## "Amy Carmichel" - Hilfe für Kinder in Indien e.V.



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## **Amy Info Letter April 2025**

Dear foster-parents, friends and supporters of our sponsorship project, it's time for a new newsletter with the latest important information.



Last Saturday (26 April), our annual foster-parent meeting took place at the St. Wigberti monastery in Werningshausen. We were only a small group this time, but it was a lively meeting. We sat together until almost 5.00 pm.

In addition to the review of the association's work in the past year and the travel report of the trip to India in September/October 2024, there were also two video links to India: one with our new home manager at the Frolich Home, Mrs Elizabeth Dhinagar - and the second with our former

manager Mrs Raja Monohara (Mano Amma). The latter sends her warmest regards to all sponsors and once again thanks everyone who has stood by her and helped her recently (in connection with her operation). She said she is doing well - and she is particularly happy that she has been able to use the internet again for a few days back now.

A video call with Bishop Christian Samraj was also planned, but didn't work out as he was already on the way to the airport.

He will be at the Kirchentag (Church Convention) in Hanover this week - and will take part in a discussion evening at the LMW Mission House in Leipzig on Monday 5 May from 5.00 pm. Nevertheless, he phoned us briefly and sent his best wishes to all of us.

There is good hope in India that Frolich Home will be able to resume operations at the start of the new school year on 1 June and that the approval from the central government to receive foreign remittances will (probably) finally be in place by then. This was the status of a meeting with the Bishop, some representatives of the church leadership, Mrs Elizabeth and the Amy Board on 1 April.

A few days earlier there had been further talks with government representatives and also with the district administration in Tiruvallur. Both had gone well.

Mrs Elizabeth is now preparing for the restart in June. Over the past few weeks, there have been numerous interviews with the children who will 'take possession' of the hostel again from June and their families. A total of 20 new girls will then be admitted - and of course all our Amy girls who have not yet completed their schooling in the past school year will return.

April and May are traditionally the summer holidays in Tamil Nadu. Of course, this benefits us now, as it gives us a buffer period until all the 'administrative' work gets underway and the necessary work on the project can still be carried out.

According to Mrs Elizabeth, the hostel building is already largely usable, but work is still needed in the sanitary area - and the outdoor area must of course be urgently taken care of. This work is planned for May.

Then there will also be the acceptance and inspection by the district office.

So much for the current status. Let's hope and pray that everything can now really be realised as planned - and that we can actually implement the financing. Because unfortunately, we can't do it without getting the money to the home...

I enclose to the email-version the programme of the evening talk with Bishop Samraj in Leipzig. If you are interested and have the opportunity to attend on Monday, you can still register by contacting the LMW (if you are quick enough).

However, there is also the possibility to be there from 6.00 pm via a video link. The link can be found in the email attached.

Incidentally, the LMW's annual festival this year will be held on the theme Tamil Nadu. It will take place on 14/15 June in Leipzig. Registrations can be made with the LMW, e.g. via their website: www.leipziger-missionswerk.de

With many greetings,

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