

Annual Report



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FOREWORD

Dear Members, Dear Reader

For LIGHT in LIFE, the year 2016 was an intensive, busy and successful year. We can look back once again with joy and pride on our work over the past year.

As with any charity organization, raising funds is an important prerequisite for the survival of a small organization like LIGHT in LIFE. The president has worked very intensively and successfully, along with the entire team members, to achieve this goal.

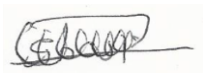
In the year 2016 we were able to support various projects in India financially with a total amount of CHF 100'553.

We are grateful to many people and organizations from different parts for their financial support, which enabled us to fulfill the need of our various projects. On the following pages you will read about our activities and support of projects, and you will learn

for sure that the donations reach on site in tact.

The special feature of our organization is that 100% of the amount including every penny we get as donation is sent directly to various projects without any deduction of any administrative costs. This is feasible because the members of the association meets the administrative expenses themselves whatsoever and they are all volunteers of LIGHT in LIFE.

To conclude, we would like to take this opportunity to present this report before all people and institutions as a token of gratitude. This success would not have been possible without the personal commitment of our members and generous donations from individuals as well as contributions from parishes, communities, companies and foundations. Hence we once again extend our warm gratitude to all our members and all donors for the commitment, the trust and the generous support.



Shaji Adathala, President



Abraham Mathew, General Secretary



**Be a light
to light a life**

ACTIVITIES 2016

Executive Board and General Body Meeting

In 2016, the members discussed various matters, passed decisions and decided to implement the decisions in three executive committee meetings, three general body meetings and three program committee meetings. In addition to that, several conference calls were held among the members of the executive committee and members of the program committee, so that urgent matters could be discussed and decisions made quickly.

26 January 2016:

On 26 January 2016, during the celebrations of the 67th anniversary of the Republic of India, LIGHT in LIFE together with the local charity organization "Sahrudhaya Kalavedhi & Library" in Mundangamattom, Kerala launched the charity projects for the year 2016. During this program, the president of LIGHT in LIFE Shaji Adathala, handed over an amount of INR 100'000 as financial support for the charity project "Educational assistance" to 15 needy children from the 1st to the 10th grade.



21 April 2016: In cooperation with the diocese of Idukki, the local National Cadet Corps (NCC) and LIGHT in LIFE we started our charity project "A roof above the head". In this program we handed over an amount of INR 1'500'000 for the project. Family Naduvathettu, member of LIGHT in LIFE, handed over the financial support to Mar Anikuzhikkattil, the bishop of the diocese of Idukki. Rev.Fr. Dr. George Kuzhippallil, the finance director of the diocese, was also present at this occasion.



Above: Family Naduvathettu, Member of LIGHT in LIFE handing over a Cheque to Bishop of Idukki

22 April 2016

Mrs. Molly Naduvathettu, member of LIGHT in LIFE has handed over the financial support of INR150'000.- to a needy family in Kuzhippallil near Kochi for the construction of a house.

03 December 2016: Charity fund raising event in Wiesendangen/ZH



On 03. December 2016 we organized a fundraising event for the construction of 10 shelters for homeless people in India. The well-known Indian violinist and music director Balabhaskar with his band consisting of 7 artists gave an unforgettable performance in a musical evening

at Wiesendangen/ZH. The dance group "Nachle Dance Company" from Zurich entertained the guests with different Indian dances. The South Indian restaurant "Kerala" has also enchanted our spectators with South Indian delicacies.

More than 700 people attended the event. The event was a great success for us as an organization and in financial terms as well. Though we initially planned to build 10 houses, with the net income and additional sponsorships we were able to build a total of 22 houses for needy people in India.



Greeting by president



"LIGHT in Life", Presentation by Gen. Secretary



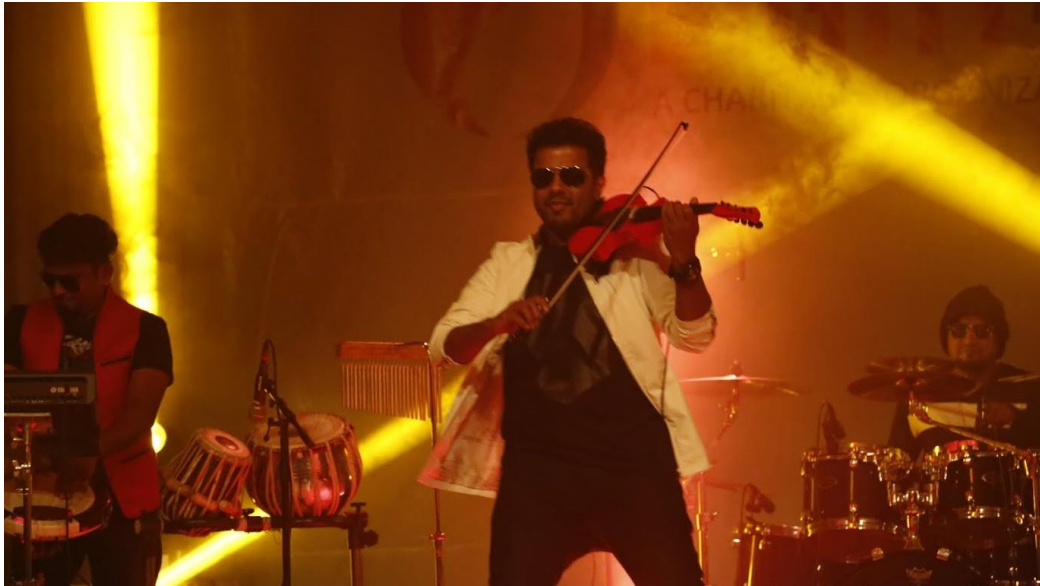
Our Projects: Project Manager



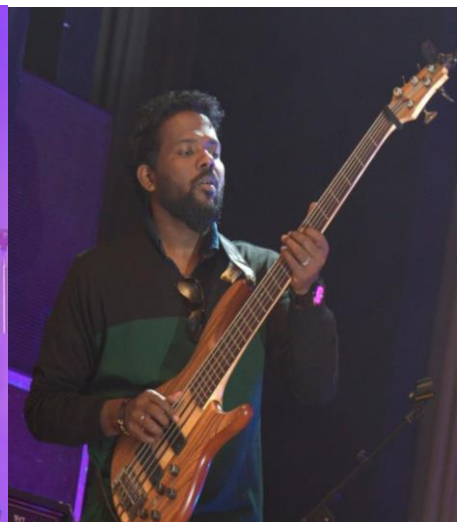
Handing over of financial aid by Mr. Alfons Angehrn,
Church Administration council Teufen



Speech by Mr. Braddock, our Chief Guest



Balabhaskar with his BIG BAND on 3rd December 2016 in Wiesendangen/ ZH





30 December 2016 in Parathode/Idukki, Kerala

On 30 December 2016, we have organized a Program in Parathode, Idukki together with the Diocese of Idukki, to hand over the newly built houses for the needy people. Mr Joyce George, Member of the Indian Parliament in New Delhi, handed over the keys of the houses. Mar Anikuzhikkattil the bishop of the diocese of Idukki, Mr Roshy Augustine Member of the Kerala Legislative Assembly, Mr Stefan Braddock our guest of honour, as well as the President, General Secretary, Project Manager and other members of LIGHT in LIFE participated in this program. On this occasion, Mr. Stefan Braddock presented CHF 30'000 to the Bishop of Idukki as a financial support for the association LIGHT in LIFE.



Opening Speech by Mr Roshy Augustine, Member of the Legislative Assembly of Kerala



Mr. Braddock handing over a Cheque for the Project "A Roof over the Head"



Above: Handover of the house key by Member of the Indian Parliament, Mr. Joyce George, to two needy persons in Parathode, Idukki

FUNDED PROJECTS 2016

1. A ROOF ABOVE THE HEAD: construction of shelters for needy poor families in Kerala

A roof above the head is a basic need of every human being. Unfortunately hundreds of thousands of people in India are not lucky enough to have this basic necessity. So this year again we have given great emphasis on this project. We give financial support to families of destitute and needy people in India to build stable shelter so that they can live in a dignified condition.



Housing Situation before





Above 3 Pictures: New Houses

LIGHT in LIFE is building under the leadership of the Catholic diocese in Idukki, Kerala shelters for homeless people. The houses were partially financed, LIGHT in LIFE takes 1/4 of the costs. The remaining parts will be taken over by the diocese of Idukki, the national cadet corps of Idukki and by own contribution of the beneficiary themselves in financial form or as help from family, relatives and friends in the construction of the shelters.

In the year under review, we built a total of 31 shelters for homeless people. The families get new perspectives, hope and the prospect of a secured Life.

Total Cost taken by LIGHT in LIFE is CHF 68'226

2. SUPPORT FOR EDUCATION AND ITS INFRASTRUCTURE

a. Financing of lunch program, school uniforms, school utensils, etc

Education is a key to secure the future for the people. Certainly we give high priority for children and young people from remote and tribal areas in India. Often parents lack the means to provide their children with basic education. Children of the Adivasi, the indigenous people of India, are particularly affected.

For this reason, we give great importance to education, especially the socially exploited children and the Adivasi children in India. By helping the children we hope that they get at least a primary school education as well as school uniforms, school utensils and lunch as an incentive to attend the schools.

In the Year under review our financial support for lunch program, school material and uniforms is a total amount of CHF 4'967.



Children having lunch at Girijyothy School, Marayoor

b. Education allowance for grades 1 to 10:

In cooperation with the charity organization "Sahrudhaya Kalavedhi & Library" in Mundangamattom, Kerala, we donated CHF 1'441.40 to 15 needy children from the 1st to the 10th grade.

FUNDED PROJECTS 2016

c. Financial support for vocational or higher education:

Despite India's economic development, a large part of the population is still living in poverty. Though the situation of the poor people has slightly improved in recent years, it is progressing at a slow pace and humanitarian help is still needed. Only with a regular income, the minimum living standard of the entire family can be secured.

Our aim is to promote the education of young people, but their parents are not in a position to provide the necessary resources for this purpose. Often it requires only small efforts to give young people the chance of a better future and to provide a secure livelihood. We want to provide sustainable help for self-help, so they themselves can find their own livelihood. An education is therefore an investment for life.



LIGHT in LIFE provides financial support for young people who wish to complete secondary school education, vocational training or higher education after primary school education.

In 2016, we provided financial support to six young people for vocational training and higher education.

LIGHT in LIFE spent a total of CHF 3'602 on this project in the year 2016.

d. Construction of a school building in the north-east Indian state of Meghalaya

Due to the poverty and lack of schools in Meghalaya State, the parents do not send their children to schools. To give these children an opportunity for education, we have financed the construction of a school building in Meghalaya, together with FAsCE India (FAsCE - Fransalien Agency for Social Welfare - a non-profit, non-governmental organization, to promote integrated development of individuals and communities).

During a fund-raising event on 03 December 2016, we have donated CHF 22'295 as the second installment of the financial support. We have already made the payment of the first installment of CHF 45'000 in 2015.



Above: Destruction of the school building during the storm over Easter 2015

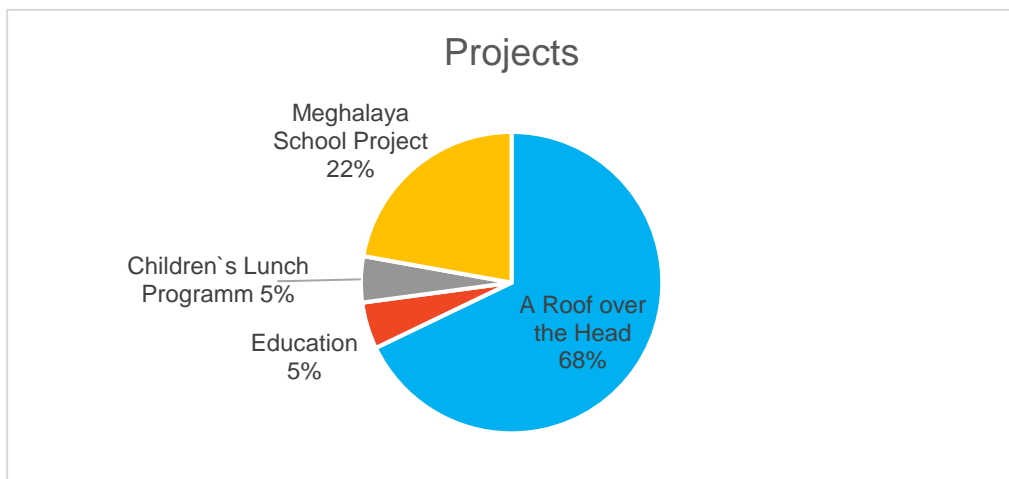


Left: Rev. Fr. Carlos Barowa of MSFS Meghalaya receives a cheque for 22'000.- as financial support for the school project, from LIGHT in LIFE treasurer Gordie Manapparampil



School building shortly before completion

Where do the contributions go?



OUR PARTNERS

Projects in Kerala

Diocese of Idukki, Kerala, India (www.idukkidiocese.org)

Co-sponsor and undertaker of the project "A roof above the head" in Kerala is the diocese of Idukki, Catholic Church, Kerala.

The social service of the diocese is active in various development activities in the region, including health care, education and social work, regardless of any socio-religious differences. People are grateful for the selfless work of the Church for the development of the whole region.

NCC (National Cadet Corps)

The **National Cadet Corps** is the youth wing of Armed Forces with its Headquarters at New Delhi, Delhi, India. It is open to school and college students on voluntary basis. The National Cadet Corps in India is a voluntary organisation which recruits cadets from high schools, higher secondary, colleges and universities all over India

Sahrudhaya Kalaavedhi and Library

Sahrudhaya Kalaavedhi and Library in Neeleshwaram, Kerala is a Library which also promotes culture and charity. The members work voluntarily and organize various charity projects for the poor people.

Project in Meghalaya

Fransalien Agency for social Care and Education in India (FAsCE)

Fransalien Agency for social Care and Education in India is a nonprofit, non-governmental, secular, voluntary organization, registered in 2005 to promote integrated development of individuals and communities. FAsCE India, the official social development agency of the MSFS (Missionary of St. Francis de Sales) of the North Eastern Province, is responsible for the educational and social development in that region. Their self-help groups educate women, men and the youth on the importance of education, health and hygiene thus raising awareness.

Immediate needs are the education of poor tribal children and the improvement of existing School facilities to accommodate the increasing number of children applying for admission. To achieve this goal, they need the external support and cooperation.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Balance Sheet

For the period ended 31 December 2016

	Notes	2016 CHF	2015 CHF
Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	3	55,200	40,198
Short term receivables	4	400	350
Advance payments	5	-	105
Total Assets		55,600	40,653
Liabilities			
Reserve for charitable projects			
Project Fund - Scooter	6	468	468
Project Fund - Housing	6	15,472	(1,652)
Project Fund - Food for hungry	6	8,168	8,172
Project Fund - Education Support	6	3,476	15,815
Project Fund - Others	6	4,130	-
Total Reserve for charitable projects		31,714	22,803
Contribution from members			
Voluntary contribution		5,500	5,500
Startup contrition from members		11,000	11,000
Loan payable bank to LiL members		3,361	-
Total Contribution from members	7	19,861	16,500
Advance payment received	8	-	100
Total Liabilities		51,575	39,403
Income over expense for the period	9	2,776	696
Net Income over expense broght forward		1,249	554
Total Liabilities and income over expense for the period		55,600	40,653

The notes on pages 3 to 4 form an integral part of the financial statements.

Income and Expense account

For the year ended 31 December 2015

	Notes	2016 CHF	2015 CHF
Project expenses:			
a Thee wheeler Scooter	6	-	(4,290)
b Housing	6	(68,226)	(29,611)
c Food For Hungry	6	(4,968)	(4,979)
d Education Support	6	(27,339)	(57,752)
Total Project Expenses		(100,533)	(96,632)
Release of reserves against projects:			
a Thee wheeler Scooter	6	-	4,290
b Housing	6	68,226	29,611
c Food For Hungry	6	4,968	4,979
d Education Support	6	27,339	57,752
		100,533	96,632
Fund Raising event			
Net profit on Fund Raising event		16,008	-
Profit transferred to "Project Fund - Housing"		(16,008)	-
		-	-
Other Income			
Yearly subscription from members		550	550
Interest income		998	260
Foreign exchange gain		1,542	88
Total Other Income		3,090	898
Administration expenses			
IT expenses		(276)	(172)
Bank charges		(37)	(32)
Others		(1)	2
Total Administration expenses		(314)	(202)
Income over expense for the period		2,776	696

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Notes to the Financial Statements

1. Establishment and General operations

The Non-Profit Organization was established in Teufen, Canton Appenzell Ausserrhoden (AR) on 09 November 2013 for the purpose of conducting various social service activities.

2. Significant accounting policies**(a) Basis of preparation**

These financial statements have been prepared for the submission to the “Canton Appenzell Ausserrhoden (AR)” and for the interested parties.

(b) Other points around accounting are:

- Donations received from external donors are first recorded to the dedicated project accounts in Balance Sheet. Only on approval from the project manager and President, the above said will be released to the Income and Expenditure Account. Administration expenses are not financed from this fund.
- All applications received by “Light In Life” for finance support, are presented to the Committee for Approval. Project Manager passes over the approved projects to Treasurer for payment with all supporting documents
- The members make a yearly subscription and the operating expenses are met from this contribution.
- The start-up contributions and the voluntary contribution made by the members are kept separately in balance sheet to meet any unforeseen circumstances with the permission of the General Body.

3. Cash and cash equivalents

Comprises of interest bearing current accounts with banks, as follows:

		2016	2015
	Currency	in CHF	in CHF
Raiffeisenbank Appenzell, 9050 Appenzell, Switzerland	CHF	21,294	25,311
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Kotak Mahindra Bank, Kerala, India	INR	13,546	-
Transit account of Treasurer - Gordie Manapparambil	INR	559	535
Transit account of President - Adathala Shaji	INR	-	7,043
Total		55,200	40,198

4. Short term receivables

	2016	2015
	in CHF	in CHF
Annual contribution from members (CHF 50 per member)	400	350
Total	400	350

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5. Advance payments

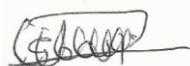
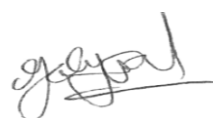
	2016 in CHF	2015 in CHF
Basic Hosting Light in Life	-	62
Advance payment LiL Domain	-	43
Total	-	105

6. Development of reserve for charitable projects

	Balance Brought Forward From 2015 in CHF	Donations Received 2016 in CHF	Other Movements 2016 in CHF	Projects Paid 2016 in CHF	Balance 2016 in CHF
Project Fund - Scooter	469	-	-	-	469
Project Fund - Housing	(1,652)	85,350	-	(68,226)	15,472
Project Fund - Food for hungry	8,172	4,964	-	(4,968)	8,168
Project Fund - Education Support	15,815	15,000	-	(27,339)	3,476
Project Fund - Others	-	4,130	-	-	4,130
Total	22,804	109,444	-	(100,533)	31,714

	Balance Brought Forward From 2014 in CHF	Donations Received 2015 in CHF	Other Movements 2015 in CHF	Projects Paid 2015 in CHF	Balance 2015 in CHF
Project Fund - Scooter	1,022	3,737	-	(4,290)	469
Project Fund - Housing	557	18,802	8,600	(29,611)	(1,652)
Project Fund - Food for hungry	8,389	4,762	-	(4,979)	8,172
Project Fund - Education Support	18,400	55,168	-	(57,752)	15,815
Project Fund - Others	8,600	-	(8,600)	-	-
Total	36,968	82,468	-	(96,632)	22,804

Appenzell Ausserrhoden, 04 March 2017


Shaji Adathala
President

Gordie Manapparambil
Treasurer

AUDIT REPORT

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Audit Report: Light In Life, Teufen 2016

General Body

Light In Life

With ref. to the audit of the financial statements of Light In Life, Teufen, a charitable organization, for the year ended 2016.

I have checked all the statements and have gone through all the receipt, in accordance to the normal practice.

I hereby state that, I am fully satisfied with the proof and statements as seen and provided.

Thanking you for the same

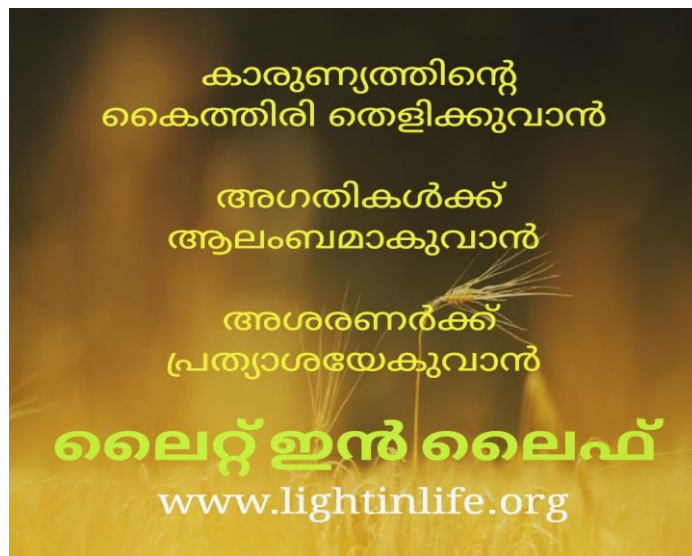
With Best Regards



Joby Abraham Mangalath

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

Shaji Adathala	President, Teufen/AR
John Areekal	Vice President, Brüttisellen /ZH
Abraham Mathew	General Secretary, Bottmingen/BL
Gordie Manapparambil	Treasurer, Egg/ZH
Mathew Thekkottil	Project Manager, Aarau/AG
Joby Mangalath	Auditor, Wittenbach/ SG



ABOUT US

LIGHT in LIFE is a recognized non-profit organization founded in 2013 and based in Teufen, Switzerland.

The association pursues exclusively humanitarian, social and charitable purposes. All our members work voluntarily without remuneration. We give our financial support directly to the affected people and without any bureaucratic hindrances.

Our goal is to provide sustainable humanitarian support for people in need who live below the poverty line, especially mentally or physically challenged people, children from poor families and people who are devastated. Also the association is particularly committed to train and educate young children enabling them to find their own livelihood.

LIGHT in LIFE is recognized as a non-profit organization and shall be considered for tax exemption by the Canton of Appenzell Ausserrhoden in Switzerland.

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