



# NEWSLETTER

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**Dear HLWM friends.**

**Again there is much to report about the work of HLWM in India. About our annual visit to HLWM, about the progress of the Vocational School in Saripalli, the expansion of our social/medical program for the aged and the HIV/Aids patients.**

For quite some time temperatures in India were more than 42 degrees Celcius, which is too much even for the Indian people. Fields were dry as it hardly rained last year. Water levels in the rivers were very low. During our visit we even saw big demonstrations because of the shortage of drinking water. HLWM hired daily a few tankers to distribute safe drinking water to far away villages, so that also the poor and weak have something to drink in the heat.

Price increases are causing anxiety. Food-stuffs rose by 20%, building materials by 40% due to the booming economy. This makes, however, the gap between rich and poor even larger.

Worth mentioning: HLWM received an award!!!!. The "Edinburgh award" was issued this year for the first time by the EZA (the Dutch Evangelical Mission Alliance) and the NZR (Dutch Mission Council) judging charity organisations on 10 points for the combination of missionary and social work. Many missions applied. HLWM won the second prize donated with 1250 Euro. Prize-giving day was on Saturday May 22nd during the Revival Conference in Biddinghuizen, Holland, which is visited by 50 to 60 thousand people on Whitsunday every year.

### LATEST NEWS!!

Just before printing this newsletter, a terrible cyclone hit the coastal area of Andhra Pradesh. Many people lost their huts and all their belongings. Polluted water caused widespread diarrhoea also in the villages we visited this year. Emergency help by HLWM was started immediately.

### OUR VISIT TO INDIA

A team of 8 persons, consisting of Adrian and Frances van Halem, Paula Slurink, Lammert and Gerry Boeve, their 21-year old daughter Charlotte and Ron Feith with his wife Judith, visited HLWM's mission fields from Febru-

ary 16th – 27th.

After two days of travelling, our program started on February 18th with the dedication of a new beautiful large church in Saripalli in the presence of many church dignitaries and people from surrounding villages. It is wonderful that Joseph and Geetha now have their "own" church building at last in the village where they live. They prayed for this church for 10 years. Upto now we concentrated on smaller churches in rural areas near the coast. This beautiful church offers seating capacity for 300 adults and 200 kids.

On February 19th the Annual 4-day Gospel Conventions started. Kalipatnam's village pre-



sident extended a hearty welcome. He mentioned that his village and the surrounding ones are clearly benefiting from HLWM's presence. It was good to hear that the hard work of Joseph, Geetha and all HLWM co-workers is appreciated. Living conditions did improve in those villages by their engagement. On the 2nd day of Conventions a terrible incident happened.

As always thousands of people from Kalipatnam and the neighbouring villages were attending these conventions. Late afternoon we heard that an 8-year old Hindu girl was missing. All kind of rumours started and as tension increased we broke off the convention for that



### CHILDREN OF OUR CHILDREN HOME

We interviewed a number of children, living in our children homes. We wanted to know where they came from, their wishes and of course, we should like to follow their career and prospective life. Their stories were very touching. You can read their stories on our website



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day and returned to Saripalli to the home of Joseph and Geetha for safety reasons. Joseph stayed behind for interrogation by the police. The next morning we heard that the girl was found dead, lying in the compound of one of our churches nearby. The police started an investigation, but until now no one knows what really happened.

The next afternoon we returned to Kalipatnam to resume the conventions. The mayor ostentatiously sat on the platform to give us moral support.

On Sunday, the last day of the convention, David, the son of Joseph, was visibly touched by the Holy Spirit, gave a powerful message to a large audience. Many people were touched and asked for baptism.

Monday was a day of rest, which we used to visit the new Children Home in Saripalli to hear stories from children about their life before coming to HLWM and to see the adjacent Vocational School, which is almost



ready for use. We visited also our KK High School where the pupils were presented with new playground equipment. It was great to see their joy.

We also visited the nearby village and saw how the people are living. Especially those surprise visits give us new inspiration to combine our mission work with education, a health program and vocational training.

On Tuesday we visited Mollaparru, which village was almost totally destroyed during

the Tsunami in 2004. Later Mollaparru was rebuilt. Here we dedicated a new church, a gift from Adrian and Frances van Halem.

Later that day we visited the compound of the 24-hour Prayer Centre in Perupalem, where we saw the foundations and some walls of various buildings under construction.

On Wednesday another church was dedicated, this time in Chinna Lanka, gift from Gerrie and Lammert Boeve.

This church is situated in a new district of HLWM. After dedication of this church, 80 people gave their heart to Jesus!

There we met a young woman. Her legs were lamed and with slippers on her hands she dragged herself forward over the sand. Sometimes she was carried by her brother.

We decided to give a special adapted bicycle to the young woman, to make her more mobile and independent.



On the last day of our stay we visited Pathapadu. Here the CHE Health Centre is situated, where HIV/Aids patients, as well as widows and old people come for help. We give them food and health care. It is grateful to help those people, poor, sick and hungry and often cast out from their communities. Their future is hopeless.

Later that day we met all our local co-workers. We thanked them for their engagement and together we took Holy Communion in our small local church overthere.



### EXPANSION CHE (Community Health Education)

Dr. Annelies Wilder Smith-van Halem made a review in a lengthy report on our CHE program. It showed that our HIV/Aids program needed adaption. A special nurse was appointed to look after the HIV/Aids patients. These people will now get transportation to and from the hospital, will be checked for using their medicines regularly, receive more cooked food for themselves and their families. More coordination also to expand medical and social care to old people.

The CHE program offers many possibilities and we hope to be able to reach many more people in the future. Please see a You Tube film, to get an impression of the CHE program, in this case in the Congo.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bPADtM3941c&NR=1>

### RENEWED WEBSITE

Our website [www.HLWM.org](http://www.HLWM.org) has been renewed. Graphic designer Toon Somnainkubun modernized our new site without any remuneration and made it up-to-date. We will actualize the site by adding a News page and will have also a dutch translation in future.

As always I want to stress that all gifts and donations reach India for almost 100%!

Travelling and many other costs are paid for by ourselves. HLWM has the RfB hallmark, which states: "Donors can be sure that their gifts are used for the purposes stipulated by the donors". HLWM is taxfree because of the ANBI act. Our Chamber of Commerce number is 05066472.

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