



#### **TERRE DES HOMMES ALSACE**

**Antoine de Saint-Exupéry** 

Direct assistance to children in need

# project...



#### « Water and Health »

Terre des Hommes Alsace launches a special campaign for water in 2014. Around the world over 1.5 billion people have no access to quality water and over 2.5 billions have no access to draining means. The lack of basic hygiene is the

cause for many illnesses, principally diarrheas which befall mostly children. Six thousand (6000) children die every day following a problem related to water. Hundreds of million children catch chronic diseases related to water which follow them during their lifetime.

Our efforts are aimed mostly on health care, nutrition and education. Nevertheless, many actions dedicated to water have been undertaken to improve the hygiene conditions in our programs. Let us remind you the building of the multiple large washbasin, the showers, the toilets and the water tower placed this year at the ASERN in Antanarivo in the setting of "A Max for Mada" with also a course on hygiene given to the children and the parents. We have also installed pumps in Vietnam and there is also a hydraulic program foreseen for Haiti.

#### 6000 children die every day following an illness related to water consumption.

We hope to extend such actions in a targeted project named "Water and Health". We are going to look at the sensitive points in our programs, conduct analysis, define practical, reasonable, responsible solutions. That shall be our special goal for 2014, without forgetting our other missions. A right to water exists. We must fight together so that more children get access to it. You will find in that issue a call on this subject.

You wish to take initiatives, you have suggestions, critics, some free time, do not hesitate to contact us!

The whole team of the Board and our valorous partners join me to wish you a beautiful end of year and present you their best wishes for 2014.

Have a good reading and Thanks to your precious help!

Simon Rey, President



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November 30th and **December 1st at Sierentz** 

Saturday December 7th at Ferrette



December 13th, 14th & 15th at Rixheim

December 21st & 22nd at Mulhouse

2014

#### **General Meeting of TdH Alsace**

Saturday, March 15th at the TREFLE at Rixheim

#### **Traditional Hike of TdH Alsace Thursday May 8th**

the start (7-8 km ) at 9h30 at the Ostrich Farm (Monique & Francis Zundel) at Sondersdorf, near Ferrette. Lunch shall be taken together around noon, the people not hiking are also welcome. Picnic and barbecue at your disposal as well as drinks at the Ostrich Farm. http://.sundgau.autruche.free.fr



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# Zoom on.

#### **THE OCTOBER DAYS 2013**



30 >> 23 790

volunteers

Meals for the children

2013

Each year a little bit more could be the slogan for the October Days. Despite a difficult start we beat the 2012's record with over 500 euros added. The total result shall give **23790** meals to our children.

That result is only possible because 30 volunteers have been present every day at our stall .

Many Thanks to all of you and see you next year for a new challenge!

## MEMBER CARDS, WHAT IS THEIR USE?

That little card with the photo of the member gives the right to vote at our GENERAL ASSEMBLY if the member has paid his or her subscription.

More important, our volunteers are insured during the organized manifestations.

The last Assembly has fixed at 10 euros the annual cost of the card. That money shall be used to pay the insurance of the Association. You can already ask for the 2014 card by sending the stub below. We shall send the Member Card as soon as possible.





Memb	er (	Card
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Name :Fir	rst name :		 
Address :			 
Number of cards required :	v 10 €	total ·	

#### STUB TO SEND BACK TO

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CCM du Vieil Armand UFFHOLTZ

# zoom on..

### **MAKING A BEQUEST**



#### To give hope as a legacy

A bequest is defined as the transmission of patrimony which is realized after the death of the donator to the benefit of the legatee. You can choose to leave a part

of your estate to the "Association Terre des Hommes Alsace" by stipulating it when writing your will.

#### You can also subscribe to a Life-Insurance

The Life Insurance is an investment which allows and increases the capital during a defined time span. You can appoint the *Association Terre des Hommes Alsace* as beneficiary of your Life-Insurance Contract.

Terre des Hommes Alsace is recognized as a charitable organization and in that capacity can receive bequests without having taxes to pay.

By giving to our association you have the guaranty that the totality of your donation shall be redistributed to the children we sponsor all over the world. Talk to your solicitor and he can show you the way to do it.

Brigitte Flammen

#### **TESTIMONY**

Let us return to May.... The hike of Terre des Hommes Alsace had been organized at Michelbach and the sun was present. It was the only sunny day in May this year. At the end of the hike, Mrs. Steiner a volunteer since many years came along with her little neighbour aged 6. That little boy gave me the content of his piggy bank as well as 2 euros he had just received for losing a milk-tooth.

Terre des Hommes Alsace could give a satchel with school equipment to a child in Madagascar. With the additional 2 euros we offered 40 snacks for that child.

"Thank you, little boy to have thought of the children who have not the chance to go to school or eat every day."

Brigitte Flammen



Dear Louis, with your money to

# FESTIVAL OF THE BLOCKHOUSES



11 500 meals!

Bettlach July 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> 2013

For our third participation to that country manifestation we progressed thanks to the "Mobile Kitchen Schmitt" fixed on wheels by a very clever volunteer. Equipped with 2 grills, a refrigerator, a deep-freezer, a professional deep-fryer for chips, sink and covered by a large canopy, that vehicle makes quite easy the installation and the storing of most of the infrastructure.

The weather forecast was not too bad, the group of 45 volunteers was very proud to announce a result of 11.500 meals for the children in our projects.

Thanks to the Bettlach Municipality to welcome us and sponsor us for that action.

Simon Rey

#### 15<sup>th</sup> HIKE OF SOLIDARITY

A record of people!!!

#### 27 000 meals!

September 22<sup>nd</sup> 2013

A good weather forecast, a good backing from the media, and also by word of mouth, have made the success of that manifestation with 548 hikers, a new record. No time to get bored for the 42 volunteers and a great happiness in the evening when doing the accounts.

Very nice lottery by the youngsters, handicrafts, donations, over 350 meals served in the hall, big success in the forest also. The group could announce over 27.000 meals for all the children in our projects. Thanks to everybody!!!

Simon Rev





#### WATER AND HEALTH

#### The situation:

- Over 100 million children are suffering from water illnesses ( dysentery, diarrhea, intestinal worms, cholera, typhoid, etc...) which are handicapping.
- Over 2 million die every year from these illnesses.
- Over 2 billion and a half have no access to real toilets
- There is a lack in hygiene education.



#### The objective:

Targeted efforts shall be done to reach an exemplary situation in each of our programs:

- Analysis of water; if necessary change that water in drinking water quality.
- Multiple wash-basins to enable each child to wash hands properly.
- Additional ecological latrines.
- Showers.
- Water tower or wells or dam when necessary.
- Regular lessons about hygiene and respect of water with posters and songs.

The ultimate objective being the improvement of health and a good education in hygiene.

## THE RIGHT TO WATER IS A VITAL RIGHT

#### How to support this project?

You can send a check to Terre des Hommes Alsace with the mention "Water 2014".

Or do a payment...

You shall find news about this project in our next issues.

THANKS!



# project.

## **BRAZIL**



#### Alsatian visit to Brazil

The Association « Arts & Diversion" from Liebsdorf, during many years, sponsored our Association by inviting us to diverse expositions and by transferring an important part of their takings to our accounts. An ultimate donation of 1000 € was donated for the closure of their Association last Spring. A few members have become friends, sponsors and volunteers of

Terre des Hommes Alsace. They remained very concerned about the use of the money and about the development of the projects I informed them regularly about. The desire to come with me was growing. We decided to organize with Geneviève Gur, Christiane Delcroix, Joseph Pfisterer, Monique & Jean Fankhauser a visit in the field at the end of April 2013. As usual the financing of the travel costs was covered by each member.

The goal was not to see distress and poverty but to discover the reality of the Brazilian people, to feel the hope and establish the concrete help which we can bring with our partners to the children in our projects.

We arrived at Belmonte in the South of the State of Bahia and spent a few days with the girls of the project "Lar da Menina". Each of them has a difficult history and finds in the project calm, security, joy, friendship

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and confidence. Many educational and playful activities are proposed and if, for my companions, there was a

language barrier, the gestures and the smiles given and received were the source of a lot of emotions.

The evening with some parents, local donators, the songs and the girls' flute concert will stay in our memories.

I deliberately delegated the control of the financial management to Joseph and Monique who had nothing to complain and who have been agreeably surprised by the serious handling and transparency of the accounts.

Time was flying, kisses and tears and we had to leave to discover the Nordeste and the dryness of the Sertão.

After 14 hours in a bus, we arrived completely exhausted at Salgueiro. The 1<sup>st</sup> lovely surprise was the welcome of the Hotel Desk Clerk who came to greet



Our schedule allowed us to stay a day in each Nursery, in the PROAC and at the Farm.

Each member of our group tried to be useful by participating to maintenance duties ( Jean was the plumber of the day) or security duties or by being

attentive to the children and teenagers.

We could not imagine what we were going to find, poverty has to be touched in its reality

The escorting in the favela of the Nursery-children was difficult to live. I saw tears and tight throats. It was not my 1st visit but you cannot stay insensitive to distress and poverty and to the difficulties met by the families. Geneviève reacted by saying:" we could not imagine what we were going to find, poverty has to be touched in its reality"

me "12 years ago, I lived on the street and was using

drugs but thanks to the PROAC I found my way and have now a job and values to live by. Thanks to *Terre des Hommes Alsace*". That was a great moment and the exhaustion was forgotten.

Padre Remi, an example of strength and courage, goes on fighting daily the numerous injustices and never forgets to remind the political representatives of their duties to the people. The Mayor and the Council are under pressure to take over the responsibility of the Day-Nurseries. Dream or reality, I am asked to be patient.



# The phylosophy of sponsoring has changed, they are all our children!

When Christiane decided to sponsor a child, she received a picture of the girl and she wanted to meet her. Great feelings for her!

But the group came back transformed forever and has evolved in their concept of sponsorship.

"It is difficult to help only one child. It is more logical to sponsor a group of children and therefore enhance the feeling of partnership between Terre des Hommes Alsace, the local association and the Municipality. The philosophy of sponsorship has been changed. They are all our children!"

Simon Rev

Now, the visitors are convinced of the efficiency of our actions and even more motivated to be volunteers. JOIN THEM!



### **PERU**

## Change in the direction of the MISERICORDIA ORPHANAGE at Puente Piedra



All the people who participated to the festivities of the 40th Anniversary of Terre des Hommes Alsace in June 2012 had the opportunity to meet Sister Cristina the later manager of the Misericordia Orphanage and were surely impressed by her kindness, her smile, her joy of life in spite of the heavy load she had to carry. Unfortunately health problems forced her to reduce her activities and since May 2013 she took over another orphanage much smaller located at Puerto Yurinaki, 10 road hours away from Lima, on the other side of the Andes in the Amazonian part of Peru.

The new manager, Sister Alejandrina comes from there but is not unknown at Misericordia. She is in fact a former resident of the orphanage where she did her primary and secondary education. At the same time she studied sewing and worked in that domain till the

age of 22. At that point she found her way to religious life. She started higher education in the Congregation. She went as a novice to Argentina where 2 years later she took her vows. She then

went to Chile for 1 year and returned to Misericordia where she stayed 12 years in different functions while finalizing her studies: secretarial work, responsible for groups of children, assistant manager then manager of the college. In 1993 she went back to Chile for 2 years, and returned to Misericordia where for 10 years she took over the managing of the college. In 2003 she went to Rome and cared for South American emigrates.

Finally, she returned to Peru in 2009 to manage the mission at Puerto Yurinaki and in 2013 returned to Misericordia as Chief Manager of the place. What a trin!

Jean-Jacques Kieffer







The new

## HAÏTI

### Access to drinking water, a vital need!



Family reunion at the source of the Ziguée river

#### Terre des Hommes Alsace is present in Haiti since 1997

After sponsoring the dispensary of the Palms in the village of Petit-Gôave, the present program is now concerned with the education for 4700 pupils distributed in 35 schools, in the same area. That action has been largely explained in our former 3 issues of the Bulletin.

The earthquake of January 2010 has made the situation even more precarious

My visits to Haiti (1998, 2002, 2009, 2012) had the purpose to evaluate the correct use of our help. After 2 stays in a Rural Community in the Valley of Artibonite, my vision of that country "where the problems are

numerous" has changed. The earthquake of January 2010 has rendered the situation even more precarious for thousands of Haitians. We had been present straightaway to assist with limited help to be in line with the urgency of the situation: drugs, help to the 2 dispensaries, renovation of schools....And later in 2011, assistance to access to drinking water.

Haiti is a country where our help is directed really to vital needs: health, education and water...Therefore, we are determined not only to pursue our ambitious program of schooling but also to open a new action in favour of a network for drinking water. That choice should answer the needs expressed after my last visit. On the other side, it fits the wish of Terre des Hommes Alsace to enhance the subject of water in 2014. (see the editorial).

# project..

#### A new program WHA (Water – Hygiene – Draining)

figures: 54% of the Two population has access to drinking water (only 11% have it in their home). Terre des Hommes Alsace has decided to finance a project presented by our Haitian partner Concert-Action. It should bring help to rural Communities in their effort to satisfy that basic need represented by the access to sufficient quality water. It means more precisely to reinforce the capacities of nine (9) branch lines which manage hydraulic works. It should also improve their mission by a better training of their managers. These last ones

represent the pillars of these structures, their main role being to maintain the motivation of the users families. These networks, the 1st ones having been created in 2000, are now present in 9 communities of 4 departments in the country. The 440 small revolving systems



Before



After

concerned, are useful to at least to 21600 families.

In the scope of that action, 81 members managing

#### The maintenance network goals are defined this way:

- Support families to create reserve funds for potential repairs on hydraulic structures.
- Contribute costs on hydraulic structures maintenance.
- Participate in the protection of their environment.
- Increase awareness of communities on drinking water quality.

these 9 networks shall take part to training sessions focusing mainly on Community impulse. 72 of them shall go to the Palms to consult with the network RAFASAP which has been at the top and which can be considered as a model for the others. Then, with the same purpose at the start: assure the continuity of the hydraulic works, and later the setting of maintenance networks, on a basis of associative structures.

The costs for the network are covered by a monthly contribution of the users. A collecting system has been started, the different committees dispatching the contributions to the Office of Hydraulic Maintenance. Four meetings at the least are held with the families who shall enjoy the use of water. The Community pledges officially to endorse responsibility and satisfy some wishes as well to the realization of the works as the participation to their maintenance. The realization being the easiest element to master, the main challenge being the management of the water points ( maintenance and durability of the service).

As you can see, it consists not only to build works and giving pipes. The main worry is the perpetuation of these acquisitions by the Community who enjoys them. The main principle in all the phases of the project is the participation of the Communities and this is the fundament of the partnership proposed by *Terre des Hommes Alsace*.

We shall see other aspects of that new program in the next issue of the Bulletin.

Thanking you for your support!

Antoine Steib

#### INDIA



#### Jalpaiguri at the foot of the Himalaya

Remember Nirmala Nivas, that home for handicapped children which 2 years ago had been caught in an earthquake. Fortunately, there were no victims but the buildings had been seriously damaged. Thanks to your help we could very rapidly send the financial help needed to secure and consolidate the home.

Now these memories are far away and the daily life is going on. Presently, 30 children coming from particularly poor families live at Nirmala Nivas. These children are detected by social workers who travel around the villages and they are selected depending on the gravity of their pathologies and the living

conditions of their families. Most of them have never seen a doctor. They suffer from different physical or mental handicaps. The cerebral physical disability is one of these pathologies. It is a muscular abnormality which tends to difficulties to move and put the body in space. A part of the brain which controls the movements has been damaged, the muscles get wrong instructions which render them stiff or hypotonic. If the child gets an early

treatment, he shall be helped in his development and the improvements are important.

The role of the team (presently 13 persons) is to take care and help the physical, cognitive and emotional development of the child. They teach them to sit, get clothed, eat, wash and in the best cases walk, be autonomous in daily activities.

The children of Nirmala Nivas are also going to the school and have qualified teachers from Manus Domini. Other children with deficiencies join them during the day.

...the earliest the care, the more important the improvements!

The school welcomes 70 children, distributed following ages and capacities. The school gives also care for physiotherapy and psychotherapy. This year, a French psychologist spent 6 months at the home to train the local team. The personal could improve its knowledge when communicating with the children.

That Center is an example in its mode of functioning and the Governmental structures are visiting and learning!

Daliya, the manager of Nirmala Nivas is still improving her knowledge at Howrah South Point and sharing her experience with other physiotherapists, psychologists, occupational therapists... Always motivated, she takes courses in psychology and has passed exams this year.

Once a month, she organizes a meeting with the parents and tries to sensitive them to the special needs of their children and teaches them the basics of hygiene. Daliya and her team meet mostly very simple

people often illiterate. The task is huge... Before the school holidays a special program is organized for the families and helps them to care for the best the return of their child and his daily activities at home.

The devotion of the team, the attention and the continuous help let the child develop in the best

conditions for that country. That Center is an example in its mode of functioning and the Governmental structures are visiting and learning.

February last, while in India, Daliya told us her worries: therapeutic mattresses broken, water purifier at the end of its life, solar installation for hot water out of date....

We had left money for the water purifier and the mattresses (coming from TDHA and private funds) and in her last report Daliya told us she could buy the new mattresses, a new purifier had been fitted and a group of Swiss had renovated the solar installation for

hot water. Only good news!

At the beginning of the year, the team had been asked to select children for special surgeries such as: harelip, cleft palate, club foot and other congenital malformations... the operations were done by German and Australian doctors but the post-surgical care was done by our team. This is certainly a big responsibility and a tiring experience when caring for 40 children but the results are great and the children and their families

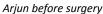
are very happy. It is for all of them the hope of a better life!

I hope my explanations were not too technical. In our next issue you will receive additional information.

Thanks for your constant help!

Tania Fuchs







Arjun after surgery

# project.

### **MADAGASCAR**



### Visit to Madagascar April 2013

NFour of us went to Madagascar to evaluate the program, truthful to the philosophy of Terre des Hommes Alsace. Each of us had paid her fare. Christelle and I visited already Madagascar but for Corinne Scherer and Marie-Laure Hummel it was a first!

We could check the results of the project 'A Max for Mada' and what had been achieved: the covered yard which welcomes 130 children for meals and school work with the tutors, washbasins for hygiene and latrines and showers. A problem related to the inflow of water was resolved by the building of a water tower. Besides hand washing, the children brush their teeth

after meals. By washing their hands, the children take good habits and we hope they do that also at home. They are educated in that direction by the tutors. We met the team of 'Partage et Solidarité' which was at the end of their mission as we arrived. Since 2012, that association sponsors our project for the education and medical section. The children get a snack and their

The situation of the country is worrying, a very huge poverty overcomes many families but in spite of these problems, our project is progressing for the best of the children and their families.

meals are improved by adding a bit more meat.







In 2012, following the passing of the cyclone, my partners had informed me that the house of a little girl called Clarice had been destroyed. Clarice is in charge of our program. Terre des Hommes Alsace released 450 € to rebuild the house. We were invited by the family who wished to thank us and we noticed that the father had named the house after his daughter!

Clarice has 4 brothers and 7 people live in a house of 9 square meters. For that family, our help was vital and even if the house is very small, they have a roof over their heads

# The dissolution of an association which closes its financial balance

In the past, we had a great partnership with the Kiwanis Mulhouse Bollwerk. Two concerts were organized and brought a substantial financial help. The club service was dissolved in June and the members wanted to use the rest of money to help associations. Marie-Laure Hummel, during our voyage to Madagascar, had noticed the huge needs of the Pediatric Hospital at Fianarantsoa. At her return, she fought a



Villa Clarice





request for that project. Her call was heard and we received a check of 5800 € to buy material for the neonatology department. That help is really more than welcome for an hospital which lacks the essential for the care of new-born babies.

A big part of the material was bought in France and was dispatched thanks to JJS.

We had a message from the team in the field and I invite you to read it here under

Brigitte Flammen

« We received through the ASERN the very valuable and precious presents from the KIWANIS Club Mulhouse and we thank tem profusely.

These materials are helpful for our work and allow a better care of the new-born babies and sick children admitted in our department and shall reduce the rate of mortality. Be assured that they shall well be used and looked after.

We wish also to express our affection and the grateful memory we keep of your help and generosity for our little sick children and for all the personal of the Pediatric- Neonatology-Department. We wish you health, happiness and success in all your undertakings.

We hope to keep your collaboration and send you all our respectful greetings. »

Manager of the Pediatric Department
Dr Yvonne VOLOLONTSOANDRAINY

# project.

### **SENEGAL**



Teachers

#### News from Gamadji Sare

While you read these lines, the children from Gamadji Saré are back to school (school begins October 1st) and the mothers are back to the canteen kitchen which Terre des Hommes Alsace sponsors.

In 2005, following a meeting with M. Stiegler, President of the Association Scherwiller-Gamadji, our executive Committee decided to evaluate the situation there for an eventual support of the canteen. Cathy Barras went to Gamadji in 2006 and following that Terre des Hommes Alsace decided to sponsor the project. The

canteen started and functioned till June 2009 when the director left.

The new director coming only in September found no trace of partnership and the canteen ceased to function, as no money was sent. Without any news from our partner, our association, truthful to its philosophy, had stopped the money flow.

In February 2010, M. Stiegler was appointed to evaluate the situation at Gamadji.

When reading his report, the executive Committee decided to sponsor again the canteen. I was appointed as delegate for Terre des Hommes Alsace for Senegal, and I conducted a new evaluation in November 2010. At that moment, we realized that since the meals were again distributed to the school children, nobody was missing the lessons and the results to the exams for the entry in the 6th form reach almost 100%.

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At the beginning of our partnership we tried with M. SARR, director of the school, to create activities which could bring an income. The working of the field started in 2006, is blooming. A henhouse has been added to produce chicken for sale. But as the villagers have no regular income, the local sales of chicken are limited. A pedagogic garden has been installed in 2012. The children learn to plant vegetables, look after them till harvest, with the hope that their knowledge shall be used in the families to improve their daily diet.



The henhouse



Djiby in the fields

Presently each child gets about 10 grams of meat per meal. One of our goals is to increase that amount in the coming years.

I would appreciate to acquaint more people with this project.

I give you a call: if in your neighborhood, your village, you have the opportunity to obtain a room for a projection and a better knowledge of our association, I shall be glad to answer your call and take you to Gamadji through pictures from there.

Jacky Flammen



Senegalese mothers



### LETTER FROM A CHILD FROM THE IVORY COAST

to Terre des Hommes Alsace

Hello, Mr. Manager of the association, my name is Affoum Jaurès Romaric. I was suffering from a heart defect when I was 2 and half years old in February 2004. You have helped me with success. I was very small and did not know anything. My parents told me all that.

Now I have grown up and am 12 years old by June 1st 2013 and I am feeling very well.

I go to school after the primary cycle at Kokota. I am in a little seminary at Aboisso, a town located 150 km from Abidjan since the 6th form and I shall start in the 4th form in September 2013. I never did repeat a class. My mother and father are proud of me because I work well. They do not regret to spend money for my board. I was 5th of my class for the 3rd trimester and 7th for the year. I have a little brother called Fidèle, he is 8 years old and shall be in CM1 class next year. He is just as intelligent as me and I like him. Mummy and Daddy send their greetings. My father is a male nurse and my mother assistant-nurse. They both work in the same hospital. I thank you very much and your team because I live through your help. Each time I pray, I do it for you.

Let us hope that God rewards you a hundred times! Lots of kisses.....ROMARIC from the Ivory Coast

That letter from Romaric and his joy of life are a real present for all those who looked after him while in France: the Municipality of Brumath, the association "Brumath KOKOTA", the professor Eisenmann, the doctor De Geeter and Terre des Hommes Alsace and its program "A beating heart".

Dr De Geeter since his retirement. is a volunteer in various African countries where he brings his assistance and competence.

"A beating heart" is invested completely and financially in that action.

Thank you for your help!

Fernand SCHNEIDER



The day of my surgery



Some pictures showing my parents, my brother and myself!



My little brother and me

My parents

### A BEATING HEART,

### A heart which stops beating

In Summer we heard that Gaby Hummel died. Gaby had been with Terre des Hommes Alsace since its beginnings and dedicated to the children from the start. She was busy as a member of the Executive Committee and was also its treasurer.

Gaby was in charge of the Heart Surgery Program and collaborated with the medical team at Strasbourg. Even after she retired in 1998, she remained very close from Terre des Hommes Alsace, keeping her activities as a volunteer and she gave always a good counsel when needed.

Gaby Hummel shall stay in our hearts, she helped and loved children.

We present her family and friends with our deepest sympathy

The Administrative Committee of Terre des Hommes Alsace





It was in 1987, I think...

It was during Surgery Hours, and I was late as usual, the waiting room filled with babies and mothers, when a lady showed up, representing the Association Terre des Hommes Alsace, wanting to talk about little Fatima, suffering from a heart disease. Her malformation could not be treated in Marroco...

A sudden mysterious decision made me stop everything and discuss Fatima's problem. We drank a coffee together and I accepted of course to take charge of the care... This is how Gaby appeared in my life: directly, simply, effectively...

Since 1987, a long collaboration with TDH Alsace, Gaby Hummel, Fernand Schneider, the numerous foster families, the many sponsors and so many others, have taken care and saved a lot of foreign children who had no other possibility in their home countries.

Thanks to Gaby and Raymond, her husband, for all the meetings and great moments of sharing which have not stopped since 25 years.

Doctor B. DE GEETER, Pediatric Cardiology
Founder of "A Beating Heart"





## Volunteer for *Terre des Hommes Alsace*Why Not?

Since more than 40 years, a lot of volunteers have crossed the path of Terre des Hommes Alsace, contributing each in their own and in accordance with their level to save children somewhere in the world or more simply give them and their parents, some dignity!

There were the founders who changed their ideas, their dreams but also their revolts in acts. Others have followed in a same pledge the work of their predecessors by turning themselves in the pillars of today and so perpetuate that great surge of generosity.

Nevertheless, Terre des Hommes Alsace without all the volunteers who since so many years worked punctually or regularly by giving their time to collect funds which bought thousands of meals or supported families in need by organizing actions, by selling oranges, jams, handicrafts, Christmas items with patience but also by sorting clothes and reselling them.

But we shall never be too many when helping the poorest, when fighting injustice!

We call all the persons sensitive to our cause and willing to contribute to that surge of generosity to join our volunteer teams.

No need to commit themselves unlimited but to give some free time to help our active teams during sales of oranges, Easter Bunnies in shops or in schools, to help sort clothes or any other activity during the year...

No one shall be alone but always in the company of a person in charge or an experienced volunteer; the little fear at the start shall very quickly change in the pleasure to be useful and work for a valuable cause...

**Hubet Haller** 

## DO NOT HESITATE! PLEASE CONTACT US! WE ARE WAITING FOR YOU!

## Share your happiness, sponsor a child!



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#### Water, source of life

Water can also be a source of death for a part of the population. The year 2014 shall be for Terre des Hommes Alsace the year of the water. **Sponsor our projects!** 



At Madagascar to wash, to cook etc...you have to walk to the fountains and fill buckets with the precious liquid.

That situation is usual and many Malagasies are making do with that solution which is not for free even if it represents only a few euros per month but is often too expensive for most of them. The sanitarian risk is enormous

In Brazil, the dryness is a plague unfortunately too often present in the Nordeste. The populations suffer and the consequence of that dryness is poverty.

We participate in the building of dams (about 5000 € / dam = water for 50 families living in rural zones), even if we are dependent on rainfalls.





In Vietnam, access to drinking water is also very difficult in the Mekong Delta. Using the Mekong water causes severe pathologies.

The main cause of infantile death in the Delta is and stays diarrhea because people living near the river drink its water. In 2013, we fitted 23 water-pumps in the Khmer quarters in South Vietnam



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