



Dear Friends of Shoshana,

Info letter Easter 2009

This time I had the best trip ever, and best of all is that Shoshana now has a permanent home. The move to Bindu's new addition took place shortly before my arrival in February, and now Bindu is just a few steps away from the new office.



Bindu's house with new construction



My new apartment.



View of Chirala from the roof

In the recent addition on the ground floor is the new office, and over it I have a small kitchen and bedroom. Sometimes I can hardly believe my good luck. Bindu and her family have taken me in with so much warmth and cared for me so well. I feel secure and at home with them. All the years of wonderful cooperation have given me cheer and confidence that I'm grateful for.

Rani, Bindu's mother, cooked for us all, and served us rice and fish or chicken every day.



Rani and Bindu. Bindu on the computer and Hemima on a sewing machine.



Our new office has already become a regular meeting place.



Hemima is one of our most capable and dedicated sewing instructors. For the second time she has moved so as to reach more students.

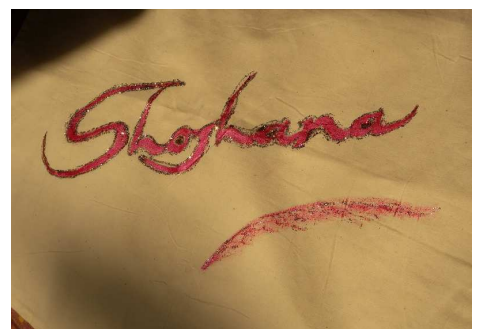
That I have in Bindu such a good and trustworthy colleague is one reason that all our projects function so smoothly and satisfactorily. In retrospect, I can only say: God has richly blessed our joint work.



Swetha, on Bindu's right, will soon complete her MBA degree and wants to open a sewing center to apply the skills she has learned. We'll see. In any case, we will give her a chance and let her start an embroidery class in May. She has already worked together with her mother in the sewing school in the Sugali Colony focusing on embroidery and fabric painting.

From her comes this small fabric painting.

As thanks for the free sewing lessons, our ladies provided me painted and embroidered cotton bags to be gifts for our donors.





Quite near us is a Kalamkari block fabric printing shop, where workers use the ancient method to apply natural colors to amazing print patterns.



Centuries-old Kalamkari block-printing techniques are typical for Andhra Pradesh.



On my last trip, I had all sorts of nice adventures that you may read about on our webpage-- <http://www.shoshana.de>. Please take a look!

Despite our tight schedule, Bindu and I took an opportunity to go to the nearby sea to enjoy the wonderful atmosphere.



The four weeks went by very quickly, and here I am already packed and waiting for the train to Chennai.

Thanks to all of you who encouraged me with prayers, greetings, and blessings, and thanks to all who so faithfully provided financial support!

With a very warm and hearty Easter Blessing:
The Lord is risen! He is truly risen! Halleluja!



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