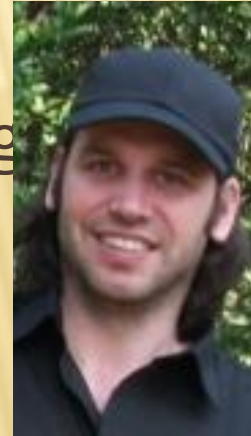


# A LATE AFTERNOON TRIP WITH BRO. ISAAC TO DURLA - A RURAL VILLAGE (4<sup>TH</sup> DEC 2010)

Hello, my name is Klaus Zumbach from Germany.  
From the 4th till the 6th I visited the Rural Blessing Mission (<http://www.ruralblessingmission.org/>).



I asked Bro. Isaac to show me an average village where children of the Anji Ebenezar Home are coming from.

In the following I show you my impressions in form of pictures taken in Durla. Look at the village, the simple buildings, the children and elderly and the inhabitants returning from the field work through my eyes.

Then make your own picture...



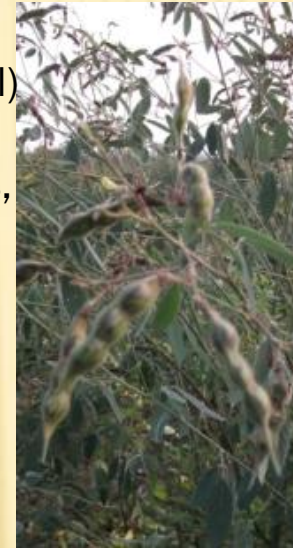
# FIELDS WITH DHAL AND COTTON AROUND DURLA



Fields with alternating lanes of Dahl (or Dal) and Cotton



Dahl (a lentil) is used in the meals, cotton for the clothes. The fields belong to rich farmers deciding each day on who will work on their fields. No work – no money – no food. And NOT every day there is Work!



# THE VILLAGE DURLA IN THE LATE AFTERNOON



Poor and rich house



The village well, only source of drinking water



Children and elderly people



# MORE IMPRESSIONS...

Cows, dogs, cat,  
people, toilet,  
bathroom...



# HOSTEL BOY AND HIS HOME



Pappo (blue shirt) lives since 11 years in Anji, he came with the first grade to RBM. Now he studies Intermediate University in Science in Wardha with the help of donations and RBM, gets clothes, education and food. The 2 boys have no farther, the mother works on the field.



Kitchen area, fire place inside and outside in the yard.



They have this one room house made of mud. The metal roof was donated by RBM.



# ONE ROOM OR HOUSE FOR ONE FAMILY



The road where the house is.



A hostel girl comes out of this one room house. I stood at the door and took the picture inside. The clothes and mats are for the bed. Branches are stored for the fire. One door, no window, 3x4 m max., no electricity.



# FIRST EUROPEAN IN THE VILLAGE



Klaus Zumbach &  
Brother Isaac



The people in the village are very poor, but very friendly. Besides working in the fields, there is no real alternative. The ,parents' generation returns back after work at sun set to the village.



# SUNSET – GOING HOME FROM WORK



Women earn around 40 Indian Rupees per day

Women going home, cook, take care of children and Elderlies. No electricity, TV or pub – sleep and get up early in the morning again.





# ANIMALS BROUGHT TO THE STABLE

Evening, it is getting dark. Brother Isaac and me go back to Anji, the RBM head quarter. People strongly depend on agriculture. Sufficient rain decides if the next days bring work and if they and their families can survive the next days, weeks, months.



High rate of suicide due to crop failure in the recent years.



# SUMMARY

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The people in the village live a very simple life. They work for farmers/landowners and depend on nature and the work they get from the ,owners‘.

Over day light they do hard work on the fields, they do not earn enough to invest for example in nice houses or in the education of their children.

What do local people earn on the fields? In this region around:

- ✘ Man – 60-70 Rs per day
- ✘ Women – 40-50 Rs per day

It is a cycle of life – children would follow into the footsteps of their parents, one day get married and also work on the fields.

RBM, through donations from all over, give the parents a chance to provide their children a better future.