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Éditorial...

Dear friends of Terre des Hommes Alsace

The loyal volunteers have worked hard at the beginning of the year! A great success for the « pork meat » meal, many sales for the Chocolate Rabbit Operation as well as the presence at many craft sales stands, mainly brought back from the countries of our projects. Edmond Kaiser's letter to volunteers is a great reward and a source of motivation.

Financially, 2018 was a little more complicated with fewer donations coming in. This is certainly partly due to the movement of yellow vests, or perhaps to concerns about the withholding income tax. We have sadly announced to our valued partners a 10% reduction in our support, not easy for them! This is to avoid taking any risks in view of the major project underway with the purchase of a surface area of more than 800 m² and the upgrading of the premises that we are planning at 52, rue de l'Île Napoléon in Rixheim (mezzanine floor of the former Tempé site). This space will ensure the future of our association in good conditions, develop our local action but also create a pole of solidarity by sharing a little space with our friend association of Saint-Vincent de Paul and strengthen our partnership with the city of Rixheim.

For the time being, thanks to specific and important legacies, we can finalize the purchase.

We are still waiting for some more grants and are counting on you to respond to our attached call. It would be very welcome, if it is possible for you! Legacies, donations, contributions, do not forget to demonstrate solidarity and know exactly what is being achieved thanks to your support.

This spring we had the visit of our partner from Senegal, Djiby Sarr, who participated in school video projections for more than 1,500 students. In South India, at the home Puspam, Mama Rani departed to heaven. In Northern India Father Laborde passed the hand. Pressure is mounting for the youth group with the departure for Brazil at the end of July. In Haiti we remain focused on education. Water is flowing in Vietnam for more than 2000 people. The economic situation in Angola remains extremely difficult, but the sisters continue their mission. In Peru Sis-



ter Doris is satisfied with the development of young orphan girls and thanks us for our faithful support. In Madagascar, despite serious difficulties, children can attend school in good conditions, we are doing our part. While several cardiac surgery associations had refused Sergio's operation, Dr. Bernard De Getter's pugnacity was successful.

Despite all the difficulties that our association may encounter, all the returns of hope, satisfaction, testimonies and thanks, give us the strength and courage not to give up so that this beautiful work can continue.

Thank you to each outstretched hand that allows this beautiful chain of solidarity

Simon Rey



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Agenda 2019

Street party at Bantzenheim

Sunday June 16th

The Fol'nuit du commerce at Rouffach

Friday June 28th from 5 to 11 p.m.

Animation at the Parc of the Commanderie-Rixheim

Sunday September 1st

22th Solidarity Walk of TDHA at Muespach-le-Haut

Sunday Septembre 22th

October days - Mulhouse

From October 1th to October 13 th

Concert at the St Pierre and Paul church of Hagenthal

By the Vocal Haley et the men Chœur Concordia of Blotzheim Sunday Octobre 13th at 16h30

Loto at Muespach-le-Haut

Sunday November 16th novembre



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Zoom on...

5th « PORK MEAT » MEAL 27 january 2019 – Riedlin Hall, Hégenheim

This event is a massive amount of work, there's no doubt about that!

But during this 5th edition I did not feel particularly stressed and the kitchen team, which started activities on Thursday morning, was calm and confident. This had a positive impact on the 90 volunteers at the bar, pastry stand, craft shop, room service and buffet.

More than 1,600 hours of volunteer work allow us to proudly announce more than **62,000** meals for the children in our projects or the sponsorship of **69 children** for one year!!

Thank you to the entire kitchen team, THANK YOU to all the volunteers and especially to the many young people, THANK YOU to the city of Hégenheim, THANK YOU to all the partners and all the participants who congratulated us.



See you next year. The date is Sunday, January 26, 2020. Note it in your diary and socialize it!

« Operation Chocolate Rabbit» 2019



Our volunteers have been present at the Festivitas Fair, the Outdoor and Garden Fair in Mulhouse, the Energie Habitat Fair in Colmar, in garden centres and at markets. Sundgauvian municipalities have offered the rabbits to the pupils of their schools. We also received support from works councils, retirement homes, stores on consignment, etc.

And the many YOUNG people: at school, at the middle school, at the High School, door to door, at the Church,...

This year again many volunteers mobilized for the sale of the 20,000 chocolate rabbits.

The first sale took place at the EXPO HABITAT in Waldighoffen organised by GBS, an important and long-standing partner of our association. This year's free use of a new, much larger and more pleasant sales space was a real plus for volunteers and donors.

In addition, a major donation was made at the awards ceremony. THANK YOU to them!

THANK YOU to all our brave and essential volunteers!

Simon Rev

Letter to volunteers by Edmond Kaiser

Terre des Hommes was founded by Edmond Kaiser. (2 January 1914 in Paris - † 4 March 2000 in Coimbatore India) in 1960

Raymond Hummel has found in the archives of his wife Gaby, a founding member of our association and treasurer for many years, a document that we wish to share with our volunteers, donors and friends.

As a prelude to Edmond Kaiser's letter to Terre des Hommes Alsace, there are a few words from Pierre Bollinger, founding President of Terre des Hommes **Alsace** in 1972:

"In Switzerland, as the movement became more and more important, Edmond Kaiser was forced one day to call on employees. In Alsace, we have never experienced this problem and we can appreciate even more this letter addressed to all the volunteers ".



Photo - www.tdhcore.org

Dear Friends.

Volunteers, you are the pure of the pure. You give it exactly.

You donate yourself. Regular or not, since the beginning of Terre des Hommes or not,
You have hands full of the life of the little ones, and hands empty of any "remuneration".
While we, as employees, have gained in continuity, accuracy and
in volume, we have lost some of our transparency.

Even if we do it from the bottom of our hearts, our work is still a job.
But you are the flower of Terre des Hommes, whose gratuity, perfume, colour
and grace can't be traded.

Your hands serve the children directly, without receiving any pay at the end of the month. Anonymous, with a continuous and fervent drive, you are in direct contact with them, and their little hands feel comfortable in yours.

Without all of us - and you first, both in spirit and on earth, nothing would happen, or little thing, of this rescue of which you are, each and every one according to his power, permanence and light.

Edmond Kaiser

It was not possible for us to date this letter precisely, but we are proud to see that our association has preserved the values associated with volunteering, and we take this opportunity to thank all the people who participate in our many activities and all those who trust us and support our association. THANK YOU.

Simon Rey

Pour ce qui est de l'avenir, il ne s'agit pas de le prévoir, mais de le rendre possible.

(It is not a mater to foreseen the future but to make it possible)



Antoine De Saint-Exupéry

Thanks to you, Terre des Hommes Alsace makes it possible for nearly 11'000 children in the world. Unfortunately, 2018 has known a decrease of the donations as explained by the treasurer in the financial review of this bulletin.

We have to act and for it we need you!

As a matter of fact, who can better than you highlight our association, mobilize goodwills and encourage parents, frends, neighbours to enter into sponsoring?

Let's imagine the number of children whom we could offer a future, should each of us convince a new sponsor to join our noble cause.

Let's together take up the challenge!

Danielle Grumet

Entrepreneurs, why not think about sponsorship for helping Terre des Hommes Alsace?

The sponsorship is a mean for an enterprise to grant a financial or material help to an organisation supporting projects of general interests.

Beyond this general interest and the opportunity to enjoy taxe allowances such a sponsorship can be viewed as both internal and external communication mean.

In fact it strengthens the positioning of the enterprise within its environment as well as the internal cohesion of its employees.

How can you help our association?

The donation can be done in cash or by mean of contributions other than cash. Generaly, the donor does not expect any counterpart.

In such a way your enterprise can enjoy a taxe allowance on the income or corporate taxes. The amount which can be deducted from the taxes to be paid represents 60% of the total donations, however without exceeding 5% of the turnover.

For more information in French in le « GUIDE du Mécénat » :

https://www.associations.gouv.fr/IMG/pdf/mecenat_guide_juridique.pdf

Emmanuel LASSIAT, Treasurer

Let's have a look at the 2018 figures!

Early March, Jef CAPELETO, representative of the external auditor Hans & Associés, reviewed for the first time our anual accounts.

The audit took approximately 5 hours and enabled to check the status of the bank accounts as of 31/12/2018, a sampling of invoices as well as the proper use of accounting procedures.

It was also confirmed that the advice given in 2017 was properly implemented.

The report certifies that the annuel accounts are right and genuine. They properly reflect the results of the 2018 operation as well as the financial and assets status of the association at the end of the year

Revenues Recettes 2018 : 653 281 €

The sponsorship, donations and leg account for 59% of the collected money (386 848 €). We are facing a significant decrease in 2018 (-28%).

The activité « orange » generated 30 751 € (-14%) and the « Easter Rabits » one close to 47 000€ (-11%). The sales of second hand clothes brought 15 000€ (-8%).

The participation of our volunteers to several actions enables us to collect more than 65 000€ (oranges, and second hand clothes not included).

The impact of the dedicated money on all the revenues accounts for 104 237€.

Expenses 2018 : 712 451 €

Being all volunteer our expenses for helping the most deprived children represent close to 93% of all the expenses of the association (subsidizing of 560 026€, traveling costs 17 203€, impact of the dedicated found 87 694€)

The management costs et taxes account for only 0,49% of the expenses (3 465 €).

The other costs, especially the purchase of handicrafts for selling purposes, account for 6,18% of the total costs.

Granted help More than 1500 € per day !!!

In 2018 as much as 560 028 € have been allocated to our usual partners.

The 110 318 € appearing in the liabilities chapter are treated as dedicated found (for specific projects: « Cœur battand », Angola, Brazil, Young Team future solidarity shop) in order to respect the willingness of the donors and organizations. In order to fulfill its promesses with its partners despite a significant revenues decline our association had no choice but drawing 59 170 € from its reserves.

I stay at your disposal for any question you may have, the finacial accounts being available upon request.

Emmanuel LASSIAT, Treasurer

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Compte de Résultats

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News from Sergio.

It was in May 2018 that Sergio's life changed completely; Dr. Bernard De Geeter organized for him to have surgery in France.

Sergio arrived with his dad in September and the operation took place in October.

The parents made a big sacrifice by paying for airline tickets. The participation of Terre des Hommes Alsace amounted to 12,000 euros.





Sergio's parents regularly send us pictures of their son. Sergio has had his first illness-free Christmas back home. He also went to school for the first time. His life changed completely with a brand-new heart.

We are looking forward to seeing him again during our visit in 2019.

Sergio's parents have asked me to thank the donors of TDHA who made this miracle possible.

Two more children are scheduled for surgery in France. A 9-year-old boy, Jean, has already arrived in France and will be operated on thanks to Chaîne de l'Espoir. Kéréna's file is currently being processed and she should be operated on sometime in 2019, again, thanks to Chaîne de l'Espoir. Dr. Jeanne will keep us updated of progress.

We are able to carry out various projects at the pediatric hospital thanks to the work of the two doctors who were trained in Strasbourg by Dr. De Geeter. Doctors Jeanne and Mamisoa regularly use the ultrasound device delivered during our 2018 visit and they can also organize post-operative follow-up of children from the pediatric hospital in Fianarantsoa.

ACB

In France, brushing your teeth is commonplace. There is even choice of different brands of brushes and toothpaste.

However, in Madagascar this simple gesture is not a priority. If a toothbrush, toothpaste tis available at all, they are not accessible to most families. The lack of drinking water is another challenge for families.

Unfortunately, we have seen children who have had their cheeks pierced by the infection of a cavity; the final outcome is often fatal.

Dr. Joro has insisted on teeth brushing after meals in our project. Each child has his own personal toothbrush that stays in the centre. The adults explain to the children the great importance of this simple gesture of personal hygiene. We regularly take them toothbrushes and toothpaste so the children can continue brushing at home.

There still remains the problem of dental care. In 2016 the dental surgeon Caroline Staub found that 100% of children had very bad teeth and needed emergency care.

Dr. Joro contacted a young dentist in the neighborhood where our program is located and was able to negotiate treatment for 140 children from the project.





We have extended dental care to ASERN staff who also suffer from this scourge. The cheapest treatment is simple tooth extraction; but often people wait until the last possible moment and often they remove the decaying tooth themselves. When money is short it is often the only solution.

In 2016 I was lucky to have a donation from a volunteer who made beautiful objects that she wished to sell to support a project in Madagascar. I took advantage of this gift to set up care for 4 months. For 2017, the work of the volunteer continued to make this possible. In 2018, the centre will move and will no longer have to pay rent, so creating a budget to continue the project. We are really happy to be able to support this action which will contribute to the good health of children and staff.

The dentist from Madagascar whom I met in 2018 confirmed that she will continue the care for the centre at the same low process.

Brigitte FLAMMEN

Angola

Sister Balbina, the new mother superior of the community of nuns who runs the Lar dos Pequeninos orphanage in Huambo, sent me some news to share with you.

The economic situation is still difficult, and the important works planned to renovate the home are still not finished. Nevertheless, the sisters have begun work that is essential for the well-being of children, especially in the bathrooms with the installation of new drainage pipes, new toilets, and in repairing the showers. In addition the dining room has been repainted.

Children participate in various activities like knitting, support with homework,











the harvest of beans, cabbage and other vegetables, and the preparation of cassava.

Brazil - Somos todos LIVIA

Joint project between young people from Salgueiro PE and the TDHAlsace youth group

Livia Gilda da Silva, a student at Carlos Pena Filho High School, lives in the Santo Antonio district of Salgueiro. She was born with cerebral palsy due to complications during delivery.

She was born on 18 April 1999 and at that time her mother lived in Conceição das Crioulas (a rural area more than two hours away from the city of Salgueiro) and could not travel to the city to give birth in hospital. Unable to be followed by specialist doctors, the birth took place at home, with the help of a midwife. The delivery was very complicated, but the child and mother survived the ordeal. However, her mother, Gilda Santina da Silva, quickly realized that Livia Gilda was not developing normally. At that time, she was diagnosed with cerebral palsy.



Cerebral palsy has affected her motor skills but not her cognitive abilities. It limits the movement of her arms, hands, lower limbs and her speech. This affects her ability to get around and therefore her independence is compromised.

Driven by the desire to be free, she told her colleagues, friends, family and teachers about her wish to own a motorized wheelchair. However, she belongs to a poor family, and they can't afford such a large investment.

Lívia Gilda has studied at school since 2014, she is a participating, committed and assiduous student, with excellent academic results. Even with speech and mobility disorders, she has made countless friends, who are extremely important on this new journey, towards freedom and autonomy.

Faced with this dynamic, high school students mobilized to raise funds (between April and July 2018) to make this dream come true. A sum of €3,100 was needed to make the purchase and male Olivia Gilda's dream come true. Our partners contacted us to find out if our association could also offer support. The youth group of Terre des Hommes Alsace immediately expressed its desire to get involved in this project. However, we decided to wait a little longer so as not to break the local dynamic and set a consultation date to find out how much money was still needed.

At the end of August we received the information that 50% of the funds had already been raised and we quickly transferred the remaining 1550 € to finalize the purchase. In December, the chair was handed over at a reception at the school in the presence of our partners.

With the youths' group and the guides, we look forward to meeting Livia in August in Salgueiro and enjoying her beautiful smile.

Simon Rey

Her message:

the motorized chair gives me freedom because I was too dependent on others. Going alone to the mall, university, market, squares and streets...

And in the future, when I will work, my autonomy will also be very important.

I thank Terre des Hommes Alsace for its help and kindness. You have contributed to the realization of a several-year dream. I am very happy and thank you all. Abraços!

Haiti



Our collaboration with Inter Aide in the project at Lamielle in the centre of Haiti close to the border with the Dominican Republic is coming to end. Inter Aide is currently working on a dossier to obtain support for another project in a region just next to Lamielle – the logic is that they will be able to continue to watch over the development of the first project from close by and therefore be on hand to ensure the good work put in over the last few years is not wasted.

Terre des Hommes Alsace is in discussions with Inter Aide to understand the goal of the proposed new project and to see if it is possible to continue the partnership to support for the children of Haiti.

I expect to visit the project during this year. The current proposal is to arrive half way through the first term of the school year, around the end of October. By that time the schools should be in full swing. A visit at the beginning of the school year would be possible but is likely to be disappointing — children sometimes start the year late as they have not returned home. Whole families often relocate over the border to work at the end of summer; more hands mean more money, so the children are taken to help with the work.



The challenges faced in the project remain the same. There is always work with the parents continuing to encourage them to they keep their children attending school. The education they receive will not only benefit the children but will allow them to help their family in the future.



Neil GREENER

North India

A change in the continuity at Howrah South Point!

Howrah South Point, our long-standing partner in the suburb of Kolkata with whom we interact in several projects, has gone by the end of 2018 through a big change, even if it was expected. The Father François Laborde, ordained in 1951, arrived in India in 1965 and founded in 1976 the association Howrah South Point. He has since devoted his life to help the poorest and the disables. He said a couple of years ago « In my life I have known two monasteries, the Grande Chartreuse and the slum. »

We have on several occasions discussed with Father La-



Father Laurent Bissara and Father Laborde

borde, who the last times did not hide his willingness to step back. At nearly 92 years hold he officially by the end of 2018 passed on the future of Howrah South Point to Leo Jalais, an Indian citizen of French origin and, important for us, to Father Laurent Bissara from the « Missions Etrangères de Paris ». Father Laurent, 47 years hold, felt a late religious vocation. He has been leading industrial companies in Italy before committing to the feath and devoting to the poors of Kolkata.

A short review of our projects with Howrah South Point?

We are very match involved at Howrah with the program « Save Motherhood & Child Survival », which follows 500 poor families with jung babies living in slums.

The assistans regularly visit the families and keep update the health status of each kid at least up to they are 3 years hold. Very often the kids are underweight because of a poor nutrition, they also quite often suffer from diarrhea. This is why the training of pregnant women and young mothers on basic hygiene and food rules is also a kee factor of this project.

On the site of Bakuabari, located in the Jalpaiguri district at about 500 km north from Kolkata, we keep supporting with success reeducation and development programs for children suffering from handicaps. Currently 36 children are at Bakuabari full time but more than 60 are also followed at Rajganj. The obtained results are quite often amazing and can't leave us coald at each of our visits.

For concluding on a positive note we have during our last visit let each girl chose a teddy bear we brougt from Franc and you can imagine the happiness of the kids.



Even if India enjoys a significant development this country counts more than 1,3 billion people with many of them having a difficult life.

Knowing well this country I can only say that all, the kids and our partners, are lovable and sensitive to our action. On behalf of Terre des Hommes Alsace I thank you with all my heart for the help you give us.

Gérard Romeder

South India



India harbours one third of the world's poor as well as the largest number of illiterates. The inequality between men and women are still very obvious. AS often happens, it is the children that are the first victims of poverty and inequality.

Who are these children?

Their situations are all very different: they come from isolated rural families, or very poor single parent families, are orphans or have been abandoned, are victims or forced labour or marriage. They all, however, live in very difficult circumstances.

Educational Sponsorship In Rural and Tribal Areas

By sponsoring a child in India, you enable him to build a future and break the cycle of poverty. Thanks to your donations, Terre des Hommes Alsace is able to sponsor 250 destitute children in remote areas. (and 88 other children in Puspam).

In concrete terms, your donation finances their schooling and their basic needs for food, health, scholarships, clothes ... And that also benefits their entire community!

Somes example

Our friends and partners at TDH Core are in the field and they cover a large geographic area daily to reach 113 villages.

Their work?

- Identify the eligible children and ensure they receive an education; inform families in need about their options for support; convince families to allow their daughters to go to school or pursue vocational training.
- Become an educational referent with schools. They are informed immediately of any absence or irregularity in the work and this allows them to react quickly. The referent then visits the family to understand the situation. Sometimes he has to re-motivate the child or remind the families of their rights / responsibilities. They sometimes even play the role of parent, when there is limited or no parental authority in the home.



Young girls from the Kurinji home in June 2018. (except one ...!)

- Award a scholarship to families who cannot afford the uniform, tuition, books and school supplies
- Buy a bike so the child can get to school rapidly and safely.
- The child carers receive regular news from both school and home; they offer educational support and material help as needed. They ensure that the child is fed properly and if the child is ill, they help with access to medical care



Part of the team of educational leaders.



South India

Education is also resources

- Terre des Hommes Alsace is funding a school teacher in a very remote area TDHA's help enables the children to go to school and stay with their families. The child carers aim to involve children as much as possible.
- For children who cannot stay with their families (too much social instability, school too far away ...), a home exists and welcomes 20 young people. They are also all eager to move into a larger space.

TDHA contributed € 20,000 towards the construction of a home that will accommodate 40 children; it should be completed in the coming months.



(March 2019) Work is progressing on the future home in Kurinji

Rani has returned to heaven

It is with sadness that I have to announce that on February 16th, Sagayarani was abruptly taken from us at the age of 57 following a short illness. Rani was one of the pioneers of the Terre des Hommes Core adventure in March 1997. She started as the House Mother of Puspam 2. She was a mother for hundreds of children whom she loved, cherished and accompanied as they started on the path of life. The team and the children are still shocked by the loss of their adoptive mom.

Rani, thank you for that warmth, your big heart, and your wonderful cooking.

Pierre-Antoine ROSEMARY

" Quelques mots couchés sur le papier, quelques mots en souvenirs de toi... Rani...Sagayarani mummy...

What a shock! The news of your loss arrived on the 16th of February, and was impossible to believe. In June, during my last visit to India, you were in great shape. I left you with a heavy

heart, not knowing when I would see you again; now the memory of our last moments comes back to me. I cannot believe that you were takne so quickly by ill-

ness.It is impossible to imagine Puspam without you. Puspam and you are inseparable. I imagine the pain of the children, the team, Chezhian ... But that too, I can not imagine.

> I will keep with me the memory of an extraordinary woman; so attentive and generous! A mother always present, rising before dawn with the first girls who revise early in the morning, going to bed after the last. Playful and happy, a beautiful soul ...

Rani, you gave so much love to everyone around you, there are no words to express the pain and sorrow that fills us today. Your absence is sorely felt, we miss you ...

a little of you will remain in each of our hearts!

Tania BESONNET

Madagascar

More than a quarter of children of primary school age do not attend school in Madagascar, according to a study by Unicef. Effectively, more than one million children excluded from the school system because of the poverty of their family but also the difficulties currently facing the country.

For every **1000** pupils who enter the first year of primary school :

- 173 arrive in secondary school without repeating a year
- ${f 208}$ somehow manage it by repeating years when necessary and
- 620 are lost to the school system

The main obstacles to academic success are:

- poverty; the main reason for education to be abandoned is the lack of money to pay school fees for example;
- the, often, long distances between home and school; this can lead to a high absence rate especially in the rainy season.

Although poverty has decreased slightly in cities in recent years, it has increased in rural areas and it definitely remains an obstacle to schooling.

Banks advertise loans as the new school year approaches; it is sad that parents have to go into debt to buy school supplies for their children. And the rates are so high that not all families are able to borrow money.

During our last visit to the capital, we saw a large number of vans offering loans to families. However, salaries are so low in Madagascar that few people have the opportunity to take out such a loan; we met many families whose income is less than 1 euro. Under these circumstances how can you educate children?

In our center in Antananarivo with the team of Dr. Joro, 140 children can attend school in the best conditions possible with a full stomach, essential for effective learning.

In recent years, the school has been managed by the Association Partage Solidarité in close collaboration with Terre des Hommes Alsace. Jointly, we are full of hope for the future of the children at the ASERN centre.





Madagascar



Educating young people to lift the country out of poverty

School buildings with particularly unlikely names are often in a disastrous state. They are usually particularly cramped, but this does not preclude them offering schooling from nursery school to final year.

Due to the lack of regularity in the payment of teacher's salaries in the public sector, there are a large number of private schools. In these schools, the salary guarantees the teacher's presence in the classroom; in the public sector teachers typically choose to work elsewhere to make a living.

Sister Madeleine's project at Fianarantsoa

Sister Madeleine has reorganized the canteen. It now has rules for the children and their families: children must have a birth certificate, have proof that they are in school and present their quarterly results. Each child has his/her own file, kept up to date as and when he is present.

The sister controls the school results of the children and does not hesitate to turn away children that do not go to school any more. This may seem very harsh, but it pays off and indeed it is very rare that it happens.

Sister Madeleine is very demanding in terms of school result and so mothers are also much more attentive to the good attendance of their children at school. The mothers also take their turn in preparing food for the children.

160 children are welcomed daily for lunch (sometimes little brothers and sisters not yet in school also tag along) composed of rice, pulses and twice a week meat and fresh vegetables from the garden. The children help with growing, watering and harvesting vegetables and salads.

Another part of the project is the schooling of 70 mentally handicapped children, with the courses specially adapted to the handicaps of the children. Unfortunately, there are no other facilities in Fianarantsoa that cater for children with disabilities. Consequently; the sisters have many requests but unfortunately, they only have a limited number of places.



In addition to the help that the children bring to the garden, Sister Madeleine insists that they also work with their mothers to help them earn enough to support the family. These young people make plastic baskets that their mothers can sell at the market..

Brigitte FLAMMEN

Peru

News from Abancay Orphanage

News from Sister Doris, our contact at the orphanage

The sisters of Divine Providence have been running their home for orphaned children since 1964. The existence of the orphanage is only possible with the generous help from people and organizations like Terre des Hommes Alsace. It is true that the situation in Peru has improved in recent years but in spite of that many young people are ignored or abandoned. The state gives them only a little social assistance and this lack of commitment is the reason for our activity and continued support of the house of Divine Providence.

In 2018, 42 girls received accommodation, clothing and education in an environment conducive to physical, intellectual and Christian development and which is conducive to the development of their character. For a better integration of these girls in society, they go to state schools which theoretically should be free. However, we must pay fees for enrollment, maintenance of classrooms and building repairs.

The girls have all developed well and currently 4 young people from our orphanage are studying at university through government scholarships. These girls and some other older women often come back to visit the home to rediscover the love and affection they felt as children. Many thanks to all the people of Terre des Hommes Alsace who continue to help those who are in need. We the daughters of Divine Providence will continue to be the

hands that will realize what your heart's desire.

God bless you

Sœur Doris

J.J. Kieffer





Games of the youngest



The homeworks of the teenagers

Senegal

Visit of our partner of Senegal.

It is Saturday, March 16 at Strasbourg-Entzheim airport, and we are waiting for the arrival of Djiby SARR, our partner from Thiès in Senegal. He will spend two weeks in Alsace before joining Nadine and Janik Bruneteau his other French partners in the region of Angoulême. After the customs formalities were completed, we greeted our friend and headed back to our home, where Djiby stayed during his time in Alsace.

This visit had several objectives.

As a volunteer, Djiby took part in the life of our association by participating in presentations in schools as part of the operation "chocolate rabbits". We visited the Mulhouse schools Jean XXIII, Célestin FREINET, the elementary school of MORSCHWILLER LE BAS as well as schools next to the Rhine in CHALAMPE and FESSENHEIM. We presented Terre des Hommes Alsace and talked about our canteen Gamadji Saré to more than a thousand students. They were surprised by the images of the children's meals which are very different to what they are used to.

The kitchen itself, the cooking on a wood fire with a huge pot, the position of the mothers sitting on the ground on mats to bask the rice and cut the meat, all this really surprised our young spectators. The baby sleeping quietly next to his mother was a great success. At the end of each presentation, Djiby was able to answer all the questions of the children who showed a real interest for the life that the small Senegalese lead in their school. Eight eating from one bowl with a single spoon an adventure for the kids here!

A volunteer to the very end, my partner also helped with the delivery of rabbits to some schools, as well as the unloading of boxes at our Rixheim depot.

Many thanks to the school directors, teachers and children for their warm welcome during our visits.



Senegal

Construction project of the new kitchen.

In his role as program manager, Djiby presented to the Terre des Hommes Alsace Administrative Board a project to renovate the building and equipment of the school canteen of Gamadji, which provides lunch for 536 children daily.

The storage rooms will be renovated so the food will be stored under better conditions of hygiene and safety. The current sheet metal roofs are regularly torn or deformed by strong winds from the desert, causing water damage during the rainy season; it will be replaced with a rigid roof terrace as for the cement houses.

The old fire place will be replaced by a battery of three gas stoves embedded in fixed supports, to aloe the large cooking pots to be placed on them. This change in energy source is motivated by the increasing difficulty of obtaining wood and its rising price.



The deforestation and the desert gaining ground, an issue in Senegal.



Deforestation in Senegal has reached such a point that a recent law bans logging to slow down the region's desertification. We are trying for a sustainable development. Although solar energy is available in Senegal, but is still out of reach for Gamadji, given its cost of installation and maintenance.

The work will start in late June and we hope to serve the first meals cooked on "gas" at the beginning of October. In any case, I will go to Gamadji in 2020 to see a project entirely supported financially by TDHA fully complete. At our General Assembly, Djiby had the opportunity to interact with the members and volunteers present. He moderated the presentations and addressed a speech to the assembly.

Although our priority is the canteen, my partner was able to take a computer with him (tower, screen, keyboard, mouse, printer). This had been donated by a family of Rixheim whose daughter had gone to Madagascar with the scout team. It will be the device No 1 of the future computer room of the school at Gamadji and will allow the school to initiate teaching by correspondence with regular email exchanges in the near future.

Vietnam

Vietnam: A drilling program gives access to clean water

Our association has decided to support the Franco-Vietnamese association "Children of the Dragon" in a project to improve access to clean water in rural areas by drilling wells. The aim is to help poor families.

We had already called on Marc DE MUYNCK, representative of the association "Children of the Dragon", in 2011 for the installation of about twenty water pumps in the villages of the Soctrang Province, a facility sponsored by the students College St Joseph, Rouffach.

The board of the association was very willing to respond to the call for assistance to realize this project, and Marc coordinated the installation of the wells and associated pumps.

In recent years, climate change has profoundly affected the water supply of Xã Gia Canh Commune, Đồng Nai Province.



The drilling project seemed vital to us. The drilling was done in a granite subsoil and it was a question of not making a mistake; even a "dry" drilling has a cost. In general, wells are sunk to between 50 and 80m, the average water flow then being 2 to 8m3 / h (depending on the capacity of the pump and the water table). For the facility financed by Terre des Hommes Alsace, the depth is 60 meters. Water is distributed free of charge to the population and the well maintenance is the responsibility of the local People's Committee.

The drilling and installation of the wells was finally completed in the last quarter of 2018. This installation cost 3000 € and will benefit 2,000 inhabitants of this hamlet which covers an area of around 180 hectares.

Emmanuel Lassiat

The well installed with the support of Terre des Hommes Alsace



TERRE DES HOMMES ALSACE Antoine de Saint-Exupéry

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