

# Little Flower **Mercy Home**

*"We love and serve the poorest of the poor".*

Chengulam - Idukki District - Kerala – South India



**Construction Project 2012-2014:**

**Creating a modern new kitchen area plus  
new offices and staff accommodation.**

## 1 Summary

### Little Flower Mercy Home

The Little Flower Mercy Home is an independent children's home and a shelter for destitute adults. It was founded in 1987 by an Indian Christian couple: Mathew Manuel and Molly Mathew. They were deeply inspired by the work of Mother Teresa of Calcutta and dedicate their lives to the service of the poorest of the poor since years. Today, 170 abandoned, poor, physically or mentally disabled men and women are in care, as are 110 children from poor or broken families.

### Need

So much of the Mercy Home is now totally unsuited to the numbers in care and their needs. The conditions of the improvised kitchen have become intolerable, as the home has expanded. Equally, the provision for administration and increased staffing is now completely inadequate. With the construction of a new kitchen building, offices and staff accommodation, some of the most urgent needs of Mercy Home can be met on a long-term basis.

### Objective

The construction of a new two-storey building to host a modern kitchen, new offices and staff accommodation. This building will replace the old mud-farmhouse in the centre of Mercy Home. Time of construction: 2012 – 2014.

### Costs

Phase	Target	EUR	CHF
1 – 4	Ground Floor & Kitchen ready for use	86'354	103'944
5	1. Floor & Offices ready for use	38'462	46'296
6	2. Floor & Staff Accommodation ready for use	38'462	46'296
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>163'277</b>	<b>196'537</b>

### Financing

With international fundraising, local fundraising and internal labour contributions.

### Organisation in charge

Little Flower Mercy Home Welfare Association, represented by Mathew Manuel (Secretary).

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### Detailed project plan

Please refer to concept below.

*Many thanks for your precious support!*

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## 3 Background

### 3.1 21<sup>st</sup> Century India

While India is an ever-strengthening economic power, poverty among the mass of its 1.2 billion people remains a massive challenge. According to the World Bank, 44 percent of India's population exists on less than one U.S. dollar a day, and more than a quarter of the population is too poor to afford enough food. Nearly half of India's children are malnourished and 2.1 million children die annually before their fifth birthday (Unicef).<sup>1</sup>

Children who work do so mainly on the land, because invariably families cannot otherwise survive from their income. Heavily indebted farmers often need to sell their farmland and also pledge their services to the landlords. Such 'debt bondage' is still one of the biggest obstacles in the fight against poverty, and contributes greatly to the many thousands of farmer suicides reported each year.

### 3.2 Kerala, Idukki District

Poverty in Kerala stems largely from its mountainous border regions, especially from the neighbouring state of Tamil Nadu. In fact Kerala, with the highest literacy rate in India, has a comparatively moderate poverty gap, mainly thanks to the many workers who migrate to The Gulf and other countries to better provide for their families.

The Idukki district bordering Tamil Nadu is a mountainous region, which is economically poorly developed and includes many greatly disadvantaged Adivasis (indigenous people). World prices of the traditional agricultural products of coffee, pepper and cardamom have been failing under the pressure of new farming power bases such as Indonesia, Vietnam and Brazil, and Idukki district has for years recorded a significant wave of suicides by farmers.

The mountain resort of Munnar is experiencing a big increase in tourism. Land prices are soaring – and while the many landless families, often from Tamil Nadu, cannot cope with living costs, they are also adding to Kerala's social problems.

### 3.3 Little Flower Mercy Home

Situated close to Munnar, the Mercy Home is a shelter for homeless destitute and for children whose families cannot afford to keep them. It provides compassion and care, following the example of Mother Teresa of Calcutta.

There are 130 male and 36 female residents/patients: about half of them are from Tamil Nadu, and the rest are from Kerala or from other parts of India. They are provided with food and clothing, and with medical or psychiatric care. Everyone is served with loving attention, aiming to restore his or her human dignity.

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<sup>1</sup> Source: Wikipedia

As from 2003, the home expanded to welcome needy children. Out of the nearly 300 people in care 56 are girls and 52 boys. All are enjoying a secure environment and strong emotional support, and thanks to the Mercy Home they can look forward to escaping the poverty trap to a bright, self-determined future...

### 3.4 Founder

Every vision has a starting point. For Mathew and Molly this took place in the 1980's. After having served as volunteers for Mother Teresa in West Bengal, they moved back to Kerala and settled in the woods of Chengulam, Idukki District. A first terminally ill man was brought to their simple mud-hut. Mathew and Molly hosted him and cared for him, and finally the man cured. Thus more and more ill, handicapped and abandoned people were brought to their house. Mercy Home started its mission...



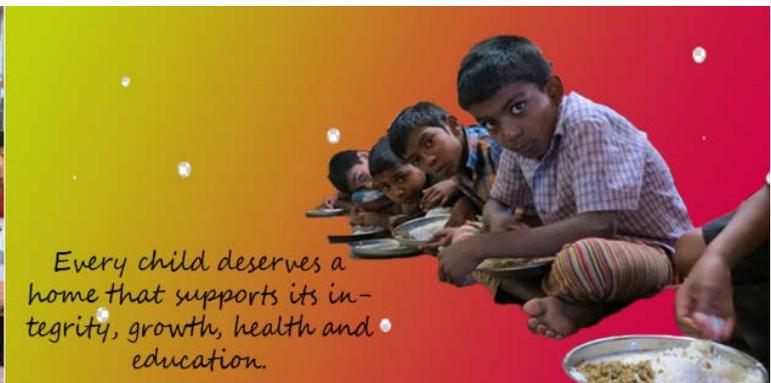
Today, the very large Mercy Home family share another vision: They dream of having 21<sup>st</sup> Century facilities which will enable them to provide an even better life for all.

### 3.5 Video Documentation

Find a fascinating online video documentary (18 minutes) about the work and vision of Mercy Home. It is available under [this Link](#) (if the link should not work go to [www.vimeo.com](http://www.vimeo.com) and search for 'Little Flower Mercy Home').

### 3.6 Legal and Financial

The Little Flower Mercy Home Welfare Association was founded in 1987 and became a registered charitable society in Kerala (Reg. 1 - 38/88). An audited annual report includes information on the income and expenditure of the institution. Mercy Home receives a little government support since 2012 but still is widely dependent on private donations.



### 3.7 Brief history and milestones



1979

Being a young man, Mathew Manuel served as a volunteer for Mother Teresa in Calcutta for six years. Molly joined his work for one year.



1987

The young couple lived in a small mud-hut in the forest of Chengulam, Kerala. They hosted and cured a first terminally ill old man through their unremitting care.

The Little Flower Mercy Home Welfare Association was founded.



1992

Thanks to the help of a french friend, 6 acres of land could be bought. Mercy Home moved to its present site and construction began.



1994

The newly built house for 50 men could be inaugurated. An improvised kitchen was installed in a small shack, that serves Mercy Home up to the present day.



In 2003 some 65 destitute men and 14 women lived in Mercy Home. The men's house was filled up to the double of its capacity, the women slept on the floor of a single room. With the women, the first children reached Mercy Home. The children's project was officially launched.



2004

The new men's house could be finished and inaugurated. The children moved into the old men's house. 50 boys live there to the present day in very unsatisfying conditions.



2005

The girls could move into the newly built girl's house. Up to 60 girls between 5 and 18 years live now under the shelter of Mercy Home.



2008

The ground floor of the new women's building could be finished. It is housing 40 handicapped, old, mentally retarded or abandoned women.



In 2012 Mercy Home celebrates its 25 years jubilee. About 130 male patients, 40 female patients, 60 school-girls and 50 boys live in Mercy Home. The 15 staff members still work under difficult and improvised conditions. The project to construct a new building for kitchen, offices and staff accommodation is launched.



2014...

Help us to build the future of Mercy Home!

## 4 Analysis of needs

The Mercy Home story started with an ideal: Free and unconditional care for the benefit of those in need. However, with little or no money, such care was necessarily makeshift. Now, the seriously hampered daily functioning of the Mercy Home must change, and key target areas include the central work areas: the kitchen, office space and staff quarters. Having a hugely increased number of people in care, it is vital that the changes are achieved as soon as possible. The Construction Project 2012-2014 sets out the programme.

### 4.1 The Kitchen

The kitchen is the heart of the Mercy Home, providing 900 meals daily (around 330.000 meals a year!). The building is of very poor quality, with a leaking roof that was originally built as a 'temporary' structure covering a space between two buildings. There is insufficient space, no natural light and a range of very poor quality appliances. The conditions here are un-healthy and un-hygienic. The heat and smoke can become unbearable, as there are no proper outlets for smoke from the open, wood-fuelled fires, or for steam. This kitchen is not cost-effective either: An estimated 84 tonnes of costly firewood is being consumed annually.

**Summary:** Provision of a purpose-built, properly equipped and hygienic kitchen is now an absolute priority.



#### 4.2 The Office

If the kitchen is the heart of the Mercy Home, the administrative office is the nerve centre. Here meetings are held and decisions are made. But the workload has expanded significantly since this building was created in 1997. There is too little space for the people, the equipment and for vital file-storage. Its location close to the site entrance results in continual disturbance. Laws and regulations relating to children and disabled people in care have added greatly to the workload and the situation further underlines the need for new improved conditions.

**Summary:** Provision of a new, spacious, well-equipped office is urgently needed. The current building will be converted to a reception centre.



#### 4.3 Staff and guest accommodation

There are 15 employees, in volunteer / employment relationships. Nine of them live on-site (housed in small rooms attached to accommodation used by Mercy Home residents in care). This situation, like the living arrangements of the Mercy Home founders (on the top floor of the girls' house), is temporary. Lack of privacy is an issue.

**Summary:** Long-term employees and voluntary workers are a most important asset, and increasingly urgent is the provision of simple but suitable accommodation (including for married couples). Anticipating further tightening of social service laws in Kerala, and the Mercy Home's need for more workers, the construction of a building with space for employees and for guests is a further key priority.



## 5 Building Project 2012 – 2014

### 5.1 Objective

The new building project 2012/13 entails building a new kitchen and office in the heart of Mercy Home, with accommodation for staff on the first floor. This covers one of the most urgent needs of Mercy Home and ensures the long-term development of the institution.

### 5.2 Building

The new building will replace the old clay farmhouse, presently located between the entrance and the male patients' house.

<b>Surface Area:</b>	20 x 12 meters
<b>Ground Floor:</b>	Kitchen, storage, food washing and preparing room, dining room, toilets, hand washing area
<b>First Floor:</b>	Office and staff accommodation
<b>Second Floor:</b>	Staff accommodation

#### Required infrastructure and site set-up before building works can begin:

- Installation of a new water tank
- Installation of a toilet module
- Temporary kitchen
- Temporary shed for building materials and tools storage
- Demolition of the old farmhouse

<b>Architect:</b>	M. M. Peter & Son, Adimali, Kerala, India
<b>Drawings:</b>	Please see attachments



**Photos:** Old clay farmhouse (main entrance, back elevation and current kitchen).

### 5.3 Time schedule

The time schedule is highly dependent on the funds available. Because the complete amount is not yet available, the building will be erected in phases.

Phase	Objective	Duration	Scheduled Dates
Phase 1	<b>Site set-up</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Installation of a new water tank (50.000 Litres)</li> <li>• Building of toilet module</li> <li>• Building of temporary kitchen</li> <li>• Building of temporary storage space for building materials and tools</li> <li>• Demolition of the old clay farmhouse</li> </ul>	4 Weeks	March - April 2012
Phase 2	<b>Foundations and roof</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Earthworks</li> <li>• Foundations</li> <li>• Structural frame</li> <li>• Roof</li> </ul>	18 Weeks	April - August 2012
Phase 3	<b>Completion of ground floor</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Walls, rendering</li> <li>• Floor finish and tiling</li> <li>• Electrical and sanitary services</li> <li>• Miscellaneous</li> </ul>	15 Weeks	August - November 2012
Phase 4	<b>Inauguration of kitchen and ground floor</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commissioning of kitchen equipment and installations</li> <li>• Furniture</li> </ul>	4 Weeks	December 2012
Phase 5	<b>Building and inauguration of first floor</b>		2013
Phase 6	<b>Building and inauguration of second floor</b>		2014

## 5.4 Costs overview

Building Phase	Objective	Currency	Costs	Total
Phase 1	Completed site-setup	INR	613'000	613'000
		CHF	11'352	11'352
		EUR	9'431	9'431
Phase 2	Foundations and roof	INR	2'551'964	3'164'964
		CHF	47'259	58'610
		EUR	39'261	48'692
Phase 3	Completed ground floor	INR	1'448'038	4'613'002
		CHF	26'816	85'426
		EUR	22'278	70'969
Phase 4	Operative kitchen and ground floor	INR	1'000'000	5'613'002
		CHF	18'519	103'944
		EUR	15'385	86'354
Phase 5	Building and commissioning of first floor	INR	2'500'000	8'113'002
		CHF	46'296	150'241
		EUR	38'462	124'815
Phase 6	Building and commissioning of second floor	INR	2'500'000	10'613'002
		CHF	46'296	196'537
		EUR	38'462	163'277
				<b>Total of completed building</b>

**Note:** Detailed budget in attachment.

**Currency exchange basis:** 1 CHF = 54 INR / 1 EUR = 65 INR (as per 14th March 2012).



## 5.5 Financing and resources

Fund-raising is key to the success of the project. Currently there is local and an international fund-raising taking place, which must be capitalized during the construction period.



### 5.5.1 Local fund-raising

Mercy Home has a good reputation in the region, which is important for local fund-raising. A working group has been set up, to coordinate the local fund-raising activities. Local fund-raising is proven to be more successful if the building is already under construction and can be shown to potential donors. Visitors or potential donors can, for example, finance a room, a square meter, some kitchen equipment, etc.

### 5.5.2 International fund-raising

Mercy Home has a small number of international contacts and friends. These are activated on a regular basis and supplied with the necessary information so they can in turn ask the appropriate local patrons, foundations and organizations. An internal working group takes care of the international fund-raising, which takes place on a voluntary basis in Switzerland, England, Germany and Spain.

In Switzerland and Europe, the association DANA (Friends of Little Flower Mercy Home) supports the 2012-2014 construction project through fundraising and communication.

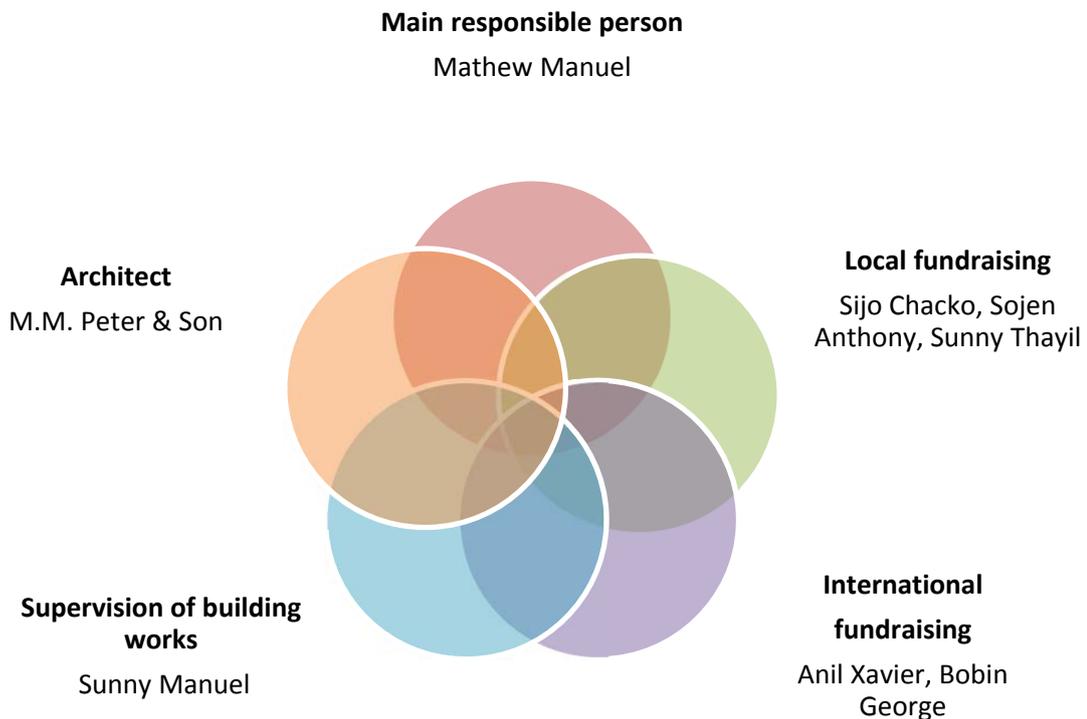
### 5.5.3 Internal resources and services

Many external costs for labour can be reduced, by using internal resources (human and material). Some of the low-skilled and labour-intensive tasks can be done by Mercy Home residents and volunteers themselves. Some employees from Mercy Home can help supervise the construction work. Other people, familiar to the Mercy Home project, have already offered their voluntary help for the construction period.

## 5.6 Project responsibility

Little Flower Mercy Home Welfare Association will formally own the project, represented by Mathew Manuel (secretary and co-founder of Mercy Home).

## 5.7 Project organisation



## 5.8 Risk analysis

Risks	Measures
The required funds cannot be collected within an appropriate timing.	Construction in thought-through phases. The construction of the next phase will only occur once the necessary funds are available.
The Monsoon from July until September will make building works difficult.	The roof should be finished by the end of June 2012. The interior works can be done in the rainy season. In the worst-case scenario, work has to stop during Monsoon.
The construction (material and labour) costs in Kerala have significantly risen and are expected to continue rising for many years.	The building materials will be bought and stored as soon as possible. As much work as possible will be done by residents and volunteers
Building in phases as a whole is more time-consuming and expensive.	Fund-raising efforts will attempt to secure the resources needed and complete the building as soon as possible. Local fund-raising is proven to be more successful if the building is already on the way and can be shown to potential donors.

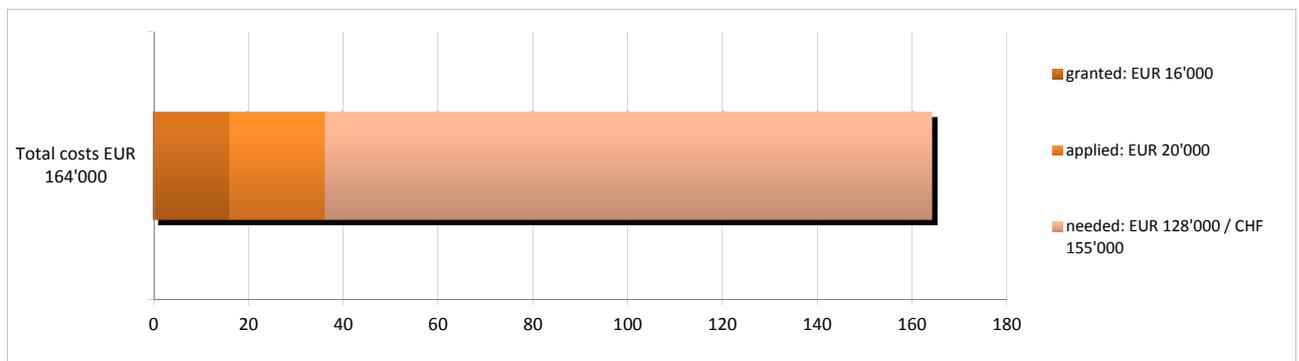
## 6 Current situation (March 2012)

### 6.1 Preparation works

- The Committee of the Little Flower Mercy Home Welfare Association agreed the construction and the procedure described above on The 12th of February 2012.
- The project plans and an updated website for the international fundraising has been completed (some translations are due).
- The excavation works for the water tank were done by Mercy Home staff/residents.
- The space for the provisional kitchen and building material storage has been cleared.

### 6.2 Fundraising

- 16'000 EUR have been granted. 20'000 EUR are due.
- 125'000 EUR / CHF 155'000 are still needed.



## 7 Contact and donations

### 7.1 In Switzerland and Europe

The association DANA (Friends of Little Flower Mercy Home) was founded in 2003 in Bern for the support of Mercy Home, and is a registered charitable organization. The association works entirely on a voluntary basis. Donations are forwarded entirely to Mercy Home. Within Switzerland, donations to the association DANA are deductible from taxes.

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## 8 Conclusion: Write the story of Mercy Home with us.

Mercy Home is a well-established and locally based NGO and has been active for 25 years, serving the poorest of the poor. The house is managed with great care and dedication. Hundreds of people arriving in a deplorable state of distress have found refuge here, a home that they did not have.

The construction of a new building housing a kitchen, an office space and staff accommodation is long overdue. It ensures the daily operation of Mercy Home and supports the long-term development of the institution.

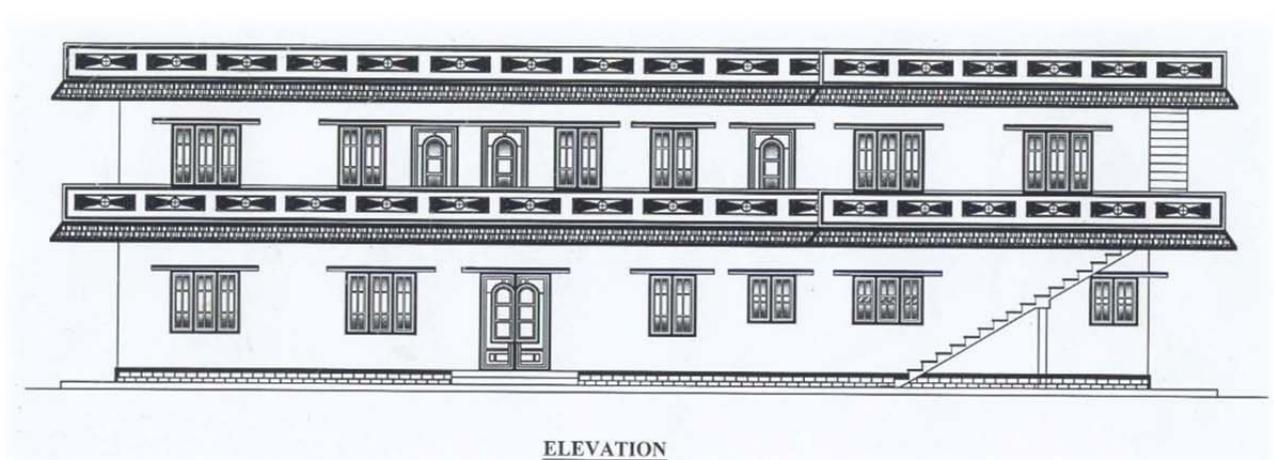
Your contributions can help us cover the high construction costs and hence directly support our daily work in ensuring the well being of the poorest of the poor.

**Help us to write the story of Mercy Home**  
**Thank you very much for your valuable support**

Mathew Manuel und Molly Mathew  
*Founders and directors of Mercy Home*

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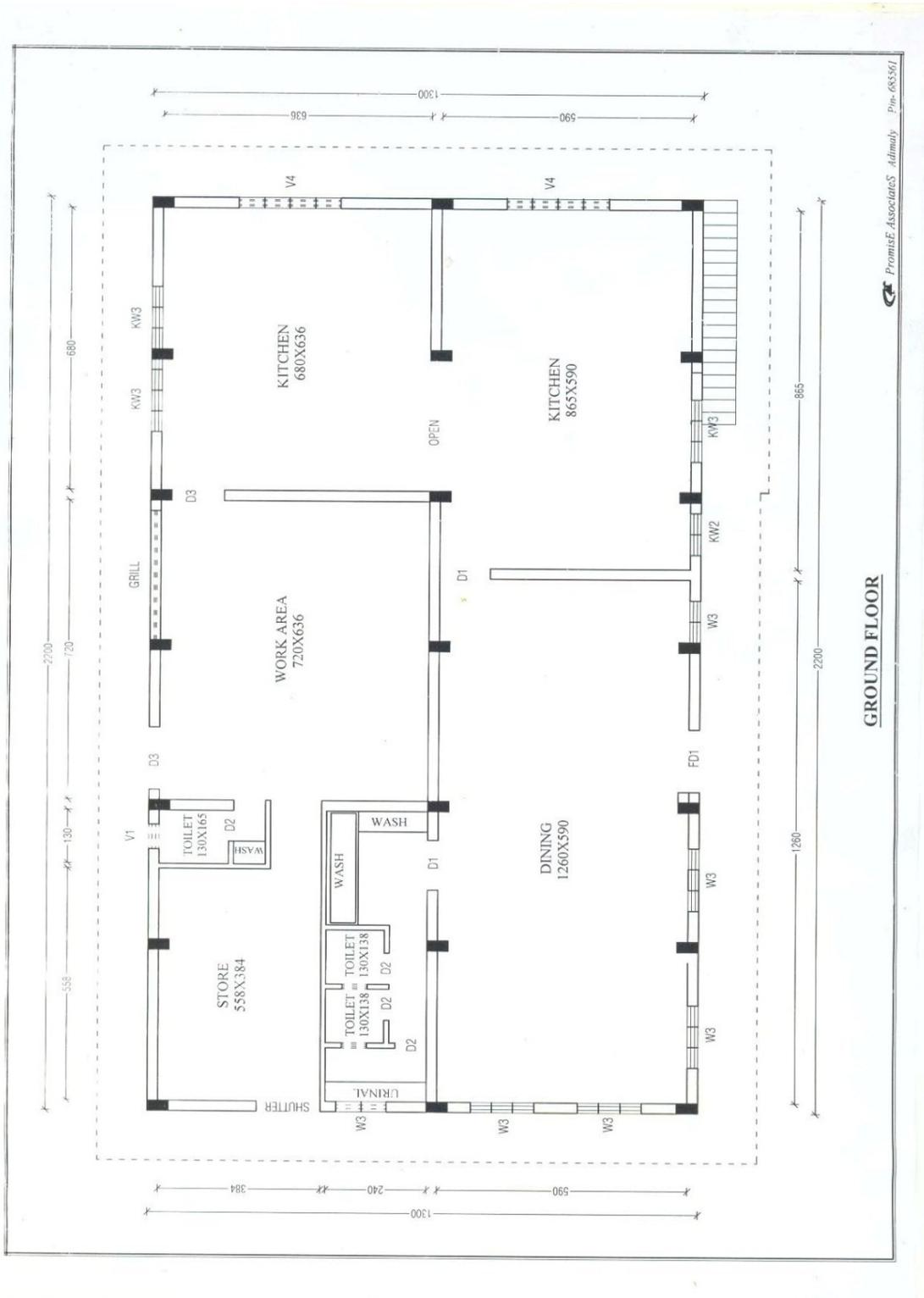
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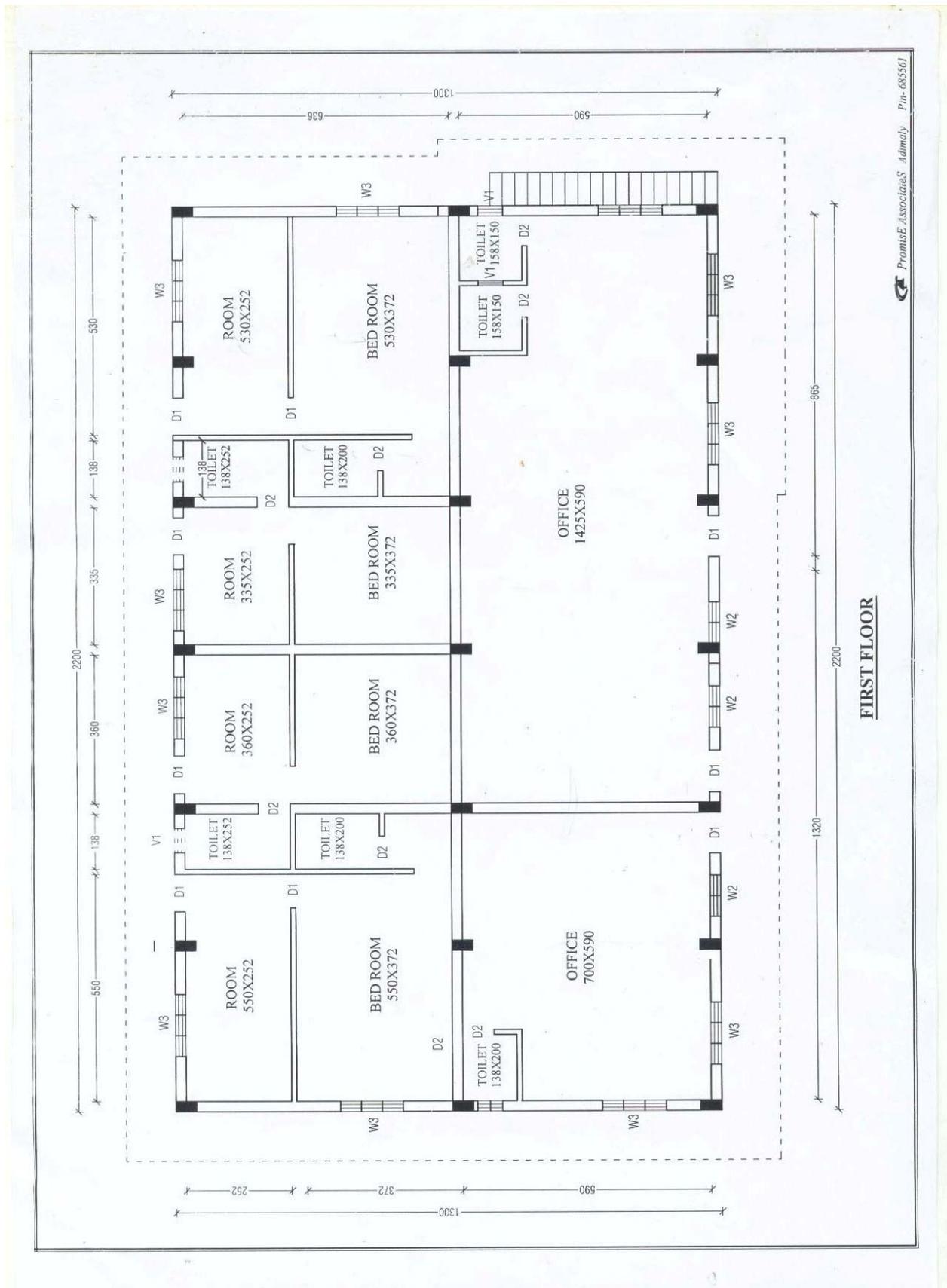
**Photo:** Front elevation of the planned building showing ground and first floor.

# 9 Appendix

## 9.1 Plan of ground floor (kitchen, work area, storage, dining hall)



9.2 Plan of first floor (offices, staff- and guest-rooms)



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FIRST FLOOR

### 9.3 Detailed costs of ground floor

Detailed costs calculation		Kitchen building 2012		Ground Floor			
		INR		CHF*	10.2.2012	EUR*	10.2.2012
		costs	grand total	*1:54 as per costs	grand total	*1:65 as per costs	grand total
1	Earthwork leveling	10'000					
2	Earthwork footing	48'384					
<b>A</b>	<b>Earthwork total</b>	<b>58'384</b>	<b>58'384</b>	<b>CHF 1'081</b>	<b>CHF 1'081</b>	<b>898 €</b>	<b>€ 898</b>
3	P.C.C1:3:6 footing	131'328					
4	R.c.c. footing bed	319'368					
5	Reinforcement	89'760					
6	R.c.c. footing sloped portion	171'360					
7	R.c.c. footing small column	25'110					
<b>B</b>	<b>Foundation total</b>	<b>736'926</b>	<b>795'310</b>	<b>CHF 13'647</b>	<b>CHF 14'728</b>	<b>11'337 €</b>	<b>€ 12'236</b>
8	R.c.c. plinth beam	148'344					
9	Reinforcement	119'544					
10	R.c.c. column	169'492					
11	Reinforcement	141'304					
<b>C</b>	<b>Plinth &amp; column total</b>	<b>578'684</b>	<b>1'373'994</b>	<b>CHF 10'716</b>	<b>CHF 25'444</b>	<b>8'903 €</b>	<b>€ 21'138</b>
14	R.c.c. beam	271'908					
15	Reinforcement	158'100					
16	R.c.c. roof slab	577'962					
17	Reinforcement	170'000					
<b>D</b>	<b>Roof Slab total</b>	<b>1'177'970</b>	<b>2'551'964</b>	<b>CHF 21'814</b>	<b>CHF 47'259</b>	<b>18'123 €</b>	<b>€ 39'261</b>
12	Brick work	114'560					
21	Window frame	8'400					
		3'000					
		5'400					
		9'000					
		1'300					
		27'100					
	Door	15'000					
		9'000					
		4'400					
		11'000					
		10'000					
		49'400					
22	Window shutters	10'200					
		3'400					
		7'200					
		3'400					
		1'700					
		25'900					
	Door	10'000					
		13'000					
		14'000					
		15'000					
		52'000					
<b>I</b>	<b>Brick work total</b>	<b>268'960</b>	<b>2'820'924</b>	<b>CHF 4'981</b>	<b>CHF 52'239</b>	<b>4'138 €</b>	<b>€ 43'399</b>
13	Plastering wall	191'160					
18	Plastering ceiling	100'157					
<b>E</b>	<b>Plastering total</b>	<b>291'317</b>	<b>3'112'241</b>	<b>CHF 5'395</b>	<b>CHF 57'634</b>	<b>4'482 €</b>	<b>€ 47'881</b>
19	Flooring	182'716					

<b>F</b>	<b>Flooring total</b>	<b>182'716</b>	
			<b>3'294'957</b>
	20 Tiles	263'375	
<b>G</b>	<b>Tiles total</b>	<b>263'375</b>	
			<b>3'558'332</b>
	23 Sanitary fittings		
	closet x 3	3'900	
	wash x 3	9'000	
	urinal x 3	3'450	
	Pipe, fittings, etc.	25'000	
	Plumbing	70'000	
	Septic tank & pit	60'000	
		171'350	
	24 Electrification	150'000	
	25 Handrails	50'940	
	26 Painting	60'000	
	27 Unforeseen items	9'378	
<b>H</b>	<b>Finishing works total</b>	<b>441'668</b>	
			<b>4'000'000</b>

CHF 3'384	CHF 61'018	2'811 €	€ 50'692
CHF 4'877	CHF 65'895	4'052 €	€ 54'744
CHF 8'179	CHF 74'074	6'795 €	€ 61'538

## 9.4 Cost overview of ground floor

Cost calculation		Kitchen Building 2012		Overview		CHF*		EUR*	
				INR		Total		Grand Total	
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<b>Phase 1</b>	<b>Preparation</b>								
	Architect, Plans		10'000						
	legal issues & permission		3'000						
	New watertank & pipes		250'000						
	Temporary kitchen		200'000						
	Temporary toolroom & shelter		100'000						
	Breaking old house & various works		50'000						
	<b>Total</b>		<b>613'000</b>			Fr. 11'352		€ 9'431	
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<b>Phase 2</b>	<b>Roof slab finished</b>								
	Earthwork		58'384						
	Foundation		736'926						
	Plinth & column		578'684						
	Roof slab		1'177'970						
	<b>Total</b>		<b>2'551'964</b>			Fr. 47'259		€ 39'261	
					<b>3'164'964</b>				<b>€ 48'692</b>
<b>Phase 3</b>	<b>Finishing Ground Floor</b>								
	Brick works		268'962						
	Plastering		291'317						
	Flooring		182'716						
	Tiles		263'375						
	Finishing works		441'668						
	<b>Total</b>		<b>1'448'038</b>			Fr. 26'816		€ 22'278	
					<b>4'613'002</b>				<b>€ 70'969</b>
<b>Phase 4</b>	<b>Interior Ground Floor</b>								
	Kitchen equipment		800'000						
	Other equipment		200'000						
	<b>Total</b>		<b>1'000'000</b>			Fr. 18'519		€ 15'385	
					<b>5'613'002</b>				<b>€ 86'354</b>

### Our aim

We love and serve the poorest of the poor.  
We honor and protect the universal value of life.

### We care for

- poor, disadvantaged,
- unwanted, neglected,
- abused, unprotected children &
- poor, downtrodden, homeless,
- mentally disabled,
- old aged, abandoned,
- deaf, blind and paralysed adult patients

All are welcome as brothers and sisters.  
All are nursed with love and compassion.

### Dear friend

When we founded Mercy Home in a tiny mud hut in the forest, we did not think, that it soon would grow into an institution with 7 buildings and up to 290 destitute inmates.

Many call our work noble, courageous or even awe-inspiring. But we simply follow our deepest call: to ease the pain of the poorest and to dry the tears of the abandoned.

Mercy Home could only grow and survive thanks to your generous support. We promise to make best use of every donation.  
And to ceaselessly continue our service for the poorest of the poor.

Thank you for your trust!

Bro. Mathew & Molly Mathew

**Little Flower Mercy Home**  
Distance from,  
Munnar - 15 Km  
Adimaly - 17 Km  
Kochi - 120 Km

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# Little Flower Mercy Home

## Home for the Destitute and Homeless Children

Since 1987

*We love & serve the poorest of the poor*

**Chengulam - Idukki District - Kerala South India**

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## Girls Home



Today we host 56 girls aged 6 to 18 years, each one with a very unique potential and talent. They all come out of poverty stricken or broken families, are from slums or fatherless. Many of them were unwanted and unprotected, heavily neglected and abused. Many of them come out of remote tribal areas. In Mercy Home these girls get access to public schools and education. Additionally they have daily tasks and duties in and around the house. Singing, dancing, sharing, prayer and studies complete their daily routine.

**Our aim**  
 Mercy Home gives these children a future and brings forth a healthy, integrated and responsible personality.



## We provide children with

- shelter & protection
- access to school & education
- food, clothing, healthcare
- emotional & spiritual guidance
- individual care & support

## Boys Home



Our 52 boys come out of families with very poor background, they are partially orphans or children of broken families. They have been neglected or beaten,

lacked care and attention, many of them did not go to school. Besides school the boys have their daily routine and various duties. For their physical growth we also emphasize sports and physical education. Growing up, the elder become an example for the younger children at Mercy Home.



Our aim

Our patients are looked after with love and respect and the unceasing intention to restore their dignity.

## Your help matters!

- Cost of one blanket 350 Rs.
- Cost of 1 Mattress 2,400 Rs.
- Sponsoring a child for 1 month 5,000 Rs.
- One day expenses of food 8,000 Rs.
- Medical costs for one month 18,000 Rs.
- Building shelter for one inmate 44,000 Rs.

## Men & Grandfathers Home



At present Mercy Home hosts 150 male patients. Most of them are mentally and physically disabled and under medical treatment. Some are very old and weak, others are permanently sick and confined to bed. Many were found heavily neglected and begging in the streets. In Mercy Home they find a home and a new life of caring and sharing.

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## We provide patients with

- food & clothing
- shelter & protection
- medical & psychiatric care
- a loving & caring home

## Women & Grandmothers Home

Today we host 36 women of most diverse backgrounds, all of them with a heartbreaking life-story to tell. Many of them were beaten or abandoned by their husbands or families. Most are mentally handicapped and subject to psychiatric treatment. Others are very old, ill and too weak to even move themselves. Most of them arrive at Mercy Home in a severely neglected and confused state.



In Mercy Home the ladies find a simple, but loving and caring shelter. Many heal considerably in the supportive atmosphere of Mercy Home. Some are able to help with daily tasks in the kitchen, with cleaning, laundry and other simple work. Many ladies are very cooperative and start helping their fellow-inmates.



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“What ever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me”. Mathew 25:40