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Once again I thank you from the bottom of my heart for your donations, you gave so many children in Myanmar and Cambodia a significantly better life and enabled the funding of their education. And Zukunft für Kinder der Welt e. V. will continue to accompany as many children as possible into a better future.

Many many thanks for all the donations from the big and little people of Myanmar and Cambodia.

We wish you all lots of health and happiness

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HELP

“Future for the children of the world” is a free and independent children’s charity in development cooperation and supports disadvantaged children, youths and young adults. We put the main emphasis on children’s homes of the St Francis Xavier Convent in Myanmar as well as children and youths of very poor families in Cambodia.

The children in the homes are from very poor families, or have lost one or both parents. Here they experience care, love, protection and careful support in their school life. The aim is for them to obtain a good school education to enable them to obtain further training or a university degree. In particular they should learn how to focus on their life and how to take control of it. As all these children come from poor and cramped families is the life in the children’s homes much better than the one 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 2015 will succeed both on a financial and organisational level.

As of 15 December 2014 I am once again on an “educational” trip to the projects. For the children in Cambodia and Myanmar it is by far the best way to obtain a good education. And the most precious thing for these countries is to have many well-educated young people.

I assure you that your donations arrive exactly there 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.

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 **sponsors**. A regular income enables us to calculate the numbers of children for very school 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 **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 a 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 fulfils the dzi-donation seal criteria.

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“Future for the children of the world” income and expenses for 2013

Income	Euro	Total
Donations	63.944,85	
Memberships subscriptions	100,00	
Sales	758,00	
Interest	272,02	65.074.87
Expenditure		
Projects in Cambodia and Burma	86.323,59	
Postage	390,08	
Brochures	572,88	
Homepage	206,80	
Fees, money transfer fees	37,30	
Office supplies	23,18	40.222,83
Printer	579,00	
Solar lamps for Burma	160,00	88.292,83
Shortfall		23.217,96

The high project costs are due to the expansion of the children's home in Mwe Hauk (2 new buildings plus sanitation) and the renovation of the home in Kalaw.

Budget 2014/15

Cambodia: here we require 400 Euro per month on average. The costs in 2015 could rise due to more tuition fees.

Myanmar: The monthly budget per children's home is 1,2 million Kyat. As the exchange rate is very unstable we cannot give an exact Euro equivalent. We assume a sum of between 1.000 and 1.200 Euro per month per home.

The cost for school equipment is a one off amount of approx. 4.000 Euro for both homes.

The trip to Myanmar

Has been described in detail in my project report of April 2014. You can find this report on our homepage: www.kinder-der-welt.org. Here follows a short summary.

Visit to the children's home St Mary in Mwe Hauk

Coming from Cambodia I arrived late in the evening in Yangon and continued the next day to Mwe Hauk in the Ayeyarwaddy Delta. I was very excited to meet the residents and see the progress in building the new houses. And as Sister Winnie told me, the boys and girls were also excited to meet me. Many of them hadn't met me before and I was immediately integrated into their everyday life and never felt a "stranger" even when language communication was a struggling.

St Mary is home to mainly youths; they visit the school in Mwe Hauk. In January 11 regular and 5 additional teachers taught approximately 610 primary students and 300 secondary students. The teachers earn – dependent on school type and age – from 25 Euro per month. The salary of the headmistress is around 75 Euro per month.

The secondary education ends with year 9. Students that want to visit High School (year 10 and 11) have to move to Labutta or other bigger towns. Due to the lack of public transport and the terrible state of the roads, this means the female students also need to live near their school. This is the reason why many young people only attain a secondary school certificate. School hours are in the morning from 9 to 12 and from 1 to 4 in the afternoon. The young people study from 7.30 to 8.30 and then again from 7.30 to 9 in the evening. They used to use the common room on the site. Now that the girls' house and dining room have been built they finally have enough room to complete homework and study.

Unfortunately these buildings were not quite finished on my second visit. The dining room however was "operational".

As stated in my project report the young people happily helped on the building site in their limited spare time, at weekends and in their holidays and even the little ones wanted to do their bit by helping to move sand and gravel.



All children and young people at St. Mary are obviously feeling at home. At the beginning of the new school year in June 2014 some children/ youths joined them while others moved on to High School. The newest arrival was born in February 2014. In total since June 2014 52 children, young people plus carers and a cook live in the children's home.



On the site there is also a kindergarten for the little ones of Mwe Hauk, which is supported by an Italian Children's charity. The children are well cared for, receive a nutritious lunch every day, learn a bit of reading and writing and could recite their ABC to me in English. A paediatrician holds a surgery every month and dispenses medication if necessary. Here are a few photos of the buildings and children..



Yolanda

is a charming and friendly girl from the Village of Mwe Hauk in the Delta. I got to know her in January 2014 when she was playing with some of the girls of the home. And I was shocked – the girl had a big growth in her face.

Yolanda was born on 1.10.05 and had the facial disfigurement from birth. It was only a small growth but it grew bigger every year. The left eye weeps continually, so she can only take part in lessons on a limited basis. She had to repeat year 1 and is at the start of the new school year (June 2014) still in year 1.



I sent photos to Dr Dr Martin Gosau who operates every year in Myanmar every year for the charity “Interplast”. He replied that this was a case of meningocele – a prolapse of the meninges that may or may not contain brain tissue. He promised me that he and a Swiss neurosurgeon would operate Yolanda on their next visit to Myanmar. In February 2015 both doctors are returning to Myanmar and then they will also operate Yolanda. What luck!

Yolanda has three sisters and one brother. The parents are dirt-poor labourers. The costs of the operation will be met by Interplast while Zukunft für Kinder der Welt e.V. will meet the transport costs to hospital as well as the care there.

John Bosco and Luis

both have misshapen feet. Luis was born on 28.3.2006 and is now in year 3. The hospital considered him to be inoperable. His younger brother John Bosco (DOB 26.10.2008) had an operation as a baby and can straighten his feet relatively well although there are still disfigurements on both feet.

The children have older siblings that have no disfigurements. The parents farm a rice paddy. From a normal harvest they sell two thirds and eat the remaining third themselves. In the dry season the father works currently as a road labourer. He crushes stones and gets around 1 \$ per day.

I have seen many similar disfigurements in Vietnam and Cambodia. They were caused by Dioxin (Agent Orange). Although no Agent Orange was used in Myanmar, dioxins are also released through the burning of plastics. And plastic rubbish is a huge problem in Myanmar. Everything is wrapped in plastic and then put in a plastic bag. All across the country you can see mountains of plastic refuse that also pollute the groundwater. In the evening you can see small fires all across the villages. The day’s rubbish is being burnt – together with the plastic. It is absolutely possible that Luis and John Bosco’s mother breathed in too many poisonous chemicals from rubbish burns while pregnant, and that this caused the disfigurements.



Sadly Dr Dr Martin Gosau could not give me much hope for a successful operation as orthopaedics in Myanmar are not of sufficient standard and many operations would be necessary. On my next visit I will however try on my next visit to help Luis in some way.

In the Children's home in Kalaw

around 47 children and young people between the ages of 2 and 18 years live here at present. Besides the sisters they are cared for by 4 young women that have lived in the home for years and used to go to school in Kalaw. In addition there are also 2 female cooks that also care for the children. It is just like a big family.

Sadly two Sisters had to leave the home: sister Mary Paul has to care for her parents and sister Ann was transferred to a – obviously very poor – children's home of the St Xavier's order in a village beyond Loikow. Unfortunately I ran out of time to visit that home. I will try to visit it on my next visit. Two other sisters came as replacements, both with much experience in working in children's homes. I briefly met the sister with Indian ancestors. She had worked in a home in Kalaw years ago and I have known her as a very warm and caring woman.



Their leader, Sister Angela had asked us for a small house in which all the children can eat together. I have already written about this in my project report. The building took longer than expected as a big bolder had to be removed. The home is on a steep hillside and the spot had to be carved out of the hill. But now it is ready.

For a whole month I spent almost every day in the home and enjoyed to meet the happy and friendly horde of children. The sisters' room is full with certificates for the excellent results of the children. At the end of year celebrations the best students received a small amount of money as recognition of their achievements.

Once again there were some visitors with me at the children's home and all were positively impressed. I was glad as this confirmed my opinion of the Sisters' work. Here a few more impressions



The small bit of luck



When I stayed in the home in Kalaw one day a village woman arrived with her son and daughter. She had to travel two days to reach Kalaw. She begged the sisters to take in her two children as her husband had recently died. She now lived with her sister in law who was not well disposed towards her. She looked for work on a day-to-day basis but the money was not enough to feed everybody.

We discussed it and decided to hire the woman as a cook at the home. Thus the family could stay together. The children get a good education and all are fed. It was such joy to see the relief on their happy faces.

Solar lamps

Electricity supply in Myanmar is – to put it mildly – a disaster. It is better in the towns but even here there are frequent power cuts. In the country there is hardly any official power supply. Here small solar panels are used, they provide – especially in the dry season – sufficient power for light and – if available – TV. If more power is needed the generator is started – an unpleasant noise in any village. Early 2014 saw the start of the connection of villages to the electricity network. To finance this the price for electricity was doubled in April, which means even fewer households can afford electricity.



In the last 10 years I have brought quite a few solar lamps to Cambodia and Myanmar. Although these lamps are of excellent quality, they are heavy, their batteries are hard to replace and they cost quite a bit. Last year I found a small, light but effective solar lamp – the “Little Sun” that I could obtain at a preferential price. Fully charged it supplies 10 hours of general room light or 5 hours of reading light. 20 “Little Suns” found a new home in both children’s homes and with several families in this ‘electricity – free’ rural location. Thus the risks of fires due to the use of candles and oil lamps is eliminated, the hut is a lot brighter and the children can do their homework in the evening using the reading light.

Water supply



...is a big problem – in Mwe Hauk as well as in Kalaw. This is why we decided to equip both homes with stainless steel drinking water containers. St Mary got three containers at 2000 litres each, the home in Kalaw two. This hopefully guarantees sufficient drinking water supply for the next few years. The transport to the homes was difficult but they managed it. In St Marys a (Burmese!) tractor fetched one container at a time from the main road 30 minutes away. In Kalaw we had to hire labourers with a handcart that fetched the containers up the mountain from the centre to the home

To make sure that the water reaches the containers clean, rainwater gutters and downpipes had to be added to the houses. In spring everything was ready and I will see the results at the end of the year. In Kalaw we surprised the sister with this water tank donation. A suitable location had to be found first. One was quickly created opposite the kitchen.

The outdoor families in Cambodia

are doing alright. Four boys reached the end of their high school education this year. But apparently the exam was not matched to the curriculum in the whole of the country, in Cambodia they have a central “high school certificate”. In total 75 per cent of all that took the exam failed it and the sad rest was shocked by their bad results. Therefore the education ministry permitted that all failed students could repeat the exam in October. However the ones that had “passed” were not allowed to repeat and were thus stuck with their bad results. In the end only two of the four boys made it. We will have to see what they can study with their mediocre certificates. And there is also a financial impact as someone with bad results does not obtain a tuition fee discount. So many hopes and dreams went down the Tonle Sap river.

I already wrote about the families in my project report in April (www.kinder-der-welt.org) but here another report about:

Sophorn



has integrated in the home of Krousar Thney. However she is missing her late mother a lot. She completed the last year at school successfully and is now in year 3. Sadly she has not yet had a chance to learn English, I hope I can arrange this on my next visit.

We don't have to pay Krousar Thney for the care of Sophorn, but they expect donations at the big Buddhist celebrations as well as the provision of clothes, shoes and personal hygiene articles. At my last visit we had a very nice but sweaty afternoon of shopping. Although there is no envy or argument with her two roommates, we bought them some nice and useful things as well. So all three girls were happy. Sophorn was very proud of her new things and was glad she could give some to her friends as well.

Socheata

has already been introduced in previous brochures. She is studying tourism in Siem Reap. Although she has been learning German for two years she cannot communicate in it yet. That's why Zukunft für die Kinder der Welt e.V. invited her to come to Germany in the summer of 2014 and to take part in a professional German course. Her University released her for 7 weeks, the German embassy arranged a visa and she arrived at Munich airport on 16 September.

There is a well regarded language school in Weilheim that offers integration courses for immigrants. So I asked Bildungskolleg Weilheim if they would accept Socheata, I also asked if they could waive the fees as the travel costs were quite an expense already. Her is the answer from Frau Schumann:

"My business partner Frau Fischmann and I are glad to support your organisation by offering Socheata a suitable intensive German course for 6 weeks. The attendance to the course will be completely free of charge for the young lady (the cost of course fees, books and learning materials will be completely covered by us)..."



We were really very happy. Socheata could even visit two courses – the morning and evening ones. She accepted the offer gladly and did not miss one lesson in the six and a half weeks. She completed the A1 course successfully and even started the A2 course. On 7 November she returned to Cambodia together with 7kg of teaching materials.

There are again two Weltwärts volunteers from Germany teaching at the VDCA School and Socheata will continue her German lessons with them. After the third week of our stay with us we spoke mostly German and future communications both written and spoken will also be mainly in German. This will hopefully give her (at the end of her studies in 2015) a good language basis for her dream job – German-speaking tour guide at the temples of Angkor.

We thank Bildungskolleg Weilheim from the bottom of our heart for their great help.

Anlung Pi Free School in Cambodia

In 2011 Zukunft für die Kinder der Welt e.V. gave substantial financial support to the Anlung Pi (previously Orlung Bi) Free School. We reported on this in the 2011/12 brochure. Frau Ansgard Cron, a teacher at the Albert Einstein Gymnasium (AEG) (High School) in Ravensburg, came across this brochure accidentally while hiking in the Shan mountains in Myanmar. The report about this school stirred great interest in her and so she contacted Zukunft für die Kinder der Welt e.V.

Soon she went to Cambodia to have a look for herself. Since then Anlung Pi Free School is a support project for the AEG and Frau Cron together with her pupils collects money through



many events. Sometimes projects find their sponsors through mysterious ways. Here Frau Cron's impressions from her last visit in June 2014:

“ In the Whitsun holidays of 2014 I returned to Anlung Pi with the amazing sum of 2900.– Euros – thanks to the generosity of the students, parents and colleagues at AEG. The joy of the school director Togh Main, the teachers and the children over this unexpectedly high donation was immense.

Over the next two weeks I could assure myself once again of the correct and relevant use of these donations as well as the overall success of this project.

The recent charity drive was the fourth for Cambodia and some people may indeed ask – “What happens with all those donations?” – Well quite a lot!

Last year a new workshop was erected at the Anlung Pi Free School and equipped with sewing machines and materials. Here the older students – as well as interested women from the village – can learn to sew. Not only does this give them the opportunity to sew and mend clothes for their families, it also opens the route to earn a living from sewing.

In addition a kindergarten for the very little ones was built and started operating. This means no children need to spend their time at the refuse dump, and the “recycling families” know their children are well looked after at kindergarten or at school. Here the children enjoy a clean, healthy and child friendly environment in which they can play and learn instead of suffering the dirt and noise of the rubbish dump.”





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