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Newsletter September/October 2021

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

we have finally made some progress. On September 1st, classes for grades 9 to 12 finally started - with a quarter of a year's delay - (the new school year in Tamil Nadu actually starts on June 1st each year) and the senior girls were allowed to move back into Frolich Home.

The start was a bit bumpy and took some getting used to.

Some of the 30 girls had to be sent back home or were not allowed to come at all because they could not present a Corona negative certificate or proof of vaccination (this is required by the government this year for all pupils, students and teachers - students and teachers have to be vaccinated). And in the school, distance must be kept (2 metres) and other Corona-related rules must be observed here, as well as in the boarding school.

But in the meantime everything has settled down. Classes are now Monday to Saturday. This is intended to make up for the previous cancellations of lessons.



Finally back into the Frolich Home – our students from the higher classes

Education / Training curses:

(Almost) normal on-site classes have also started again at most colleges. Here, too, the Corona regulations apply, just like at the schools.

Quite a number of our Amy students were able to complete their training in August and will now go into a first job. Some are still in the middle of their final exams these days.

A total of 11 Amy girls started their studies or training on September 1st and 3 others were already in training.

In total, we thus have 29 young ladies and one young gentleman in training for the academic year 2021/2022.

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The sponsors of the girls with degrees have already been informed, I will contact those of the 11 study starters soon, but I am still missing the documents.

Start of Lower and Middle School:

What could not happen yet is the start of school for the lower and middle school (grades 1 to 8). The Tamil government has informed us that this has been postponed to the beginning of October. At the moment, 4 October is planned.

The reason for the delay is that there are still some regions in Tamil Nadu with high numbers of Corona infections.

New admissions:

Ms Mano plans to admit a total of 20 new girls to Frolich Home this year. Preliminary discussions have already taken place. These are children from all grades.

However, it may take some time before this happens. For the younger girls, the start of school in their classes has to be clear first - and all the government bureaucracy has to be dealt with (which has once again become even more extensive than it already was over the past years).

For your information: I currently have 14 godparents on the "waiting list". - Please be patient, but things are moving forward!

The admission procedure to a boarding school now includes, somewhat simplified, the following steps:

The application for admission to a boarding school must be made at the CWC (Childrens Welfare Centre) by presenting the Aadhar card of the children concerned and their parents (*this is a chip card, analogous to our identity card, but with much higher functional content*). Furthermore, the "Smart or Ration Card" must be presented (*this is an entitlement card for allowances from the Social Welfare Office*) and a letter of recommendation from the village administration should not be forgotten. In addition, in honour of the Corona pandemic, a Corona negative certificate from the medical officer must be available.

All girls should go to the CWC along with their parents and bring all the above documents.

Next, someone from the governing body of the CWC will make a home visit to the child concerned to assess the situation on the ground and the need for the intervention. The report in question is then presented to the CWC's panel and they decide whether an admission to the facility in question may take place.

The admission criteria prescribe the following priorities:

Priority is to be given to orphans, followed by half-orphans. Only then may children who have both parents be considered.

All children should come from the Tiruvallur district.

There are then a number of regulations that have been adopted and introduced by the government in recent years due to unfortunate circumstances in some institutions.

One of these regulations states that home admissions may only take place for a period of one year, in exceptions for 2 years. After this period, the entire admission procedure has to be repeated, no matter how long the children in question have been in the institution before.

According to Ms Mano, who is the manager of both children's homes in Pandur, the government officials have always been very satisfied with the conditions in both the girls' and boys' homes.

Further information:

All our girls were invited to Frolich Home for August 16th to receive gift packs of rice, cooking oil, food, vegetables and toiletries worth Rs. 700.00 each. Ms Mano had invited the pastor to attend - and there was a small programme. It was the disbursement of the general Corona aid

received. Many thanks to all the donors!



The construction of the grandma/grandchildren house has made great progress since the last newsletter, but has not yet been completed. There have been delays again and again due to bad weather conditions (this year in July there was once again the South-West Monsoon - actually a good circumstance for the country, but not conducive to building projects), sometimes there were problems getting the necessary materials, the Corona regulations did their part - or it could not be built because the construction workers were simply ill. At the moment, everything is once again at a standstill due to illness. But Ms Mano is trying to finish the construction as soon as possible:

the regular rainy season is coming.



Storm damage on campus at the end of August

Until the start of school, the Frolich Home campus was always busy with work: rotten wood from the many trees on the grounds had to be removed, the Winni-Garden and the fencing around the grounds had to be put back in order (a major construction project is planned for next year, as snakes and other creatures keep invading the grounds) - and at the end of August, there was another storm, to which some of the large trees fell victim. Fortunately, there was no damage to people or

Buildings.

And it is not only the various government officials who keep visiting the project. At the beginning of September, the TELC Hostel Board Chairman was in Pandur.



The lockdown regulations still in force at weekends (no church services and meetings) are expected to remain in place until the end of the month.

Incidentally, there are no such restrictions on weekdays. For example, church services in and around Pandur currently always take place on Wednesdays.

Up-to-date information will continue to be available via the WhatsApp info group and in the "News Ticker" on the Amy website www.amycarmichel.bplaced.net.

I wish everyone a good autumn time.

With many greetings,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Winfried Stelle".

(September 22nd 2021) Winfried Stelle, Project-Coordinator „Amy Carmichel“

Date preview (as of 22.09.2021):

Saturday, October 2nd 2021: Foster-Parents meeting with general meeting in the Monastery St. Wigberti in Werningshausen / Thuringia. (*Deadline for registration was 15 September. Unfortunately, participation without pre-registration is not possible this year. We ask for your understanding*).

Foster-Parents visit 2021: Unfortunately, the visit has to be cancelled once again this year!

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 November / December 2021** is expected to be published in mid-November 2021.

The next money-transfer to India (with all special gifts received until then) is expected to take place at the beginning / middle of October 2021.

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 September 2021).

Help with a donation?

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Thank you for your support!

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