

REPORT - EUROPE - 2023

Dear Pappa and dear Friends.

Prayerful Greetings from Nandhini and the team.

We like to tell our friends about our European trip. This trip has made us very strong and fruitful. Before we start our trip experience, I would like to thank and dedicate this report to Rev. Fr. John Suresh. Without his guidance and blessing, this trip would not be possible for us.

We would like to thank Pappa Dr. Johannes Mispagel, Mrs. Kathrin Haase, and Aktion Indien e.V. team Mrs. Hilde Munk and family, Ms. Andrea and all the ARIVU team members, Mariano-Josephinum School, director, staff, and students, ASS School Director, staff, and students, Mayor of the Nienburg town, Osnaburg School Director, staff, and students, Mrs. Ann Jacob and Christu Roi School Director, staff, students, and old students, Mr. Jacques Vellut and Mercy Home, Mr. Dirk Portier and family, Ms. Sara Portier, Stella Matina Director, Mrs. Isbel and family, Rev. Fr. Jeeva, Mr. Hannes Datta, and other friends.

This trip was very worthwhile, and we have gained many experiences that have made us very strong to proceed further with the project to uplift our marginalised communities.

Giesen and Hildesheim

We arrived in Hannover on April 11th. Pappa Dr. Johannes Mispagel, Mr. Andreas, and Mrs. Kathrin Haase welcome us at the airport. After that, we stayed at Pappas' house with Mamma Mrs. Barbara Mispagel. The next day, April 12, we visited Mrs. Eva Tiecke's house, and there we had a small meeting with some of the teachers and staff who are planning to visit India in the month of July 2023.



On the 13th morning visited Mariano-Josephinum School, our long time partner school and met the director, some of the staff, and students. Evening, Pappa drove us to Nienburg, and we met all the friends Mr. and Mrs. Krug family, the Mr. and Mrs. Kai and Christina families, and Ms. Andrea and Mrs. Hilde family members. It was a nice gathering with all the ARIVU team members.



Nienburg

April 14th is a special day for us because it is Tamil New Year as well as our Indian Father of the Constitution, jurist, economist, social reformer, and political leader Babasaheb Dr. Ambedkar's birthday. Mrs. Hilde's team arranged a meeting with Dr. Sebastian Wegener, Director, Co-Director, staff, and students, and the Arivu team gave us a warm welcome. Whenever we are visiting here, this welcome ceremony is very impressive. Thanks to the music teachers and all the students. After that, we visited nearly 12 classes and explained our Rev. Fr. John Suresh social project to the students.



And at noon, we visited the mayor of Nienburg, Mr. Jan Wendorf, with ARIVU team members; he delightfully welcomed us and explained about Nienburg city. It's really been a wonderful and enjoyable meeting for us. In the evening, we had dinner with some of our Arivu team members.



15th April 2023.

It was a rainy day, and that morning we visited the local farmer's market. In the evening, we gathered some of the Arivu team members, staff, and old students at Mrs. Hilde's house, had a discussion about our project, and showed a PowerPoint presentation to them.

16th April 2023

In the morning, we visited the tomb of Dr. Weghoft, the old director of ASS, and paid our homage to him. He was kind-hearted, friendly, and a strong supporter of our project. And then in the evening, we had a tour of the nearby Loccum Rehburg monastery with the Mr Michael Krug family, Mr. Sebastian family, Mrs. Hilde, Ms. Andrea, and Mrs. Kathrin Haase. Thanks to all my friends, it was a wonderful day. This evening we went to Mrs. Kathrin Haase's house in Osnabruck.

Osnabruck

17th April to 19th April 2023

In the morning, we visited Gymnasium Oesede, where Mrs. Kathrin Haase works as one of the directors. We met the director, co-directors, some teachers, and students; they gave us a warm welcome. After that, we visited some classes, and they organised nearly 100 students in the hall. We projected and explained our projects. The students raised many questions about our projects. It was nice, and there was great interaction with students.





On April 18, the director of school visited Mrs. Kathrin's house, and we had dinner with him. He was interested in our projects, so we showed him and briefed him about them. On the 20th, I started towards Belgium. Mrs. Kathrin Haase has dropped us off at the railway station. Thank you, dear Kathrin, and Mr. Andreas, for the nice and amazing things you arranged for us.

Belgium

20th to 23rd April 2023 Visit of Christu Roi School:



On 20th of April started towards Ottignies Mrs Kathrin Haase dropped us in the railway station and Brussels railway station Mr Ivan Jacob picked us and straight away go and visited to Dr Isabel family and that night stayed at Mrs Ann Jacob family.

On the 21st, we visited Christu Roi School and presented our PowerPoint presentation for three classes with the help of Mrs. An Jacob and other teachers. And we also met the director of the school, who welcomed us very warmly. It was a nice interaction with all the staff and students. Then in the evening, we had a get-together of the old students who visited our school in the year 2020. Mr. Jacque Vellut, of Mercy Home, is one of our long-time supporters and our well wisher. We visited his place, had lunch with his family, and spent nearly 5 hours explaining our ongoing projects.

We went to my dear friend Mr. An Michele's tomb, who died last year, to pay homage to her, meet her mother, and express our condolences. On Sunday, the 22nd, we visited Bruges with the Jacob family and her friend Iris.

24th to 25th April: Visit to Mr. Dirk Portier:



We visited Mr. Dirk Portier, who is also one of our loving family members and a great supporter of our project, in Wetteren and stayed in his home. On the 24th, we visited the city of Gent with Mrs. Lut Portier, and then we visited Mrs. Brigitte Breken Bosche, the sponsor family of Rev. Fr. John Suresh. On the 25th, we were taken to Stella Matutina College, where Mr. Dirk's daughter, Ms. Sara Portier, is working as one of the directors. We visited the school and gave her a PowerPoint presentation. She appreciated and showed interest in our project.

25th to 28th April 2023 - Visit to Tongeren:



After visiting Mr. Dirk Portier, we reached Tongeren to see Rev. Fr. Jeeva, who worked as an assistant parish priest to Rev. Fr. Dr. John Suresh in Palavakkam. Father is one of our wonderful brothers. We were taken to some of the important places in Banneux, the Mother Mary apparitions of Our Lady of Banneux and the Cathedral of Tongeren.

28th-30th April 2023 Visit to Nederland



Evening we started from Tongeren to Nederland to Mr. Hannes Datta's house. Rev. Fr. Jeeva dropped us off at his place. We stayed with the Mrs Hannes Datta family; it was a really amazing experience for us. He took us to the world's biggest flower exhibition in Amsterdam. We returned to Giesen, Germany, and Pappa Dr. Johannes Mispagel dropped us off at the airport. We flew back to India on May 1, 2023. Thank you very much for all the friends.

In this Europe trip, we discussed about 5 types of renovation work with all the friends and benefactors:

S No	Particulars	Sq. Ft	Rate	Amount	In Euro
1	R C Primary School Painting	23812	15.5	3,69,093	4,100 €
2	Dr R Arulappa School Painting	83254	15.5	1290437	14,340 €
3	St John's Home School Painting	57281	15.5	887858	9,865 €
4	Boy's Toilet Construction Work	1445	1750	2528750	28,100 €
5	R C Primary Roofing Work			456445	5071.61€
			Tota l	55,32,583	61,476.61 €

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