of repair work will be required.



Temporary roof waterproofing. The girls help too

A preliminary cost estimate was made and we were able to transfer the estimated amount with the transfer of the Christmas money from the disaster fund of the Amy project. It's good that this has been around for a few years and that we are able to act quickly – and it's really wonderful that there are so many people who support us again and again beyond a sponsorship. **Here's a big “THANK YOU!” To all the good souls!**

With the thanks, I'm right back to the Christmas transfer . This year the unbelievable amount of 2,670.00 euros in Christmas donations for general use was collected. Thus it will be possible for us not only to give something to the children without a personal Christmas gift, the families and employees can also receive support as a Christmas gift. **Thanks to all donors!**

Now the money just has to arrive in Pandur promptly. It is on the way.

I would like to close with some photos from the last few days for this time (please see for this on page 4).

The latest information will continue to be available via the WhatsApp info group and in the “ news ticker ” on the Amy website www.amycarmichel.bplaced.net .

We wish everyone a good time in Advent and a Merry Christmas and all of you have a good start into the New Year - I should especially like to say hello to everyone from Mano and the children!

With best regards,

Winfried Stelle, Project-Coordinator „Amy Carmichel“
(November 30 2021)

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Date preview (as of 30.11.2021):

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.

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The **newsletter for January / February 2022** is expected to appear in mid-January 2022.

The **next transfer to India** (with all special payments received up to then) will probably take place in early / mid-February 2022.



On November 28, there was an alumni day for the graduates from the 1990s.



Our girls organized a prayer for the 1st Advent - and on November 30th. there was a shopping tour to Tiruvallur to buy the Christmas dresses (they are available for everyone every year) ...

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 November 2021).

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Thank you for your support!

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