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One of the 18 pictures on the Kindergarten wall

The nine small children of the Eliya Kindergarten, including kindergarten teacher Janaki, are very happy about the nice painting of the 18 colorful pictures on the wall surrounding the Kindergarten playground. Thanks a lot to Kim and her "Isabella Foundation" in England!

In August, six of the Eliya boys performed a play in Galle and finished in second place! Congratulations Saman, Dilip, Wijith, Malen, Ajith and Tisara!

In October, Uschi and Heri from Kaiserslautern became Ibis Guesthouse vacationers, and for the second time, busy helpers for the Eliya Children's Home. This was great! Uschi not only hosted handicraft work with the kids, but also tackled the house's laundry and snipped vegetables in the kitchen. Furthermore she led as a yoga teacher for the busy student interns!



Uschi with Eliya boys

Her sweating man Heri was in the meantime busy with garden work and setting stepping stones at the new Eliya bungalow. Additionally he assisted in the expansion of the Eliya playground with two more high bars, parallel bars, a balance beam, a high swing, and a wooden horse named "Woody"!

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Manju + Kasun on Woody



The big Heri with small Siri

The 1000 Euro donation for the sports and game equipment, as well as the games of skill were compliments of the Bayer Firm, which were procured as a stipend from our energetic student intern Anina from Berlin. Super great!



Elisabeth and Anina when giving active English-lessons outside



New sports equipment

On November 19, 2013 the Eliya Children's Home had its second birthday! Happy Birthday!

The birthday party with the ceremonial first stone laying of the "Eliya Youth Center," the ground floor of which is being financed by Austrian donations (money for the second floor has not yet been obtained), and the dedication of the new yellow Eliya school bus, sponsored by the "Futura-Foundation" in Germany, took place on November 23, 2013. Thank you so very much!



Brand-new Eliya school bus



First stone laying of the foundation for the "Eliya Youth Center"

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About 200 guests were present, most notable were Mr. G. Truemper and his wife from the German embassy, friends from Germany, the team of the Social and Youth Welfare Center from Tangalle and Galle, neighbors, as well as three very prominent local guests provided us with the honor: The foreign minister, G. L Pieris, and the Catastrophe Management Minister, M. Amanawera, as well as the First Adviser of the South Province, A. Rajapaksha!



Mr. Gerhard Truemper from the German embassy presents a donation of 71,810 Rupees (about 425 Euro) to Angelika from the revenues of the German embassy's cake and bake bazaar, which took place at a street festival organized by Mr. Truemper's wife.



Eliya Main Building with visiting children and a drum group (left foreground) at the Eliya Birthday party



Angelika gave the opening speech while Secretary Nalin translated. The honored guests were seated in the front

The dedication of the new "Eliya Bungalow" (hospital ward below and staff room above) also took place on this special day!



Eliya's Bungalow on the opening day

Again, we want to send out a very special thank you to the sponsors of the Bungalows: "Children for a Better World," the "Globus Foundation" of Germany, as well as to the ABS computer firm in England, and Mr. John Lees, who was also present! The invited children from the village, the Children's Home Still Waters, and the Canadian Children's Home, received little stuffed elephants and sweets as surprise gifts.

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Eliya can't stop and is building constantly!
In addition to the Youth Center, the garage for the new school bus is presently being built. The garage will protect the bus from the harsh Sri Lankan climate (intense sun and rain)--protecting the bus while parked and preserving its condition for as long as possible.

And a new drainage system is being planned, as the existing one is inadequate for the current house population.



The school bus garage is presently being built



Tilina asks for donations for his foot surgery

Our ten-year old Eliya boy Tilina badly needs foot surgery during the school vacation time in December. Sadly he suffers from a deformation since birth, which causes him pain while wearing shoes. Additionally, he can't keep up with other boys while running and playing cricket. The deformation can be rectified in two surgeries which will cost about 500 Euro all together. In the name of Tilina we ask for your generous donations! Thanks a lot in advance!

Ted from Holland kindly created a small new video for the Eliya Children's Home! Look at it here: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZIMTndsGzgY>
Thank you Ted!!!

The Christmas culture-themed market in the "Fruchthall" in Kaiserslautern will be enriched by the repeated presence of an Eliya sales booth. From December 9 to December 22, 2013, daily from 12:00 to 19:00, booth number 39 on the first floor! Come on and buy arts and crafts from Sri Lanka for the benefit of the Eliya children in Sri Lanka! Thanks a lot in advance to all the buyers and voluntary sellers!

The Eliya family with its 29 boys thanks you for your support and wishes all our friends, god-parents, members and sponsors a nice Christmas Season!

Below is the account information for your generous donations:

Donations Account: Eliya Kinderheim e. V.

Bank: Kreissparkasse Kaiserslautern

Bank Routing Number: 540 502 20

Account Number: 516 989

For a donation from a foreign country (outside of Germany) please disclose the IBAN and the provided BIC-/SWIFT-Code to your Bank.

BIC-/SWIFT-Code: MALADE51KLK

IBAN-Nummer: DE89 5405 0220 0000 516989

Directed donations are also possible at betterplace.org under following link:

<https://www.betterplace.org/en/projects/12349-save-the-future-of-the-home-children>

Eliya Kinderheim e.V.

Angelika Riedlinger

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