

Newsletter about the Schoolproject in Southindia

Like as a father pitieth his children: so the Lord pitieth them that feare him. Psalm 103, 13

Dear Friends

As we recently have come back from India we want to let you participate in our great experiences.

After a long journey, we arrived safely Monday morning in Haliyal.

The children welcomed us cordially together with the teachers and the rest of our workers and Eric, a dear friend of us, whom we've met the year before.

Among the children we could recognize many new faces. The number of the schoolchildren had increased to 65.

Very soon we could find out, that the housemother Ansuya was overworked with the cooking and the washing for the children. Immediately we started to search for a helping hand for her.

It didn't take much time and we could find somebody.

Bastin, a mother of a student was ready to help. On 1st of February she started to wash and shower the children every 2nd day and also to wash the clothes of the 65 children.

The children liked her from the first moment.



Most of the children had various sicknesses when we came, and so Marion started a health check of all the children.

Class by class she examined the children on skin-, eye-, ear-, worm- and other diseases.

Some children again were suffering from ringworm or scabies. Many had small wounds filled with pus, which she had to open.

The children were very brave and if it was paining very much, they

got a sweet.

One First- Aid helper which has been trained last year helped at the examinations.

At that time when we were there it was very cold during the night, so many children got a very bad cough. We bought 2 cans of cough syrup.

In addition some of the children got chickenpox and so a part of our house was used as a sanatorium.

The children had to lie there, isolated from the others, and got a special treatment.

As a small comfort, we gave the boys small donated toy cars as a present and the girls little stuffed animals. This made them very happy and let them recover quickly.



One small boy called Nikhil, we got very fond of. He suffered from a very terrible and tough cough. When we asked for his parents, we got a very sad answer. His Mummy and Daddy had died in October and November last year because they were infected of HIV.

We got very scared that Nikhil is probably also infected with that disease, so we hurried to the next hospital to let him be tested. You can't imagine how happy we were, when we heard that he is not infected.



Because of lots of donations we could push forward the work on the school construction.





The kitchen and the dining hall were built, as well as the toilets and the washing place. The plastering of the classrooms could be started and the plumbing and electrification.



This project should once become a self-supporting project and so we put our focus also on the fieldwork. The more they grow themselves, the better. So we looked for a good gardener.



By God's grace, right at that moment, Francis, Bastin's husband came back from Goa, where he had worked temporarily, and he agreed to do this job.

Bastin and Francis are really reliable and diligent Afroindians and from now on they will care for the whole campus and for the children in the hostel.

A big piece of land was ploughed and prepared to plant some vegetables like beans, tomatoes, brinjals and other kinds of vegetables.

The planting of the rice has to wait until next year, because we need our own oxes and some more funds to be able to pay more workers.

We could see that the school construction will not be completed before we leave but nevertheless we prepared everything for the school opening ceremony on 18.02.2007.



Together with all the school kids we drove to the new school site. A big tent has been built in front of the new school building.



After the children had presented a nice music programme, some people were honoured for their great work and the school was opened officially by cutting the red ribbon. As a remembrance we planted 2 coconut plants in the middle of the school ground. The eyes of the Afroindian people were shining brightly. Now their dream have become true. They are having their own school in the middle of their villages, where their children can study free from any discrimination and harassment.

They know very well that this all could be made possible only because of many sponsors. They were very grateful and we want to pass on their thanks to all the supporting companies and friends.



A special thanksgiving goes also to all the parents who sponsor the children monthly, who pay for their school fee and hostel charge.



Many more children are on the waiting list and wait for the moment when they also will be admitted to school.

Still there is much work to do like building a hostel or building flats for the workers and a fence around the school ground. But we are very thankful and happy about everything which could be done already.

May God bless you all abundantly, for all the efforts you have made to support this project in the past and as we hope in the future.

Many nice greetings from

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