

NEWSLETTER 05/2024

Dear Friends

Once again we are so happy to update you what all has been happening in India.

THE KIDS

Our boys are having holidays at present. The youngest three are at home by their families and the oldest two are staying with us. The school starts again in June. They're all doing well and being healthy. Madhu has finished the 12. standard, but unfortunately he didn't pass 2 exams. He can re-write this two again in month of June. We hope and pray he will pass it this time. He was very disappointed when he got the result. He likes to go for a college to study something about computer. We hope he can start in September. In March we visited a few kids which stayed once upon time in Grace Home. Some of these young ladies are already mums having big



responsibility. Some are happy and some have a difficult life. But all of them were very happy to see us again. Nagaraj had an accident in march with the motorbike. He was hit by another motorbike, 3 men got injured. He broke some bones on his feet, by god's grace he was wearing a helmet. Anbu immediately took him to the hospital where he got the first aid and then next day the operation. Because we have money, we could pay a good specialised chirurgic doctor in a specialised hospital. For many people, such accidents have serious health consequences.

THE BOYS HOME

The house is getting ready, still workers are at work and doing the needful. At the moment the Tiles worker are doing the flooring. It looks already more like a home, even the colour on the walls is missing.

The masons are coming not very regularly, that's why the work stacks sometimes. But by the other side, the work their doing is very good. They're still working at the outside of the house and doing the entrance.



Later on, the windows have to be fixed and the walls be painted and all the electric work has to be finished. There is still more work to do, but the end is coming closer. We are happy to move soon, then the present house is too hot in summer, because of the eternity roof, and in the rainy season the roof is leaking. Thanks for all your support to finish this house soon. Often, I'm amazed to see how simple the people are living in India. One older worker, his living in the boy's home, sleeping and eating there. He cooks outside his food or gets food from us or from the hotel. By the other hand he's our security guy, looking after the material. Sometimes it happens someone is stealing. It's good to have him there.

THE SCHOOL HOUSE

The building is nearly done. Some small things still have to be done. The painters are at work now and in the class rooms of the smallest there is an artist painting nice landscapes and animals on the wall. The school is open, nearly every day there will take place admission of kids. The Principal Lady is most there, speaking with the parents and doing all the paper work. Anbu and she are doing all the office work together. It makes our heart so happy to see happy and joyful kids in the class rooms and running around on the playground. Our heartbeat is really, to build poor kids and to give them the best possible education. But that means, we also need a team with the same vision, to fulfil this goal and not to look first after the money. Our school fee is low and

should be payable for everyone, also for Dalits.



Now we have 2 school busses, with them we can collect around 100 kids from surrounding villages. We are so thankful to God and to you all which makes this possible. When I was in march in India could we give some of the kids in our school an award in Sports



and in Kung-Fu. Some won a price and the team price came to our Rainbow School. Every one was very happy and proud.

THE MISSION WORK

In April took a baptism church service place. We are thankful for this people and hope they will grow in faith in Jesus Christ and will also able to stand firm in difficult, and challenging times. Let's pray for them.



Also, this year we helped local churches during the VBS, Bible School program in the summer holidays. In several surrounding places we run the program. Around 900 kids joined this program and heard the word of God, learned Songs and had fun.



In may we got the permission from Chennai to run our school for 3 years. We are so happy to and thankful to God and to you all for your prayer *Everything he does reveals his glory and majesty. His righteousness never fails.* Psalm 111;3

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD FOR

- * The school permission
- * the Kids Program
- * our kids
- * the schoolkids/teachers/principal/school busses
- * the building work in good progress
- * the baptized

PRAYERPOINTS

- * For a good school start in June
- * for protection of the Christians
- * for Madu, he will pass the exams the 2nd time
- * for enough rain, it was very dry
- * for good Christian teachers
- * we will have a good team in the school and kids home

Now we like to say thank you to you. Without your prayer and financial help and God's blessing and Grace we could never do this work.

God bless you.

Love from

Barbara & Anbu

