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Thanks a lot for your donations. We could support so many children in Cambodia and Myanmar and allow them to have a better life. Zukunft fuer Kinder der Welt e.V. will continue to accompany as many children as possible to a better future. We also try to help refugees who come to Germany.

The lovely people of Myanmar and Cambodia thank you so much for all donations.

We wish all of you good health and happiness

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HELP

Like every year we ask again for support for the poor. "Future for Children of the World Foundation" is a free and independent children's charity organisation in development cooperation and supports disadvantaged children, youths and young adults. We put the main emphasis on the children's homes of St Francis Xavier Convent in Myanmar as well as children and youths of very poor families in Myanmar and Cambodia. The support of refugees is a new challenge for us and we try to help as much as possible.

The children in the homes are from very poor families, broken families or have lost one or both parents. Here they find care, love, protection and careful support in their school education. The aim is to obtain a good school education to enable them to obtain further training or an university degree. In addition they should learn how to focus on their life and how to take control of it. For the children, who come from poor or broken families, the life in the children's homes is much better than their parents can give them.

This means: We need money to reach our goals! **The financing of these projects depends on your donations.** However as in every year I am hopeful that our plans for 2016 will succeed both on a financial and organisational level.

I assure you that your donations arrive exactly where they are intended for. All works in Germany are carried out on a voluntary basis and the sisters who run the homes in Myanmar work without salaries as well. Not one Cent of your donation ends up in the wrong hands. I can absolutely trust the organisations and partners in these countries. But to make sure that the donations are really spent what they are planned for, I regularly control the different projects and their bookkeeping as well.

Christmas, Birthdays and other celebrations: Instead of unnecessary and superfluous presents, you could make a lasting investment into the future of a poor child by making a donation.

For a continuous financial support of the children we urgently need regular **sponsors (godparents).** A regular income enables us to calculate the numbers of children for every academic year.

There are so many children who hope to obtain a school education and then further education or training. For just 0.83 Euro per day such hopes can come true. In other words: with **only 25 Euro** per month **you can give a child a full belly and a good education for 365 days.**

With a **project sponsorship** of the value of 20 Euro per month you can help to finance necessary equipment and repairs of buildings.

As a **sponsor of our organisation** you can choose how much you want to give. You can cancel your sponsorship at any time without having to give any reason. You can check at any time how your donation is being used on location

“Future for the children of the world” does not have the **dzi-donation seal**. Why? On the one hand they only check the administration and use of the donations not the quality of the work. On the other hand is the annual subscription just too high. Rest assured that **“Future for the children of the world”** easily fulfills the dzi-donation seal criteria.

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“Future for the children of the world” income and expenses for 2014

Einnahmen	Euro	Euro gesamt
Spenden	63.321,69	
Mitgliedsbeiträge	300,00	
Verkaufserlöse	363,00	
Zinseinnahmen	109,15	64.093,84
Ausgaben		
Projekte in Kambodscha und Burma	59.490,07	
Bürokosten	443,89	
Werbung	338,47	
Beiträge, Gebühren, Kst. Geldverkehr	88,00	
Sonstige Kosten	3.367,35	63.727,78
Überschuss		366,06

Budget 2015/16

Kambodscha:

Hier werden durchschnittlich 400 Euro/Monat benötigt.

Myanmar:

Im Moment finanzieren wir vier Kinderheime des St. Francis Xavier Convent.

Das monatliche Budget beträgt pro Kinderheim mindestens 1,2 Mio. Kyat.

Da der Wechselkurs oft sehr schwankt, ist eine genaue Berechnung in Euro nicht möglich. Wir gehen derzeit von durchschnittlich mindestens 1.200 Euro im Monat pro Kinderheim aus.

Die Kosten für Schulausstattung beläuft sich einmalig auf ca. 6.000 Euro für alle Kinderheime.

Christmas in Myanmar

After my visit in Cambodia, I flew to Yangon on the 23rd December and in the evening I continued on the night bus to **Kalaw**. Together with a german family we celebrated Christmas in the children's home of St. Francis Xavier (sfx) Convent. The children were dancing and enthusiastic about their presents. So many happy children with a glint in their eyes – for us a completely different celebration of Christmas.



In January and February, I spent a few weeks in Kalaw. The children are well and all are happy with the new building, where they can eat all together and have a second study room. Unfortunately, there was another changeover of the sisters in April. The former head sister Angela had been sent to another project in Yangon. Now Sister Cecil May who has been working in the children's home for one year already, has taken over the position. A few years ago, she had already been working in Kalaw and was happy to come back. A third sister came to care for the children but I haven't met her yet.

I like to tell you about nice experience. One day a got a phonecall that somebody wanted to meet me. I cycled to the suggested meeting place. The archbishop from Taunggyi and the parish priest welcomed me. They had visited the children's home. The Bishop wanted to meet me to say thank you for all the work "Zukunft für Kinder der Welt e. V." has done in Kalaw. I was really surprised and happy. Archbishop Matthias is a very friendly and modest man. I visited him later in Taunggyi.



At a day off from school, the sisters, me and the children made a wonderful excursion. Early in the morning, we rode in two minibuses to Lake Inle and came back after dark.

The whole day we visited many interesting and important places by boat. Our lunch we bring with us and had a nice picnic. All the tourists know Lake Inle, but the local people seldom have the chance to visit their sights.

At the end of February or middle of March, the academic year finish. The children spend their holidays at home with their parents. The ones who have no family they can stay in their holidays at the children's home.

I have – as I always do when I am there – controlled the bookkeeping thoroughly. Everything was correct. The food is delicious and plenty and the children like to stay in the home. Everything is as it should be.



The Children's Home St. Mary in the Ayeyarwaddy Delta

After Christmas, I took the night bus in Kalaw back to Yangon. In the morning I met a donor from Germany and we jumped on the next bus to the children's home St. Mary in the Ayeyarwaddy Delta.

The children welcomed us with flowers, singing and dancing. The new buildings are completed and filled with life. In front of the houses they laid out a nice garden. However, it is not so green in the dry season. 36 children are living there permanently and attend the local primary and middle school. 14 youths attend high schools at different places in the delta area. At weekends and in their holidays they are in the children's home, financed by "Zukunft für Kinder der Welt e. V.".





The donations were spent correctly. Unfortunately, the capacity of the small solar system in the house of the sisters is not big enough to supply the children's house, the kitchen, the dining room and study room with energy. That's why we agreed to install a photovoltaic system for the two new buildings.

The house for the children was still furnished very sparsely. The children rolled their sleeping mats, pillows and blankets in the mornings on and out in the evenings. In a small room, they kept their clothes and personal items in a bag.

I asked a local carpenter to estimate the costs for bunk beds. One bed made of tropical wood makes 140 Dollars US. In addition, they need some shelves for their personal things. He produced a model and everybody was lucky. But at the bunk beds one cannot fasten mosquito nets, that's why mosquito meshes had to be installed at the windows and under the roof. Meanwhile, everything is finished and I will see how everything is working.



This year Myanmar was again affected by heavy floods, especially in the Ayeyarwaddy Delta. Thanks to the personal contact with St. Francis Xavier Convent "Zukunft für Kinder der Welt e.V." was able to help many families with food.



Yolanda,

The neurosurgeon Dr. Philippe Schucht from Switzerland together with the senior consultant of the neurological hospital in Yangon operated the girl with the face neoplasm on 2nd March. The operation took 4 hours and was successful. They also reconstructed her nose. Dr. Schucht took over the costs for the operation and we bore the expenses for the journey and food for her mother and a second accompanying person. Yolanda had to stay in the hospital for 10 days. Only a little scar on her nose has remained.



Unfortunately, there is something wrong with her left eye. It waters which impairs her when she reads and writes. When I come next time, I want to find a specialist who can help her.

San Htay

In June 2014, at the beginning of the academic year, the 16 years old San Htay moved in St. Mary in the Delta. He was born without both lower legs. The fragments of his feet were grown on his knees and are turned backwards. His left arm ends at the elbow and the right hand is not complete. However, he can use his hand; he is even able to produce fine pieces of handicraft.





San Htay comes from a very poor fisherman's family, whose house has burned down. He has a completely healthy twin brother. All his brothers and sisters are working; he is the only one who still attend the school. As absurd as this sounds, that's thanks to his handicap. He is a good student and he joins leisure activities as much as he can. I even saw him playing football once.

To help him I was looking for an orthopedic specialist and an institution that produces prostheses. A surgeon in Kalaw, whom I met in 2014, helped me to find a specialist in Yangon, who examined the boy without charging. He said that they don't need an operation for the lower leg prosthetics.

Another friend knew a woman who works for the medical relief organization Exceed Worldwide. Exceed run a rehabilitation center in Yangon connected with a clinic and provides orthopedic devices free of charge. Therefore, we went there and the doctor agreed that they could integrate his feet in the prosthetics. San Htay saw how his prosthetics would look like and he watched patients learning how to use their prosthetics. After the last tests at school,

he immediately traveled to Yangon and was lucky, soon to be able to meet his friends at the same eye level. We all were happy that his feet didn't have to be amputated. He would have had to suffer from phantom pain lifelong.

Sister Daniella sent me photos from his training in the rehabilitation center and some month later I received a video that showed how he is walking around in the children's home with his friend. At last he can also wear the traditional dress for men, a Burmese wraparound skirt for men, a longhy. – and long trousers, too!

St. Paul's Home in Loikaw

At the beginning of February Sister Lucilla who is in charge for an orphanage of sfx in Loikaw, asked me for financial support. Therefore, I went to the capital of the Kayah district, south of Lake Inle. The orphanage St. Paul's Home accommodates 32 girls and 3 boys. The Myanmar Foundation from Munich established this home and supported it financially until 2013. Then the financial assistance ended for reasons unexplained.



The youth are partly orphans, partly social orphans (broken homes) and partly they come from very poor families . They remain in the home until they are able to care for themselves. 33 youngsters visit the middle school or high school. Two girls are already studying at the university.

The youngsters left the impression of cheerful and self-confident young persons. They learn like other students of sfx homes with enthusiasm and get support by the sisters. For the moment I was able to promise a support of 250.000 Kyat (approx. 180€) per month. Since June (the beginning of the new academic year), we support the orphanage with 1 Mio Kyat monthly. That's approx. 720€.

Meanwhile I met the chairperson of Myanmar Foundation. He seeks to find a sponsor for St. Paul's Home. However, everything remained the same and "Zukunft für Kinder der Welt e.V." still supports the children. Moreover, it is worth!

Khabe

A request for support of the children's home of St. Francis Xavier Convent in Khabe, south of Loikow, has already reached me during my visit the year before. Unfortunately, I had no time left to travel to this place.

Khabe is a small village in the mountains of the Kayah district. Many Christians are living there. It is a very poor area. There is no public transport to Khabe. The only bus (a small open truck) stops a few kilometers before the village. You have to organize further transport by yourself – or walk. Foreigners need an official permission to go there. And to get one is very complicated. However, the bishop of the diocese Loikow organized a visit for me. He sent a driver with a four-wheel-drive. We started at five o'clock in the morning and traveled many hours – mostly along dirt tracks – through the mountains, until we reached Khabe shaken and covered with dust.

We were welcomed heartily by the three sisters and the 22 children at the age between 7 to 13 years, who were quite shy at the beginning. For sure, I was the first foreigner they have ever seen. The children quickly overcame their initial shyness and unpacked the sleeping mats, pillows, blankets and mosquito nets cheerfully.

The main problems are the shortage of money and the lack of water during dry season. The stony ground cannot keep the water and it flows down the hill. That's why there is no water for the toilets during the dry season. They have to use the open "forest toilet". Moreover, there is no grocery in the village. The vegetable garden is essential for them. But that needs water, too. That's why "Zukunft für Kinder der Welt e.V." financed 4 stainless steel containers for 1000 liter, each. They were installed in April. Now they can plant vegetable and for the daily hygiene is cared for, too.



The home is so poor, that the children only had two meals a day, consisting mainly of rice. But that's over now. The manager of the home, Sister Luisa, and I calculated the demands for food, hygiene, school, clothes and necessary facilities. Since then, „Zukunft für Kinder der Welt e. V.” is supporting the home. In the afternoon of the same day, we had to go back to Loikow. I hope I can stay longer when I visit them again..

Meanwhile the children's home is well set up. At the beginning of the new school year, it was even possible to accommodate eight additional children. „Zukunft für Kinder der Welt e.V.“ financed a solar system für the children's house. Nobody has to fear in the dark anymore and a fire cannot be caused by a candle. The carpenter manufactured tables and benches for the dining room. Up to that time, they ate their meals sitting on the floor. Because it's quite cold between November and March, they bought mattresses to keep them warm.

Nevertheless, there is still a lot to do. Most important is the renovation of the toilets and the construction of two more toilets and a bathroom. I am going to organize that during my next visit in February 2016. I'm curious how everything is looking like by then. I'm pretty sure of one thing: The worry lines in the sister's faces will have disappeared.

Cambodia

Right after my arrival in Siem Reap I visited the outdoor families. At the following days, Socheta Van and later Mr Photra accompanied me. Mr Photra is the manager of the children's home Krousar Thmey, where Sophorn is living. I asked him to take over the support of the outdoor families.

During my stay, I heard many good news. Meanwhile the eldest son of Mrs. Sem Lem can finance his three children and the study of his brother. Daughter Karlika is running a second hand business with the help of her mother. Because of that the family's income is sufficient to care for themselves. At family Em I only met the man who was completely drunk early afternoon. I was told that he hasn't been working for quite some time. The family obviously gets support from another organization. The eldest daughter is married and has a nice baby. A relief organization organized a training place for the eldest son at the Sala Bai hotel and restaurant training center. That made him very happy and me, too. He is a busy, friendly young man.

The support for the Van family isn't necessary anymore. Socheta and her two brothers have an adequate income. But we pay Samnang's university fees. That makes 360 USD the first year and will rise until the last year at university.

Sophorn is growing but remains very slim. She is doing well at the children's home Krousar Thmey, but she misses her mother and her aunts a lot. We went shopping in the New Market. After that, we surprised three cheering girls in the home because we always bring something along for their roommates, too.

New is Onmot, a young man who was living in the children's village in Peak Sneng. He is a half orphan and his mother is living far away under very poor conditions. Omnot has always been very busy and he is an outstanding polite person. He finished his training at the college for hotel management of Paul Dubrule and then started working as receptionist in a small hotel. In addition, he visited High School, which he could finish last year. His wage is sufficient for the room, which he shares with two friends and for food. His great wish was to study at the university and I offered him to pay for the fees. Now he is very happy that his dream came true. In the morning, he goes to university and in the afternoon and evening, he works at the hotel. Every month I receive his mails in which he keeps telling me, how lucky and thankful he is. I am very pleased, too.

My final thoughts

The three months I spent at our projects were intense and busy but successful. I usually spend one week at every children's home if it is possible. In Kalaw and in the Delta it's always a few weeks. That's the only way to experience the real life there and to find out what they need for the kids and the community – like the photovoltaic system, the bunk beds and shelves for the children's house in the Delta. The review of the bookkeeping and the happy faces of the children only gives a limited insight of the daily life and sorrows.

At present, we finance living, food, schooling and many other things for about 200 children. Without our help, most of those children would not be able to attend elementary school, let alone to receive a secondary education or even study.

That is only possible because of your assistance, dear donors. The families, the children and the Sisters warmly thank you and send warmly greetings to all of you.

Refugee assistance

Also in tranquil villages like Diessen at the Ammersee many refugees have arrived from Afghanistan, Eritrea, Kosovo, Nigeria, Palestine, Serbia, Somalia, Syria etc. They were friendly welcomed and a voluntary supporter-circle was quickly built. They helped wherever they could.

Three Roma families from Serbia were looking for refuge in Germany. However, Serbia has been defined as a safe country of origin – even for Roma people. At first, a Roma family from Schondorf was sent into the cold winter of Serbia. We were able to cover food aid for the children for the next three months. They were very happy about that.

A second family with three young kids had to leave in February and return to Serbia. The family had had a bad fate and was hoping desperately to get asylum in Germany. All German friends were very sad. I advised them to appeal for donations for the children in the local newspapers. That got a great deal of attention.

We were looking for a local relief organization and finally contacted an ecumenical relief agency (EHO). They are specialized to support Roma people. EHO cooperates with the Deaconate Württemberg. A good working relationship was created. In order to guarantee a long-term supply the parents must have an income. That's why EHO financed the building of a pigsty, organized the purchase of two pregnant breeding sows from a qualified farm and provided the feedstuffs for the next six months. For the woman, pregnant with her fourth child, they bought a cheap washing machine. They found a supermarket, where they can receive food for the children for 100 Euro monthly. The money has been transferred to the supermarket directly. With all these measures, the donations are reliably used in order to support the children.

In September this year, I visited the Pavlovic family to get a personal impression of the correct use of the donations. You can find my report on our home page.

A big problem is the insufficient knowledge of German of the people asking for asylum. Without language skills they don't find jobs and without the recognition of the right to asylum they don't get an official language course. That's a vicious circle. The voluntary teachers do their best, but not all of them are trained teachers and they don't have time to teach every day.

“Zukunft für Kinder der Welt e.V.” could send three young refugees to the language school “Bildungskolleg Weilheim”. The three young men were very happy and learn every day with enthusiasm. Everyone wants to start a vocational training and for this they need to speak and understand the German language. They have become much more confident, because the constant waiting and nothing to do was very depressing for all.

**Therefore, we are also looking
for donors for language courses
for young refugees.**





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