

7th „ELPIDA“ newsletter / July 2016

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



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

This letter is rather short. A lot of work has been done since February and another € 2.000,00 were raised. Our total sum now amounts to € 11.070,00!!!

☺☺☺ A big THANK YOU to all involved! ☺☺☺

News:

- My request to **support our food parcels** was extraordinarily well answered. Many opened their hearts & purses, & within no time € 500,00 landed on my account. The total cost for ten families was € 700,00.



The **feedbacks** were **overwhelming!!!** Here you can get a glimpse:

Alexandra T: Dear Johanna, καλησπέρα, ευχαριστώ πολύ, for everything you make for all children here we sent you a big kiss with love from Iraklia thanks a lot for everything...

Annoula G: Dear Johanna, thanks a lot for everything you do for us for my children and for my island. you are very beautiful person and i am so happy for your love for all of us. sorry for my english i hope that you understand. we wait for you in our island. many kisses!!!!

Chrisoula S: thank you very much for all this food you are very kind. today i am cooking the chicken!!!

Maria: I wish you were here to understand how happy the mums and kids were to receive the parcels. It was great! ...they felt like Santa had come in March! *** So here's the story of how everything worked: My problem from the beginning was that the 2 shops that are open all through winter would not see this move well if they found that we'd bought so much food from a Naxos market! So I got price offers from Naxos Markets

for the following stuff for 10 families : 2 chickens, 2 kg. minced meat, 2kg. of feta cheese, 2kg. sugar, 2kg. fakes, 4 cans of condensed milk, 4kg. oranges, 2kg. spaghetti, 2kg. of rice and 2kg. of flour. They would cost 600euros to buy and I would have to pay the transportation fees. So I went to our 2 shops , Steki and Melissa and told them the offer from Naxos Smarket and asked if they were interested to bring the stuff to Iraklia themselves and we pay each 50 euros for their effort and expenses of getting them here. They agreed , so Steki brought stuff for 5 families and Melissa for the other 5. I paid each of them 350 euros and everybody was satisfied and that way Elpida money went to Iraklian shops which don't make much during winter , anyway! I hope you agree with that ! But I assure you the families were so happy! *** Big thanks to you and all the donors, to John and Lynne, Carol and all others who've helped us. *** Some who don't have e-mail like Vangelia and the woman looking after her, Theodora, asked me to send you many thanks and wishes that God blesses you on their behalf!

Maria S: Dear Johanna ...I would like to thank you very much for the food parcel I received last week and for what you have done for Iraklia. What you are doing is heart warming and I wish you good health and strength to continue your mission.

Agrantis G: καλησπερα κυρια γιοχανα ευχαριστουμε πολυ για ολα...εχεις τα χερετισματα απο ολο το νησι. (Wir danken Dir für alles, die ganze Insel grüßt Dich.)



- **Evangelia** was again supported with **€ 200,00**. Unfortunately the donations from the Athens community on her behalf had to be stopped, and she got a new carer. I'll learn more during my holidays.
- A planned **Exkursion** had to be cancelled.
- Work in **Tourkopigado beach** proceeded, more pics in my next newsletter.
- **ELPIDA 4 IRAKLIA** is on **facebook** since March.

AROUND THE DONATION BOX:

- Carole D. retired in June & will spend her first year on Iraklia. She brought **€ 270,00** that friends had donated for ELPIDA! Thank you, Carole & enjoy your time!!!
- Jürgen S., another friend who calls Iraklia his second home, celebrated his 50th birthday on the island. He had animated his friends to donate to ELPIDA instead of a present & came along with **€ 190,00!** Thank you, Jürgen & Co! 😊
- Ich had done my show **FARBENPRACHT IN DER ÄGÄIS / BEAUTIES OF IRAKLIA** on June 14th in the city library of **Lienz** & on July 21st in **Heiligenblut**. From both evenings I made ca. € 350,00. 😊
- On June 30th my exhibition **WATER** opened in the Hotel Tirolerhof in Dölsach near Lienz. Two pictures sold on the spot, & there's interest in more. The exhibition goes on until September, and in case you come to the area go there & enjoy a fabulous meal in a great atmosphere! 😊
- In August I'll be able to hand another **€ 1000,00** from donations and sales provisions to übergeben. 😊

Our successful proceedings – 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!!! I also get receipts and photos.

Since the situation is not likely to improve soon Maria always keeps an adequate amount for emergencies. I'll do my best and ask you to support Iraklia like before.

My sincere thanks go to every single one involved, especially to Maria for her always friendly, thoughtful and correct handling! ☺☺☺☺☺☺☺☺

EVERY SHARE HOWEVER SMALL IS MORE THAN WELCOME!
Ευχαριστώ πολύ! (Eucharistó polí = Many thanks!)



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