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Living in Sharing — Help to help themselves

Newsletter to our HANDinHAND-friends

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„The Richness of the Poor“

Dearest friends of HANDinHAND !

In a few weeks I will start for India again seeing all the many people and sharing with them my life, who themselves draw hope from our help here in Germany. In the beginning of January 2010 (as EACH year on 3rd Sunday in January) we experienced by slide-show and by my travel report of the 22nd India journey in 2009 how your donations have reached people and have been realized into concrete projects to facilitate their lives.

The dignity of each man is despite all poverty inviolable and we concentrate our attention with open and friendly view towards all those people living there. In addition to other terrible news and pictures from all over world, we can always see: The dignity of man is highly valued! We have to help to protect and to care for it – everywhere. The laughing eyes of the people in India are like a bridge to us.

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HANDinHAND-made !

In the nearly 20 year old history of HANDinHAND Society this is already the 16th edition of the so far German „HandinHand-gemacht“, but the very first English translation of it. Please read it to get informed about our current HANDinHAND activities as well as our main principles and ideas.

And if you like this newsletter, please send us your feedback via info@handinhand.info

Happiness, luck and gratitude can flow in both directions and can be catching. Let us open our heart for this and be fascinated! A few examples of our help can make it clear that just WE here in Germany can learn from people in India the old values, which we have lost but which are lived there every single day. I am very convinced: those lifestyles of the poor in India can positively influence our actual value-discussions in Germany. I have discovered the following standards of living in India:

- **Do something and seize your chance !** Like Srinu the street vendor whose feet and arms are mutilated. He wants to make something of his life and whom we supported to set up a little shop.
- **Be creative and have courage to take the risks !** As an old guru of North-India did who conquered property from government for 16 homeless families. Now HANDinHAND is helping those families.
- **Never give up. Have a strong heart !** This showed us Vish-

east coast. They are happy about any little gift they will get.

- **Be curious for your life !** Children of aborigines midst of the jungle want to learn something from school and be part of life on earth.
- **Be relaxed. There will be always a solution !** This shows us Pydamma a single mother with 4 children who will finally have a home for her family, because here in Germany there was someone who opened his heart and his pocket and provided 700 Euro that HiH could build up a house for them and now the family can live peacefully.
- **Be satisfied with what you have !** Like the old leper and the mutilated Mr. Muttuchettiar which diseases we could medically stop, but they are happy despite their mutilation
- **Respect the dignity of each man !** This is what Clive does every day. He is 30 years old and dresses the wounds of the lepers in



nuratsch, a 14-years-old boy who still loves to live despite his mutilated face and who we paid many many operations.

- **Be happy about little things !** This is what we experienced with 60 orphans in our children's home at the

a colony at east coast of India. We from HiH provide the dressing material and the medical care.

- **Hold your family in high regard !** What kind of dignity a family get back, if a new home will them provided. Thank to your do-

nations HiH has rebuilt new houses and thus we could help so many families to finish their homes as they had no money anymore to do it themselves.

- **Be open-minded and friendly !** Foreign Indian faces laugh to us – authentic, without any prejudices, open and with a high interest in us – how important would be such an attitude here in Germany.
- **Marvel at your life !** I have admired the face of little baby Jonathan: his eyes, his nose, his mouth, his hands and feet. How beautiful and wonderful the people are in India despite their poverty! Are we known about this deep beauty? Are we still able to thank for it?
- **Share and you are happy !** This is what Annama made us clear. A widow with 4 children who has shared her rooms with another young widow and their 3 children without causing a stir that the other family can live good as well.
- **Be religious, this keeps you grounded !** Like Santhosh (photo), a 13-years-old boy with a happy heart lives by this attitude because he became a godly supporter of goddess Durga when he was very young. And he is proud of it and he does not keep this secret.
- **Think always positive about the people you meet !** A grateful challenge for the „Father of India“, Mahatma Gandhi, who live by this motto and if we would adhere to this motto it would change our life as well.

This all is the richness of the poor. We can learn from their values which they live by every single day. Go through life with the eyes of your heart, this is what we wish you, your families and the donators.

Best and warmest greetings with HANDinHAND gratitude for your friendship, in the name of board of HANDinHAND.

Yours Elmar Jung

Interview with Mr. K. Jayababu

Jaya, as everybody calls him, is Vice-President of Hand-in-Hand (HiH) India and Director of our HiH orphans home in Bobbili. The interview was done by Thomas Schnitter in October 2009 in India. Thomas was for all together 6 month at three different places in India as a volunteer of HiH society.

Thomas Schnitter: How did it come that you work for HiH India?

K. Jayababu: My father is a leprosy patient and I am coming from a very poor family. One day I got the chance to meet Fr. Elmar through one coordinator from HiH, working at Premnagar Leprosy Colony Bobbili in 1992 and saw how Fr. is helping to the leprosy people and saving their lives. Again I got the chance to participate in HiH delegates meeting held in Varanasi 1993. In the meeting itself I was deeply impressed by the services HiH is doing to the poorest of the poor in India. Then I decided and wanted to join my Hands with HiH, so after completion of my studies and started working for tribal (Lambadi) people.

TS: What are your main tasks at HiH?

Jaya: We are mainly concentrating on minimum basic needs like food, shelter, health, education to the poor children. Some examples are feeding orphan children, old and destitute poor people, giving houses to the poorest of the poor, mainly in the villages, eye-camps and eye operations to old people, heart operations to children, bringing medical awareness among illiterate people in vil-

lages, giving education help to merit students for their higher studies and giving shelter and educating to the poor orphan children.

TS: And what are your tasks in the HiH managing committee?

Jaya: I have been working as a member of the executive committee for some years and now for the last two years vice president of HiH India. But I much more like to work and serve the people as a normal member of HiH.

TS: What did you do before you came to HiH?

Jaya: Actually my Dad asked me to stop my studies after my (+2) intermediate because of our family poor condition. Fr. Elmar helped me for completion of my graduation studies. I completed my studies in April 1996 and in the very next month (in May), I got a letter from Fr. Elmar, asking me to go to Gudoor for serving tribal poor people. Immediately I went to that suggested place. Because I was waiting for this call and I still believe it's a call from God through Fr. Elmar for serving the poor. I am really very happy for getting this wonderful chance

in HiH to work for the poor.

TS: What is your motivation for this work?

Jaya: Actually I come from a very poor family. Now I got the chance to work for the poor. My main motivation is: Not only giving help to the poor, but also make them to understand the spirit of HiH – help to help themselves. Especially motivating the youth and children in this spirit “Living in Sharing”, so that people not only getting help, but will even learn helping their neighbours. We already taught in many villages helping and working for one another. We as HiH mainly make the people to stand on their own legs.

TS: How do you think can the problems of your country be solved?

Jaya: We have many problems as our country is very big. Once in 1994, we had terrible floods in our area Kakinada and most of the huts of poor people washed away. Then we as college students went to the villages and helped them to rebuild their homes with leaves and wooden sticks. We cleaned all the rubbish in the villages. I was so happy to take part. We have done medical surveys also. My opinion is: If we motivate and inspire the youth, they can definitely change society.

TS: Where do you see success of your work today? And what long-term effects do you expect to help the people in India?

Jaya: Definitely we can see fruitful and successful results in many places here in the Bobbili Unit. For example: when we give one cycle rickshaw to a poor man, he will pay back 60% to our HiH society by small instalments (e.g. Rs. 10 per day) .After paying back, he will be the owner of his rickshaw which he got from HiH. And that 60% will be given to another poor family. So



Members of HiH managing committee with Jaya (3. f.1.) and Thomas (3. f.r.); together with (f.l.t.r): Fr. Jerosin, Lewin Perriz, Fr. Chetan, Fr. Jesudass, Bala Show Reddy

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Old values which we can learn from people in India :

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- Be creative and have courage to take the risks !
- Never give up. Have a strong heart !
- Be happy about little things !
- Be curious for your life !
- Be relaxed. There will be always a solution !
- Be satisfied with what you have !
- Respect the dignity of each man !
- Hold your family in high regard !
- Be open-minded and friendly !
- Marvel at your life !
- Share and you are happy !
- Be religious, this keeps you grounded !
- Think always positive about the people you meet !



✂ If you like, just cut out these values and take a look on it as motivation for your daily life. It should be a beneficial inspiration for you.

Continued of the Interview with Mr. K. Jayababu

indirectly he is helping to another poor family.

Another example is: one poor man (name Abraham from Premanagar leprosy colony) asked us to help for his 3 children's education – we did not do. But HiH helped him to run a small Kirana shop. Gradually he picked up his business, getting good income and paid back 50% to HiH and leading his family very happily - the great thing is: now he is able to educate his 3 children without depending on other's help. A third ex-

ample: there is one boy named Saisa from a very poor muslim family who got help from HiH to complete his studies. Now he earns very well and is able to feed his mother and his younger brother. Moreover he enables his brother's college education. This boy recently sent Rs: 1500.00 to us and requesting to provide a good meal to all our children of Premanagar Viswasam Home.

There are many successful results of our HiH. We are giving small

help, but it is giving a big push to the poor to come up their lives and help to help themselves.

TS: What do you think is the most exceptional thing about the work of HiH?

Jaya: The members of HiH make personal visits in every project. We meet the people, see them with open eyes of the heart and mingle with them to know their needs and situation of the families. Often we have meetings with the community and elders of the people and make the collective decide in selecting people who should be helped first and who are in much needy. And main thing is: we make the people to take part to develop and help their community and village. Usually people wait and expect help from foreign.

But HiH teach people to help their neighbours and villagers who are in needy. We teach them first to save from their daily earnings at least one rupee per day to help their people. And while making houses by our HiH, all the people will help one another among them until finish the houses. HiH mainly tell the people how much happier they will be found when they live together, sharing, helping themselves. That's what we stand for "Living in Sharing, help to help themselves".

New HANDinHAND Board-Member

In the middle of 2009 Bianca Gallian had to resign her work from Board of HiH due to career reasons. Thus a new member joined as secretary to the Board, Angelika Billing.

Angelika Billing is living in Rödermark with her family and has supported HiH for many years. By Kindergarten her children visited she participated in several HiH projects. She was also the person who



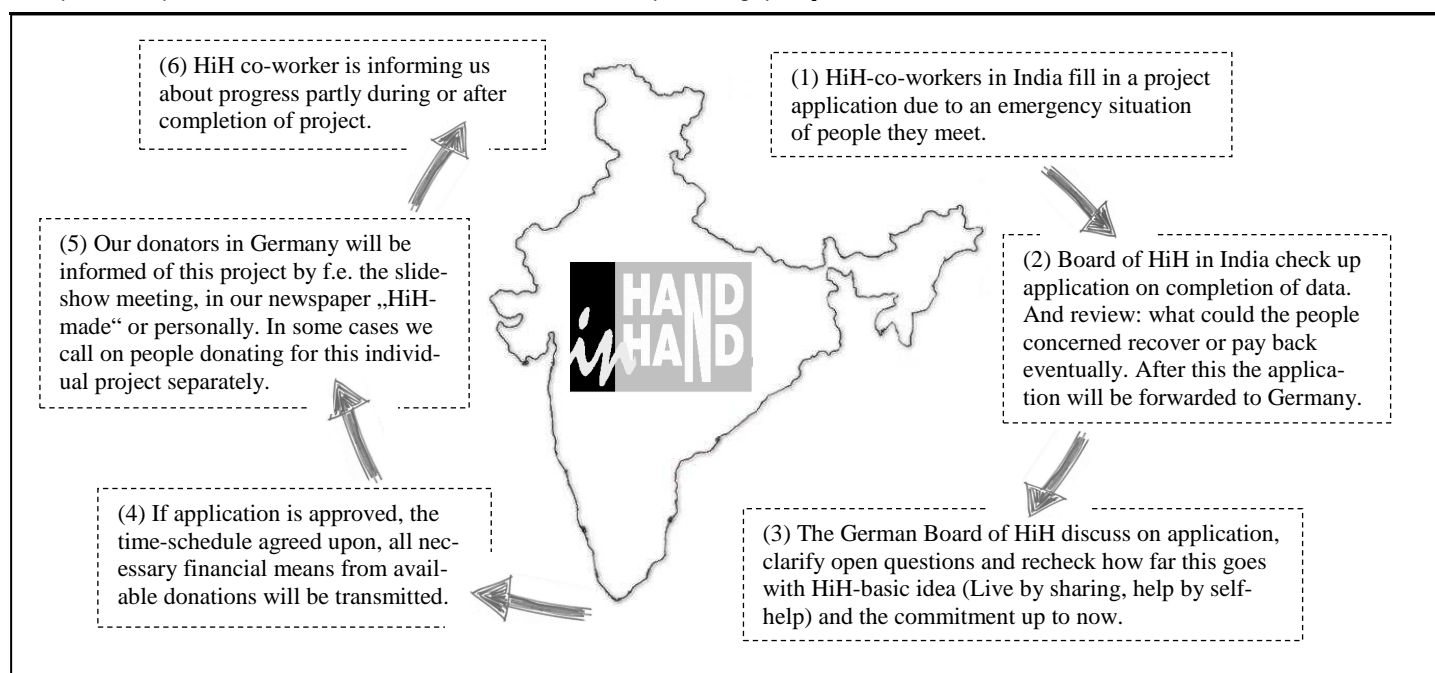
Angelika Billing

launched the event „Run for India!“. As all her children outgrew age of kindergarten (19, 18, 14 and 8) she is now very pleased to assume job as secretary to the Board to work and act on for HiH.

In this connection we want to thank to Bianca Gallian for her work to Board of HiH and are looking forward to a good cooperation with Angelika Billing.

How do people in India receive your donations ?

Steps how your donations will reach the corresponding projects !



Actual projects

Concrete examples of actual HANDinHAND projects – Please support us !

Section 1 Family and Home

PNR 1-102	8 Houses for aborigines-Families in Khirikala	per house Rs 50.000
<p>16 poor families have moved to the little village Khirikala some months ago, as the government has offered them for free a piece of ground in the valley. The simple temporary mud huts where they are living now do not protect them very well, especially not during the monsoon period. We want to support the set up of a stable house for each family and enable them a good home. Due to the location very back in the jungle, the costs of each house are higher than usual (Rs 40.000).</p>		

PNR 1-078	Solar lamps for aborigines-Families in Khirikala	per lamp Rs 5.000
<p>Poor families have moved to the little village Khirikala some months ago, as the government has offered them for free a piece of ground in the valley. But this ground is situated in the jungle and far away from next city (about 65km). There neither is electricity nor water nor any radio connection. With a solar lamp for each family a first help can be given them for a secure life in the new village.</p>		

PNR 1-103	building repairs for widow Herawathi	Rs 15.000
<p>Herawathi is a 23-years-old mother with 2 children attending school. They are living in Kanudih, North India. In 2009 her 24-years-old husband died due to cancer. Now no income exists at all for the family to refurbish the little house as it suffered much from the last monsoon period. The walls have to be redeveloped, the roof has to be sealed and new doors and windows have to be replaced. Who is able to support this family to give them a warm home at least that they get over the pain and loss of father and husband?</p>		

Section 2 Health and Hygiene

PNR 2-132	rest-rooms for Girls'school in Kurumbur	Rs 72.000
<p>Kurumbur is a village in the southern tip of India with about 5000 inhabitants. 430 girls are attending St. Lucia High-School there. Although the school has existed since 1933 and is known for its good education, children have still to go into the bushes to defecate. A washroom for the students is highly required.</p>		

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PNR 2-133	Bath- and rest-room for family	Rs 30.000
<p>Jennifer's family has 10 children from 7 to 21 years old. They are living in the southern tip of India. Together with their grand-mother 13 people are living at close quarter in a little house. Behind a primitive bamboo crate they wash. If they want to defecate they are looking for some bushes not far away from house. Thus a bath- and rest-room is highly required for this family. Who does support to clear up this hygienic issue?</p>		

Section 3 School and Education

PNR 3-601	Library- & Laboratory restock	Rs 70.000
<p>The library has to be restocked and the natural scientific laboratory has to be upgraded that the students of slum-school in Bangalore can learn on.</p>		

PNR 3-705	doors for rest-room in children's	per door Rs 2.000
<p>For the final set up of children's home in Koderma only a little amount is missing. That children can use rest-rooms only 12 doors has to be financed and employed.</p>		

PNR 3-707	Manual pump for Sisai	Rs 75.000
<p>The drinking water has been got from an open tank by the students at school in Sisai North-India. This however can be very risky and result in diseases. Due to the installation of a manual pump and a closed tank-system the health and security for the students can be granted.</p>		

Section 4 Agriculture and Handcraft

PNR 4-169	mobile-textile shop for AIDS infected couple Prassad	Rs 15.000
<p>The couple Prassad living nearby Bobbili are very restricted due to their AIDS infection and they are not having any income possibilities at the moment. Due to this fact the family with their 2 children (12 and 10 years old) is living on a minimum basis. If we provide them a little mobile trolley this would help them very much. With this mobile trolley they can walk through streets and offer their textiles for sale. Thus a little income can be make possible for the family.</p>		

PNR 4-168	Refurbishment of hairdressing-shop for Appala	Rs 15.000
<p>We have discovered a little tacky hairdressing-shop at roadside. It is one of the many huts people offering their service. Appala Suri has been a hairdresser since he was a child. He has learned this handcraft from his father and taken over the shop. Both of his sons are helping him as well today. The shop is a dump and not very inviting to have hair cut there. A new paint, new mirrors and 2 new hairdressing-chairs, shaving things, combs, scissors and light would assure and increase the little income for further years.</p>		

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