

13th ELPIDA-4-IRAKLIA short news – Jan. 2020

Many little people in many little places doing many little things ...



„ELPIDA-4-IRAKLIA“ is a private non-profit organization since July 2012 supporting people of the small Cyclades Island of Iraklia who are in need because of the severe economic crisis in Greece.

My four Iraklia weeks last summer were splendid as always! Heartwarming encounters proved again the meaningfulness of our doing and I'm happy to pass on the gratitude and best wishes to all our supporters!

A QUICK LOOK INTO THE PIGGY BANK:

In August I gave € 2193,00 to Maria and others. From various other sources she got € 2125,00 and only recently I sent off another € 2020,00. A very rich year indeed!

So the total sum since the birth of our project has now grown to very proud € 32.938,00!

☺☺☺ My sincerest THANKS to all involved! ☺☺☺
EVERY SHARE HOWEVER SMALL IS MORE THAN WELCOME!
Ευχαριστώ πολύ! (Evcharistó polí = Many thanks!)

NEW SINCE JULY 2019:

In general:

- In July and August **the island throbs with national and international tourists.** There's still building going on, people are creative and dedicated, and their **often hard work yields good fruit!** Very often few hands during summer have to provide for feeding many more mouths throughout the whole year! ☺☺☺
- **Health care:** In December we sponsored sterile equipment for € 150,00. Since 2013 the Austrian www.griechenlandhilfe.at has been providing all kinds of medical supplies for the whole island in irregular intervals - for free!!! Erwin Schrumpf and his team deserves **big thanks!** ☺☺☺
- **Maria S.** invited me for a delicious *kafedáki* and sends many thanks to all for their support! We support her with about € 60,00 or so every two months for **food and sanitary supplies.** ☺☺☺
- **A special highlight** was an evening with **Violetta and Yannis.** We support the family since autumn 2018 when Violetta had to **move to Athens with their three children** due to necessary educational, psychological and medical needs. On that

occasion I also briefly met the lively and talkative daughter that used to be shy and introverted before and had hardly ever spoken at all. What a big joy to see that we were able to contribute to her delightful change!!! We go on supporting them with a monthly € 100,00 (sometimes € 200,00)! 😊😊😊

- **Animal care:** To stabilize the population of the wild living cats they are being sterilized now by and by. We supported € 260,00 for the first group. 😊😊😊
- Our ecological **bags** for the **reduction of plastic waste** were not only welcomed well again but have even become a **popular souvenir** for some tourists. **This initiative will go on.** 😊😊😊
- **From the sea:** With a little luck you can meet one of the loggerhead turtles *caretta caretta* that visit the island regularly. 😊😊😊 In late spring one was found dead for no obvious reason. According to media reportings some animals **die of starvation with a full stomach** because they **mistake plastic waste** with jelly fish or other food... 😞😞😞
- **New: Trees for climate! Four new Tamarisk trees** were recently planted in *Livádi beach* and **two more** in *Alimiá* on the south coast. € 360,00. 😊😊😊 We are thinking about sponsoring more (tamarisk, fruit, olive...)
- **New site for me: Christmas market in Schloss Goldegg!** I've been invited to attend the well known **Christmas market** in the attractive **Goldegg Castle** in the country of Salzburg! 😊😊😊 www.goldeggamsee.at
- **New Book: Das Mittelmeer – Geschichte und Zukunft eines ökologisch sensiblen Raumes** (The Mediterranean – History and Future of an Ecologically Sensitive Area) by Dr. Robert Hofrichter, Salzburg. Extended new edition of this scientific „**Work of a Lifetime**“. ISBN 978-3-662-58929-8, 1300(!!!) pages. In German only so far, there are plans for a translation into English. www.mare-mundi.eu. (Website in **German and English!**)

PROVEN AND TESTED:

- Together we agree on all investments in advance and the people of Iraklia always contribute a considerable share by volunteered work or donations!!! Every single Euro goes to Iraklia strictly net, all helpers are volunteers, I get receipts and photos and can see our achievements myself.
- Maria is our invaluable guarantee for **thoughtful handling and correct administration** and always keeps an adequate amount for emergencies. I'll go on doing my very best and ask you to support Iraklia like before.
- My sincere thanks go to everyone, especially to Maria on Iraklia, to our friends and supporters throughout Europe and to all our Greek friends! 😊😊😊

A big **THANK YOU – DANKE SCHÖN – MILLE GRAZIE – MERCI BIEN – EVCHARISTO** to all who supported us in **2019** with **donations, buying or selling stationery or organizing markets!**



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