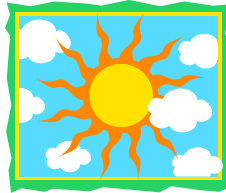


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Dear wwoofer,

a busy year 2013 full of life is about to enter the year 2014.

These days there is time for remembrance, reflection, gratitude and future plans.

Again and again, people who had come to know you ask about you and send regards.



Since October Ashle and Eric from Texas live with us. This "Hänsel and Gretel house" they built together with Jack from Pennsylvania, a work awayer on the Kaancaja-Hof at Bloischdorf and Saskia from Hornow . In the course of her school internship she was a couple of days part of this group.

A large Douglas fir on the corner of our little field had to give place to the newly planted fruit trees and so there was a lot of pine green for Christmas decoration.

Residues, not suitable for the oven heating or goat Ruth, we put on our midwinter fire where they got their last shine. Ashle read from the book "Deer Heinrich". All eyes shone.

Often we sit long together with Ashle and Eric and talk about God and the world ...

"What traces have the wwoofer left? What did they take with them?"

Just as I'm writing these lines, we get a Christmas card from Anne and Sean from Australia. They are in our age and were on their trip to Europe for an intensive work and learning week on our EM- yard in august. Frank is still very enthusiastic when thinking of the repair work with Sean.

Sabine from Dresden, she knows the bicycle paths of the Lausitz very well, came in August with the bike and asserted that we need a local trail map in our village. We already had a big old road sign in our inventory, also restovers of weatherproof colors and so we implemented this idea. But first, Sabine built herself a memorial with a wonderful elderberry punch we served at our annual harvest in late August . Many guests, friends and family had come , because a "Piano Concerto in the cowshed " was announced. Therefore we invited Linda, a great musician from Berlin ... already in June she had woofed with us, planted cabbage, turned the hay and amazed us with solos on

her flute and the piano ... together with the guests we sat in the front yard , the window to the living room were wide open, and to our delight Linda played Chopin on the piano ...

Nupur and Gareth from Australia also joined the farming community in August.

Additionally to the daily works such as potato harvest , dry of the tomatoes, take care of the animals, a bright yellow local walking map with residential and pastures of the farm animals from Bloischdorf was created during the evening hours with a lot of diligence, sensitivity and often GPS. It now has got it's permanent place at the entrée of the paddock, where Gartenstraße und Wiesenweg separate. We're always very happy when we pass it.

Nupur and Gareth together with Kaci, a workaway woman from the Kaancaja-Hof, baked a goodbye Pavlova-cake, an Australian national pastry – really delicious.

In July we had a dream team with Chase from Florida and the intern Martin from Heidenheim. During the day they competed with each other while chopping the wood, turning the hay, hunting the potato bugs or the young neighbour girl, or was it another story? ;-)

Chase proudly celebrated with us the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, the Independentsday and had small gifts for us. The same evening we passionately watched at "Pinokkio-Cinema" the movie " Forest Gump " .

Fanny and Matthieu from France came to Bloischdorf by bike. They had let many miles behind them and had a lot more to drive. Good saturated and rested, they soon continued their journey and while driving maybe thought about what it means to be grateful for that.

Until April there was snow, the spring could not start. Roy came from Berlin to help us some days in this time. As a freelance journalist he wanted to write for the Tagesspiegel an article about wwoof.de. Our goat Ruth lovingly took care of him. With enthusiasm he learned to milk her. The article for the Tagesspiegel was a successful reflection.

For the May, some time ago, Kelsey from Massachusetts already had applied.

She brought us Maple Candy from her home and soon the idea was born to plant small maple trees in our forest. With her we also started to install the vegetable beetroots.

In her free time she was a nice team with work awayer Josef from the Kaancaja-Hof.

Afterwards there were Niki from Australia and Eva with her faithful companion Schwarzi from Germany at our yard so that we could continue our spring planting. The flowers and fruits of their hard work, we enjoyed many months, as well as the beautifully planted nasturtium tree grates made by Eva.

In September, a small film about our "Selbstversorgerhof" was on television at "rbb". It is an short summary about the simplest thing of the world, if one keeps it his own hands ... the nutrition. Theron traveled from Pennsylvania was at this time at our yard and also joined the movie. In January, in deep winter Eddie woofed again at our yard. This time he did not come from France, but from Poland. There he found his love. Great was the joy of reunion and beautiful the days of living and working together. At the moment he and his love are continuing their way around our earth.

In the new year, in January Ashle and Eric also will move on.

The intimate connection to our farm with all its inhabitants will accompany them.

We wish you all the best on your journeys and ways in the year 2014.

Tessa, Terrence, Pino and his chickens, Ruth, Luna, Dicky, Flora and Cora , Mary Frank and Barbara

P. S. Of course, greetings from our children Falk and Antje with their friends.

They are often at the Pinokkiohof to visit, to chat and are like you a great help - thanks.

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