

Afshan & Barac Bieri – Foundation

Experience report of Silyas (16) and Ninyan (13)

During the Summer Vacations in India, we could visit orphanages in Udaipur, Rajasthan and evaluate their needs and requirements for the foundation of our parents. Out of the four homes we checked, it was possible to provide quick and unbureaucratic support to one of these.

Before commencing our roundtrip in Rajasthan, we relaxed some days in Udaipur, the place of origin of our mother's family and where till date our great grandmother and other family members reside. Udaipur, also known as the lake city became famous as the James Bond film Octopussy was shot in its beautiful Lake Palace Hotel.

Having four Orphan Homes on our plan, the research followed to choose exactly the one whose needs could be supported according the charter of the **Afshan & Barac Bieri – Foundation**.

First Home: Here we could take a glimpse of a society, in which girls and boys from the age of 6 to 8 were provided lodging and schooling. We were led to the bedrooms, classrooms, playground and the washrooms as well. The rooms were quite spacious and toilets were kept clean.



The Secretary mentioned two main problems, a lack of dining room and water pressure issues. As we noticed, there were enough rooms meant for staff, which could be easily converted into a dining hall. So that chapter did not attract our intentions by far. The water pressure problem is but on the list of our next move. Mummy will research further into it.

Second Home: This is a residence for 60 orphan boys, aged 6 to 18 years. Also here we could experience and peep into their lifestyle and premises. The director, handed over a list of stationary items, which was an immediate requirement. We were glad to provide them the school books within two days and deliver it all self. The boys out there happily helped unloading the packed car. For an extra smile, each one was handed a ball-pen.



Some older boys proudly guided us around the campus. The simple kitchen led to so much fun, as we helped kneading the dough for chapattis. They related to us the routine of their day and their dreams and ambitions to become once a Soldier or a Cricketer. We also showed them some card tricks. That day presented us with lot of happy faces.



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Third Home: This is a nursery of the abandoned babies. Our very first impression about it was that the home was quite modern and clean. The person in charge gave us a brief explanation of their motto and showed us around. He also assured us that they are very much self-sufficient and kindly thanked for our interests. It was nice to see how good the babies were taken care of, with all the facilities available for them.

Fourth Home: Very Strange outcome. Orphan girls with age of 6 to 18 are provided here shelter, as well as schooling. Even before we could introduce **Afshan & Barac Bieri – Foundation**, our help was rejected and we were asked to just leave whatever amount we would like to donate on their desks. For us, this was anyways out of question; as such acts do not abide to the values and policy of the foundation.

The **Afshan & Barac Bieri – Foundation** will consider and clarify the topic of inconvenience due to low water pressure mentioned in the first orphanage. After a careful evaluation it will decide for the needful and direct support where required, in the next months.

Our overall experience gave us the impression, that **Afshan & Barac Bieri – Foundation** spreads happiness. The happiness in giving and the happiness in receiving.



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