

Am 02.01.2015 schrieb Gudrun Dausacker:

Dear Elizabeth,

we wish you a merry christmas and healthiness for you. The christmas holidays are over and we finally found ourselves the time to write. School starts again on the 7th of January. Rosa and Marco have free time for a few days from Leipzig University (300 km from Thüngersheim) and they are staying with us for that time. (Marco is translating the letter at the moment ;-)) The children are enjoying the fact that it snows since two days and that they can ride the sleigh. The last snowfall was in the winter of 2011. Clara likes to do snowangels, you will receive some picture with this mail :-)) Every Monday in December the school organized a little advent celebration, where we sang some christmas songs and children told poems. At the first of the Advent Celebrations I read your christmas card to the children and the teaching staff which they enjoyed very much. I am going to give the pictures to Hubert Schneider, so he can bring them to you. Please fix them to the pin board in front of the classrooms. It doesn't matter if they go astray.

We have had our christmas market on the second weekend of December. The parents' association earned even more money than last year, we don't know how much yet. But I can tell you, that we earned 260 Euros only for the christmas cards! The people especially loved the cards that had special christmas pictures, after three hours they were gone! I guess we could have sold even more cards, so perhaps you could send mainly cards with christmas pictures next year.

Thanks a lot for the ten sponsor-letters, Hubert Schneider gave it to me last Wednesday (17th of December). On the 23th of December a suprisingly huge bundle of letters arrived our school, where we enjoyed the letters of grade 4 to 7. Our English Teacher Anette Goltz is going to answer the letters of 4th grade, I am going to hand out the letters of 5th to 7th grade to my colleague Katja Mikosch at Karlstadt Middle School. And we were happy about another ten sponsor-letters back from the beginning of October. It took them about three months to arrive at Thüngersheim. When I spoke to Paul via telephone, I did not know about those letters, I'm sorry the girls had to write two letters.

In August Paul brought the money for 11 sponsorchildren, please choose the 11th child and send us her name and a photo. From January on we can support at least two more kids. So there are thirteen sponsored girls. The Schneiders will bring the money on their next trip and maybe Hubert Schneider can collect the letters of the three girls and bring them back to Thüngersheim, Germany. I have spoken with Mrs. Frels from the Kindermissionswerk, she is going to contact you because of the new contract and she is going to transfer 3000 Euros soon. What is about the building lot and how does it progress? Thüngersheim folks are very interested in the building process. The Thüngersheim Church Choir organized a christmas concert and donated the receipts to the dormitory building, too.

I have one more plea: Martin is taking care of the tax bill of AISWAMANARA, therefore he needs the list of how you utilized the money in 2014. :-) Marco is doing a great job:-)

Greetings from all pupils, from the teaching staff and Winfried, from the members of AISWAMANARA and from the whole family: Rosa, Clara, Marco, Irina, Chris, Felix and Gudrun

Am 12.01.2015 08:06 schrieb Sr. Elisabeth:

Dear Gudrun,

Once more happy new year, I hope it has began well with you, the family, the school community and the AISWAMANARA. Well started the school business again, I wish you a successful school semester. We begin ours on the 2.2.2015. I want to suggest that for our fast communication, you can always if there is no immediate person to help you translate you could write in Germany, Pfr. Paul is ready and committed to getting it translated into either English or German. I have talked to him already.

Thank you for the continued support. Please convey our heartfelt gratitude to the staff, pupils, the principal and members of AISWAMANARA for all support. We pray for you.

With love and prayer. Elisabeth.

Am 12.01.2015 schrieb Gudrun Dausacker:

Dear Elizabeth,

thank you for your mail. If it is ok for you, I try to write mail on my own. Clara learns English at school, and I try to learn with her. I'm learning vocabulary and repeat her homework. ;-) Texts more complicated, I need help from Maria or my daughters or Marco :-) I have one more plea: This year we get great donations from different groups and persons for the dormitory.

I want to say Thank you in our village magazine. Our people would be happy, if you can write two or three sentences. I will publish them in the next magazine.

Between the wonderful letters from the girls I found a letter to JULIAN GOTRTRIEOL: I don't know what's about. I send it back with Hubert.

Am 20.01.2015 schrieb Sr. Elisabeth:

Dear Gudrun,

thanks very much for all the activities and efforts towards the support of our school. We are all proud of you and grateful for miracles you have made for us. You have now come up with a new and very good idea of a word from us in your village magazine. This what I would suggest (You can add on a few photos that you have.)

To all friends and partners of our school. I am writing on behalf of all the girls of Madera Primary school to send you our warm greetings and gratitude for the good cooperation that exists between us through the AISWAMANARA project. We pray that God gives us good health and blessings in the new year 2015.

We heartily thank all our friends that have supported us by paying an annual contribution of Euro 300 for the education of the girl child in our school. In our country Uganda, the girl child is neglected by most parents. Our families in Uganda have an average of 8 children. Many of these families live below one Euro per day. When it comes to education, most parents prefer to send the boys to school and ignore the girls who are literally turned into slaves who do household work until they are married

off at an early age. That was the reason why our founder, Mother Kevin who came from Ireland, built this school many years ago and dedicated it for the education of the often neglected girl child. Her firm belief and our conviction is that when you help to educate a girl child, you have educated society because here in Africa it is often the mother that educates the family. Thank you for assisting us to educate the future mothers of this country. They will never forget you. There is no society in the world that will grow when a half of its population is neglected. Thank you for educating the neglected part of our society.

We have had the challenge of building a dormitory for these girls. There are many strong reasons why our girls need to sleep at school even at an early age. They include the following. Given that many come from very poor families where there is no water, electricity, etc. the boarding school is a good protection and assurance that the girls study and do their homework. At home they would be sent off to do child labor and would have no time to do their homework. At school they are able to read their books even at night since we have electricity. At school, they would not be forced to go and look for firewood, water etc. for cooking or look after animals, go to dig, etc. as it would happen in their homes. The long distances they walk from home to school also exposes them to many dangers since some scrupulous men can grab such girls and abuse them and in that way ruin their future. In this way some have been made pregnant at an early age and others infected with HIV. Some parents even often marry of the girl child at an age as early as 12 in order to get wealth! When the girl stays at school, she is protected against all these dangers and risks. It is against this background that we thought of constructing a dormitory for them.

Gudrun Dausacker and the team of friends that visited us from Thuengersheim have always supported us in this important project for our girls. They saw the building which is now in its raw form. We urgently need money to complete it. Gudrun has informed us that some of you have supported us by making good contributions towards this good cause. I want on behalf of the girls to thank all those that have made sacrifices to help us in this project too. The girls will never forget you.

By providing shelter for our poor girls you have indeed protected them from many dangers they would be exposed them to and given them a sure place for them to read their books and be good educated citizens of our country.

We keep you all in our prayers. God bless and reward you all.

Sr. Elizabeth

Head Teacher, Madera Girls Primary School