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Direct assistance to children in distress



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Editorial – Together, seeds of hope

Dear friends,

There is news that warms the heart and gives meaning to each of our actions. This year again, we have seen smiles, harvests, projects... and above all, links.

In Angola, the land has been generous: a magnificent production of fruits and vegetables has emerged. The field today is the fruit of courage and perseverance.

But elsewhere, hope is fighting against the harsh reality. In Madagascar, the lack of water remains cruel. However, thanks to the shipment of medical equipment in excellent condition, we have been able to give some breathing space and a lot of hope to those who have not given up.

In Vietnam, a new chapter is opening: Chantal Rederstorff, our new project manager, will leave next April to discover the country and its people, and above all, to listen to their needs, their dreams, their strengths.

Meanwhile, Bénédicte Schweitzer returns from Peru, her eyes still amazed by the generosity and dignity of the families she met. There, she saw how a gesture from here can transform lives thousands of miles away. In India, everyday life is punctuated by joy and laughter: children in the South enjoy their holidays while in the North, a new breath of life animates HSP — a new name, a new wall.

In Senegal, it's back to school. The guarantee of a good meal and looks full of desire to learn.

In Manaus, in the heart of the Amazon, our group of young volunteers went above and beyond. Their energy, their enthusiasm, their faith in solidarity inspire us deeply. Their helping hand is much more than a help: it is a breath of life.

And here too, solidarity is invented every day. In retirement homes, clothing sales bring people together, make people laugh, and forge links. And the essential legacies we receive, often imbued with great tenderness, remind us that love never dies: it continues to do good, long after.

Thank you, from the bottom of my heart, to each and every one of you. You are the faces of a humanity on the move, with your hands stretched out to those in need. Together, we do much more than help: we increase hope.

Happy holidays to all and Happy New Year 2026.

With all our affection and gratitude.



Simon Rey

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All grown-ups were first children, but few of them remember it.



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Artist, Aviator, writer (1900 - 1944)

AGENDA 2025/2026



2025

Christmas Markets

Hegenheim **22 and 23** November
Wentzwiller **29** November
Waldighofen **29 and 30** November
St Nicholas market in Riedisheim **28, 29, 30**
November
Ferrette **6 and 7** December
Rixheim **12,13,14** December
Headquarters of Terre des Hommes Alsace **20**
December

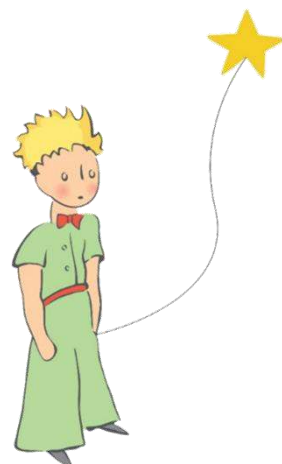
2026

Pork **25** January Riedlin Hegenheim
Mulhouse Festivitas from **6 to 8** February
Waldighofen habitat expo from **6 to 9** February
Mulhouse Outdoor and garden **13 to 15** March
General Assembly **18** April Salle du Trèfle
Rixheim
Easter Hare Sale **1st** quarter 2026
Traditional ADHD walk Thursday, **May 8**

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Volunteers in action

Numerous actions and hundreds of volunteer hours for thousands of meals

Our loyal and fantastic volunteers never give up, thank you all!

The solidarity breakfast on 20 July (> 36,000 meals)



The Festival des Terroirs Agrogast at the Lindenhof Farm in Hagenthal-le-Haut with our pastry stand and a record year for craft sales (> 50,000 meals),



The solidarity walk and its pumpkins (> 25,000 meals), the bingo evening (>18,000 meals), the October Days (>21,000 meals), the orange operation at the exit of supermarkets and in many schools (operations in progress), all these actions were carried out before the Christmas markets which are coming and which will be followed by a well-deserved rest time surrounded by our families.



THANK YOU to our partners:

The supermarkets that welcome us for oranges, the schools, colleges and high schools, the Union Musicale de Morschwiller-Le-Bas, La Ferme du Lindenhof, the Parc Expo de Mulhouse, the Liederkrantz, the city of Hégenheim, the Energie Habitat trade fair in Colmar, GBS Expo Habitat Waldighoffen, Ensemble Vocal Arcanes, SAPAM Rixheim, Transport Schneider Sierentz, City of Rixheim, people who offer a clothing depot, ... and all those who participate in one way or another in the support and operation of our association.

The year 2026 will start with the big pork meal on Sunday 25 January in Hégenheim before all together we offer the **21,000 chocolate Easter hares** to companies, service clubs, schools, colleges, high schools, garden centres, banks, shops, senior residences, nursing homes, associations, during trade fairs, etc. Don't hesitate to contact us, **we need your help!**

We will also be present at the Festivitas trade fair from 6 to 8 February, at the Expo Habitat in Waldighoffen from 6 to 9 March and at the Salon Extérieur et Jardin & Ma planète Bio from 13 to 15 March at the EXPO park in Mulhouse to offer our various products.

For your diaries, please note the date of our **general assembly**:

Saturday, April 18

Taking a child by the hand

On October 25th, some members and volunteers of our association had the pleasure of being able to be present at the superb concert of our friend Yves Duteil in Mulhouse. He was kind enough to receive us at the end of the show and we shared a short but very nice moment with the author of our reference song "Taking a child by the hand".



Simon Rey

❀ A beautiful tradition of sharing with our elders ❀

For three years now, Terre des Hommes Alsace has been visiting residents of retirement homes to offer them a sale of clothes from our spring and autumn-winter collections.

We started this beautiful initiative at the Résidence Bellevue in Habsheim, and since this year, we also have the pleasure of going to the Résidence Les Glycines in Rixheim.

Ladies and also gentlemen look forward to us every year. These moments of exchange and conviviality are for them as well as for us a real breath of happiness. We are happy to bring them a moment of celebration and good humor in their daily lives.



Tanja Sanchez

Second-hand store



We are always interested in decorative objects of all kinds, so if you change your decoration or if you no longer have a place to store them, remember to send them to us.

Knick-knacks, small appliances, pots and crockery, all clean and in good condition are also in high demand.

Do not hesitate to come and visit us at 52, rue de l'Île Napoléon in Rixheim, the opening hours are Monday from 2 pm to 5 pm and Saturday from 8:30 am to 11:30 am.

Our team of volunteers will be happy to welcome you!

Danielle Grumet

Echoes of the start of the new school year in Gamadji

This year, the Gamadji school is preparing to welcome 532 students: 226 boys and 306 girls in 12 classes. The start of the school year took place on October 8. On the day of the pre-school year for teachers, the district inspector went to the school to congratulate the teaching team on the good results obtained in the various exams by the schoolchildren of the village. In the Elementary School Leaving Certificate, the success rate is 94.02%, for the passage to the sixth grade, 97.1% of the students passed.



During the holidays, our partner built up a large stock of rice. The meat planned for the start of the operation of the canteen, arrived at the school on Sunday 12 on the ground, in the form of a bull which was slaughtered and butchered by the butcher helped by the director and the mother cooks.

Everything was ready for the first meal of the school year in the canteen. Just look at the delighted faces of the mother cooks and the smiles of the children eating around the bowls of rice with meat.

In concluding this article, I would like to pay tribute to the serious work accomplished since 2010 by our partner, Djiby SARR, whom I have supported during these fifteen years.

At the end of the 2026 General Assembly, I will step down from the Board of Directors and from my responsibility for Gamadji Saré's project. I will nevertheless remain a volunteer with TDHA.

Many thanks to the sponsors and donors who support our association.



Meeting India: Stories from Mission 2025



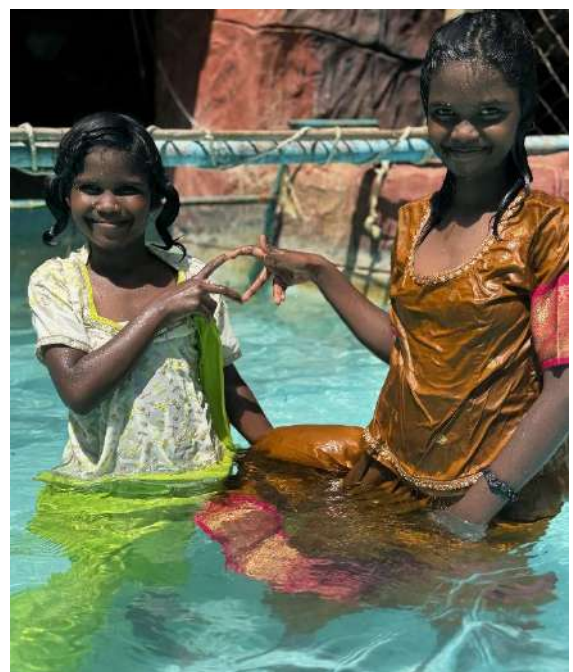
This year, my children and their partners accompanied me to India. This project had been maturing for almost a year and it was an extraordinary experience for all of us! But a mission in India also involves a personal investment and the implementation of a concrete project for them.

After talking with Chezhan, the choice quickly fell on organizing a vacation for the girls of Puspam. This project was particularly close to his heart: he had often asked me if it would be possible to offer a few days of relaxation to these young girls, who never leave their daily lives. Our budget has never allowed us to do this until now, so this project led by young people was a natural choice. Thanks to a call for donations on the networks, the necessary funds were raised and a three-day program in the Ooty mountains was organized.

We left in the middle of the night. By school bus and minibus, it took us more than seven hours to reach Mettupalayam, at the

foot of the Nilgiri Mountains in western Tamil Nadu.

The Black Thunder theme park, chosen by the girls, mixes rides in the style of Europa-Park and a water park with slides, waterfalls and multiple water games. As soon as we arrived, we were drawn into action by different groups of children who ran,



screamed and were ecstatic at every step. No more fatigue from travelling! The girls are overflowing with energy and, even more surprisingly, the accompanying adults share the same enthusiasm: joy is everywhere, contagious. I was skeptical at first when Chezhan told me about traveling such a long distance to an amusement park, but at that moment, all my doubts vanished: seeing the fun of these children like this was worth every kilometer traveled! After a multitude of rides, we dive into the water. What a pleasure with this heat! For us Westerners, swimming fully clothed is not pleasant: tight clothes hinder movement. Imagine the girls with their dresses, the escorts with their saris, but it doesn't matter, what dominates at that moment are the laughter and the general enthusiasm.

I admit that I was fascinated by the management of the group of children: everyone was going in all directions, no meeting point planned, no strict order, and yet no one got lost. A real orderly chaos, Indian style! We finally leave exhausted but happy for our accommodation in the mountains.

On the program the next day: the ascent of Doddabetta Peak culminating at 2637 meters, the highest peak in Tamil Nadu. In theory, breathtaking panoramas of the surrounding mountains await us, but the summit is unfortunately in the mist! It doesn't matter, the outing is popular, monkeys accompany us and from time to time a clearing allows us to see the landscape. We continue with a visit to a tea factory and then a chocolate factory, both accompanied by tastings. After a break as chaotic as it is noisy at the restaurant, we set off to discover the huge botanical garden of Ooty, which has also been the setting for many Bollywood movie song videos.



For our last day, we had the chance to ride the Ooty Toy Train, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Built in 1899 during the British colonial period, this railway with its steam locomotive crosses the picturesque Nilgiri Mountains for more than 45 kms, crossing tunnels and bridges, offering splendid landscapes. After three and a half hours of quiet travel, we found our buses and left for Tiruvannamalai arriving around 4 am, exhausted but fulfilled, with the feeling of having fully fulfilled our mission.





Another highlight of this mission was returning to Calcutta after many years. Sabita from HSP welcomes us and accompanies us during these two days. We stay in the renovated girls' home in Lalkhutti. This stage in Calcutta is marked by the meeting of families in the slums. We have been able to support the social workers in their daily lives: they raise awareness among young mothers about hygiene and baby care, they follow the curve of the babies' progress, they ensure that vaccinations and medical follow-up are

carried out and talk about family planning and contraception. The tool they use has remained unchanged: a cardboard leaflet where each piece of data is meticulously noted, often carefully slipped into a plastic pouch and hung high up by the mothers sheltered from the rain.

Returning to Coal Depot, one of the slums tracked by HSP, is a trip back in time. Nothing has changed: makeshift shelters, made of tarpaulins, sheet metal and canvas wedged between a railway track and a road. It is difficult to find the words to describe the precariousness of these living conditions and the misery that reigns there. Young girls, sometimes barely of age, are already mothers of two or three children and the whole family lives in such small spaces that it is difficult to stand upright, so how can they sleep there? How to live there? At the time of our visit, the humidity and mud left behind by the monsoon rains made daily life even more trying. But how can we tolerate human beings being reduced to such an existence? At that moment, I feel infinite sadness, mixed with anger also towards such an unjust world, and a feeling of despair and powerlessness in the face of our derisory means and in the face of generalized indifference... And yet,



in the midst of this misery, incredible smiles light up the faces.

Here are a few words from Constantine, for whom this was the first trip to India:

"I expected to see the misery in the slums, but I didn't expect to find so many smiles, especially on the faces of the children. Their condition is not visible in their eyes, which are lively and mischievous. This is what gave me both a lot of hope but also a lot of sorrow. They have nothing different from European children, except the absence of all our privileges. This injustice is one of those that affected me the most there, along with the contempt of men for women. But this trip was also an opportunity to meet those who are working to change this. In the homes, the centres and even in the slums, I was touched by the involvement of the men and women who, every day, participate in the success of the projects."

In Calcutta, we also had the chance to participate in the festivities around the country's independence. Dances everywhere we go, joyful times of exchange in the homes, shared meals. We leave touched by so much kindness, generosity and attention to us.

The two subjects of this article are very contrasting in the image of India. This mission is not limited to these two stages and I will have the opportunity to address other facets of this very dense program later.

Travelling with six young people who, at each stage and in each project, spontaneously become playmates for the children in the homes is a real pleasure. Their presence allows us to pay more attention to everyone, and they ask for attention!

They are so proud to show their skills: singing, dancing, yoga, sports and fully solicit our presence and our listening during

our visit. Let's always keep in mind that, for them, these moments of complicity are rare and precious moments. For this alone, we had to give our best to each new program, even when it was the third or fourth of the day. These shared moments were often intense and deeply charged with emotion.

Needless to say, each of us had to get out of our comfort zone to the delight of these children. And we were rewarded with smiles, laughter and "I miss you", "I love you" endlessly. The most difficult thing is always to leave, so the time spent with these children is always too short.

The presence of this team of young people also allowed me to have more time to exchange with the project managers who always have a lot of information to share. The return to France was difficult: we left a good part of our energy in India. It took us time to readjust to our comfortable and different lives, marked by all the experiences we had there.

Tania Besonnet



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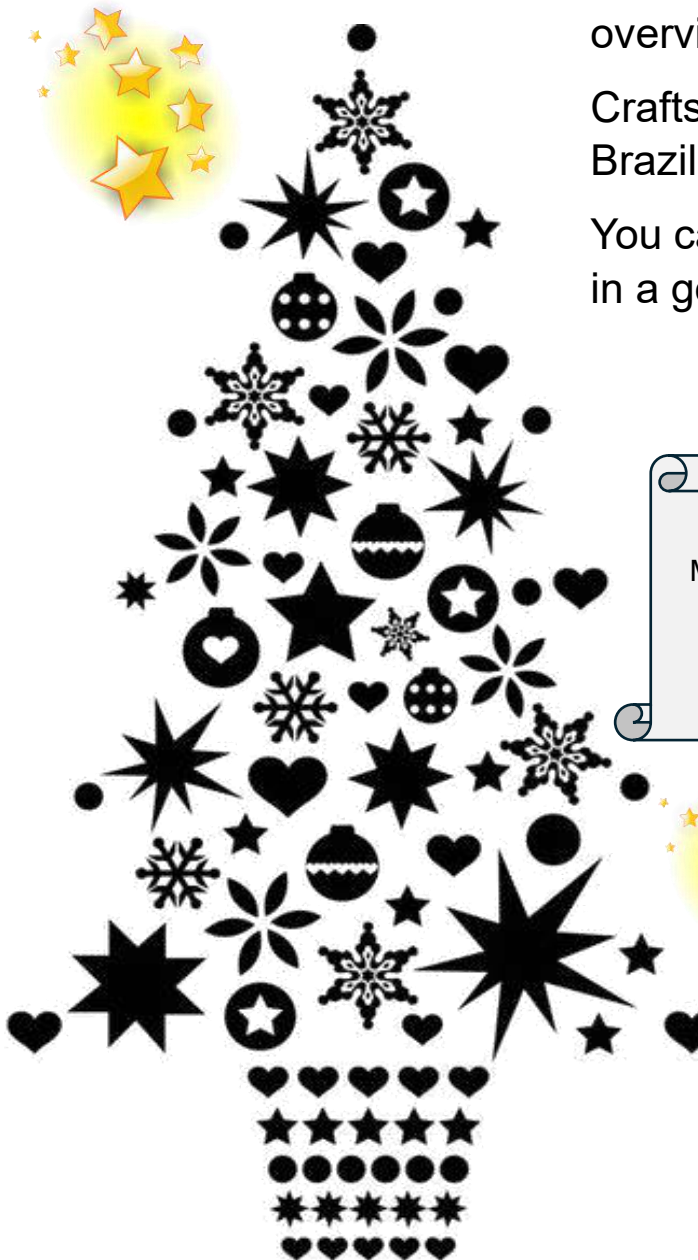
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Beating Heart News



Thank you to the entire team that worked to finalize the container.

Thanks to Didier HUMMLER, always present for repairs, loading, deliveries.... It was also he who took charge of the cost of transport from Alsace to Marseille.

We are increasingly refining the equipment that is shipped in order to best meet the needs of our partners.

We were able to slip between devices, clothes, children and adults shoes that were provided by our second-hand store.

Hundreds of doses of antibiotics that were entrusted to us by a private individual, but arrived a little too late for the container, were nevertheless able to be transported by suitcases from the scout mission in August.

In June, we sent the container for our partners in Antananarivo and Fianarantsoa in Madagascar.

Children's beds donated by the Universitätskinderspital beider Basel (UKBB) at the request of our colleague Tanja Sanchez, who works there

Newer-than-new beds replaced by the hospital in Basel .19 beds with mattresses that we will send little by little to the University Hospital of Fianarantsoa, in paediatrics and neonatology.

For this shipment, we were able to put 3 beds filled with boxes containing various consumables, medicines and small beds for neonatology. A resuscitation table was also donated by the same source and is part of the load.

On our last mission we had a request for bicycles and three were sent.

The container with our 4 cubic meters for ACB was shipped to Marseille and bound for Madagascar on July 7th.

It arrived safely in Diego Suarez, 3 months later, the equipment was delivered in Tana to our partner Doctor Joro without incident, after 800 kilometers of bumpy roads.

The ASERN team, with Doctor Joro, will sort out and organize the delivery of the beds and the resuscitation table to the hospital of Fianarantsoa.

The cost of the 4 cubic meters: 2100 euros and the value of the equipment sent: 17,000 euros, not counting the consumable equipment which is so lacking in the various departments.

We are planning another shipment in early 2026



The beds currently in place at the paediatric hospital in Fianarantsoa are in a deplorable state.

The paint that covers the uprights peels off when it is still present, with the risk of absorption of particles by children. And to top it off, the paint is lead!!

The wooden bed bases are so rotten that you can even stick a finger in them. The mattresses are torn and the cleaning is no longer effective at all.

The images speak for themselves between what currently exists and the beds we sent.



Thank you all for the little sick

For years, **A Cœur Battant** has sponsored beds. Each child who is cured is replaced in the bed and we can continue to take care of more sick children.

The story of Layah, a 9-year-old girl with acute lymphocytic leukemia

Layah was 8 years old, in March 2024, when this diagnosis was made.

When leukemia was detected in 2024, Layah was hospitalized for 63 days.

Since then, thanks to our support, she has benefited from several chemotherapy sessions, whether on an outpatient or inpatient basis. A cure costs about €160. Her last cure dates back to August 2025, she is currently on her 12th cure. Of course, the therapy is long, but we note a favorable evolution in his state of health, which reinforces our desire to continue the care. We can only wish him the best.



Layah and her

This is an example of bed sponsorship that saves dozens of children a year. Sometimes the hospitalization lasts only a few days, but the beds never stay empty for very long.

Brigitte FLAMMEN

But what is happening in Madagascar?

A protest movement initiated in mid-September

This movement initially denounced the incessant cuts in water and electricity, in a country where, according to World Bank data, 75% of the population lived below the poverty line three years ago. This percentage is constantly increasing.

It all started on 26 September, when thousands of people took to the streets of Antananarivo to protest against water and electricity cuts, as well as to denounce systemic corruption within institutions and the extreme poverty that affects a large part of the population.

In Madagascar you can't pass without seeing the yellow canisters that supply families with water.

To do this, you have to go to the standpipes. A can costs between 500 and 1000 ariary or between 0.10 and 0.20 euros. Cheap!!! But when the population lives on less than one euro a day, it becomes very complicated and the purchase of water has a hard impact on people.

Water will be used primarily for the preparation of meals and far behind for hygiene. At home, we use 9 to 12 liters for a flush.

In Madagascar, there is no flushing of toilets in latrines and this also raises the problem of pollution and the spread of infectious diseases.

The incessant water cuts are exhausting this population, already weakened by extreme poverty.

In our program in Tana, the cost of water weighs heavily on the budget. Our partner buys water in 5-liter bottles for everyday use. The staff who monitor the building at night try to fill the tank to try to cover part of the needs.

More than ever, we encourage Dr. Joro to drill a borehole in the center to try to solve part of this problem.

Studies have been done in this direction and the result is promising. We will monitor this situation and support our partners and children as best we can.

More than ever, every time we use the tap, the shower, the toilet flush, I realize how lucky we are.



Apart from that, life has returned to its normal "calm" pace but everyone fears a big descent behind this situation. Questions arise: Is it still bearable or not? Better to wait? He's gone (the President) do we take responsibility for the rest? Is the rest worse or better? We are in total uncertainty.

A word from Doctor Joro, our partner in the Big Island

Brigitte FLAMMEN

A new name and a new wall

For nearly 50 years, the Howrah *South Point* Association (HSP) founded by Father François Laborde in Howrah (Calcutta's twin city), has been working for children with disabilities and the most disadvantaged. Since its beginnings, with a first home and a dispensary, HSP has enabled many children to access care and support. Today, 50 years later, nearly 2000 children benefit from the help of a team of 220 people. After the death of Father Laborde in 2020, Father Laurent Bissarat was entrusted with the task of taking up the torch. In the face of social and administrative changes in India, the association has embarked on a structural reform to ensure the sustainability of its mission.



Since June 2025, it has been called *Howrah Service to the Poor*, while retaining the acronym HSP. This change reaffirms the commitment to the poorest and is part of a professionalization dynamic that began five years ago. A better division of tasks and a strengthened organisation have already shown positive effects, pointing to a promising future.

A new wall thanks to Terre des Hommes Alsace



Exterior view

HSP requested exceptional support this summer to repair a perimeter wall that had collapsed due to severe weather. This wall, located in a home in the north of Kolkata, is essential for the safety of children with intellectual disabilities, preventing runaways and intrusions. The board of directors validated this urgent request. A member of Terre des Hommes Alsace who got wind of this request offered to fully finance this repair and the work could be carried out quickly, thus guaranteeing the protection of the children.



Interior view

Corinne UEBERSCHLAG

PERU: First immersion in the projects

Big upheavals just before our trip...

First of all, Hermana Ana Maria, leader at PUENTE PIEDRA, was called by her congregation for a new mission in Chile. It is Madre Georgina, already at work at the girls' home, who has taken over since May. This change has been smooth and continuous.

The upheaval came from the orphanage of ABANCAY. Since 2018, a Peruvian law has required establishments housing children to hire a team composed of a psychologist, a nurse and a social worker. The congregation ignored these injunctions and never informed us of this requirement of the state. It was only 3 weeks before our departure that we learned that the orphanage in Abancay would be permanently closed by administrative decision in June. I am sad for the children of this abrupt closure, the responsibility of which rests on the denial of the congregation; but remains in contact with Sister Guadalupe who continues to watch over the 5 children placed with the families. The rest were distributed to state orphanages. The Board has taken the decision to end this partnership. The credit available for 2025 will allow exceptional material aid for the canteens of Lima. I will give you news of it in the next issue.

... but so many beautiful encounters too!

It was on June 16, a few days before the winter solstice in Peru, that we left, with our extra suitcases filled with anoraks, rain jackets and warm clothes for the children. Thank you to all the families and schools in Sundgau who mobilized for this collection.

"Hogar de niñas Nuestra Señora de la Misericordia" à PUENTE PIEDRA.



Arrival on June 17 at 6:45 a.m.: a delegation of about forty girls, already ready in school uniforms, welcome us with songs, the youngest visibly intimidated, the older ones, proud to recite their welcome verse.

The warm welcome contrasts so much with the greyness of the sky. During the 5 days we will spend in the megalopolis of LIMA, we experience the Peruvian smog but above all, I finally get to know our partners: humble people who put themselves entirely at the service of the poor families of the surrounding slums, but

also children whose modest families live in the mountains more than 6 hours drive from the first school.

The PUENTE PIEDRA home is very well managed and the accounts are rigorous.



As far as the immense work carried out with the 69 girls currently boarders is concerned, I give the floor to Leyssi, (16 years old) with excerpts from his speech of thanks addressed on behalf of his comrades to TERRE DES HOMMES ALSACE.

(...) What you do is not only material support... It shows us that we are not alone, that there are caring people who care about our well-being and our future. (...) We

live in this house (...) a place where we heal, where we learn to trust, where we smile again (...) And those who guide us every day on this path of love and growth are our beloved mothers: Mothers Georgina,

Alejandrina, Luisa, Mercedes. They don't just take care of us... they accompany us with patience, with gentleness, with firmness when necessary, and with a love that has often been like that of a mother. (...)

Thanks to them and to people like you, TERRE DES HOMMES ALSACE, we have learned that our lives have value. That we are not invisible. That we deserve respect, tenderness and opportunity. (...) You help transform lives. (...)

And if you ever wonder if your work is worth it, think of our smiles, think of our desire to study, to move forward, to dream. (...) We dream of a better future, and thanks to your support, we see it getting closer. (...)

These words of gratitude are also addressed to you, friends of our beautiful association. To be read and reread if discouragement were to lugo. They express the importance of this project.

The external canteen of PUENTE PIEDRA: In addition to the home, the sisters also manage an external canteen that welcomes about thirty people from the surrounding slums every day. I will tell you more about this in the next newsletter.

Les 4 cantines « Nuestra Señora del Camino » des bidonvilles de Lima

Puerta Piedra is only 2.0 km from the canteens of Lima's slums. But we took three hours in traffic jams. These poor neighbourhoods are sprawling and every available hillside area is used for basic multi-storey constructions. The men only have very precarious day jobs. Pollution, overcrowding and the diseases that result from it are wreaking havoc. All this without social security. When the disease occurs, an entire family falls into extreme poverty. Children and women are even more affected by this situation, since in Peru too, they are often the only ones to raise their children.

It was planned to have lunch with the children, the chaotic road traffic delayed us, but the children and mothers were waiting for us, happy and proud to welcome us. From Monday to Friday, throughout the year, in precarious conditions, they do their utmost to feed 400 children for whom it is the only hot and balanced meal of the day. Without the help provided by TERRE DES HOMMES ALSACE, the canteens could not exist.

Due to our delay, we were only able to visit two of the four canteens. But before we left, women came from all over to express their gratitude. And we left with our arms full of gifts filled with love. On my next trip, I want to spend a whole day in each canteen.

A big thank you to all the sponsors of Peru,
for you are sowers of hope.

Bénédicte SCHWEITZER



Brazil

After a 32-hour journey by train, plane, and bus, I finally arrived in Salgueiro, Pernambuco. Our presence in this region dates back to 1987, and during my visit this year, I once again witnessed the remarkable progress of our initiatives.

Regarding the nursery, discussions with those responsible allowed us to objectively assess the progress made since our arrival, the challenges encountered, and the positive impact on the local community. Together with the nursery's board of directors, the mayor, and the federal deputy, we explored the future of Terre des Hommes Alsace's involvement. A consensus emerged in favor of gradually transferring the management of the nursery to the municipality — a promising prospect that will require the implementation of a clear and coordinated plan. While no final decision has been made, the ultimate objective of any humanitarian initiative remains to ensure that local partners can continue the work independently, guaranteeing the sustainability of the actions undertaken.

Concerning the Street Children Project (PROAC), Regilane Barros, President of the Chamber of Shopkeepers of the Salgueiro region, proposed developing a system of local sponsorship to strengthen community support and ownership. To be continued...



Simon Rey

Manaus – Message from Father Gaston

On behalf of our entire team and the beneficiaries of the project, I would like to express our sincere gratitude to the Terre des Hommes Alsace Youth Group for their invaluable support. Thanks to your generous contribution, we were able to acquire an off-road vehicle perfectly suited to the local terrain. This vehicle has become essential for the safe and regular delivery of food to the ten canteens located in the Antonio Aleixão district, on the outskirts of Manaus.

These canteens welcome over 600 children every day — for many of them, the meal they receive there is often their only nutritious food of

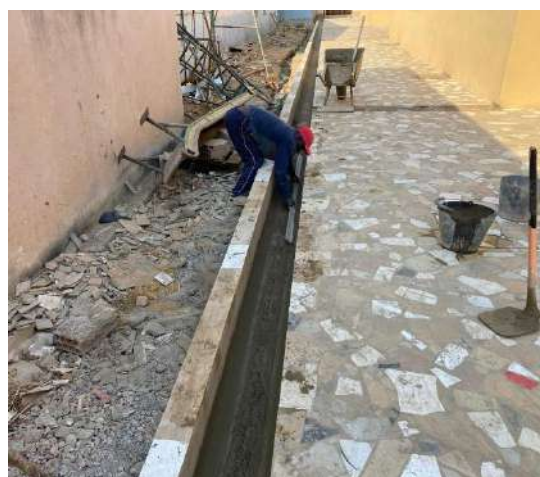
the day. Your commitment to solidarity is transforming

the lives of these children and greatly enhancing the effectiveness of our work. We thank you for your trust, generosity, and unwavering dedication to children's well-being. Your support continues to be a source of hope and motivation for all of us.



ANGOLA – Home for the Little Ones

The news regarding the construction of the new buildings is good. The work is progressing as planned. The exterior paintings have been done, the drainage ditches have been rehabilitated, the paving of the passageways from one building to another is being completed. A costed estimate for the interior design has been sent to us, and a meeting with the sisters in Oberbronn will allow us to discuss our financial commitment.



Perhaps you remember the field of more than 102 Ha that a generous donor offered to the community of the Sisters of Lar dos Pequenos about fifteen years ago. I asked Sister Gaudencia about the exploitation of this field and this is what she wrote: "The crops are in progress, we usually ask those who have a tractor to help us, then we pay them, but sometimes it is not possible to find a tractor to work in our fields because the demand is very high. We have ten permanent farm workers. But when we can't find a tractor to work in our fields, we recruit 30 to 40 additional people for manual work. We do the same when it's time to weed the corn, and they are paid by the day and according to the number of days worked. We never sell the products we harvest. They are always intended for the consumption of children, who eat the fruit and drink the juices that we prepare for them.

In the last harvest, we got 1,500 kg of maize, 300 kg of potatoes, 200 kg of sweet potatoes, as well as a lot of vegetables. When we have these products from the field or the vegetable garden, we reduce our expenses, we only buy what we don't have to enrich the children's diet. »



Among other tasks, the organization and supervision of field work is the responsibility of the sisters.

Danielle Grumet

News from Vietnam

I joined the Board of Directors this year already volunteering for various actions that punctuate the year. At the last Annual General Meeting, Emmanuel Lassiart expressed his wish to leave the Board of Directors. Emmanuel was in charge of the missions in Vietnam, so the position became vacant.

I have agreed to take responsibility for Vietnam following Emmanuel Lassiart, whose commitment and work with the various Vietnamese partners I salute.

I don't know Vietnam but I can't wait to meet and get to know the different partners but especially with the children, teenagers and adults who are the main actors of the various projects that Terre des Hommes Alsace supports. My new responsibility will take the form of a trip to Vietnam from 19 April 2026. Simon Rey and Christelle Wolf will be at my side for this beautiful human adventure.

I am in the process of learning Vietnamese, which is not easy for me, but I also know that through the history of this country and through the partners present, French is still spoken there. Communication will be facilitated.

I have already contacted the partners, but I am really looking forward to meeting those who work tirelessly on a daily basis to allow me to understand the different projects and to target our financial assistance as well as possible.

Here is the latest news from Thuy in Cantho:

It is the start of the school year in September and the missions to distribute rice and uniforms to children in Hoang Hoa Tham and Nguyen Binh Khiem primary schools have resumed (see attached photos).

School resumed in October, at the Nguyen Van Troi School.

The children received their new uniforms and bags of rice to start the school year off right.



News from Sister Marie Anne in Soctrang:

In the past year, nine children have completed their studies: three are continuing at the University, six have entered religious life while studying early childhood pedagogy at university.

On the occasion of the start of the 2025–2026 school year, in September 2025, 24 children from ethnic minorities in the Central Highlands were welcomed. It is thanks to your generosity and commitment throughout the year that we can continue, together, to support these children and these projects. THANK YOU!

Chantal Rederstorff



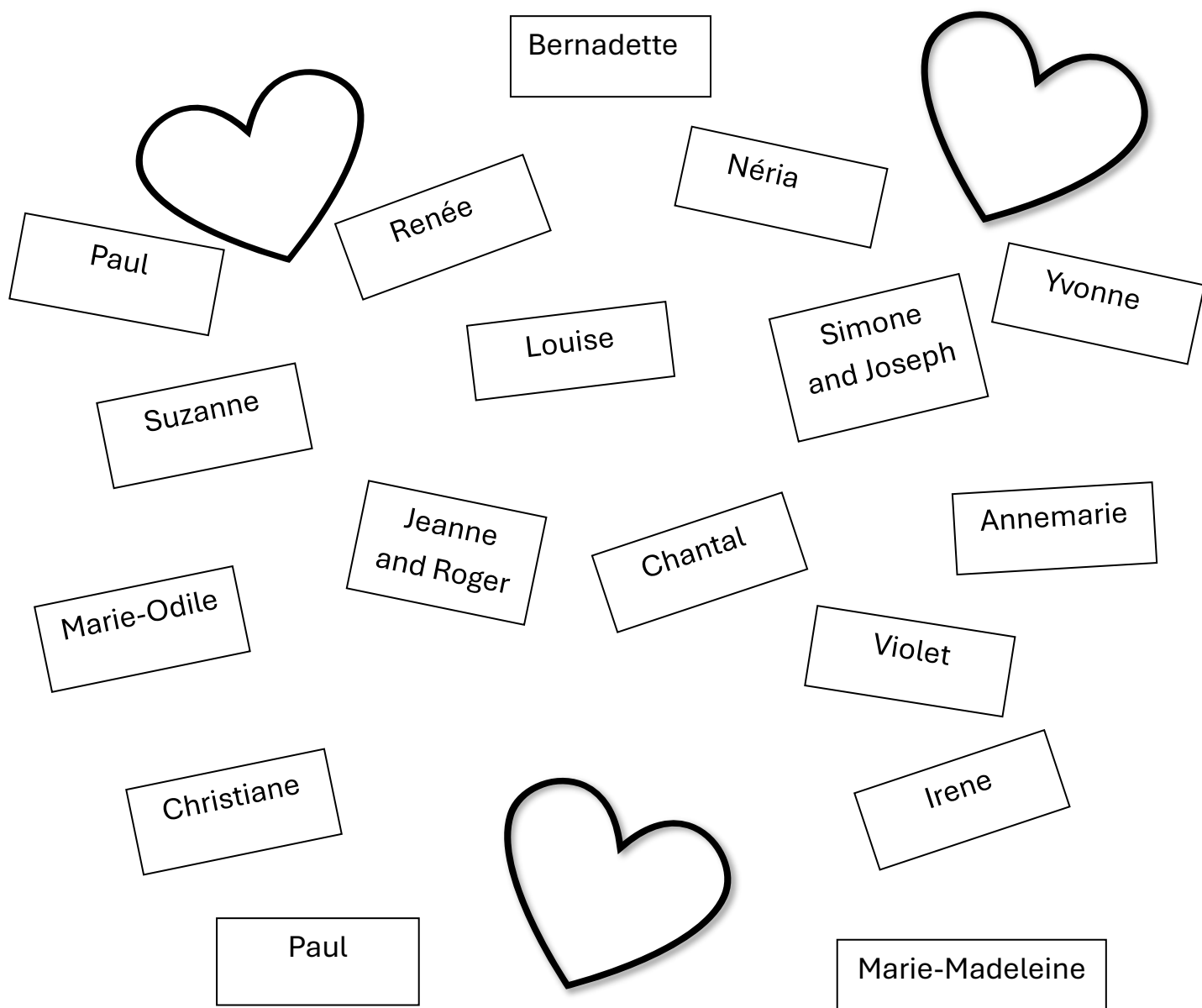
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In this newsletter, we have a special thought for all the people who have supported us with bequests, whether it is a life insurance, a house, an apartment or any other form of donation. These legacies are important to us; They help us ensure the sustainability and financial stability of our association.

The amount of bequests in recent years: 2021: €331,251 - 2022: €270,647 2023: €6,770 - 2024: €27,905 - 2025: €307,246.

We rarely have the opportunity to thank these people, because we learn that we are legatees after their death. **We therefore express our sincere gratitude to:**





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