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International Linkage

Partnership with Albert
Schweitzer School, Germany

FROM DARKNESS INTO MARVELLOUS LIGHT

Henry Baker College, Melukavu Is a Christian, Minority, Co-Educational, Government-aided Arts and Science College Established In 1981, affiliated to Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, Kerala.

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Report of the Partnership Exchange Program between Henry Baker College, Melukavu and Albert Schweitzer School, Germany.

The Memorandum of understanding between Henry Baker college and Albert Schweitzer School for mutual partnership and cooperation in the field of education, was signed on 6th September 2013. The period of validity of the MOU has been for 5 years of the first phase and will be extended further based on the evaluation of its performance in the previous years. The prime objective of the partnership is to promote intercultural and global learning. It is signed by the Dr. Abraham Daniel Principal of the College, Prof. Joseph Thomas, Staff Chaplin of the college, Elizabeth Hillebrand, Headmistress Albert Schweitzer School and Rev. Dr. Jochen Waldorf, School Pastor.

Vision:

- To Promote intercultural and global learning.
- To Encourage and enable students and staff to get to know and understand how people in our partner country live socially, culturally and religiously.
- To think and act in a global context.
- To handle cultural differences.

Aims:

- To provide opportunities for the students and staff for learning through exchange visits.
- To provide international learning opportunity through cultural programmes, home stay with students and staff and participatory learning experiences during visits.
- To provide opportunities for longer stays of ASS-students at HBC after their graduation and stays of HBC students at ASS.

- To encourage cooperation in mutual projects
- To encourage establishing personal contacts between students and staff via digital media.
- To learn about education system, teaching and learning practice of both countries.

The Partnership between HBC and ASS cooperates with existing church partnership between the Protestant deaneries in Oberhessen and the Diocese of East Kerala within the Church of South India. MOU signed for a period of 5 Years as first phase and will be extended further based on evaluation of its performance.

During the Academic Year 2013- 14, from 6 – 13 September 2013, a team of 8 members, including School Pastor, teachers and students from Albert Schweitzer School visited the college as part of the program. The following were the team members:

1. Rev. Dr. Jochen Waldorf, School Pastor
2. Mr. Ralf Muller, Volunteer Exchange Programme Coordinator, Protestant Diocese, Germany.
3. Ms. Miriam Reus, Teacher
4. Mr. Mirko Pietz, Teacher
5. Mr. Josia Clemens, Student
6. Ms. Miriam Knan, Student
7. Ms. Katherina Deisernoth, Student
8. Ms. Lea Julia Scholl, Student

The college provided them accommodation. Five of them stayed in the College Women's Hostel and the rest resided in the Bishop's House, Chalamattom. They visited our class to learn about the education system as well as teaching and learning methodologies. Along with the teachers and students of our college, they visited some historically important places and tourist destinations in Kerala. They got the opportunity to take part in the Onam celebrations of the college. Bishop Rt. Rev Dr. K J Samuel, Former Bishop in East Kerala Diocese and former Manager of the College, presented mementos to the guests. As per the MOU, a group of teachers and students from the college will visit ASS in 2014, in order to promote participatory learning experiences.

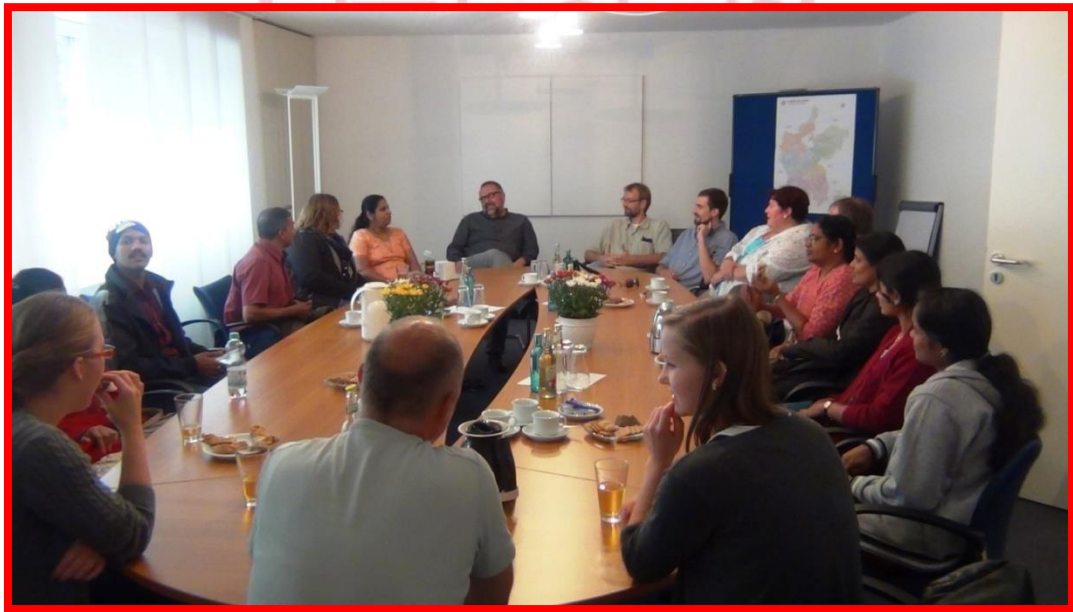


During the Academic Year 2014-15, as part of the Partnership Exchange Program between the Albert Schweitzer School and Henry Baker College, a group of 10 members, including staff and students of the college were selected for the Partnership Visit to Germany for a period of 3rd September to 19th September 2014. The following was the list of the team members:-

1. Dr. Aniyamma Varughese, Associate professor, Department of Chemistry
2. Mrs. Liza George, Associate Professor, Department of Physics
3. Dr. Santo Jose, Assistant professor, Department of Commerce
4. Mrs. Ansa Andrews, Assistant Professor, Department of English
5. Mr. K. P George, Office Staff.
6. Ms. Anitha K Andrews- III B A English
7. Ms. Aparna Merin Mathew-III B. Com
8. Ms. Sandyamol Sajan-III BSc Physics
9. Ms. Ahana Maria David-II B.com
10. Mr. Justus Jose – III B A History

The Deanery of Alsfield met all the expenses of the visit and provided hospitality for the team. The team members visited Albert Schweitzer School, Churches and many historically important places in Germany. The team members attended the classes in the school, interacted with the students and teachers and made presentations about Henry Baker College. The students in the team got several opportunities for performing cultural programs. The team celebrated Onam in Germany with Pookkalam and Onasadhya. Albert Schweitzer School provided home stays for our team members with the students and staff members of the school. It facilitated a better understanding of how the people in the partner region live socially and culturally.







During the Academic year 2017-18, a group of 7 from The Deanery of Alsfield, Germany visited the college on 17th January 2018. They interacted with the students and teachers and actively participated in a discussion about the education system of India and Germany. They talked over the educational approaches, curriculum and different types of higher education institutes in Germany. The day was very fruitful for the teachers and students, as we were enriched with novel insights regarding the German culture.





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