

NEWSLETTER



Himmelsperlen
International e.V.



”Those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit.” Ro. 8:5.

Dear Friends and Supporters,

Again and again I ask what God wants to do through ”Himmelsperlen.“ We are a tool in God’s hand. It’s important to me what God’s Word says to us, for His leading and guidance should determine our tasks. We want to align ourselves with God’s purpose for our ministry. When we move forward with God’s Spirit as the wind in our sails, everything goes easier and faster. I’ve experienced this as Himmelsperlen has developed. God gives us wind in our sails also through a visible and growing interest in our ministry.

An update from the administrative work of Himmelsperlen International e.V.

The administrative work grew too much for me last year. We didn’t only need volunteers but a paid office worker.

As of April 15th we hired Monika Mann. Many of you have met her via the telephone or e-mail. Monika works every Tuesday and Thursday.

She writes: “As of October 2018 I’m working as an assistant in the Himmelsperlen office; at first as a volunteer and now I’m working part-time. This job is an answer to prayer for me. I really enjoy working together with Margret Meier and am thankful that I can now use the years of experience as an administrator and assistant in the pharmaceutical industry.”

Our mailing, that we are now calling a newsletter, has a new look. A volunteer took over the layout. Patricia, we thank you very much!



Margret Meier

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Monika Mann

News from the “School of Grace“ in Pakistan

Our school’s second semester started on August 16 after summer vacation. 30 students were newly accepted. Unfortunately, not all of the previous students returned. This is very normal in this country, for some parents decide that they need their children more for the work in the clay fields.

At the beginning of July, we rented a second building for the School of Grace.

The renovation work was finished just before school started. Tables, cupboards and desks for the teachers were custom-made by a gifted carpenter.

Our principals, Aurangzeb and Kiran Ghauri, are doing a wonderful job at the school. Experienced teachers are still needed for the second building. If all teachers as well as employees for administration, custodial, security, cleaning, and driving could be hired soon, we’ll be paying salaries for all together about 30 employees. Their salaries are very low in comparison to Germany. I see this investment as a good challenge for us. We took the second building in order to raise the quality of the school and to be able to expand. Until now, the three **kindergarten groups “Playgroup, Nursery, Preschool“** were in rooms that were too small for 25-30 kids pro group. We can now change this; the groups are suitable for the rooms. The kindergarten especially needs more toys and craft material. Every time we visit, we take good, used toys from Germany with us and meet the needs gradually more and more. The kindergarten teachers are happy about being able to work better with more material.

At the start of the school we hired Basharat Masih as a driver and a security guard.

He worked as a slave on the clay fields his whole life. His wife died when their youngest son was just one year old. Both older sons went to the orphanage “Mother Care Center.“ Both younger children stayed with Basharat. We paid the ransom for him in order to redeem him from his credit debt of over \$1,000, a debt he could have never paid on his own. He is overjoyed.

He now lives on the school property. The children are all together in the children’s home not far from the school, and father and children can see one another often. A new, free life for the whole family has begun.

SYRIA – News from the Al-Kalima Center – Come and help us!

Our first project in Syria is the Al-Kalima Center, established by the church of this name in Damascus as a new ministry to help needy people. The renovation in the rented rooms are finished. Missing are some furniture and electrical equipment that still needs to be bought. It will open in September. We are able to pay for this.

This will become a center for Health Care and Development with the following services offered:

- **Medical consultation** in varying fields 1 x weekly (free of charge)
- **Trauma Therapy with two trained therapists**



Campus 2



Schoolyard



New furniture



School class



Driver Basharat Masih



Al Kalima Center

- **Courses for unemployed youth:** Sewing, hair cutting, repairing electrical equipment, electronics, music, educational games to help children advance (a 10-week course)
- **Seminars for women:** Violence against women, Family planning / Methods of birth control, importance of nursing, healthy nutrition, hygiene
- **Services for children and youth:** Sport, creative fashion, education in hygiene, health, dental hygiene

Some members of the Al-Kalima church are ready to work in the Center.

The leader, Souhair Issa, is an educated and experienced counselor and consultant. He has much experience with children who have learning difficulties and is knowledgeable in public relations. Two psychologists and trauma therapists will each work part-time in the Center. One woman works in the administration, reception and cleaning, a man will handle the finances. Some employees will be paid, others are volunteers. **In the future we're looking for specialists from Germany in the area of Trauma Therapy who through education and training thus support the employees.**

Many Syrians have suffered so much because of the war. Death, destruction, and painful loss have caused deep wounds. Many young people cannot get training and are unemployed. The ministry in this center is possible through financial support. We want to make a difference in Damascus and help practically. In some areas we can help financially to help people gain hope and see Syria rebuilt again. I am very close to the church and will be there again in November for a week.

LEBANON

The situation of the Syrian refugees has barely changed. Some of them returned to Syria, but hundreds of thousands stayed in the Bekaa region because they lost everything at home due to the war. Thus, our medical help in Lebanon is so important. In April our team was very strong; in one week we examined 1,000 patients. An example is **Lamis, a 10-year old girl,** the second oldest child who suffers a bleeding disorder. The father died in the war; the mother fled with her four children. I met the family in their poor dwelling. Lamis lay very quietly on her mattress and was very weak. She needed an operation immediately. But no one could pay for one. We came at the right time and took care of all of the preparations for the operation. After our return to Germany I received the good news from the church's medical team that the operation was successful. **Now Lamis can attend school in the True Vine Church and is so happy about this.** The oldest 12-year old son works in a garage to earn money so the family can eat.

The medical evaluation at the end of this week showed that 20 of our patients need further exams, care or an operation.

The care continues. "Himmelsperlen" assumes the financial responsibility for this. Our help from our earlier service is already bearing visible fruit.



Al Kalima Center - Reception



Co-worker meeting

**WANTED:
SPECIALISTS
from Germany in the
areas of
TRAUMA THERAPY
through education and
training, thus supporting
the employees..**



Refugee tent with a patient 2011



Medical care



Medical examination

The first course of a “Nursing School“ is already finished; the next one will continue as of September. Education in hygiene, vaccinations, nutrition, and family planning are just as necessary. We’ll press on with this and are looking for possible means. In the ministry in Zahle there is still so much ground to cover.

The cooperative teamwork with the True Vine Church is optimal. We are valued there and permanently integrated in their ministry to refugees. **In October a team of 13 people will serve again there.** For the first time we’ll have a dentist with us. We bought a mobile treatment unit for him; without it he couldn’t work. It can be used in the future as well. I’m so glad that doctors and nurses agree to serve voluntarily here. Some are regulars and pay their own way each time.

Information from the editorial staff

As of September 1, we have a new office and will move within Sulzach! Only the street name will change! Till now we had our small Himmelsperlen office in a room in a large office from good friends and Himmelsperlen members. Because of the strict privacy regulation, this is not possible any longer. For me, from the beginning of this ministry, the office was God’s clear confirmation that we wouldn’t have to pay rent. That was then a huge gift from God and an enormous push forward. But now we need to pay rent for this new office.

A single person can’t accomplish much, but together with our gifts and resources we can help many people. Our goal is to make a difference in these countries, and that our Christian testimony would be clear through our being, our words and prayers, and especially through our visible sign of love.

With warm greetings,



”God wants all to be saved, and to come to the knowledge of the truth.“ 1.Tim.2:4



Mother with child



Tend accommodation

Save the Date
Himmelsperlen
Friendship day
Saturday,
March 21, 2020



LEBANON
Team of Doctors, April 2019

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