



## Volunteering in India

Working as a volunteer in Calcutta, India, has become a significant part of my life. As soon as COVID-19 is under control I hope to be able to return to Calcutta for the fifteenth time.

I am a teacher at the elementary school De Lemborgh in Limbricht. Working with children and adults is my biggest passion. The less fortunate in our society have a special place in my heart.

This is the reason why I travel to Calcutta, every summer break, to volunteer in a home for handicapped orphans and a home for seriously ill and dying people. Even though circumstances are extremely difficult, the work gives me enormous satisfaction and gratitude.

Together with the sisters ( Missionaries of Charity) working in both homes I visit the local markets and use my funds donated by my sponsors to make the necessary purchases for those in need. This way the funds do not only help the two homes but also the local people who are struggling to make a living.

Next to my daily work at the two homes I am also involved in, and use my donated sponsor funds for smaller supportive activities such as providing shower/bathing opportunities for street children, the distribution of food packages (I have these prepared by a local family), purchasing medication for a lepra community, providing support for education, women's projects, as well as facilitating and enabling surgeries for sick children. Also simple actions such as buying milk for a baby or a warm meal for a family are possible thanks to your donations.

To be able to provide this support to the children and the needy in Calcutta I use the funds donated to me. I personally take care that every euro donated to me is spend in an appropriate supportive way and where needed the most. Every euro is thus accounted for and used for its original goal. This is the reason why many people support my work and continue to support me in my endeavors. I am very proud and honored to receive this trust and support.

A special THANK YOU goes out to the AFNORTH International School community in Brunssum. For several years now the school has supported my work by donating the funds raised through their Christmas Lunch. I am very appreciative of this support and so are the children and adults of my volunteer work experiences.

Together we are working towards a better world.

Happiness depends on what one can give, not on what one can get.

Heel veel dank hiervoor!

Hartelijke groet,  
Margriet Janssen