



## **ANNUAL LETTER 2022**

Dear Friends,

On behalf of our children and staff I greet you warmly. Trust this brief report cum Christmas message finds you well and blessed. The fear of Covid menace is history now; I believe and hope that we will continue to live with a sense of security and peace.

Of course there are other challenges in our lives that we all face on a daily basis but we take courage to meet the challenges. Here in India, we the NGOs/charities face difficult and different challenges which often are discouraging and frustrating. However, we continue our service to the poor children and their communities with determination and with a firm hope that our good intent will win.

Our Organization is now providing services in three key areas: a) Education and care of children; b) Rural Health care and c) Rural micro economic development activity.

### **a) Education and Care of children:**

We continue to offer education and care to the children from socially and economically deprived families. We have children whose parents suffer from marital adjustment leading to separation leaving children to fend for themselves or cared for by grand parents or guardians. Children are victims of such maladies.

Due to governmental regulations and restrictions on the NGOs, we cannot run homes for the most difficult and deprived children (which we used to) with the cooperation of other agencies. We were able to run homes for girl children and others that needed such care with the cooperation of Church/independent agencies. Without cooperating with independent/Church agencies we cannot run residential programs because often the participating agencies provided the needed infrastructure/facilities. To augment this situation, we have strengthened the Student Assistance Plan (SAP) program through which we had helped children earlier though in a small way. Now, with the SAP program we are able to assist children through their parents/grandparents/guardians and care givers in family setting.

Through our Social Workers we assist children in their educational activities, offer talent



development activities, vocational guidance and values education programs and provide financial help directly to the family. Of course the SAP program reduces a lot of administrative costs but there are also certain effective programs for children that cannot be offered as in residential setting.

There are 16 SAP centers supported by funds from Eriks, Sweden and SAC-CCC Deutsche Sektion, Germany. Out of the sixteen SAP centers four are located in Sri Lanka. Prinz Foundation in Munich supports one Center in India and Four Centers in Sri Lanka.

The Social Workers keep in touch with the children constantly and offer support in their educational activities, visit the schools and interact with the teachers regarding the performance of children. The Social Workers are also given the responsibility to visit and

interact with the parents/guardians/care givers of children and discuss about their life and work, family/community challenges they face such as domestic violence, financial issues, and marital problems etc., Our Social Workers are trained to deal with issues of importance in the families and communities



*'Social worker visiting family'*



*'Girls study time'*



*'Social Worker with the family'*



*'Excursion'*





*'Snack-time'*

## **b) Rural Health Program – Rural Hospital:**



The Rural hospital at Peyanapalli, Chittoor District of the State of Andhra Pradesh has in the last seventeen years has provided relief and good health services for scores of patients coming from the surrounding village communities. But for the services rendered at this rural hospital, many would have lost lives, permanently disabled and the health of mother-child endangered. Except during the Covid pandemic, the hospital services were offered services, though in a limited way.

Now the hospital is under renovation; however, the basic services are continued to be offered with minimum health care professionals. We intend to install two dialysis units which will also serve patients from nearby urban areas who can pay for the services. With the dialysis units in place we hope to achieve partial sustainability of running the rural hospital.





We have had times when we were not getting adequate funds even to meet the expenses of the minimum services that were offered to the poor patients at the hospital. However, we could continue the services with the assistance received from friends overseas, particularly from Germany and the United States.

We are engaged actively to raise funds for the replacement of X-ray unit, ambulance vehicle, install two dialysis units and upgrade chemistry lab. We are looking for sponsors. To begin with, we will start selling all the Teak trees which we planted in the hospital campus over two and a half decades ago with an intention to support the health care activities. This might cover a portion of our expenses – renovation of entire facility, overhaul machinery and purchase minor hospital equipment.



*'Nurses attending patients'-outreach*



*'Attending an elderly man at the hospital lab'*



### **c) Rural Micro Economic Activity:**

We have been concentrating on and strengthening the upward economic movement of rural families through micro economic activity that provide additional income to the families. Keeping this mind, we have been providing opportunities to the poor rural families to participate in the Cow Project. We have in the last several years provided nearly a thousand cows to as many rural families.



Eriks from Sweden, friends in Germany, Switzerland and USA came forward to fund this wonderful and extremely productive program. Undoubtedly, the rural families were greatly benefitted and the

Cow program has become a byword for the economic stability of the poor rural families, mainly in the State of Andhra Pradesh and Tamilnadu.



Through the Cow Project, our social workers are able to reach out to the communities and address the concerns of girl children, domestic violence and awareness to the economic, social and political issues.



This year, Eriks, Sweden represented by its International Coordinator Mr. Roland Nisfolk came forward with a novel idea to provide a cow to the family where a child is supported under SAP program. The SAP support to the child will cease after three years and that the family will have to take care of the education and other needs of the child through economic gains from the Cow. We have agreed and initially 25 cows were given to as many SAP supported families. This is yet another way of motivating the rural families to support themselves after few years of organizational support.



'Veterinary Doctor examining the cow'

Thanks to friends and families in Germany, Switzerland and USA and Eriks, Sweden that supported Cow Project by providing funds to buy cows. This project is extremely effective and will be continued.





### **SAC-CCC SRI-LANKA PROJECTS**

There are four projects in Sri-Lanka for children providing day care center, training and education. The Day Care center are located in Southern and hilly regions of Sri-Lanka. The Day care centers continue to provide safety, health, and happiness to the children whose parents work in tea estates and engaged in menial work. The children are healthy and active. They enjoy participating in traditional activities, games and drawing colorful patterns.



*'Afternoon Meals'*

In addition, children learn and develop cognitive skills by playing and exploring the world through several activities. We introduced clay modelling classes for the first time and they enjoyed a lot.



*'Playtime'*



*'Clay Models made by the kids'*

All the projects in Sri Lanka are supported by Prinz Foundation, Munich, Germany and Mr. Udo Prinz, its founder has been supporting the projects for a number of years. We are very grateful for his commitment and help.



**Thank you for your concern, generosity and support:**

I would like to thank all our dear friends and families in Germany, Switzerland, and Sweden that continue to uphold the ministry of our Organization through their generous giving. I thank you dear friends; please consider my grateful thanks as it comes from my heart.

Several Organizations and their leaders have been assisting in many ways – securing funds, providing services and managing the administration. We thank SAC-CCC Deutsche Sektion e.V, Germany, its Chairman Mr. Anderas Polz; Prinz Foundation, Germany, its Chairman Mr. Udo Prinz; Mr. Hauke Luers and his friends from Mannheim, Germany; Church at Muri-Gumligen, Switzerland and its Pastor Rev. Christoph Knoch (since retired); Church at St. Gallen, Switzerland and its Liaison Dr. Paul Stadler, Ms. Christina Policonte in Bern, Switzerland; Mr. Anders Malmstigen, International Director, Eriks, Sweden and Mr. Roland Nissfolk, its International Program Coordinator; Mr. David Lycke, Child Care, Sweden, its Office bearers and Friends.

Special thanks to the Board of SAC-CCC Deutsche Sektion e.V. Germany, few of whose services we place on record – Mr. Andreas Polz, Chairman, Mr. Bernd Fechner, formerly Chairman for over quarter of a century (Founding member), Mr. Gerhard Augustat and his wife Mrs. Elli Augustat.

Many friends of mine though unable to provide monetary assistance but are praying for our ministry constantly and we are greatly blessed by their fervent prayers to our Lord Jesus Christ.

Not the least at all, thanks to a farmer (friends of mine for three generations) in South Germany - Family Schlayers and his daughter Magdalene and her husband Mr. Sautter who bless our organization with big sums of money for our projects every year.





### **Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year 2023:**

The Advent season brings joy to all of us. The “peace on earth” declaration by the Angels continue to provide us the much needed strength and hope to live a life of worth and in harmony. We need that peace from above for our families to live with purpose, for our communities to live in harmony and our nations of this beautiful world to live in engagement with each other for a meaningful and cooperative life. A sense of respect for each other’s confession, culture and values and territorial integrity will have to be visited again. If the ‘declaration’ is understood from humane point of view, there will be respect for life and liberty for all.

Prosperity is a blessing from above and may our prosperity motivate us to care and share with others in need, not only material things but our love too. This is the true understanding of the Gospel of Christ.

**I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year 2023. Be blessed.**

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