

Newsletter December 2017

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The entire Eliya family, including four student interns ventured on a three-day trip to the mountainous area of Nuwara Eliya during the school holidays in August. Everyone was very happy and the cool weather was a welcomed change.



Trip to cool Nuwara Eliya



Picknick at Ibis Guesthouse

Traditionally, a nice picnic is organized at the end of the school holidays at the Ibis Guesthouse. During the picnic, the children ate burgers, which they had never eaten before! We enjoyed tons of fun and games in the baby pool and on the beach, which was great as always!



Fun at the Ibis beach



„With love everything is possible.“

Due to the extremely heavy rains in late May (as mentioned in the previous newsletter), the dilapidated bridge over the lagoon on the way to Eliya Children's Home was completely destroyed from the high water level and its torrential current. Provisionally repaired, the bridge could be crossed on foot, by motorcycle and tuck-tuck, albeit very dangerously.

The construction of the new bridge finally began in the middle of October (the money for this came from the government of England). During construction, the lagoon river must be crossed with a raft and a ferryman. This is dangerous business because all Eliya children are not able to swim (the swimming lessons were and continue to be denied by the Social Welfare Office). The school's provisions must be transported by the small ferry with a wheelbarrow and muscle power to the children's home—for presumably a year.



Get in, set down, the ferry starts!



Home father Gamini is the ferryman for today

Nevertheless, we are in good spirits and are very happy the Eliya Children's Home has achieved six years of operation on November 19, 2017, and the Eliya Kindergarten is five years old!

Furthermore, everything is going well, because we can be very proud and give thanks to all those who support us actively and with donations! Unfortunately, we could not conduct a big celebration because of the bridge outage, but our children presented Eliya with a great dance program on November 15 for about twenty guests, the other children and staff, and our four interns. It was choreographed by our always very cheerful computer expert and tutor Piyushani, and our very dedicated educator Geetha! Thank you - that was great!



Dance performances by Eliya girls at the 6th Eliya Birthday

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Angelika's speech is translated by English teacher Mr. Silvester



The Eliya boys showed there skills



Lighting the Eliya Anniversary Cake



5 Year Eliya Kindergarten



Daham, youngest Eliya Child is getting six



Check handover from Globus to Stefanie Kohlmayer, 2nd Chairman of the Eliya Children's Home Club

As part of this year's "Globiläum," the Globus supermarket launched a major fundraising campaign in October to promote regional projects. In the Globus market in Kaiserslautern, sweet-whipped cookies could be purchased for 0,50 € per cookie. The proceeds from the sale went to the Eliya Children's Home e.V. and the "Glockestubb" Kaiserslautern. With the support of Globus' customers, the company was able to provide a donation of 1.750,- € to the Eliya Children's Home. Thank you very much for this helpful support!

Christmas is approaching and the Eliya kids are looking for new bicycles! The old ones have been in operation on site for five years now. They are being repaired and used again and again, but a few new bikes are really desirable!

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The Eliya family thanks all the friends, donors, supporters and Godparents many times over, and we wish you all a Merry Christmas and God's blessings for the New Year 2018!

Hearty greetings from Angelika and family



Happy Birthday Eliya Children's Home

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

Eliya Sales Booth

At the Christmas Culture-themed Market
In the Fruchthale in Kaiserslautern
From December 11-23, 2017

Further dates for 2018 (further information will be announced in time):

- Fun & Action (Children festival) in der Fußgängerzone Kaiserslautern
09.06.2018
- Sommerfestival Globus
- Sommerfestival ZOAR
- Children festival in Kaiserslautern
- Culture-themed Market

Below is the account information for your generous donations:

Donations Account: Eliya Kinderheim e. V.
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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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