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**“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given;
and the government will be upon his shoulder,
and his name will be called “Wonderful Counsellor,
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”** - Isaiah 9:6

Dear HLWM friends,



December already. Month of festivities and also a month in which I look back at the past year. Regarding the work in India it's wonderful for me to see what has been accomplished by Joseph and Geetha Komanapalli and their co-workers in India.

I just mention a few things that HLWM is doing in India: We give a warm and loving home to more than 180 children in our 2 children homes. For them and another 200 children from nearby villages we provide good primary education.

Adult education is available in the evening, young women learn sewing and embroidery techniques. We offer health care and teach midwives, fresh water is supplied in times of need, community work is taken care off and we look after widows and the aged.

This is not all. Because of special donations we were able to start construction of a Prayer Centre. We broadcast Christian radio programs weekly and publish text-books in the Telugu language.

HLWM also runs a Bible School. This year we could give also emergency help to 200 Christian refugees, who lost their homes during persecutions in Orissa. We are very grateful that 300 Indian people wanted to receive baptism in 2009. They all accepted Jesus as their Lord and Saviour.

We are now planning for our annual visit to India. In February 2010 we hope to take part in the great 4-day conventions. That is always such a joy! This time the conventions will take place again in Kalipatnam. Already we are looking forward to see the children and all co-workers again and are anxious to see and hear how things are going. We know already that the Saripalli church will be consecrated officially and that the vocational school will be dedicated.

In the last newsletter you were informed that construction of the vocational school has been completed. Now the purchasing and installation of computers, instruments etc., and selection of teachers is going on. We trust that the vocational school will soon start its first academic year. It's good to hear that the young students can hardly wait to start their studies.

One of the female students is Sumalatha. Her father was very sick and died because of lack



Sumalatha

of medicines. Ten years ago Joseph and Geetha met her mother in Korukollu. She had not the means to care for her child and asked Joseph to allow her daughter to live in the children home. Sumalatha was lovingly accepted and by now she is a 10th class student in our Saripalli High School. In March 2010 she'll sit for her final examination and hopes to be accepted in the new vocational school, where Sumalatha wants to study nursing. She and



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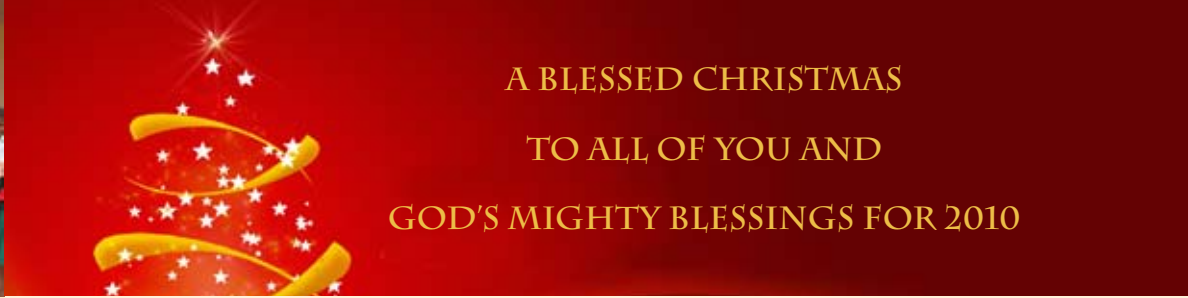
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GOD'S MIGHTY BLESSINGS FOR 2010

her mother are very thankful for getting this opportunity.

CHE

As you know the Community Health Program is directed from Singapore by Dr. Annelies Wilder-Smith-van Halem. Every year a delegation from Singapore is visiting India in support of the missionary activities of HLWM. This time Rev. Neil Watkinson, Sylvia and



Bruno Luse took part.

An important part of CHE activities are the 4 tailoring schools, where young women are

taught sewing and embroidery. After 2 years of tuition they receive a certificate and a sewing machine, so that they can earn their own income. Sylvia Luse was able to donate again 15 sewing machines this year thanks to generous gifts from friends in Singapore.

Centers with HIV/aids patients were also visited and about 50 parcels with foodstuffs were distributed. Most of these patients live isolated and hardly survive on what they receive from the community.

For this reason CHE is conducting campaigns in the villages to teach how to prevent this illness, but also to make this issue open for discussion. The locals wrongly think that caring for the patients will result in contamination. A research is going on to improve our CHE program for help against the HIV problem.

Visit by Rev. Kip Wear and Paul Brown from WEC International

They visited HLWM India at the end of last year and our director Geetha Komanapalli was asked to translate text-books of WEC on Christian faith in the Telugu language, which is spoken in the state of Andhra Pradesh (also in our territory) by 80 million people.

After translation the text-books were printed and brothers Kip and Paul of WEC could distribute these to the bible school students, our evangelists and bible women last november. We are happy about this co-operation.

Sponsoring HLWM by running the Frankfurt marathon.

A marathon took place in Frankfurt on the

25th of October with 20.000 athletes, sportsmen, and whoever able and interested. In this big happening 20 supporters of HLWM participated to promote our mission and charity work. Altogether 5 teams carried the name 'Hermon Kids'. We could have had more teams, but the participation was limited to 1300 teams who all had to subscribe before July and we could not meet this deadline. Below a photo of 9 of our runners.



Our heartfelt thanks go to all runners and supporters. It is fantastic that they were willing to promote HLWM in this way resulting in donations from sponsors. Many of them had severe muscle pain the day after, but considered it worth the effort.

Your support and donations provide opportunities for underprivileged people. Your love will offer them a better future. It's very encouraging for us, that Hermon Living Water Ministries had no financial worries in 2009. All projects are proceeding well and are completely covered financially. We want to express our heartfelt thanks to all of you for your love and support. God bless you!

Finally I like to stress that almost 100% of all gifts are sent to India.

Our board members work without any remuneration.

Traveling and most other costs are paid by ourselves. This is confirmed by the hallmark we received from the RfB agency, saying that all gifts are used for the purposes indicated by donors.

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