

Newsletter March 2017

**Eliya's 2nd Birthday
Dental-Station
New Chair
Penpalship
Children Movein and Moveout
Christmas
Kindergarten Celebration**

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In November 2016, the Eliya Children's Home celebrated its five-year anniversary, and the Eliya Kindergarten celebrated its fourth. The very nice celebration was held in the rooms of the Children's Home. The entire village—about 100 people—was present, with the division secretary Mister Yapa, local police, social, and youth officials, the congregation of the Adventist Community of Tangalle and their family, and the monk of the Dorftempel Kandula in Kapuhenwala. The Eliya Kindergarten children and the children of the Eliya Children's Home performed several, well-choreographed dances, which served as an excellent segue for the day's more formal parts. Many thanks to all who contributed to this great treat, whether for its organization, decoration, or choreographing the performances.



Opening of the five-year anniversary of Eliya



One of the many dance performances for the Eliya anniversary

Since the end of last year, an ambulance service is available in Tangalle, which only existed in large cities until now. Thus, it's no longer necessary to drive those injured in accidents to the hospital. Now people can dial "1990" to dispatch an ambulance with qualified medical personnel. The ambulance transports the infirmed with blue light and "Tatütata" to the nearest municipal hospital. Fortunately, the Eliya family has not had to utilize this service yet!

The "Tangalle Model Primary School," now has a new dental clinic, thanks to the Eliya Foundation, which donated 13,000 rupees (about 80 euros) for paint, signs, and door locks. Other foundations and organizations also donated funds, so that the "Mini Clinic" could be established to function in tandem with the school.

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So far, 5684 children from forty-one schools in and around Tangalle have been treated in this clinic, and going forward, the Eliya children will now be able to obtain free dental treatments!

As already mentioned in the August Newsletter, the Social and Youth Office, in cooperation with the Agricultural Office, donated approximately fifty seedlings, including fruit trees and shadow-giving bushes, to the Eliya Children's Home, which were used for "afforestation." An additional fifty seedlings are available, which will be delivered for the next rainy season for planting. Many Thanks! The twenty small chairs, and thirty large chairs, made from Eliya's own wood (four dead trees had to be felled for safety reasons) for the home and kindergarten, are very well-built and look very good! They were delivered just in time for the Eliya birthday celebration! Just like the new green Tuck-Tuck!



Eight year old Senethma „says goodbye“ to student intern Sabrina

Many thanks to our student intern Sabrina Kurnig, who has contributed a new penpalship to the Eliya Children's Home! The children of the daycare facility in Wölfnitz in Austria have sent the Eliya children not only a beautiful letter for Christmas, but also delicious homemade gingerbread! Just great!

Many thanks to Cyndi and her husband from the USA, who, with their local friends from Galle, provided the Eliya Children's Home a Christmas Advent celebration with music, the Christmas Story, games, food, and gifts!



Mömax backpacks for all Eliya children

We would like to thank the furniture and furnishing company Mömax in Kaiserslautern, which gave all Eliya children backpacks, paint pens, and small flashlights, as well as funny cups to the Eliya employees.

The Eliya Christmas party on December 24, 2016, with the entire Eliya family, was very nice. The various skits and performances made the evening very successful! The nativity play with Mary, Joseph, and the baby Jesus, was performed by the children with funny wigs, and the Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer story was performed by the student interns with a red-lighted nose, antlers, and a Santa cap and beard! Of course, the Eliya children were very happy about the adorned and lighted deciduous Christmas tree, the biscuits, the cake, and the gifts (new clothes and games)!

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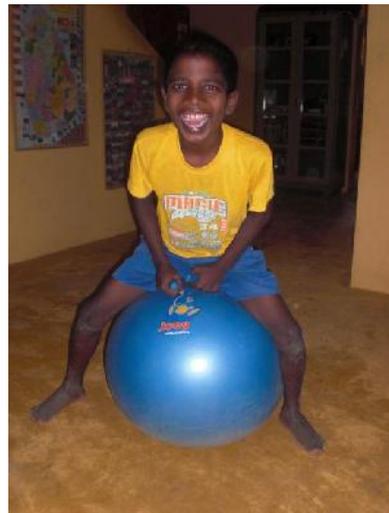
The Eliya family at Christmas



Nativity play with Star-Angel and donkey (left)



Advent calendar, hand-crafted by the Student interns and children



Thanks to the student interns and visitors for all the good gifts



Eliya Christmas deciduous tree

The number of Eliya children is constantly fluctuating because some children and young people are only temporarily accommodated in the home due to their unique circumstances. For example, our Kanishka was released to his father after a short stay. Whereas Adeesha was released back to her grandmother after about three years—likewise, Nayomi was released to her mother. For each of these families their situation improved so that their return was possible.

After much discussion and evaluation by the Social and Youth Offices, as well as a judicial decision, four of our older girls had to be moved to other homes because of big problems. The situation was no longer reasonable and it was dangerous for the other children and the Children's home project. New needy children have come to us, so the number of the Eliya children is currently twenty-eight—fifteen girls and thirteen boys.

In early January, at the beginning of the new school year, the Eliya Kindergarten also started its new kindergarten year with a beautiful parent-child celebration. Kindergarten teacher Geetha and assistant Dilsha are currently taking care of eighteen kindergarten children from our village and the neighboring village on the Antemeridians. The girls and boys aged between three and five come from poor families who cannot afford a state-run kindergarten. The Eliya kindergarten as well as our "shuttle service" is free-of-charge and financed with donations. The Kindergarten children are picked up and brought back home in our yellow school bus by our driver Siri.

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Eliya Kindergarten children



Many thanks to the students from Tangalle, for the nice Children's Day

A new covered outdoor dining area has been laid out at the Eliya Children's Home so that the large living space in the house can be kept clean more easily. At the moment, the exterior walls behind the buildings are getting painted dark green so it looks more appealing. It is the first coat of paint for this wall since Eliya was founded, so it's about time!

Thanks a lot to all Eliya guests, interns, and all donors and supporters!

Best regards from Angelika and the Eliya family!

Dates and activities of the Eliya Children's Home Club:

Eliya Crazy Golf

At the Children's Festival in Kaiserslautern
Riesenstraße / Corner Kerststraße
May 13, 2017
10 noon to 4 p.m.

Eliya Sales booth

At the Children's festival in the "Fuchsdelle"
Erfenbach, Kaiserslautern
June 18, 2017
at 11 a.m.

Eliya Sales booth

At the summer festival in Zoar
Entersweiler Straße, Kaiserslautern
August 12, 2017
at 2 p.m.

Below is the account information for your generous donations:

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Directed donations are also possible at [betterplace.org](https://www.betterplace.org/en/projects/12349-save-the-future-of-the-home-children) under the following link:
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