

"Little Flower", Association for the Promotion of Women and Children in India

Report of the Executive Board for 2019

As every year, we meet for the general meeting of our association. Since the sangha meeting is cancelled due to corona, we have combined it with the 1st Autumn Zazenkaï in Gräfelfing. Since fewer members are expected to make the journey to Gräfelfing - Munich, we will send the report this time together with the invitation. If you have any questions, feel free to contact us by phone, letter or e-mail.

Since there are no elections this year, the agenda is relatively short. Essentially it is the annual accounts and the budget for the new year.

This is a report about the past year 2019, a report about a time that we should keep in our memory. The year 2020 marked a dramatic change worldwide with unforeseeable consequences for our work as well. The measures taken to contain the pandemic have brought immense suffering to the population of India, and yet the number of infected and fatalities continues to rise. The consequences will be with us for a long time and our help will be needed more than ever.

Finances

Last year, 2019, we received more donations than the years before. In 2019 we got a total of about 117,000 EUR and in addition to this we received the 15% share of "Die Sternsinger". Also for this year it looks good so far. However, we do not yet know, what effect Corona will have on the amount of donations and expenses in India.

As every year we want to thank all those who support us so generously with money so that our wonderful projects in India can continue to exist. Thanks also to all those who do their work in India.

The remittances to India or to „Die Sternsinger“ in 2019 were 99,000 EUR, far above the average of the past years.

The costs of the association amounted to EUR 426.41, which corresponds to 0.36%.

It is regrettable that this spring the long-standing cooperation with "Die Sternsinger" ended in its previous form. This means that the 15% surcharge on our donations will no longer exist in the future. We are very grateful to the Missionswerk for their generous support over the period of more than 17 years. Now, however, the guidelines for awarding grants had changed and it became more and more difficult to adapt the budgets of our projects to these guidelines. In the future, only individual measures were to be supported and not organizations like PEARL and Little Flower.

Report from India

In February I was again in India together with Barbara Hofmann and Sonja Leeb and visited the projects. You can read my travelogue in the forum.

The time after was marked by Corona. Only three weeks after our trip, the projects had to largely stop their activities. The kindergartens and the tutoring were closed and nobody knows if they can reopen in September. PEARL and Little Flower have tried to alleviate the plight of the families by distributing food parcels.

A trip next year is questionable at the moment.

Sponsorships (Barbara)

The sponsorship programme supports 113 children and their families through donors from Germany, Switzerland, Austria, France, Holland, Hong Kong and Ireland.

Greeting cards (Sonja)

A total of 1688 tickets were sold in the last business year. Of these 891 cards were sold in Germany, 370 in India, 351 in Austria, 51 in Switzerland and 25 in the Netherlands.

The greeting cards are designed and embroidered by 10 women. Six of the ten women come from the bird catcher village Leelavathinagar.

During our last visit to Paramakudi in February this year, we agreed to increase the amount per card that the embroiderers receive for their work. Therefore, instead of 3,-- € per card, now 3,50 € per card should be transferred to India. This was also made possible by the additional 15% of the Children's Missionary Society. Despite the loss of this additional amount we want to leave it at a minimum donation of 3,- € per card for the time being.

Budget 2021 (proposal)

Bank charges	50,00 EUR
Postage	300,00 EUR
Office supplies	50,00 EUR
EDP	50,00 EUR

	450,00 EUR

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