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## I Had Not Seen Him Before



I hadn't seen him before! A man sitting at the end of the train station hall, noticed by no one. Dirty clothes, matted hair, he stared into the air. "Can I help you?" I asked him.

Jesus is walking in Jericho, a large number of people around him. Murmuring! Loud and quiet voices are heard: "I want to see him too! Make some space. You're bigger than me, let me go forward." People stand tiptoe just to catch a glimpse of the man from

Nazareth. Jesus keeps walking, talking to people. And then he abruptly stops. He looks up! Loud and clear you can hear: "Zacchaeus, come down quickly. I have to be a guest in your house today." His head is tilted upwards. And indeed, someone is sitting up there in a tree. A man nobody likes in the city because his job is to take people's money. You guessed right - we are talking about Zacchaeus - he was the city's tax collector.

In Luke 19:1-5, we read that Zacchaeus climbed a tree to see Jesus. He was a tax collector and made an additional income by taking money off people. Accordingly, he was not particularly respected in society. - People were not eager to meet him. How did Jesus react? Jesus does not walk past the tree and Zacchaeus, but stops and looks up. He seems to have seen or noticed Zacchaeus a long time ago. Or maybe he noticed him at the moment when he himself passed under the branch on which the tax collector was sitting. Jesus averts direction and sees him sitting up there between the leaves. He looks right at him. Jesus notices Zacchaeus in the tree and lets him know: I want to spend time with you.



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This story questions my own views and teaches me to look at directions which I normally would not be aware of. Jesus questions my perception of the people around me. Lots of things distract me: turning around myself, a busy schedule and many other things. Do I "look up" and notice the "Zacchaeus" around me? This question popped into my mind after reading these five verses. The focus is not on people or situations outside of my everyday life, but on people whom I simply pass by carelessly, even being aware of their need. May Jesus give me and you this "look up" to find and see the people in need.

Back to the man at the train station hall: "You are the first person talking to me today, thank you. I am hungry, it feels like I haven't had food for days," says the man. A few minutes later both of us are sitting at a table with a cup of hot coffee and a plate of sandwiches. Time flew by while we shared life!

We are grateful that together with you we can focus on the needs of children and young people.

Warmly greets you

Ulrich Mang  
Director Social Missionary Services

# Relief Work In Nepal

Looking back at the last couple of months, we are grateful for the opportunity given and taken to help many needy people in the Dharan area and its surrounding villages.

We first focused on the families of our 36 girls and supplied them with groceries (rice, fruit, soups, milk, meat, oil and spices) vitamins (B12 and vitamin C) and sanitary items.

## Hungry people

Many people were hungry because they had lost their jobs during the lockdown. We distributed rice bags, oil, dal and other needy things for 547 families.

Hundreds of families were supplied with medicine, vitamins, surgical items, masks and hand sanitizers. Our local CE groups served as great channels to reach out to people and meet needs.

The police even apologized for the inconvenience.

We could support families with cash for treatments as well as support eight families financially who had lost family members due to Covid.



## Encountering difficulty

On our way from Dharan to Pakhribas with a big truck load of rice bags and packages of aid the police stopped us and kept us for two hours inquiring about the purpose of the trip. We finally made some phone calls to higher level authorities and could then continue with our trip.

## People are thankful

While busy with the distribution aid, a man approached us asking for a PPE set. He had just lost his father due to Covid, but could not arrange the funeral without a PPE set. We were able to provide four sets for him. We left a very grateful man behind!

We could reach in total nearly ten thousand people through our humanitarian aid and had a chance to show God's love through our action. People from the villages, local governments, club, hospital, police and church members are very happy and thankful to the donors and said that the Christians abroad not only preach their Bible, but also made their preaching practical by sharing through loving actions. The municipality of Pakhribas, the police from Pakhribas and the municipality of

Udayapur and the local government of Dharan have issued appreciation letters to us for this work.

Children and their parents are very happy and thankful to you for this great help during the critical situation (hunger) without any jobs and any kind of income. One of the mothers of our girls has showed her deep appreciation by fasting and praying for good health and a fruitful life for all sponsors and donors from Germany who contributed and gave for the Nepali people and their children.

God bless you all!

*Kuber Gurung  
(CE-Vicepresident, Nepal)*



## Do You Have Postage Stamps?

Every one of you gets letter mail! With the stamps on the envelopes you can support our work.

For many years a friend of CE has been collecting stamped Stamps. The proceeds of these brands flows directly into our work.

### Our requests:

- Collect stamped stamps.
- Promote it in your communities and counties.
- Then send the stamps to us. We pass them on collectively.

**Thank you very much!**



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# Situation In India

The second wave which hit hard in the month of March, April and May disrupted life again through complete lock down, curfew, social distancing, shutting down all business houses from a petty shop to Shopping Malls. People were home bound except to buy essentials.

But Covid did not stop the joy of our children at Kesinga and Umerkote. Life continued for them with the care of the Child Facilitators and other staff. Smart phones replaced Physical Classes at School by online teaching, home works and tests.

considering their previous performance in the examination.

Kripalayam and Karunalayam accommodated only the girls with difficult environment at home. Child facilitators assisted them for home works, online classes through Mobile and Television.

The prayer cell of Kripalayam and Karunalayam gather for a time of specific prayer concerns once a week.

- All the Children were constantly under the monitoring and guidance of Child Facilitator through phone calls.

Awaiting Government orders to re-open Schools and Hostel. Every State Government will issue post Covid Standard Operation Procedures.

All the Indienhilfe sponsored children will be extended assistance to complete education.



Drawing, Quiz, TV, Computer class, Online classes, Kitchen Garden, Tailoring, outdoor indoor games, Sunday School, Morning and evening devotions, Tailoring classes was the order of a days' life during Pandemic.

## Academic status of the children in our project

Education has the power to transform lives no matter where they live. All over India Education has gone Digital and the School has come at the finger tip of the students, although with several limitations.

## Annual and Board Examinations

- No annual examinations were held for children in grades 1-9. All children were automatically promoted to the next level.
- Even though, the states could not hold the board examination for the students in classes 10 and 12, an expertise committee was formed to formulate the procedure to allot marks to the students

## Highlights

- A dry Grocery Protein rich food and Covid care kits were provided to all the children in our projects and the community in the second phase 6826 families benefited.
- 3000 Cooked meals were distributed to the homeless, rag pickers, differently abled and sick.
- Around 127 children who came in to the hostel in April was provided food grant and due to the severity of Covid and lock down they had to return home.
- The gift money received from the sponsors was a timely help for the families during pandemic.
- Scholarships continued to all on-going studies of the students.
- 400 children in 51 centers benefitted from the distribution of nutrition kits and Covid care kits containing pulse oximeter, digital thermometer, Inhaler.

Schools will not only have to remodel and re-imagine the way teaching and learning have happened so far, but will also need to introduce a suitable method of delivering quality education through a healthy mix of schooling at home and schooling at school. The Department has taken several initiatives to ensure that the school going students don't lag behind in their studies during COVID-19 pandemic.

Indienhilfe is gearing up to meet the challenges that lie ahead and provide a total transformation to the lives of the sponsored children.

In addition, the help for those in need is to be continued in the coming weeks. Parcels will continue to be distributed to people and acute help will be provided.

*Mahima Krupa  
(Indienhilfe, Bangalore)*

# Orphanage In Lithuania

From the 18th to 22nd of December 2020, a group of Germans from Saxony visited the children's home in Saikia / Lithuania. Due to the corona situation, however, they were not allowed into the homes of the families neither into the groups.

Nevertheless, gifts from Germany were handed over to the children and employees at the apartment doors or in the dining room of the home. It was only possible to have a short conversation with the staff before their shift ended. At the time of our visit, there was no one infected or sick with corona.

The first corona case occurred in a group in mid-January 2021. Both children and employees were affected. During this time, employees were only allowed to work in this group with a hazmat suit.



Presently the situation in the children's home in Saikia is safe again. Normality is slowly returning. Please continue to pray for everyone involved in this line of work in Saikia.

*Johannes Kunze*



## Please Notice!!!

### Workshop for our ambassadors

**October 30th 2021 | Time: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.**  
at CE-Headquarters in Kassel

Also open for anyone interested!

Please register with Helen Driediger-Nortjé  
(helen.driediger-nortje@ec.de)

### WCEU Convention

**July 19th-23rd 2023**  
in Mücke/Flensunger Hof, Germany  
Theme: Empower-Make the Planet Shake.

Registration and more information  
will follow in 2022.



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