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God Loves You!



"Daddy, God loves you!" Response: "Me?" - "Yes! - And me too, dad!"

I am sitting on the edge of my child's bed. Bedtime got later than usual. The day was again filled with many different experiences. However, there is one thing we won't miss out on. Every evening we read stories from the children's Bible or another book of our choice, say a prayer and a blessing. Then comes the wish for a "Good night" and the kiss! Except for the mentioned evening a few days ago when this small conversation took place. At first I smile and think, "How cute!", but the thought grabs me and I thinking about the story of the New Testament where people brought their children to Jesus. The disciples want to send them away, but Jesus gives them his full attention: "Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it." And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them." (Mark 10: 15-16)

I am fascinated by Jesus how he takes the children serious, treats them with love and respect and sees each one of them as a unique being. This encounter with my child was so unexpected for me and at the same time full of trust: „God loves you, Dad!“

At a closer look, the conversation at the bedside turns out to be a conversation about what constitutes faith. First of all, it is a simple sentence: „God loves

you!“ But it is also a good description of faith. God loves me. But this is more than a pious phrase - it is much more personal. The sentence „God loves me“ shows itself and its depth in the One who meets the children in our story -Jesus.

Jesus showing his love for me through his life, death and resurrection. The fascinating thing is that children understand this more than the so-called „adults“ simply by accepting the „kingdom of God“ and approaching Jesus.



I leave the children's room, having gained some theological depth and a few tears in my eyes.

Jesus' love for us humans is what makes us go to places like India, Nepal and Lithuania - to empower children, because they have the greatest value for us and God.

Thank you for being part of this great mission! May we all follow Jesus as the children do!

Sincerely yours,

Ulrich Mang

Secretary for Social Missionary Services

INDIA:

A Princess From The Jungle

Amrika Toppo is a child of the dense forests of Karra-Paraspani in the state of Chhattisgarh which is very famous for coal mines. The village consists of 350 people with 40 families whose living depends mainly on the collection of herbal medicinal products, leaves and fruits for selling on the market.



Amrika



Pathway of her village surrounded by forest

Amrika's father is a small peasant and is having a little jungle land. Moreover he works as a daily wages employee in the nearby town to earn their living. Amrika is in class 4 of the nearest government school in her village. She was a beneficiary of the Burgess memorial hostel at Bilaspur, a project of Indienenhilfe. The hostel had to be closed due to the cancellation of licence from the government. Nevertheless, we continue to monitor her and the help for her education and development got extended.



Amrikas family with goat

The sponsor of Amrika donated a goat to the family. It is a help for their livelihood which could be multiplied - Amrika's father is good at this. The forest area offers plentiful feed for the goat.

Amrika's father has a basic educational qualification - he is able to read and write. Besides, he is aware of the value of education. That is why he is ambitious of Amrika to be educated and envisages a bright future for her.

The government has provided a Smart Health Card up to Rs. 50000/- per head for people with a ration card (50000 Rupies = around 614 €). The Community Health Center is 8 km from the village. Moreover, the government has implemented a safe drinking water project through a bore-well and overhead tank for storage. The village, including the street lighting, is supplied with electricity by the solar panel.



Professional opportunities for tribal girls

Balasure Technical in Orissa/India is a pioneer technical and vocational institution established by the American Baptist Missionaries during the 19th century. It was the first technical institution in Orissa and recently celebrated its 125th anniversary.

In the first years, the focus was on young men, mostly tribal. Women were not allowed to go out of the village. As time passed, developing and empowering women became a priority and therefore female students were admitted for vocational courses, mainly for sewing and computers. But the young women have no limitations on equipping themselves technically in any field like automobile, electrics, computer and sewing.

Most of the girls have a tribal background. They live below poverty line and even one good meal is a dream. Indienenhilfe has been supporting every year 30 girls since 2005.

The main focus is to train them in an employable / self-employment course - for earning their own livelihood as well as enabling them to feed their family. This in turn leads to changes in their economic status and turns them into bread winners of the family. The institute helps with the companies that will recruit and provide a job - which in turn changes the economic situation and the confidence of the girl and family.



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NEPAL:

Aashish English Boarding School, Saptari

The Ashish English Boarding School is situated in a remote village of one of the poorest and marginalized districts of Nepal. When a combined team of SMS Germany and Nepal visited the school in March 2022, it was falling apart. The school was at a dire stage, the buildings needed rebuilding, there was no fence around the compound, a few classrooms needed to be added and most importantly, the school lacked qualified teachers.

Thanks to the intervention by local Christian leaders and the support from SMS Germany, the school is having a makeover and is coming alive.

Last year 80 students attended Ashish English Boarding School. This year the school added 36 more students which increased the total number to 116 students. There are nine teachers at school. The renovation work is going on full swing.

Because of the hot weather, monsoon and school exams there has been some delay. But the school had a two weeks summer break and hence the renovation work was going on at full speed. The look on the faces of the students as well as teachers as they step into the school premise and their classrooms will be priceless.

Thank you CE Germany, SMS for your effort and to all individual supporters for helping to put a twinkle in their eyes and smiles on their faces.



We have also added a few new qualified teachers from outside the district to ensure quality education for the school. We still need more work regarding the quality of education but trainings are planned and we are hopeful for the future of this school.

Please continue to support the school management team as they work to reach out to the poorest and marginalized ones, to share the love of Christ through quality education and standard of the school.



Adiós, Helen!

After 23 years of SMS (EC-Indienhilfe), life's road is making a big bend for me! The time at SMS was a very meaningful and fulfilling time. I really enjoyed accompanying and advising you in the sponsorship area of our work. The many contacts, phone calls and personal meetings were always a highlight for me. I would like to thank you from the bottom of my heart for the great support and good cooperation.

My family and I are living in a German colony in Mexico since July 2022 and are excited to see what God has in store for us here. So, I say goodbye to you and SMS (EC-Indienhilfe) and wish you God's blessings. With warm greetings from a sunny Mexico,



Yours, Helen Nortjé

Dear Helen,
we thank you very much for the long time of your great commitment to SMS and wish you that God will accompany and bless you and your family.

Welcome, Bine!

"New paths. New Face." Now that Helen is going new paths after many years of working for us, I am the new face in the administration and sponsorship support of SMS (EC-Indienhilfe). But how did I get here?

I have already been to India four times, in particular as part of my studies in the Department of Modern Indology. I got to know EC-Indienhilfe in India and was already able to get an insight into two projects. So, I'm excited to learn new things and to apply my previous experience to the work. I am looking forward to getting in touch with you.

Yours, Sabine Entschel



A warm welcome, Bine!
It's great that you have started here. We are looking forward to working with you. God bless you!



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!

Cleanup Day

Clean is fun! - But not everything is clean.

Along with your youth group, clean up a area of the forest, the park around the corner, the playground,... in a proper way.

And what about your private life?

Does it always have to be the latest mobile phone or shoe model? A mess and overflowing cupboards make life exhausting and create unnecessary stress. So go with the sponge through all the dusty corners! Away with the burden! Pass on what others can still use and throw away what is useless and disturbs!

For us as EC, it is also about personal tidying up:

What about life's rubbish - all the worries, fears, stress and hurts, conflicts and feelings of inferiority? Cleaning alone? No chance! That's why God offers himself as a cleaner of our lives. He takes us by the hand and says, „Fear not, I am the one who helps you.“ The Bible: Isaiah 41:13



A good chance to clean up in the environment and personal realm is the

World Cleanup Day on 17th of September 2022

The German CE joins this movement with own actions in the different youth groups.

St. Nicholas campaign

Starting in November, St. Nicholas will once again be on the road in South Asia, distributing gifts to children and young people.

More information will be available soon on our websites www.ec.de and www.ec-indienhilfe.de.



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July 19th-23rd 2023

in Mücke/Flensunger Hof
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Topic of the convention:

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Registration and more information will follow



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