



▶ REHABILITATION CENTRE,
ADOPTION & ADMINISTRATION-
KOLLEGAL



▶ HOSTEL FOR FILLES - KOLLEGAL



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▶ HOME FOR BOYS WITH MILD MR-JAGERI

News from India

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Jeevan Jyothi Trust

FOREWORD

It was 20 years ago, in 1998, that it all started.

Edith Stecher was in India volunteering at an orphanage in Mangalore. She found that the few children with disabilities in the institution were left behind.

Two years later, she opened the first home for disabled children in Jageri. Her mission was to improve the living conditions of children with disabilities and children in remote mountain villages, especially girls. Edith has always remained faithful to her mission. She demonstrated her total commitment and in particular created:

- Olivia Home for children and young people with mild disabilities, in Jageri
- The Playschool for the mild MR in Jageri
- The rehabilitation Center for children with severe disabilities in Kollegal
- The Girls' Hostel in Kollegal

The association in Switzerland is proud of this cooperation, which has lasted almost 20 years with the Jeevan Jyothi Trust, founded and chaired by Edith, who hosts all these activities in India and thanks to Edith for her irreplaceable management.

Charles Gebhard

Dear Friends,

The arrival in February 2016 of our new Director Mr. Prakash allowed Edith Stecher to lift the foot of the operational and to focus on the well-being of children, strategic decisions and financial needs of the organization.

I am referring to our program 'rehabilitation center'; 94% of children in our facility suffer from multiple disabilities, and 78% of those with severe mental retardation are out of school.

Therefore, as we have already announced, we cannot register new patients. The 14 children currently residing in the rehabilitation center suffer from multiple diseases.

The care of these children becomes heavier every year. The majority of employees who entered ten years ago are now in their fifties. Their replacement is very difficult, as young people no longer want to become involved in this sector.

The question of the care of children, both in terms of prevention procedures and care in general is, today, a general problem.

That is why we wanted to engage in a dialogue with the government to find together the best solution for the supervision of children and employees. Therefore, a medical follow-up is based on regular consultations and examinations.

We are currently planning to hire a graduate nurse to supervise our patients and to better control the care of each child.

Thanking you

Edith Stecher Michael
Founder/President

NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN- 2016

Kollegal: children with disability :
22 children

Kollegal: Hostel for girls: 18
schoolgoing girls

External: 25 students out of 6 are in
Boarding Schools.

Jageri: Boys with mild handicaps:
5 Boys receive and education
adapted to their needs.

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OTHER PROJECTS

We have applied for the renewal of our adoption license in order to enroll orphaned children in a process leading to their adoption.

With the help and support of medical specialists, we have started several programs to raise awareness of the health problems of families affected by the HIV virus. Our goal is to educate children affected by the disease of one or both parents.



CERTIFICATES AND RECOGNITIONS

JJT enjoys the status of "FIT INSTITUTION". This license was granted to JJT in 2002 and last renewed on 16.05.2016.

On 1.12.2016, JJT received the license to manage the project Hostel for boys in Jageri. The approval to make adoption was issued to JJT by the child welfare service on 1.12.2016.

EDUCATION

The care of the 13 teenage girls facing various disabilities is organized around concrete activities: cleaning, cooking classes, reading, crafts and recreation. As for young adult men, they work on the farm and each have a specific task. For the two 11-year-old boys, one goes to the village public school and the other, stays in the center and is supported with sensory stimulation activities and learning to talk with games and the discovery of nature.

In the field of education, the 2016 school results for all the children were very encouraging. All achieved results of 82 to 98% success. In June 2016 the boarding school had 18 girls from 7 to 17 years old, 5 of whom have physical disabilities.

The number of students, girls and boys, we sponsor entirely or partially in external schools is 25, including 4 girls and 2 boys who study in residential schools.

Among our priority objectives for 2016, one was to educate all children of poor parents in public schools in Jageri.

The school was condemned to close its doors and we

applied to obtain its maintenance with the agreement of the government. To this end, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed with the State Education Department of Karnataka.

The accreditation states that JJT provides children with urgent school materials and equips the school with the various supplies needed.

This partnership is signed for a period of 5 years and since June 1st 2016, the school has 48 children from the 1st to the 8th class.

THE FARM

We are particularly pleased to inform you that the major development efforts at the Jageri site are beginning to bear fruit. We increased the herd with the acquisition of two new cows. Our milk cows currently give an average of 15 liters of milk a day, of which 10 liters are kept for the children, the rest going to the dairy. With the production of vegetables, fruits, milk and eggs from the farm, we are already seeing a slight saving on our food budget.

In the same vein, we have created a fish farm measuring 2'250 m2 and 2 meters deep with 9'000 fishes.

In the vicinity of the pond, we planted 150 Neem trees and other fruit trees, the aim being to start a process of reforestation of the site and to extend the shaded areas on the periphery of the pond.

