

TERRE DES HOMMES ALSACE

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Direct assistance to children in distress



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Editorial

In 2023, global military spending reached more than \$2.4 trillion. This is a staggering number to try to guarantee peace in the world.

When we come back from a mission or when we are in regular contact with our partners in the field, this waste makes us even more sad and makes us want to cry.

Despite this, we refuse to despair, we do not give up and we remain focused on our fundraising activities. This is exactly what all our wonderful volunteers, the Terre des Hommes Alsace gold mine, do during the many events and sales.

We stand by our partners and in 2023 have drawn on our financial reserves to improve their infrastructure and their daily lives. We are also very proud and happy to proclaim that all the funds received and generated have been allocated to the projects since the exceptional help of the Karl Kahane Foundation allows us to fully cover our management and operating costs! This aid will be renewed in 2024!

In this newsletter, discover some great stories with a little look back at the "À Cœur Battant" mission accompanied by two extraordinary people, our friends Dr. Bernard De Geeter and Didier Hummler. In Angola, the construction of the orphanage is progressing slowly, and in Brazil, the shelter for homeless girls is now operational. Despite the chaotic situation in Haiti, we remain effective in the provinces. In North India, Piu learns to walk again and doesn't take off her smile and Tania Besonnet rediscovers South India by taking over responsibility for projects. In Madagascar, the rigorous monitoring of children and the special attention to children with disabilities is exemplary. In Peru, the giant cooking pots serve a balanced meal to 400 children every day, and the canteen in Gamadji, Senegal, guarantees the presence of students in class, which translates into good academic results. Finally, in Vietnam, Maison Chance is never short of ideas and new projects are regularly launched.

More of you than usual were present at our last General Assembly (+40%) to welcome our three new members to the Board of Directors, Tania Besonnet, Bénédicte Schweitzer and Daniel Munck. We welcome them and thank them for their commitment.

Attached to this newsletter is a subscription for the purchase of an additional storage area (unique opportunity) necessary for the proper functioning of our association.

PLEASE HELP US!

Also attached is the registration form for the second edition of the solidarity breakfast, come and join us!

Sincerely THANK YOU all for your support of the children of the world.

Simon Rey

How many children have you saved? "One plus one plus one ... »

Dr Bernard De Geeter

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AGENDA 2024

21 July Lindenhof Farm Breakfast in Hagenthal le Haut

From **23 to 26 August** Agrogast Fair, Pastry, Handicrafts Lindenhof Farm

22 September March to Muespach-le-Haut

3rd to 13th October Day in Mulhouse

End of October / November: Operation "Orange"

16 November: Loto Muespach-Le-Haut Night

Christmas markets: Riedisheim, Kayserberg, Waldighoffen, Ferrette, Hégenheim, Pfastatt, Rixheim, Kembs

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Stuffed animals in madness!!

For the Folie Flore and October Days, we are looking for cuddly toys.

It doesn't matter how big or small, but we'd like them to have taken a bath before being used to fill our wall with lint.

In 2023, we were able to adopt hundreds of cuddly toys to the delight of young and old alike.

Thanks to this action, we were able to make 24390 meals for the children supported in our projects.

Don't hesitate to entrust us with the little beasts and thank you in advance.

Let's do the sums up...

Income statement - 2023 income: €873 815

Sponsorships and donations (€465,306), legacies (€6,771) and grants (€36,760) totalled €510,557. The 'Oranges' operation raised €29,149 (-9%) and the 'Easter Hares' €55,909 (-1%). The sale of second-hand clothes brought in €51,117 (+24%). Our volunteers raised €86,160 (+75%), excluding income from oranges, hares and clothing. Also of note, €9,600 was collected for the use of part of our premises by the St Vincent de Paul Association.

Income Statement - Expenses 2023: €1 083 333

As our association relies exclusively on volunteers, we can announce that 100% of the €1 collected (in donations, legacies, and grants) benefits the beneficiaries of our programmes.

A total of €744,911 was donated to our partners, that's over €2,000 a day!

The main other expenses are craft purchases (for resale) €60,280, other external purchases and expenses €123,968 (including miscellaneous purchases €17,096, prospecting/newsletters €12,561, mission expenses €65,322) and depreciation €54,137 (building and vehicle). Mission expenses are offset, with each person leaving on a mission donating equivalent to the expenses incurred for their mission.

Operating costs amounted to €53,143.

We remain true to our philosophy that **'every euro donated is a euro given back to the children'**. This has been possible thanks to grants and subsidies received to cover our management and operating costs. Among our many sponsors, we should mention the Karl KAHANE Foundation, which gave us a superb grant of 30,000 euros, and our chartered accountant, who waived his fees.

The result for the 2023 financial year is a deficit of €209,518.

Our association has fully fulfilled its missions, in line with the budget voted at the last General Meeting. As a reminder, in 2022 the association benefited from the capital of several life insurance policies (due to the death of supporters) and, as a result, had substantial cash and dedicated funds. At the AGM, a commitment was made to provide financial support to our country partners for certain additional requests, work or one-off projects. In 2023, this meant drawing on the association's available funds, resulting in a deficit.

However, our management remains sound and the future of the association is assured in view of the development of our fundraising activities, the satisfactory level of donations received and our cash resources.

On the assets side, the association has assets of €1,732,429 (of which €788,974 is available cash; tangible fixed assets, that means the head office and the vehicle for €932,027 and stock valued at €11,428).

On the liabilities side, equity capital amounts to €1,639,982. In addition, €90,782 is earmarked as dedicated funds, reserved for specific projects: A Cœur Battant, Youth Group projects (in accordance with the wishes expressed by donors at the time of payment).

Accounting documents are available on request (documents drawn up by ESTHER CSE - Wintzenheim and audited by Jef CAPELETO, Statutory Auditor at Hans et Associés).

Emmanuel LASSIAT, Treasurer

Balance Sheet Assets

		31/12/2023			31/12/2022
		Crude	Death. and Deprecating.	Net	Net
FIXED ASSETS	INTANGIBLE ASSETS				
	Start-up Fees				
	Research and development costs				
	Concessions, patents, similar rights				
	Goodwill (1)				
	Other intangible assets Advances and advance payments				
	TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS				
	Land				
	Constructions	863	104 613	759 269	797 045
	Technical installations, equipment and tools Other tangible capital assets	882	14 553	41 658	46 696
CURRENT ASSET	Asset-encumbered assets	56 211	42 828	131 100	141 674
	Assets under construction	173			
	Advances and advance payments	928			
	FINANCIAL ASSETS (2)				
	Equity Valuation Other Holdings				
	Equity receivables Other fixed assets				
	Loans				
	Other financial capital assets				
	TOTAL (I)	1 094 021	161 993	932 027	985 415
ACCOUNTS OF REGULARISATION	INVENTORY AND WORK IN PROGRESS				
	Raw materials, supplies Goods in process of production				
	Work in process of services				
	Intermediate and finished products				
	Goods	11 428		11 428	15 797
	Advances and Advance Payments Paid on Orders CREANCES (3)				
	Accounts receivable and related accounts				
	Other receivables				
	INVESTMENT SECURITIES AVAILABILITIES				
		788 974		788 974	972 928
TOTAL ASSETS	Deferred expenses				
	TOTAL (II)	800 402		800 402	988 725
	Loan issuance costs to be spread out				
	But for the				
	Active Translation Differences				
	TOTAL ASSETS	1 894 422	161 993	1 732 429	1 974 139
	(1) of which the right to lease				
	(2) of which less than one year				
	(3) of which more than a year				

Balance Sheet Liabilities

		31/12/2023	31/12/2022
Associative funds	Equity Associative funds without right of repossession Including bequests and gifts in return for fixed assets, Investment subsidies for renewable assets Reassessment Variances Reserves Postponed again Profit for the year Total Equity	 1 849 499 (209 518) 1 639 982	 1 814 081 35 418 1 849 499
	Other associative funds Associative funds with right of repossession - Contributions - Bequests and donations - Investment grants for renewable assets Results under the control of third-party funders Owners' rights Reassessment Variances Investment subsidies on non-renewable assets Regulated provisions Total other non-profit funds		
	Total Associative Funds	1 639 982	1 849 499
Provisions	Provisions for liabilities Provisions for expenses Total des provisions		
Dedicated Funds	On operating subsidies On earmarked manual donations On bequests and gifts earmarked Total Dedicated Funds	 90 782 90 782	 124 176 124 176
DEBTS (1)	FINANCIAL LIABILITIES Convertible bonds Other bonds Debt borrowings from credit institutions (2) Miscellaneous borrowings and financial liabilities Advances and Advance Payments Received on Pending Orders OPERATING LIABILITIES Accounts payable and related accounts payable Tax and social security debts MISCELLANEOUS DEBTS Liabilities on fixed assets and related accounts Other debts Deferred revenue	 1 665	 464
	Total Debts	1 665	464
	Passive Translation Differences		
TOTAL LIABILITIES		1 732 429	1 974 139
Profit for the year expressed in cents		(209 517,56)	35 418,00
(1) Of which less than a year		1 665	464
(2) Of which current bank loans, and credit balances of banks and CCPs			
COMMITMENTS GIVEN			

FIXED ASSETS	INTANGIBLE ASSETS Start-up Fees Research and development costs Concessions, patents, similar rights Goodwill (1) Other intangible assets Advances and advance payments				
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ENGAGEMENTS RECUS Net bequests to be realised: - accepted by the statutory competent bodies - authorised by the supervisory body Donations in kind still to be sold					

Volunteers in action

Pork meal: on Sunday 28 January we were able to take the pig meal back to the Riedlin room in Hégenheim, made available by the municipality, thank you!

106 volunteers, with a total of more than 1400 hours of work over the entire event, to accommodate 704 people. An exceptional choice was prepared by a great kitchen team who received a standing ovation during their presentation on the stage.

No one has balked at work in order to offer more than **84,000 meals** to the children of our projects or to sponsor nearly 100 children for a year!



Hares: once again the stock of 21,000 chocolate Easter hares was sold thanks to all the friends, volunteers, companies, service clubs, garden centres, consignments and partners involved in this solidarity action. I'm repeating myself, but together we are stronger!

Don Bosco Landser once again wins the title of best partner with the sale of almost 3,000 hares, but every hand, every initiative, every hare sold makes this action a success!

Magassin Second Man: +24%

The store has been a great success and the great team of volunteers, which has grown well, makes this great result possible.



Store hours at:

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(Purchases & Deposits)

Every Monday from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

THANK YOU all!

New York Marathon project, a successful bet

May 15, 2022: I run my first marathon in Geneva.

On the way back, my father-in-law said to me during a family meal:

"So? the next marathon is New York? What an idea, I thought. I hadn't thought about the post-marathon period. It's true that the idea of being able to run marathons around the world delights me enormously. But New York is the city, I love the countryside. That's why I chose Geneva: a lot of nature with the sublime view of the lake and Mont Blanc.

But piqued by curiosity, I sent my request to a specialized agency, which to my surprise, was quickly accepted. I'm so proud to tell my father-in-law. But now it's time to run. I've been dealing with perioritis for 3 months, not really treated, not really monitored. It's panic on board! I've got miles to go.

Because when I was 21 years old, I had the crazy idea of going to Madagascar to help, to do humanitarian work. I helped as much as I could in a dispensary and lived with sisters. Once I came back with the help of my mother and her friends, we managed to raise money by selling Christmas cupcakes during the weekend of the St. Nicholas market in my village. With the donations collected, the sisters were able to rebuild the maternity hospital in the village north of Tulear: Ankililoaka.

We eat cakes every day.

I run miles every week.

Why not turn them into something even more beautiful?

I contacted Simon REY to ask him if it would be possible to create a fundraiser through my marathon. He had never heard that, but supported me without hesitation.

On November 5 at 10:55 a.m., the American anthem resonates in my ears, surrounded by runners from all over the world, the start is launched. Spectators shout, cheer and sing from all sides, all along the route. 2 million spectators will support 51,000 runners from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. On the course, I was amazed. And it's after losing a few liters of sweat that I finally realize I'm in New York. Staten Island, Brooklyn, Queens, the Bronx, and finally Manhattan, I walk the streets of each of these neighborhoods. It's hard, it's going up! The mind is there, even if my heart is on the edge of my eyes the last half of the course and my thighs are burning.

During the race, I think of:

How lucky I am to be here, even though I'm hurting

Why I'm so crazy about running

My husband who got lost in the streets of New York

My children

Children around the world

To all those who are suffering and can't achieve their dreams

The Finish Line

At the finish line, I sob with the heavy medal around my neck. But I did it!

I'm proud to have done it.

I am proud to have been able to raise **€2430** for Terre des Hommes Alsace, which will help 10 children in Madagascar next year.

I'm proud that my follies contribute to beautiful things.

Marie Kopff



A Cœur Battant Project

Going on a mission to Madagascar is proving to be more and more difficult. First of all, the roads, difficult to tell, rutted like never before. We were desperate: 14 hours to drive 400 kms. We pass trucks which, from their appearance, look like they have just come out of the garbage dump and are also very polluting. To the great surprise, the drivers of the trucks give the signal to the cars to allow them to overtake. If our driver friends have their eyes wide open, we close them because the overtaking is often spectacular.

What about cars and trucks that don't have enough 4 out of 8 nuts? or even less. The bridges are badly damaged with impressive cracks and incidents that block traffic for half days.

We enjoyed very pleasant weather with little rain but enough imagination to visualize the roads under downpours



Another observation is the great poverty of the island's inhabitants. This omnipresent misery is difficult to bear because it is so glaring. Most of the population suffers from an easily curable disease **called "Hunger"**

We are less resistant to disease when we are severely malnourished. We were able to make this sad observation during the consultations with Dr. Bernard De Geeter.

Children came with a heart problem according to Dr. Jeanne, but they were just suffering from hunger. What it would take to heal them: feed them. For mothers, it's the same thing: not enough or more milk for babies.

We bought cartons of milk on site and made a small stock for the paediatrics to distribute.

A box costs seven euros, while the average salary is often less than one euro. How do you reconcile all this? It's a real headache.

We need to come back to reality and focus on our projects, no magic wand to solve all this misery.

Antananarivo: a rigorous monitoring of children

At the medical-social centre, the whole team discusses the admission criteria. Dr Joro regularly tells us how difficult it is to select many families over others, when there are so many applications at the start of each school year.

Sahoundra, the social worker, is responsible for liaising with the schools and training centres. She contacts the institutions, helps to complete the applications, and provides support to help the children find a place, depending on their level of education, their career plans or whether a boarding school is desirable given the family's situation.



Sahoundra is now well known to the directors of these institutions, who know that a child referred by the Centre is a child who will be monitored and whose school fees will be paid. With the help of Nivo, the assistant, she meets the families one by one to draw up a moral contract. The parents undertake to ensure that their child attends school regularly. In return, they will be able to use the canteen at the Centre but will also have to attend the support classes given by the 'repeater'.

Sahoundra and Nivo keep a close eye on the children's school results, and at the end of each term, each child is asked to present his or her report card.

The families are also known to the whole team: Fafa, the midwife, for maternity and contraception issues, Dr Andry for medical consultations, and Dr Joro, who takes care to know each situation individually. The other members of the team also meet the families daily at the Centre.

At the beginning of 2024, the team realised that three families have failed to honour their commitments: the children no longer went to school but continued to come to the canteen. The parents were summoned and disciplined. Unfortunately, the children did not return to school. As a result, the team had no choice but to send them home. You can imagine that the places didn't stay vacant for long!



The Centre's reputation among families and schools is well established. The support offered is a real added value in terms of promoting success and increasing their chances of completing school.

According to a UNICEF report, the primary school completion rate in Madagascar is 56% for the general population but falls to 18% for the poorest. Similarly, for lower secondary education, the completion rate for the poorest is 3%. At secondary school level, less than 1% of the poorest people reach this level of education, while among the richest, the completion rate can be as high as 58%.*

* MICS EAGLE MADAGASCAR REPORT – UNICEF - 2022

Fianarantsoa: the right to education for everyone

At the entrance to Fianarantsoa, along the railway line, the Andaobato school welcomes 64 children every day who, because of their disability, are not accepted in any other school in the town. Some have Down's syndrome, others autistic or mental disorders, and still others have physical deformities.

Every morning, they are picked up by the bus chartered by the sisters. Like all the other children, they meet up with their friends, sing, play and learn. And like all the others, they eat at the canteen.



A team (consisting of a nun in charge, teachers and mothers) provides the children with the care, attention and encouragement they need.

The nuns' aim is to develop the children's potential and help some of them integrate into the school system. Being cared for in a group setting will also help them to develop their social skills and acquire a degree of independence.

The older girls will be learning embroidery or basketry, while the boys will be making furniture or stools.

More than one child in 10 has a disability in Madagascar. These children are particularly vulnerable and exposed to discrimination and physical and sexual violence. The children of Fianarantsoa are lucky to have access to appropriate schooling.

And what a relief it is for the parents, who can go out to work to provide for the rest of the family.



Christelle LASSIAT

Brazil-Manaus

"Casa-Lar - BEATA CHIARA BOSSATA" the shelter for homeless girls has been inaugurated!

The parish of Nossa Senhora das Graças, in partnership with the charity "O Pequeno Nazareno", has opened a home for homeless girls in the Colônia Antônio Aleixo neighborhood of the city of Manaus. This initiative was launched in response to the high rate of violations of children's rights. In fact, data shows that more than 80% of child labourers in the entire city of Manaus live in this neighbourhood. Other situations were verified in the children's canteens of the parish "Pão e Paraíso", where many children asked for help because they were regularly subjected to violence in their own homes, most of them girls.

"Casa-Lar" aims to offer every child a true family atmosphere where it is possible to grow and fully develop all the dimensions of the human being: physical, psychological, emotional and spiritual, contributing to the harmonious and balanced formation of his or her own personality and encouraging protagonism in the construction of his or her own future.

The institution's headquarters currently has a physical structure consisting of two floors:

Ground floor: 1 dining room, 1 classroom, 5 bedrooms (one with bathroom for caregivers), sanitary area (4 toilets and 5 showers), 1 kitchen, 1 pantry, 1 service area, 1 external reception area, 1 internal reception area, 1 courtyard, 1 external psychological treatment room. Internal connection with the Church of St. Francis, the house of the Daughters of St. Mary of Providence, the "Papa Francisco" multi-sports field.

First floor: 5 bedrooms (one with en-suite bathroom for caregivers), 2 bathrooms for girls, 1 kitchen, 1 living-dining room, 1 guest bathroom.

The aim of the two floors is to separate the girls by age, in order to intensify the work by age group and to focus on their specific characteristics. The house can accommodate 25 girls and 4 chaperones.



The profile of the reception area is dominated by children and adolescents between the ages of 0 and 18 who are homeless and/or have been removed from their families by court order due to child labour, begging, sexual violence, alcohol and other drug use, domestic violence, death threats, suffering or mental disorders, racism, imprisonment of parents, among others.

The project has a technical reference team made up of a Casa-Lar

coordinator, a social worker, a psychologist, 3 social mothers and an administrative team, who will develop actions with commitment and responsibility, planning and evaluating as a te

of the actions offered in this service on an individual, collective and community basis. The spiritual animation of the house will be provided by the Daughters of Saint Mary of Providence.

The home seeks to promote a space for dialogue and knowledge with the children and/or adolescents entrusted to it on issues related to health, education, sexuality, drugs, citizenship, professionalization and other relevant topics. They take place individually and/or in groups in order to identify the wishes of the children and adolescents welcomed, according to their specific needs and to allow them to participate in the construction of their life project.

In order to stimulate the perception of the



"collective" in social roles, rules, laws, values, culture, beliefs and traditions, the girls of the house carry out the following activities:

Daily psychological activities, educational activities, tutoring, Jiu-Jitsu, cycling, zumba, football, dance, swimming pool, music, board games, artistic expression, exhibition visits, ...



Sport is an important tool for social inclusion. In addition to promoting the coexistence of groups, activities of this type contribute to personal development, the perception of participation in society, the improvement of discipline, respect for others and other aspects.

The project began with the reception of seven young girls in November. Since the project works entirely thanks to donations from charities and individuals, and this is the first year of operation, with many unforeseen events during the finalization of the construction of the house, we were asked for help. Thanks to you, loyal donors, sponsors and volunteers, we have confirmed our contribution until our partners are able to raise awareness of the house and involve more local donors to help support the project.

Simon Rey

Remerciements of Father Gaston Gabriel Aquino :

Grateful for all the support and friendship received so far from your association for our charitable projects in favor of the many abandoned children in the neighborhood, we ask God to bless and reward you.

March 2024 mission to South India in Tamil Nadu.



After 6 years of absence, here I am again on my way to a mission at Terre des Hommes Core (<https://tdhcore.org>) in Tiruvannamalai. I can't wait to see these extraordinary projects that I've followed for so many years, will I be reunited with people I knew? What happened to the little ones in the Puspam household? Have there been many changes? So many questions run through my head during this flight to Chennai. And then everything flies away: the humidity and heat of the city, even in the early morning, picks me up at the exit of the airport. Chezhan and Velu, the driver, come to me and my 2024 mission begins.

First shock: the metro is finally functional! It arrives directly at the airport and relieves congestion in the city. It only takes 30 minutes today to get from one end of the city to the other by metro, while by car it could take hours.

Second shock: the roads! But where are the holes, the bumps, the untimely honking of horns, the crowds and the chaos? The bustling and noisy city seems to have gained in serenity. Well, let's not exaggerate, we're still in India! And even though some sort of highway has been built, Indian traffic rules remain a mystery to me. Trucks, buses, cars, motorbikes, cyclists, pedestrians rub shoulders, sometimes on the left, sometimes on the right, we avoid a cow daydreaming in the middle, a dog crossing... Welcome to India! The traffic is fluid, we slalom quietly on the country road. The fort of Gingee and its mountain of stacked rocks, the trees that form a tunnel along the road, the monkeys, temples and other altars on the side of the road and finally Arunachala in front of me, the sacred mountain that attracts so many people. We arrive in Tiruvannamalai and new surprise, a bypass has been built that allows us to avoid the traffic jams of the city and to reach the offices of TDH Core quickly.

I skip the emotional sequence of the reunion and dive straight into our projects.

Today, TDH Alsace in India are:

Kurinji

2 girls' homes: Puspam in Tiruvannamalai with its 50 young girls with complicated pasts and **Kurinji** in Jamunamarathur in the Jawadhu Hills. The profile of these 25 girls is somewhat different. All of them come from extremely poor families where the father is often absent, often deceased because alcohol takes its toll here. These girls are in Kurinji because they aspire to a proper education,



going to school is a priority. From their village, this is hardly possible, the school is often too far away. They are taken care of in Kurinji and return for the holidays, sometimes a mother comes on Sundays to visit her daughter. The setting is magnificent, the team caring and the project brings hope to many families.

School **sponsorships** in the Jawadhu Hills (STEP) and around Tiruvannamalai (ESP). These children live with their families and receive support from TDH Core for the purchase of uniforms and school materials, for school fees but also for hygiene products (soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, etc.), often food aid for the family, sometimes help to pay the rent. In the mountains, where schools are often far from the child's home, a bicycle can be offered to cover these long distances and thus allow for more assiduous schooling. Regular home and school visits are made by TDH Core's field workers.



2 Early Intervention Centres (EICs) for children with disabilities up to 6 years of age in In future newsletters, I will go into detail about the various projects. Thank you for your unwavering support and see you soon.

Thandrapattu and Tiruvannamalai. Here parents and children are welcomed by a team of professional social workers and physiotherapists who mentor the parents to help the children progress and become as independent as possible.



2 rehab centres for underage children in Chengalpatt and Chennai. Alcohol and drugs wreak havoc even on the youngest. In these centres, young boys are cared for and cared for, in order to find their way back to school and a healthy life.



And our latest product that we are supporting for 3 years: **the STAR project**. It is a place of reception and recovery for young girls who have suffered sexual violence. Here, they (and their families) can receive help from psychologists, doctors, counsellors and slowly recover from the trauma they have suffered.

Thank you for your unwavering support and see you soon.
Tania Besonnet

Piu learns to walk again

Piu is almost 6 years old and has been living in Nirmala Nivas' home since June 2023. Fatherless, she lived in very precarious conditions with her mother and maternal grandparents, day labourers on the tea plantations. Piu was born with a deformity known as clubfoot. In order to be able to offer her adequate treatment, Daliya, our partner at the Howrah South Point organization, welcomed her into her center, which we support financially.

At the end of August 2023, after two months of adapting to his new environment, Piu's treatment was able to begin: It consists of a succession of casts to straighten the child's foot. Each cast remained in place for about a week, sometimes 10 days, and then was replaced with another. Thus, 7 different plasters were placed on him during about 2 months. And the result is incredible! In such a short time; This little girl's life has completely changed. Obviously, the work is not over: she has to wear orthopedic boots, and intense physiotherapy sessions await her to soften her tendons and joints and teach her to keep a good posture. For the time being, all of this remains fragile and Piu cannot go to school normally. But Dalyia is very satisfied with the result, and confident that an operation will not be necessary in her case. Piu moves almost normally and doesn't take her smile off.

Thanks to our partner and your generosity, many children can look forward to their future in a better light.



Clubfoot

Clubfoot is a congenital abnormality of foot development. It affects 1 in 800 babies worldwide; 90% live in developing countries with difficult access to treatment. Clubfoot is very disabling for walking, and obviously a source of discrimination. This malformation can be hereditary, but also due to neurological dysfunctions in utero, sometimes linked to environmental factors, such as exposure to pesticides. The treatment of clubfoot is based on a method called "Ponsetti" which consists of a succession of casts to restore the foot to its normal shape: Sometimes it is necessary to consider an operation, especially at the level of the Achilles tendon.

Corinne Ueberschlag

Haiti deep crisis

The situation in Haiti is truly worrying. For months, armed gangs have been systematically looting the capital, Port-au-Prince.

To put it simply, "There are no more pilots on the plane"

Controversial Prime Minister Ariel Henry was unable to return to Haiti after a trip to Kenya. He eventually resigned and let his government run affairs.

For the moment, life in the capital is difficult and the population is suffering enormously from this more than unstable situation.

Many expats from various countries have left Haiti and without much hope of ever being able to return.

The crisis situation persists and the interim government has not yet reacted and this adds to the confusion and anxiety of the inhabitants of Port-au-Prince



Over the years, our projects in Haiti have evolved, but we have always done little work in Port-au-Prince. We have never stopped helping children to go to school in various provinces.

Since 2010, following the earthquake, we have contributed to the reconstruction of schools in the provinces. We are working with the Inter Aide association because travel to check the relevance of our aid has long been considered too dangerous.

Nevertheless, our close collaboration with Inter Aide allows us to have regular contact with the projects we support.

We receive very detailed reports on a regular basis from Inter Aide showing the merits of our support. Telephone contacts and emails are all ways to keep us informed of the situation on the ground. Fortunately, the situation is much less difficult in the provinces, which are too poor to be of interest to gangs.

More than ever, our support for children is essential, and parents are also important players in the success of our projects

In our next newsletter, we will present the new locations of the schools.

Brigitte FLAMMEN



News from Angola

Big news at Lar dos Pequenininos in Huambo: the construction of the new orphanage around the current structure **N°1** in the center of the plan. The long building **No. 2** on the right is the primary school, which will not move.

The three new constructions:

N° 3 The dormitories of children aged 5 to 10, 11 to 14 and girls aged 15 to 18, top right of the map.

No. 4 The Sisters' House

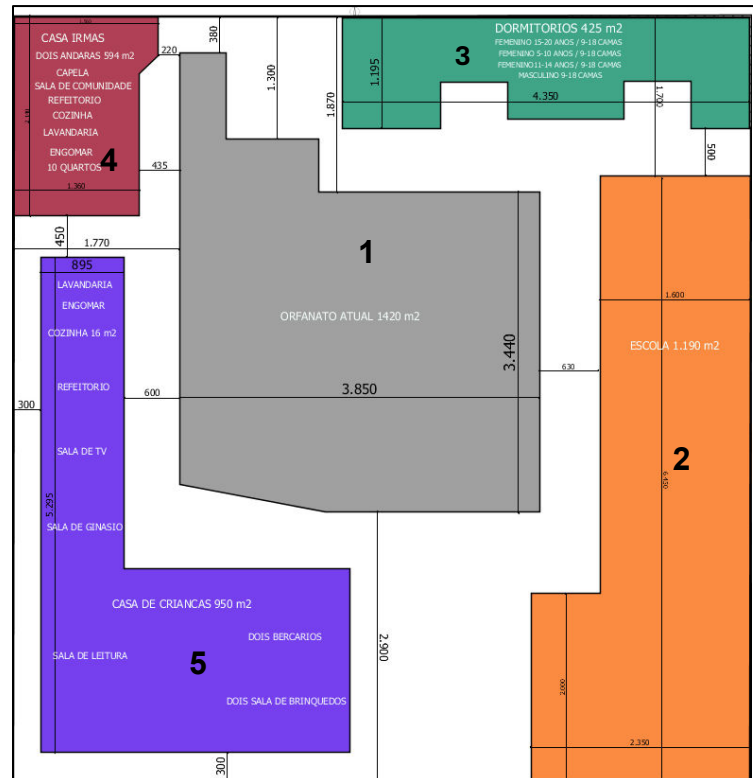
N° 5 The building with the living quarters and the nursery. The work, planned over 3 years, is due to be completed in 2025. Our association will participate in the interior design of the buildings. The inventory promised by Sister Marlène, treasurer of the congregation in Oberbronn, will not be communicated to us until 2025.

The dormitory building is already well advanced, the roof, doors and windows are installed. Work continues on the interior with the plumbing.

The sisters' house is under construction. The next building to be built will be the one with the kitchen, dining rooms, nursery for children up to 5 years old, gym and rooms for the nursery.

The children are impatient, they are happy to see the work progressing, especially since they have lost their playground, and no longer have much space to let off steam.

Danielle Grumet



PERU The 4 canteens in Lima

The four popular children's canteens are located in the slums that flourish on the slopes of the hills around Lima and more precisely in the parish of Our Lady of the Way. They operate under the responsibility of Father David and two social workers, Doris and Zonia.

The four canteens are San Francisco de Asis, Santa María Eufrasia, Tierra de Hombres and Niños de Santa María.

Four hundred children and adolescents, among the most disadvantaged, enjoy a balanced lunch every day, prepared by mothers, which allows them to strengthen their health and general development. Thanks to the support of the municipality, the meals benefit from a significant intake of protein foods such as: meat, fish, chicken, eggs, tuna, etc.

The team also coordinates nutritional, medical and psychomotor assessment, weight and height control, vaccination control and anaemia screening with health centres in the region.

Enjoying a meal is not the only activity offered to children.

Indeed, they can take advantage of first aid courses, and their favorite: the chocolate factory!



Danielle GRUMET

VIET NAM

At Maison Chance, again and again, new projects are born

The BANH-MI Stand

Very popular and ubiquitous in the daily life of Vietnamese, Banh-mi is a "street food" dish that foreign tourists put on their list of things to do during a stay in Vietnam.

Originating in France, the French baguette has been vietnamised to become a crispy Banh-mi, with fillings consisting of pieces of meatballs in tomato sauce, pâté, pickled local vegetables and other aromatic herbs.



A Banh-mi booth was set up at Maison Chance and served its first customers who left very positive feedback.

This project was launched in partnership with apprentices in bakery training at the Centre Envol.

New Computer Training:

A computer training course has been inaugurated at the Envol Centre. It lasts six months and is intended for young people with disabilities to help them regain autonomy, joie de vivre and self-confidence.

The curriculum is made up of practical modules, ranging from the basics of computer science to web development and graphic design. Intelligence

Artificial intelligence and its applications in the workplace have also been integrated, allowing students to take advantage of technological advances. In addition to free access to the courses, apprentices are provided with room and board and can benefit from physiotherapy sessions.



In Soctrang, the time has come for retreat

Sr. Anne-Lucie and Sr. Marie-Emmanuel had to pass the baton of program management. Their state of health no longer allowed them to be as active as they wanted to be. I really enjoyed being able to exchange and work on projects with each of them. We wish them both a well-deserved retirement. I hope to have the opportunity to meet Sr. Marie-Anne who is taking up the torch soon.

Emmanuel LASSIAT

What's new at Gamadji Sare?

In a message at the end of January, our partner informed me of two events that had taken place at the village school. I'll share them with you. The traditional graduation ceremony for the Sixth Form Entrance Exams and the Elementary School Leaving Certificate took place.

The Minister of National Education made the trip to honour him with his presence as part of a day of excellence. A student from Gamadji finished first in the CFEE ranking in the department of Podor to which the village belongs. Congratulations to Aliou BA for this result.



On the other hand, mothers of students, to compensate for the departure of the American NGO COUNTERPART, which supplied rice and oil to the canteen, contributed and bought bags of rice that they offered to the canteen for meals for the children.

The canteen, under the aegis of the management committee that runs it, is unanimously approved. The inhabitants of Gamadji are aware of the work done with the children and even the most refractory go so far as to congratulate Mr. SARR, our valiant partner who runs his school and the canteen with a masterful hand. Since the children eat at school, there is no more absenteeism and the children's school attendance can be seen in their results

All this is possible thanks to your unwavering support and in the face of situations like these, we have only one desire: to continue even and even stronger.

I would like to conclude these few lines by thanking our generous sponsors and donors from the bottom of my heart.



Flammen Jacky



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