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DEAR FRIENDS of HLWM

While writing this letter the summer seems to be over. The autumn started in Holland early. In India, however, an awfully hot and dry summer starting from April gave temperatures of up to 50 degrees Celsius. Many old people and young children died due to the scorching heat. When the heavy monsoon rains came at the end of July, everyone felt relieved.

But a long time before that wells fell dry or water pumps gave only salty water. As usual HLWM helped again to provide drinking water to the local population. Big tank lorries transported safe drinking water to the surrounding villages, where the women were waiting with water jars to be filled. How wonderful that by this action lives are saved and that Hindus could see that Christians want to care for everyone irrespective of caste or religion.

At this moment the rains are so heavy that the northern part of Andhra Pradesh is flooded. Let's pray that the floods will not become worse.



It is good news that the local government initiated a durable water project in Kalipatnam where our first children home was built. Village elders approached HLWM to participate in the costs. After studying this project we promised to help financing the relay station for water with Euro 780,-.

We are glad that all pupils from the highest grades have passed their school examinations in our two HLWM primary schools. They receive certificates recognised by the government and will give them admission to further studies if there are sponsors.

SCONSTRUCTION VOCATIONAL SCHOOL

We are very happy that the board of HLWM unanimously decided to start the construction of a vocational school in Saripalli. Although there is still a financial gap, we felt that we should go ahead with this new project.

This school would be the fulfilment of a long cherished wish from the side of the local population. By learning a vocation, also the children from our two children homes will then have a chance for a better future.

The school offers courses in ICT and courses for medical assistant, medical nurse and marketing to 72 young people each year. The 2-year training courses are conform to the requirements of the Indian government and will enable the students to receive approved certificates and thereby jobs.



During a festive ceremony on 28th June the first three stones were placed by Rev. Joseph Komanapalli and his wife Rev. Geetha, who will be the future directors of the vocational school. Evangelists, Bible women, other HLWM co-workers and future students with their parents were present. Construction will take more than a year. The first students will follow these courses in 2010, God willing. Many of them will be former pupils of HLWM's primary schools. One of them knows exactly what she wants.



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LET ME INTRODUCE MYSELF

My name is Ron Feith, age 51, married to Judith and in daily life working as Chief of Operations within the Dutch Police Force. On March 20, I took over the chairmanship of Hermon Living Water Ministries (HLWM) Foundation, which was set up by Adrian van Halem and his wife Frances in 1998.

Five years ago I came into contact with the work of HLWM bringing the gospel accompanied by much needed social support for the poor in India. All projects had an enormous impact in improving the living conditions of the outcasts. Touched by the enthusiasm and hard work of the founders Adrian and Frances, I came to be involved in this ministry. Almost two years ago I was asked to take over the chairmanship. At that time I was not ready to take over such a heavy task next to my normal daily work. But this challenge did not leave my mind and many times I prayed about it. In 2007 I went to India for the annual meetings and was deeply touched by everything I saw and experienced. The children, the people, all HLWM co-workers, all this touched my heart and I saw with my own eyes all that which was achieved within those short 10 years. Back home I received for no immediate reason and out of the blue from 2 persons unknown with my dilemma an advice (a word) confirming that I should accept God's plan with my life for India. All this made me to decide to take on this task. Since I realised that I would not be able to do the work for Hermon Living Water Ministries next to my normal job, I decided to start working part time with the Police Force.



Together with my wife Judith I want to take up this ministry started by Adrian and Frances.

We cannot replace them, but we can continue their work in the same spirit. We are convinced that God will lead us and we trust in His guidance. We pray that this beautiful work will expand even more, so that more outcasts in India will receive help in their dismal life and accept our Lord Jesus Christ into their hearts.

May we count on your support and prayers?

This is her story and her photograph:

Her name is Salomi and she is studying fourth class in Van Halem Children Home



Saripalli. Her father died during the Tsunami in 2004. This happening dramatically changed the life of this family into desperate poverty. Her mother had been attending

church services in our church in Podu since many years and Rev. Joseph heard about their misery. Salomi was admitted into the Children Home and soon became friends with the other girls. Now she is very happy. She has a soft and friendly nature and she loves music and singing. She prays for the children in her village, who have neither a chance to go to school or have hardly any food. When she was asked what she wants to become in future, she answered that she wants to be a nurse and help poor people. Salomi's mother is very happy to see her daughter growing up in safe surroundings and is grateful to you all.



YOUR HELP MAKES ALL THE DIFFERENCE

India is on the front page as one of the fastest growing economies. The greatest part of the Indian population, the poor and needy, mainly the lower cast, the uneducated, suffer from higher prices without benefiting from this economic growth. The result is that their standard of living gets worse. We cannot change that process but thanks to your support, we can help Dalits and other outcasts who live in one of India's poorest areas. Since the start of our ministry in 1998 we founded 2 orphanages where a total of 160 children



receive loving care, board, lodging and school education. Another total of 160 children receive food, learn songs and learn to write in 4 day-care centres. In 4 villages young women are being trained in sewing and embroidery techniques. Villagers are trained in Community Health Education, which affects their social, cultural and spiritual circumstances by telling them also about the gospel of Jesus Christ. Nurses provide medical treatment and medicines. Midwives receive modern training for safe deliveries. HLWM provided eye-operations for more than 100 cataract patients. Water pumps were installed. Safe drinking water is distributed when water wells are empty during the dry season. This year we started a new project so that the very old and needy, mostly neglected widows, are given daily food, medical help and even a hut when necessary. Construction of a vocational school was started to offer professional training to young people to give them a chance for a better future.

All these initiatives are born out of the needs of the local population and done by Indian people. This and more is made possible by your prayers and financial support of Hermon Living Water Ministries.

Your help is making the difference. Thank you so much.

However, our work is far from being finished. New supporters are very much welcome to give hope to many more people! I must stress that all gifts and donations are transferred to India for almost 100%. Our board members personally pay for traveling expenses and costs. HLWM has the RfB hallmark (Dutch Council for Financial Reliability), which certifies: "Donors can be assured that all donations are used for the purposes specified."

Ron Feith
Chairman HLWM



YOUR FINANCIAL HELP MAKES ALL THE DIFFERENCE