

Newsletter December 2018

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Chamodika with her new parents

The Eliya family is very happy that the 14-year-old Chamodika, could be adopted by dear local parents from Tangalle, after many years of trial. We continue to have contact with her and the new parents, who visit us three times regularly and make a very good impression!

Sachin, our first Eliya boy, has been living with his aunt in Matara for four-and-a-half years. He is now 21 years old, and is studying engineering—a very good college degree. He has another three years at the university until he is complete. Angelika is very happy that Sachin keeps contacting her and telling her how he's doing. The Eliya family made a very long trip during the past summer holiday during the month of August, Traveling across Anuradhapura to the north of the island, to Jaffna. The journey returned via Kandy and Nuwara Eliya. It was very exhausting due to the long journey times. Nevertheless, everyone had fun and were all very proud to have been in Jaffna.



Water fun at the annual picnic excursion to Ibis Guesthouse



Four-Day-Trip to Jaffna

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In November the Eliya Children's Home turned seven years-old and the Eliya Kindergarten six years-old.

The anniversary was celebrated on a small scale along with two children's birthday parties, the welcoming of two new student interns, and the adoption of "old" interns.

There was a delicious cake and three dance performances, as well as small gifts for the children.



Two new deer pep up the Eliya Garden

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Some of the volunteer helpers in the children's home and kindergarten came up with some really great ideas. Manuela and Franziska, together with the Eliya children, created a wonderful shell landscape in a dry flowerbed!

Uschi and Heri Weber, from Eliya Children's Home Club, were there to visit Eliya like they do almost every year and helped actively where needed.

Heri ordered a new wooden horse for the playground from the local carpenter, oversaw the workers in their creation of "Woddy Number Two," and to a large extent, he paid the costs. Many Thanks!



Manuela + Franziska with there conch landscape



Woddy Number Two!

The Godparents from Germany are welcome to meet their Godchild in person at any time just as Sithmi's Godparents did in October. Thank you for the nice visit, which was very exciting for Sithmi!

Every year in November, Geetha, our kindergarten teacher organizes a very interesting exhibition of crafts and painted and things from the 20 kindergarten children!

We look forward to the Christmas concert in December, which will be performed by the four and five-year-old kindergarten children with dancing, singing and playing.



Breakfast break in Eliya Kindergarten



Exhibition in Eliya Kindergarten

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The 26 Eliya children and teenagers are already looking forward to this year's Advent program by Cyndi from the U.S.A., her husband, and our local friends. We thank you in advance for the efforts and gifts!

The Eliya family will be celebrating Christmas on the afternoon of 24.12.2018, and all who would like to participate, are invited!

At Christmas it would be very nice and useful if the Eliya children and young people could get new wardrobes cabinetry.

In some of the rooms there is no wardrobe cabinetry, and in other rooms the closets are already very broken.

Additionally, the new purchase of an Eliya school and kindergarten bus is planned. The current bus is old, very rusty, and in constant need of costly repair. The kindergarten also needs toy boxes to keep our play areas tidy—specifically for Legos, Duplos, building blocks and so on.

So, if you would like to donate for wardrobe cabinets, the bus, and/or toy boxes, you are welcome to do so!

Thank you for that!

The Eliya family wishes you a happy pre-Christmas time and God's blessings for the New Year 2019!

The Eliya children, teenagers, and local employees thank all members of the association, all friends, donors, volunteers, and all Godparents!

Greetings from Angelika and Family!

Events:

December, 10th thru 23rd, daily, beginning at noon each day: the Christmas and culture-themed market, at the Fruchthalle in Kaiserslautern

Eliya Club meeting
April 14, 2019, 5:00 pm
Albert-Schweitzer-Str. 41, 67655 Kaiserslautern



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