



TERRE DES HOMMES ALSACE

Antoine de Saint-Exupéry

Direct assistance to children in need

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If life isn't a
bed of roses,
what it's
made of ?

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Agenda

**TDH Alsace
traditional hike**
Tuesday May 8th

**40th
anniversary Gala**
June 2nd 2012
Salle du Trèfle, Rixheim

Street Festival
Sunday June 18th
Bantzenheim

Blockhouse Festival
July 7th & 8th
Bettlach

Shell Display
September 15th & 16th
Ottmarsheim

**TDH Alsace
14th Hike**
September 23rd
Muesapch-le-haut

October days
October 4th to 14th
Parc Expo, Mulhouse

Operation oranges
end of October, November
at the supermarkets exits

Bingo Evening
November 17th
Muespach-le-haut



*Other dates will
be added during
the year for
our operation
"A MAX FOR
MADA"*

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Summary



If the fight against poverty, for health and education has been progressing in some countries

... these last decades, the state of the world has deteriorated globally. The rich countries have been limiting their contributions to International Programs. For example, the nutritional global program (PAM), exemplary organization, had to suppress school meals and other distributions in many countries, due to a lack of means. Investors are playing since many years with the price of basic consumer goods and buy at low prices agricultural land in emerging countries. This causes the loss of land for small farmers and deprives the population of food producing goods. After the 2008 crisis, rich countries have bought or rented land on a big scale from poor countries. That real monopolizing has increased in 2011. The production of biodiesel

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(so little bio, as you need thousands of liters of water to gain one liter of

that fuel) transforms tons of corn and other cereals which used to be distributed by PAM to populations in need. (Jean Ziegler, 2011). To this you may add a degradation of health, particularly among children and an increase of illnesses such as tuberculosis and pest.

Each minute, over 10 children die of malnutrition. The number of children without schooling and also without job-training remains enormous. The crisis has forced more parents to send their children to work rather than to school.

We have to stop believing that the fight against rights for food, health and schooling is an insurmountable task. We have more than ever to go on with our actions and even extend them, but in any case

never blindly. We will fight these questions as small concrete and targeted problems. Nothing is insurmountable when choosing efficient partners, when analyzing the situations and the needs, and then evaluating regularly the results. Often, minimal actions but well thought, have marked positive effects. We have to keep it and transmit it.



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Howrah, Inde - 2012

Terre des Hommes Alsace celebrates this year its 40th Anniversary.

Quite a few celebrations and actions shall take place during the year. Our main goal, together with our usual projects, is to improve our programs at Madagascar and we launch an operation "A Max for Mada". Any help, of any kind is welcome. Brigitte Flammen delegate for Madagascar, describes the projects in this issue. The main goals are to improve the welfare of the children and their follow-up. These actions will not be spectacular but shall have a real positive impact as they respond to real needs.

The dream goal would be to build a new Health Center in Antanarivo. The existing one, which we rent, is in a bad shape and the rent is increasing steadily.

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Let us all make an effort. Together we are stronger.

Thanks

Simon Rey, President



A BEATING HEART



Voyage to Wonderland !!!

The School for Hotel Business in IllkirchGraffenstaden
Gold Medal for a Golden Menu

Once is not ever, we participated on February 20th to a Gala Evening in the Land of Marvels!!!

The School Alexandre Dumas with students and teachers had organized an evening to the benefit of the program "A BEATING HEART".

The Menu :

Trilogy of foiegras

Back of Cod with haddock on a waffle with eggplant caviar;

Ice of fish with Xocopilli

Fillet of duck in a gingerbread

crust, mashed potatoes

And manioc, skewer of

vegetables, duck juice

Mount Cherry

Cocktails :

*Pink cloud: candy-floss cordial,
lemon juice, black currant cream,
cranberry juice, vodka*

120 guests participated to that Gala and the Guest of Honor was Dr. De Geeter. He was surrounded by friends, colleagues and foster families members who during all the years have helped and cared for the sick children. Professor Eisenmann was also present and we could thank him for the donation of 10.000 euros made by the Association of the Heart operated people of which he is the President. This donation contributes to the acquisition of an ultrasound scanner



which will help Dr. De Geeter establish exact diagnosis and also train doctors in countries which lack such equipment.

The members for the School for Hotel Business gave also a check of 3000 euros for the same purpose. The equipment was given symbolically by Fernand Schneider, our delegate for "A Beating Heart".

Simon Rey and M. De Geeter, thanked profusely the students for their evening show and their devotion to the cause of the children.

Each guest was given a key-ring in the shape of a heart, manufactured in Vietnam by young handicapped persons at the Envol Center to remind everyone the aim of the Gala : " OPEN OUR HEART TO THE CHILDREN." To finalize, you can read the menu for which each guest paid 60 euros.

Hubert Haller

BALANCE 2011 !

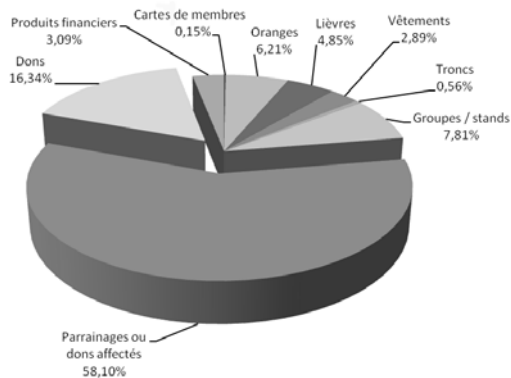
Let's look into the accounts....

ZOOM ON...

Takings 2011 : 702 277 €

The takings in 2011 are stable if compared with those of 2010.

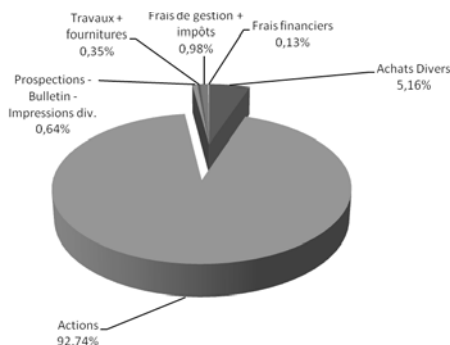
Sponsorships and donations represent 72% of the collected sums (522 700 €). The results of the "operation orange" are in progress of 23% (43590 €). The selling of "Easter Bunnies" has been quite successful and ranged over 34000 €. We could rely on our volunteers to represent our association by running stalls all the year round. The sales realized at that time (clothes, collecting boxes) represent a total of 79000 € and many hours of work.



Expenses 2011 : 659 601 €

As every year, we tried to reduce the costs to the minimum, so that the greatest part of the collected money goes to the children we help.

The management charges represent only 0.98% of the expenses (6463 €). The actions (help given) represent 611 739 € (92.74% of the charges)

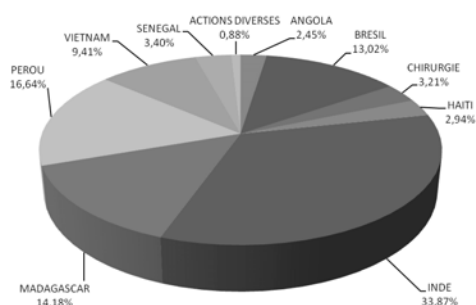


The operating budget represent 47859 € (7% of the expenses, management charges included); the special punctual expenses being each time voted in an administrative meeting. The good management of the expenses has allowed the reconstitution of our reserves to the amount of 42675 €.

Help given... almost 1700 € / day !!!

Actions 2011 : 611 739 €

The help given turns around 1700 € per day. We sponsored our usual partners and answered punctual calls in France included. A few members of the Administrative Committee have been sent during the year to check that the help sent was used to the best.



The book-keeping of Terre des Hommes Alsace, it's....

10950 entries,
10320 donations, punctual or per month to be affected to 2000 donators

And above all...

Many hours of checking and writing in the computer, a



specific and performing data- software, an annual methodic checking of the accounts... almost 4 hours in all transparency!

The simplified balance sheet is available at request. I stay available for any question...

Emmanuel Lassiât, Treasurer



ANGOLA

Good news from Angola

Recently we received good news from the orphanage Lar Dos Pequenos at Huambo.

All the children, except one, were upgraded in the next class after the December holidays.

Renovation work mostly painting as well as alteration work were realized; a covered playground was built in the yard allowing the children to play outside protected from sun or rain. Running water has arrived, you need only to turn the taps, if there is enough pressure in the pipes! If not there is still a water pump...

Other good news: a donation by a generous contributor of a 100 ha piece of land is effective. The "Lar Dos Pequenos" of the Sisters of the Saint Savior is now the lucky owner of that land. A local Agronomic Institute has been approached in view of a collaboration which should be profitable for both parts.

Danielle Grumet

Testimony :

VIETNAM

" My name is Duy, I was born in 1985. At the age of 5, I got a great fever and since then, I am handicapped. I grew up in my family who had little means. One day, I was lucky to meet Tim Aline. I told her my story. After that, she took me to live at Good Luck House.

In this new house, I met distressed or handicapped people. We live there protected by the love of brothers and sisters. They have given me the will and the energy to surpass my complexes and to integrate. Tim and Good Luck House are my second family. I learned Vietnamese, data-processing and French. Today I work as computer specialist for the projects of Good Luck House in Vietnam. I am responsible for the

Internet site and for the managing of the data. I also do translations from Vietnamese to French.

I married not so long ago and I live now totally independently.

Thanks to Tim Aline, our mother with a big heart..."

Duy shall be present at the ceremony of our 40th Anniversary on June 2nd 2012.



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Emmanuel Lassiat

« At the age of 5, I got a great fever and since then, I am handicapped »

BRAZIL

A young girl testifies and thank you !

The home of "Lar da Menina" belongs to those things for which I thank God. I was put there at the age of 6 after my mother went away. Being there has helped me to be what I am now. Each passing year I had the feeling I was in paradise, it was more than a united family, it was a real home.

Even being only cared for by my father, in the Lar, I found maternal love.

I learned there to speak, to take care of myself, to gain in confidence, to value my environment. That home helped me when I most needed help. When my sisters and myself were sick, we were looked after. Even when we had contagious diseases, nobody was afraid. They gave us medicines, they washed our clothes, gave us new clothes, looked after our house and taught the other girls to help us even if they could not approach us closely to avoid catching our illness. I felt I was loved, cared for and valued. I wished to talk about that time to tell you how much love the "Lar da Menina" represents for me.

There I learned also to read, write, learned the basic mathematics and many handicrafts.



Lenildes de Jesus Santos reading her testimony in a donators' meeting in Belmonte-Bahia

I was also given daily a balanced diet which resulted in good health as at home we hardly had anything to eat. The "Lar da Menina" has been and is still the beginning of my life. Today I am very happy to see the place which was my refuge growing bigger. Now other girls can have what I had and learn what I learned. And when they reach their 16th birthday, they shall feel

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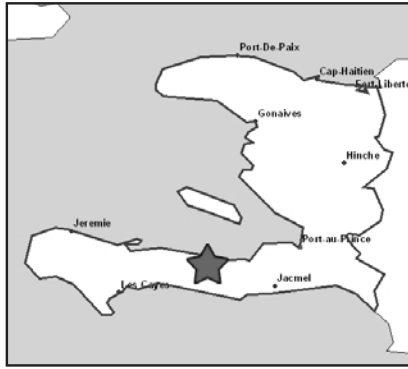
confident, they shall reach their goals, value their studies and know that a family can only be constructed with a well prepared structure.

For all these reasons, I know today that the goal of the Lar is being finalized.

I also thank the members of the Lar, Terre des Hommes Alsace, the numerous volunteers and donators who have taken on that cause by giving children the opportunity to grow up the way I am now.

Thanks a lot, I love you and kiss you !

Lenildes de Jesus Santos



In the last issue we have detailed the help given by the Humanitarian Association "Les Voies du Coeur" from Guewenheim, to the schools of BoucanCarré in Artibonite. The present issue finalizes the important program conducted with the Fondation of France and the Association "INTER-AIDE".

Just after the seism the priority for Terre des Hommes Alsace was to be present quickly by sending drugs and sponsoring Medilor, a medical team. Then we had to dress the inventory of what was still standing. Schooling, health and nutrition were among our priorities. TDH Alsace decided to sponsor an

REVIVAL OF THE PRIMARY SCHOOL IN THE COMMUNE OF PETIT-GOÂVE

***"All children have to go to school free of charges"
The President of Haïti Martelly, May 2011***

ambitious program of revival of schooling.

Zone Palmes – Delatte : 40 schools for 6000 pupils

A first step was based on community meetings in February 2011 which selected 40 schools with about 6000 pupils. In September 2011, these schools and the parents signed a flexible contract which will depend on results and which can be revised each year. That contract gives the possibility to reinforce

the improvement of the training structures (donation for pedagogic equipment, furniture, mending or building schools).

This can seem severe but you have to be rigorous if you want the help to be used to the best

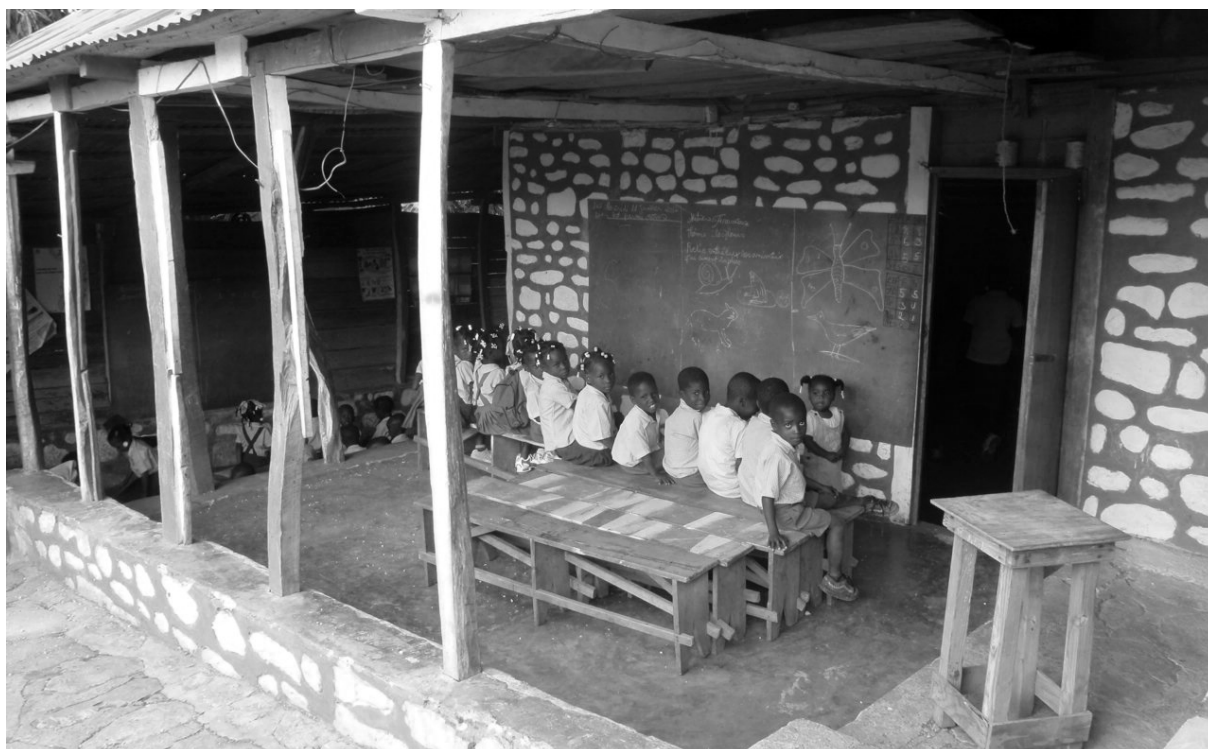
The school "Providence", an encouraging example

The building site started November last with the drawing of the foundations. A big job was the demolition of an old stone building and the preparation of the ground (many weeks of hard labor) done by the community, very much active.

The walls are now being erected as well as the intermediate belt. Under the responsibility of the "boss" in charge of the building site, the work (building with 4 classrooms) is of good quality and respects the basic principles of earthquake proved construction.



School of Providence - building site - Delatte zone (November 2011)



Classe de primaire sous la « galerie » de l'école de REPAD - Zone de Delatte

The "Providence" school have have 240 pupils divided up into 8 preschool classes under the responsibility of the Director Milord Valentin, helped by a committee of dynamic parents.

The community of parents is very motivated to improve the learning conditions of the school and very mobilized around the construction project. The teachers and the

pupils are punctual and regular. The rate of presence of the teachers to the proposed trainings is high. Progress is expected at the level of recovery of the schooling fees, of the organization of regular meetings with parents and managing of school books.

The REPAD school : Primary school, Classical & Professional Training Center

This school is the most dynamic one in the zone. It has 180 pupils divided into 9 classes of which 3 are preschool. The teaching is dispensed until the 6th year but the director as well as the parents wish to progressively extend the fundamental teaching in a 3rd cycle of 3 years. The school functions perfectly but has no specific building to care in good conditions for all the children. This will be helped starting this year by a program to achieve its building project.

Antoine Steib

In all the schools of this large zone of the Palms-Delatte, the accent is put on the implication of the parents and the teachers' training, factors of quality and continuity of the re-schooling.



Training seance - Teacher team -
Palms-Delatte school

INDIA



Safe Motherhood and Child Survival program, Lalkuthi, Howrah

Howrah South Point projects...

I have been given 4 pages to tell what we have seen, felt and lived during these 2 weeks in India. It was for the 3 of us (Eric, Danielle and me) the 1st experience of that country. Key-words: noisy, amazing, intense, colorful, smelly, smiling, welcoming, hospitable, endearing but also revolt, injustice, helplessness, immoderation, distress, contrast corruption...

We landed at Calcutta and were welcomed by our partners at Howrah South Point.

Howrah is the twin-sister of Calcutta separated from it by the Hoogly-River (an arm of the Ganges). It was created in 1976 by Father Laborde at 1st to rescue handicapped children. But quickly the association has widened its field to children in distress, the goal being to educate them and give them a future. As

soon as 1980, HSP is registered as an association with no consideration of politics, religion or race.

Our contribution at HSP concerns 2 programs. One is located at Howrah in the slums: Safe Motherhood and Child Survival (SMCS). Social workers travel to every corner of the slums and inform mothers about : hygiene, food for babies, contraception (little family = happy family)... all themes are taken up. As well as that information job, which is primordial to make mentalities evolve, they also do a medical follow-up of children up to 3 years and a help for food. After 5 years, they move to another slum and start again from scratch. That difficult and repetitive work seems to be successful, and the social workers say that where they passed, the rates of births are sinking and the mothers have healthier children.



Ecole Manus Domini, Jalpaiguri



Bidonvilles de Baghar, Howrah

Each suburb we visited (Lalkuthi, Baksara, Tikiapara, Jhubri, Baghar, Unsani...) we thought we had touched the pit of poverty, of distress and inhumanity, and each time we found worse...how is it possible that nowadays we accept that human beings live or survive in such conditions?

The other program we sponsor through HSP is located more to the North, at the border with Bangladesh. It is based on welcoming

and reeducating
handicapped children
and has more parts:



Self Help Group, Kalyanpur

project...

1. **Care** of 30 children with a mental or physical handicap at NirmalaNivas. In our last issue I had told you about the earthquake which had partially destroyed one building. Thanks to TDHA and your help we could admire a renovated building
2. **Physiotherapy** dispensed by the persons who live with the children and are totally devoted to them.
3. **School** (Manus Domini) exercises of concentration, of psychomotor training, learning to be autonomous and even writing and reading for children with capacities.
4. **Outside Center for physiotherapy:** parents and grand-parents come here with the handicapped child and learn how to stimulate and the movements which might help these children to progress.
5. **visits** to handicapped children always with the idea to train the parents.

We have been surprised by the number of children suffering from different handicaps. Some minor as they are in our land, operated at birth such as a club-foot take here incredible dimensions. Another explanation might be the lack of hygiene, bad food during pregnancy. Another reason : intermarrying: many weddings are done within the family to avoid paying a too high dowry.

In both these programs we have been impressed by the implication of the working teams. These men and women, do not only work for a salary but want to see the situation improved, it is a vocation they are totally devoted to their jobs, to the detriment of their own

Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions

family life.

The 2nd partner we sponsor in the North of India is a Congregation called "Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions" (founded by a French sister, Euphrasie Barbier) in a little over 150 years. We watched here another sort of help. Here the sisters try to bring a minimum of independence and self-confidence to the women so that they can get away from poverty and live decent lives, feed their children



Literacy Class & Self Help Group, Kalyanpur

send them to school. To reach that goal, they teach reading and writing to women who can then make alone administrative calls (open a bank-account, ask for Governmental help etc...) the sisters created also "self-help-groups". They are groups of women who join their resources to start projects. For example, with that money they can rent agricultural land which they cultivate together and then sell the products. If something bad happens within the family, they can take some money out of that common purse. Part of our help is also used to distribute drugs and to sponsor some projects in the form of micro-credits.

project...



Terre des Hommes Core...

Our last but not our least partner, we did visit is Terre des Hommes Core (Children's Organization for Relief and Education) at Tiruvannamalai in the South of India (Tamil Nadu). Here we need to give you some explanations as the manager of TDH Core, R. Chezian, has worked with the Founder of Terre des Hommes : Edmond Kaiser. In fact our philosophies and our ways are similar. Since 18 years, Chezian is fighting with all his energy, to protect and save each child who needs help. He started by taking children in his house, created a 1st home, a 2nd etc... with the support of TDH Alsace, TDH Italy and other associations and sponsors. His organization grew day after day and the number of children saved is up to a few thousands. His greatest pride is to say

that nowadays, there is no child left begging in the district of Tiruvannamalai. Since the beginning he is helped by a core of true colleagues and friends who do not count their working hours and who are totally devoted to the same cause: help the children.

In its homes, TDH Core cares for handicapped,

These children find here markers and a normal childhood



abused sexually, exploited by work, or out of jail because of small thefts or begging, sick (Aids for ex) children etc. These children find here markers and a normal childhood : they go to school, have different activities, they are cared for and loved by considerate people. They grow up under good living conditions, better even than in some poor families around. And therefore a 2nd part of the important work at TDH Core: access to education for the better part of the children. Only a good training can help these children to overcome destitution. We help the poorest families by paying the school fees and the school supplies and sometimes also by giving drugs and food.

project...



The 3rd part of TDH Core and of our support: help to handicapped children. As in the North, very young children are cared for with physiotherapy with their parents to reduce their handicap. Later on, they go to school at the Center before integrating a Government school when possible. They learn trades which shall make them independent, such as caring for a cow, keep a small shop, work in the fields etc. Regular home visits and a medical follow-up complete the program.

the money we spend is more than necessary and is managed to the best.

Tania Fuchs

Help for handicapped children...

4 pages seem a lot but finally I had to resume and have shown you only briefly the projects. In the next issues, I shall broach the one or other program in the detail.

I wanted also to tell you, that everywhere, we were welcomed with plenty of joy and warm. Our partners were happy to show us, their daily work, happy to see we were interested. They welcomed us with such honors, that it seemed almost disturbing! That gratitude is for you donators and sponsors as without your generosity, nothing could be done.

When going to India, I looked at each project, asking myself where we could reduce our budget.

In returning to France, I am convinced that



MADAGASCAR



Extract from the last report sent by Doctors Charlys and Joro.

2011 was a year of sadness, anguish and fear. Why?

Madagascar has gone through a transition period of 3 years which seems to never end. On the political level, under international pressure, the politicians were able to construct a work sheet which they hardly respect. The main political parties under the direction of deposed presidents try to impose their own interest : freedom for political prisoners, return from exile of the last deposed president, but none of these demands are heard or satisfied.

the streets, precarious housing is built and again destroyed, nobody knowing the cause.

Organized crime and robbery are daily realities. Even women have turned into gang-leaders. They also get better than men in the drinking field. Among the ethylic comas registered at the urgency wards of hospitals, women represent 70% of the cases.

Faced with that lasting and bad situation, the power of the transition has to show strength and respect its obligations of keeping peace in the nation: apply without fail the work-sheet, avoid press and opinion censorship.

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Why?*

The end of the year finished in a mitigated joy, sometimes noisy, sometimes only family meetings, sometimes in drinking binges. The traditional concert of car-hooting was rare in a town washed by torrential rains.

On the economical side, the reports on Human Rights are terrifying and leave no opening to receive monetary help from sponsors. Only the traffickers take advantage of that situation. They fill the country with all sorts of goods to wash the money coming from our mining sites and from our biodiversity.

The life of the population is the hostage of our crisis.

On the social front, poverty has grown, jobs have disappeared since quite a while, survival jobs are strongly repressed especially when the footpaths and the streets are squatted. For families living in



And now, what are we going to do ?

project...



Give up? That way is not the way of Terre des Hommes Alsace, on the contrary we are going to do our most to help "A MAX FOR MADA".

**« *Un Max pour Mada* »
That's the slogan for the
40th anniversary's year.**

2012 is the year of our 40th Anniversary. The Administrative Committee has decided to support particularly the Madagascar Programs. The news reached Madagascar and caused an explosion of joy. Our partners in the field feeling they were supported from the other end of the world. The needs are enormous but we had to make a choice and so be able to achieve the primary goals for the team of the PMI at Antananarivo.



The ASERN is pending now, its 20th Anniversary of collaboration with Terre des Hommes Alsace. That collaboration started in 1991 in a pernicious social-

economic climate with 70% of the population living under the poverty mark. Presently, after 3 years of political crisis which tends to last, life has become harder and harder. The results achieved after years of education evolve slowly. The preoccupations are centered on the cost of living for the basic needs.

The Center takes the slogan "A MAX FOR MADA" to expose propositions on investment projects based on hygiene and play activities for the children.

Educate the children who will educate the parents, the project is ambitious. Wash hands before eating, after leaving toilets, to blow the nose to avoid propagation of germs are insignificant gestures for us in France but are not possible in Madagascar. Many families have no running water and use water from fountains or taken from sources or rivers or wells, when others buy it from vendors at prohibitive prices.

***Eating every day
and staying clean
is becoming a
parcour of the
combatant***

One understands why there is no priority to wash hands. But diarrhea is the 2nd cause of mortality and the pathogenic germs are transported by water.

Project to install in-line wash-basins



That structure does yet not exist at the Center; but its use seems indispensable for hygiene education : hand washing, teeth brushing...

Presently, the Center has only a minimal access to water, the hands being washed with small tin boxes filled with water and poured on hands. Not enough to eliminate dirt and germs.

Characteristic features:

- An in-line wash-basin can accommodate 10 children at the same time
- The taps are replaced by a 5 meters long tubing with holes every 50 centimeters
- The structure will be covered

Project to install a covered yard



In view of the capacity and dilapidated aspect of the place where children eat now (20 square meters for 120 children) a new building had to be planned. That new construction could also be used for schooling as well as for playing for children and mothers.

Schooling at Madagascar is a real problem: overpopulated classes with 70 pupils and learning consisting mainly in repetitions. Only a small part of the children understand what they say. The parents are just as lost and cannot help their children.

Since 2011, 2 teachers follow the children after school at the Center. The conditions are difficult as the room is too small to accommodate all the children. Another problem is the snack. Up till now we did not include it in our budget. The partners wish to give a glass of milk or a yogurt but multiplied by 150 each

day would be expensive: $(0.36 \text{ €} \times 150 \text{ children} \times 20 \text{ days}) = + \text{ or } - 1000 \text{ €}$ per month. It would not be a luxury for the kids. But the allocated budget is not expendable and everywhere we already do our best;

Ideally, we would need a new building for the activities of the Center but there too there are quite a few problems, the costs, the political instability... we are thinking about it for the future. In the field our partners are trying to interest the political parties and place them in front of their responsibilities. Who knows...



Project for the Pediatric Hospital in Fianarantsoa

- Refitting out of the bathroom in the idea of hygiene.
- Install hot water to get a good temperature for bathing the children. In spite of a very good work done by Chantal Barre in 2010 who stayed 4 months, the children are bathed daily but with cold water.
- There is also a need for a bath-tub on wheels to wash the babies and the patients who cannot move.
- The surgery is also lacking equipment and requires a table for the auscultation of children.



Children and their future at the heart of the project A Max for Mada

- The beddings were changed in 2011 by the association Partage&Solidarité but the beds and bedsprings are very old and even dangerous for very young children as the plastic coating is coming off and could be swallowed by the babies.
- As it is impossible to buy beds in Madagascar, we have thought of sanding them down and repainting them with a special paint with no danger for children.

We still have many other projects particularly install a playing room, because to play calms down the children's fears. For that special project we intend to associate the mothers.

All along the year, we shall as much as possible launch our slogan " A MAX FOR MADA" and give hope to the mothers and the children **to live as well as possible.**

Brigitte Flammen

PERU



Various storage and cooking in these habitats

Visit to our Peruvian partners (November 2011)

On October 29th 2011 we start on a 13 hours flight to Lima via Amsterdam. We have planned to visit our partners at the orphanage Misericordia and its canteen in the Northern suburbs of Lima, also the canteens of Padre Baldeon in the Southern suburbs and finally the Abancay orphanage in the Andes, 16 hours of road away from Lima.

Sister Cristina and Sister Georgina welcome us and take us to Misericordia where we are expected to stay. A small delegation of children is also there to greet us.

Three years have passed since our last visit and the greetings are moving. We are driven to Puente Piedra in the Northern suburb of Lima. The circulation is intense and our driver is really a champion. The landscape is still as dry as it was 3 years ago, no trees, no grass as it never rains and you inhale warm air loaded with gasoline and dust. After one hour drive (to cover 40 km) we reach the orphanage where the children and the sisters are expecting us. We eat a little bit, talk a little and go to our room for a good rest.

Sunday is a day off and we will start on Monday with the serious problems.

*... on respire difficilement
un air chaud avec
un mélange de gaz
d'échappement et de
poussière*

« Nuestra Señora de la Misericordia » buildings

This structure located in a zone of great destitution has many functions :

- It cares presently for 120 children with 3 meals per day in the orphanage
- About 100 other children have a hot meal per day at the canteen
- It has also a secondary school for children able to go further in their studies.

Only the 2 first structures are sponsored by TDHA. The demands are higher than the possibilities and only the most urgent cases are considered. But what is the

cause for such poverty?

At the present time one can see a migration of populations coming from rural zones (Andes and Amazonians) to the big cities with the hope of finding a job and have a salary to feed the family. That migration is caused by the expropriation of land for the profit of big mining companies, petrol companies or others. All these populations land in the suburbs of big towns and live in precarious conditions but without a fixed job. This brings problems of promiscuity, violence and drugs and abandons of families by the men. In that case of figure, the women are left with the

children (often many of them) without anything and having to find a way to survive. Which explains again the number of children in the orphanage.

The orphanage section :

Cares for 120 children without parents. Divided into 4 groups depending on the age group, a sister is in charge, helped by older children. The day starts at 5 in the morning and ends at 8 in the evening for the oldest. Each group lives in a building which has classrooms, playrooms and dormitories.

The canteen section :

It cares for a hundred children who come to eat a warm meal at lunchtime. The parents of these children are not able to feed them. The preparation of the meals is done by mothers on a voluntary basis. The visit of the place shows us rooms very clean and well kept. We still have to verify the accounts especially the use of the money sent by TDHA. Everything is in order and we note that "your" money is well used.

We have to check the living conditions of these children in their family environment. Sister Ophelia and a social worker come with us. Very near the orphanage, we discover destitution and sometimes unbearable living conditions. There also, we realize the work done by the sisters to save those children and give them a future.

In our next issue, I will tell you about the canteens of Padre G er mias and about the orphanage at Abancay. We leave Misericordia where everyone is mobilized for the celebration of their 50th Anniversary.

J. Jacques Kieffer



Typical family from the slums: abandoned mother with 6 children



Peruvian doll. Fifty copies have been donated by the Misericordia Orphanage on the occasion of their fiftieth anniversary sponsors for TDHA. They will be available at the Gala on June 2 for a small donation.

SENEGAL



Annual review.

In his annual financial accounts, our partner could for the 1st time inscribe takings:

Revenues:

- The field reported 397.600 CFA = **607.02 €**
- The henhouse reported 153.500F CFA ou **234,35 €**

Onions, eggplants, cucumbers were sold or put into the canteen's menu as well as some chicken from the henhouse.

We are still very far to self-sufficiency but these results are encouraging and shall be increased in the future.

Nevertheless, this year we are going to curb a little the project to reach lasting development.

The Mulhouse Town Council having discarded the

project submitted last year, we are going to stay the only partner for the creation of the pedagogic garden. The children shall learn to plant, care and grow vegetables and they are going to be the starters of family plots. These plots shall allow less difficult periods between sweet potatoes planted on the riversides after the rainy season and the next harvests. Rice remaining the basic food.

Jacky Flammen



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