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Amy-Newsletter August - November 2023

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

behind the newsletter in July, here is now finally another "real" newsletter with the most important information and a review of the time from March to October by Mano Amma (thanks to Luise, our current volunteer in Pandur, for the translation).

But before I start with the actual newsletter, here are two short pieces of information that should not go unnoticed:

Our next foster-parents meeting will take place **on Saturday, 24 August 2024**.

In 2024, the sponsorship project will be 20 years old. For this reason, our annual meeting will take place in Weißensee in the Nicolai-church (where the practical work began in 2004 with an announcement about the search for foster-parents in one of the church services).

We are planning a small festive programme (open to the congregation and all interested parties as a congregational afternoon) followed by coffee and a festive church service at the end of the day. **Please make a note of the date!**

The 2024 foster-parents visit will take place between 22 September and 12 October 2024.

(Please note, this is the planned period, not the exact travel date).

The trip is planned for 2½ weeks this time. It will include a trip of several days to Trichy (with a domestic flight), as Bishop Samraj has invited us to celebrate the 20th anniversary of Amy. The TELC office is located in Trichy. **Registrations are now possible.**

Unfortunately, a foster-parents visit did not materialise this year due to a lack of participants.

Nevertheless, I was in Pandur from the beginning to the middle of October. There were simply too many things that needed to be discussed in the meantime. A personal meeting on site is always better.

It was fortunate that Bishop Christian Samraj also took the time for a working meeting with intensive discussions in Pandur while I was there. He had combined this with a visit to the parish and an introductory service, as this was his first time in the region and in Pandur in his role as the new bishop of TELC.





The current situation in India can best be described as "mixed".



The new church leadership is working intensively on all the problems that have arisen. Most of the grievances in connection with the children's homes have already been resolved (the non-profit status that was cancelled across the board for all independent sponsors by the central government has been re-approved, the expired permission to receive funds from abroad has been granted again, etc.).

However, not everything always works straight away. For example, our transfer from July was simply stopped by the bank in India (without notification) - and when we started to investigate, it was suddenly transferred back to Leipzig with the note "Recipient cannot be assigned", although all the details had been provided as usual.

There was also a girl who had already been officially assigned to the Frolich Home (A. Freeda Yazhini, 4th grade). However, she could not be admitted because the most important documents required for this were suddenly "lost" at the (government) office and the admission could therefore not be processed any further. But these are just a few examples.

According to the bishop, the transfer problem has now been resolved.

According to information from the responsible government authority in Chennai, the aim is to reoccupy the homes in January or February 2024. In practice, this is complete nonsense, as the end-of-year examinations begin in February, staggered from class 12 (A-levels) downwards.

The growing bureaucracy over the Modi period and all the other impasses have prompted the church leadership to consider gradually transferring all TELC children's homes to the legal status of "hostel".

The Catholic Church had already begun this process some time ago and had had nothing but good experiences in the case of the rededicated homes.

TELC then applied for the conversion of the first of its hostels. After our consultation with the bishop, this was then also tackled for the Frolich Home.

In practical terms, this means that everything can be done in the same way as before all the changes to the law in recent years: A huge amount of bureaucracy will be eliminated. Children from the neighbouring villages of Pandur, which belong to other districts, can once again be admitted. The admission of all girls no longer has to be applied for and confirmed by the government office with each new school year. The offices can no longer expel individual children from the centre, as has happened several times in recent years following the appointment of new heads of office, etc.

We will have to wait and see how long it takes to officially convert the home status into a hostel. However, we hope that it will be well before the January / February 2024 deadline set by the government.

When the time comes, our girls can all come back immediately.

There are currently 15 girls living in the project, 6 to 8 of whom also spend the night in the manager's house, while the others go home to sleep.

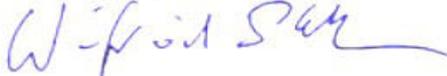
A number of our girls have been assigned to other schools by the authorities. Nevertheless, Mano Amma continues to look after them as best he can. In their case, the foreign school authorities will certainly not release the students concerned before the end of the school year in April so that they can return to our TELC Kabis High School.

In order to enable them to return to Frolich Home as quickly as possible, we on the Amy Association Board have decided to pay for bus transfers to the schools concerned for the remaining months of the current school year.

There is currently no longer any contact with a few of our girls and the families concerned can no longer be reached. It is with a heavy heart that Mano Amma is now finalising the relevant graduation documents. The same applies to some girls who have now decided not to take their final exams and/or not to enrol in training courses. I will then get in touch with the sponsors concerned.

As soon as there is any news, I will announce it in the WhatsApp group as well as via the news ticker on our website - and now hand over to Mano Amma with her report.

With best regards,



Winfried Stelle, Projekt-Coordinator „Amy Carmichel“

(06. November 2023)



Baptism with bishop (see Mano report)



Discussion and greeting round after the service

Date preview (as of 06/11/2023):

Foster-parents meeting 2024: Saturday, 24 August 2024 in Weißensee, in the St. Nicolai community centre. A small festive programme is planned (20 years of the Amy Project) followed by coffee and a festive church service to conclude the day.

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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 at the end of 2023.

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 November 2023).

New sponsorships will hopefully be possible again soon.

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

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Date:- 25,26,27/ 10/ 2023

News Letter from March 2023 to October 2023

Dear Fosterparents, Friends and Well-wishers of our Amy Carmichel Project
(Frolich Home and Amy Foundation (India),

Loving greetings to you all in the exalted name of Jesus. We thank God for His immeasurable and steadfast faithfulness shown towards us. When this letter reaches you, it will be the beginning of 11th month of this year. We look back gratefully the last 10 months with praise and thanksgiving remembering how patient our Lord has been with us in spite of our shortcomings and has been faithful in providing, protecting and preserving our children and co-workers and their families. All the needs of our children were met and we have lacked nothing because of the love and faithfulness of our heavenly father as well as our dear foster parents and well wishers.

During these days we are aware about the terrorists' forces which are threatening the whole world and the recent terror attacks claiming so many innocent lives in Manipur and other countries make us realize more than ever that we are indeed living in most uncertain times. We are hearing so much about the crumbling global economy these days but we give thanks that we can completely rely on God's economy.

In March from 21st to 24th March - it was raining continuously, with thunder lightning and wind, tall coconut trees fell down on the roof of the Multipurpose Hall and on Winni Cottage, Toilet roof of the Frolich Home and on the store-room veranda. Heaps of shrubs, the bark and the leaves fell down from the trees, made the campus untidy and garbage were accumulated. To remove the garbage / trash, shovel, the other tools were hired from people outside as with one tool the rubbish could not be , cleared and also fearing that under the garbage, snakes might have hidden.

From 24th to 26th March 2023 were 3 days Convention/Revival Meetings held in the open air of our Church where much crowd from other villages also participated. A special speaker was called for conducting the 3 days meeting. It has been a tradition every year in all the churches to hold the Revival Meeting during the Passion Week in the evening time whether it is Lutheran Church,

Church of South India (CSI), Arcot Lutheran Church (ALC) and the Independent Churches etc.

On the 2nd of April, Palm Sunday was observed while the small, youth and elders participated in the long procession through the nearby villages at 7.00 in the morning, headed by the **village chapel choir of Pandur** with bands (Drums) and other musical instruments in which a number of our Frolich Home children staying at home with their parents and the 8 girls who stayed with me in the Manager House participated. The church was decorated beautifully by palm leaves, supplied from our coconut tope in our campus by our co-workers and the local Women's Fellowship Members. As this Sunday was on the 1st week of the month, Holy Communion was observed and 3 Pastors were engaged to help the Local Pastor to help him. Despite the Divine Service on this day ended exactly in the forenoon at 12.00 am.

The next Sunday was Easter, the church was decorated with white Jasmine Flowers and the dawn service was held in the graveyard at 5.00 in the morning for an hour, illumination there was great. This day, the service started only at 9.a.m instead of the usual time at 8.30.

After 6 months, a big monkey arrived in our campus, was sitting near the table of the Manager on the verandah, the girls were afraid to come inside as the monkey was not moving from the spot for few minutes.

In our garden suddenly a deer was found and as our girls made a big noise rejoicing seeing the deer, it itself was afraid and escaped. This rejoicing sound was because so far only stray dogs and cows enter our campus till today when they find the entrance door is opened (for the vehicles to come in) , and never seen a deer before.

On the 17th of March, 2023, the Pay Order from LMW towards the fees for the Extended Fostership students for the year 2022/2023 was sent to the TELC Treasury.(ref: K370001.01.23) for €uro 15,990.00 As only part payment we received from the Treasury, only few girls got the money and later when the balance amount was released to us, the other Extended Fostership students got their fees.

From 29.04.23 to 09.05.2023, the 10 days Summer Bible School started. As usual the group was divided in age wise-Senior, Intermediate, Junior and Primary. This year the subject was about the Missionaries. On one day, the story was about Miss Amy Carmichel. So in all the Summer Bible Schools, all who attended were

taught about the service of Miss Amy Carmichel. I was very happy when I went for the inspection on the final day.

School reopening day: 1) announced on the 1st of June, 2) changed to 7th June, 3) changed to 12th June 2023, for the High and Higher Secondary schools,(6th to 12th stds), but to the Primary school on the 14th of June in consultation with the Chief Minister and the Education Minister of Tamilnadu due to the heavy heat prevailed on those days.

2nd June, 2023, Chartered Accountants (Auditors) from Government were here from Trichy for 2 days to audit our accounts. Everything went on well.

1st of August 2023, 1) V.Preethima (AC 19-11), 2) K.Parthima (AC 07-17), 3) V.Pavithra (AC 09-16), 4) P.Banu Priya (AC 08-12) were admitted in Jehovah Institute of Para Medical, near Chennai in various Diploma Courses for 30 months. But P. Banu Priya (AC 08-12) when she came home for the weekend fell down at home, and broke her right arm and had to go now and then for check-up to the Government Hospital. So she is now at present in the Hostel, studying spoken English and will be admitted in Lab Technician Course in Tiruvallur in June 2024.

Left our Home: in 2023 September 1) K.Poornimma (AC 08-15), 2) F.Jecintha Jane Monisha (AC 15-17), 3) S.Sabitha (AC 11-16), 4) K.Parvatham (AC 04-16) and 5) K.Lathika (AC 05-16) .

An Approved Panel Engineer Class 1 A by the Board of Engineers, from Arakonam (Government) Arakonam, visited our Home to issue for the next 3 years the Building Structural Soundness Certificate to run the Home which has been exhausted on the 30th of June, 2023. Also our local Tahsildar has to approve the certificate issued by the Panel Engineer, Arakonam. The Hostel has to pay an amount of Rs.5,000.00.

Matters about finance position as on today: 1) The Pay Order No.K370001.02.23 signed on 04.07.2023 by the LMW office had been sent back to the LMW from our TELC Central Treasury, Trichy and had been transferred again to the TELC with the full recipient address on Fri.Sep.2015, 2023 for €uro 10,264.51 for the months November 2021 to February 2022.

2) The next Pay Order No.K370001.03.23 signed on 13.09.23 for €uro 24,294.00 for the months March 2022 to June 2022 have not been received.

But a total amount of Rs.5,00,000.00 had been credited in our Bank Account at the Indian Bank Tiruvallur on 05.10.2023.

This includes the College Fees for the Extended Fostership Students for the year 2023/2024. As no Proceedings/Extract from the Church Council, Secretary, (newly elected after the election in July 2023) has been received till this date regarding issuing Order for the “Operation of Bank Account **jointly together** with the Local Pastor no money could be withdrawn. While asking the Hostel Board Department, Trichy, Central Office, the reply was as follows: all the Departments in the Central Office have been closed for few days to get ready for the visit of the Education Minister and his team and to hold a meeting with them in the Auditorium there on Saturday, the 18th inst. The teachers of all TELC Primary, Middle, High and Higher Secondary Schools should be present to meet the Education Minister and his team compulsorily all over from the TELC with their Correspondents, Headmasters and Headmistresses.

On 07/08.10.2023 the Revered Bishop/President, Rt.Rev.Dr.A.Christian Samraj visited our Home with his wife Mrs.Esther Samraj. On this Sunday, we had the Fosterparents of A.Prasanna (AC 22-15), Mrs.Ute and Mr.Ulli Siebrand, Mr.Winni, our Project Coordinator and Mr.Thomas Pietsch and also our Volunteer Miss Luise. a) The baptism of N.Priya son (AC M1) took place while Mr.Thomas Pietsch and Mano became the godparents of the son as per the request of the parents. b) A.Prasana (AC No.22-15) and her brother Abishek were confirmed while Prasana Fosterparents became the god parents as well as the Fosterparents of Prasana. The Bishop Christian Samraj gave the baptism for the son of Priya and also the confirmation to A.Prasana. On this day he conducted the Divine Service in our Church.

At the outset, I thank and praise God for the wonderful things that He had done in our Home since its inception. God had been faithful to our children of the Home in and around and also those who are in training and had met all our needs in a wonderful way.

Last not least, I thank our Project Co-ordinator, Amy Board Members, our Fosterparents and Well-wishers who all remember our children and co-workers and support us till today with their prayers and finance.

Frolich Home: 27.10.2023

Thankfully yours,

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