

Mar Gregorios Rehabilitation Centre in Trivandrum (Kerala)

The concept of "Mar Gregorios" is not to take the disabled people away from their families, but to support them in such a way that they can live at home. They are provided with transportation to hospital or to the doctor's, and medicines and prostheses etc. are purchased. Direct Donation has been supporting the centre for five years. Owing to their annual visits, Doris and Klaus have forged a strong and trusting relationship with those in charge there.



What we want to support: In the villages under their charge, the social workers of Mar Gregorios have located a total of 225 children who either suffer from diverse disabilities themselves or whose severely handicapped parents have no means of providing their children's education in the current school year. We also support gifted children from very poor families. After carefully evaluating the individual requirements, contributions for books, school uniforms, school fees etc. are provided.



Picture on the right: Our visit to a severely visually impaired boy, whose education is sponsored by the centre. His physically handicapped parents are supported by Mar Gregorios in setting up a greengrocery.

What the means are needed for: We want to assist young people either attending the 11th and 12th class or receiving a vocational training. **For each person approx. 100 CHF are needed per annum**, viz. for

- school books, exercise books etc.
- school uniforms, equipment
- school fees, tuition
- accommodation in a hostel
- fares

Control of the use of the means: We receive a detailed list comprising the names and addresses of the young people sponsored, as well as receipts for all grants they have received from Mar Gregorios.