

Furchtbare Nachrichten

Jahrelang war Pater Antony George im Sommer Ferienaushilfe in unserer Pfarrei. Seit einigen Jahren hat er eine Pfarrstelle in seiner Heimat Kerala, dem einzigen mehrheitlich christlichen Gebiet Indiens, übernommen. Wie viele aus den Medien erfahren haben dürften, ist gerade diese Gegend von schrecklichen Stürmen und Überschwemmungen heimgesucht worden. In seiner Not hat sich Pater Antony nun an unsere Pfarrei gewandt und bittet um Hilfe. Wir legen den Originalbrief und die Auflistung aller notwendigen Dinge (nur in seiner Pfarrei) diesem Post bei. Wer helfen will: Einfach eine Spende an die Pfarrei St. Michael Mering machen mit dem Verweis: "Nothilfe Kerala". Dann bekommt man eine Spendenbescheinigung und hat die Gewissheit, dass alle Spenden ZU 100% (!!!) dort ankommen - und zwar schnell!

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14.09.2018, Kurichy, Kerala

To Reverend Professor Dr. Thomas Schwartz, Reverend Deacon Tino Zaini, Josef Kennerknecht, parishioners of St. Michael's Church and to all my friends in Mering!

The month August 2018 has been a month that will always remain as unforgettable memory for the people of Kerala, India; a month that caused fear and terror in the lives of people. The natural disaster caused by unprecedented heavy rain and flood that took place in the State of Kerala has been the news gone worldwide, took the lives of more than 400 people, and has destroyed thousands of houses and sources of daily earnings of the people. As seen with our own eyes, countless people abandoned their houses for fear of flood to save their lives. The statistics say that, in Kerala there have been over 800000 people who left their houses and properties as refugees in 4000 camps.

In the district of Kottayam there have been many places badly affected by heavy rain and flood. Especially in many houses at Kurichy water has gone up almost touching house tops. And the people of those places ran to find refuge in different camps. And the flood has caused much disaster and pain in the lives of the people. Though the government and the people concerned has taken measures to help victims to come back to their normal ways of living, things are getting worse and worse day by day as they live in fear worrying about their damaged houses. The people are insecure and are afraid to lay their heads in their houses fearing when those will collapse.

The St. Xavier's Parish Kurichy, Diocese of Vijayapuram, consists of 400 families. The parishioners find their earning and daily bread through their daily wages and 99% of the parishioners belong to lower middle class families and are economically backward. The flood has very badly affected our parishioners who live in villages depending on farming. Almost 200 families have been affected by the flood and among them 26 houses and toilets are damaged completely or partially.

Since one and half years the parish already has a scheme of renovating and rebuilding the houses of the parishioners, because we found more than hundred houses inhabitable. And in an year, with generous help of the parishioners themselves, we have renovated or newly built 59 houses and the scheme is still on progress. Apart from that the parish has come forward to bring solace and comfort for those affected by flood. Now it has become unaffordable for our parishioners alone to rebuild the 26 damaged houses and toilets of our people. Being a parish that consists of poor people it is much difficult and requires many generous hands to help us out especially financially in building the damaged houses and toilets.

Therefore with prayers and hopes we look forward for your generous contributions in whichever way possible to help us out in our effort to get people back from their fear and nightmare.

A detailed picture of the damage caused to the houses and an expecting budget is given here.

The money provided by you shall be used responsibly only for this purpose and I take the responsibility to provide you the details of the expenses with bills and vouchers.

In case you think this request is genuine, you may please send the money to Antony George, Account Number 36883618866, State Bank of India, Kurichy (70262), P. B. No. 1, Kottayam 686532, Kerala, India. (Swift Code: SBININBB).

Thanking you sincerely and looking forward to your generous help, let me remain,

Fr. Antony George Pattaparambil

Parish Priest