

# TERRE DES HOMMES ALSACE

## ANTOINE DE SAINT-EXUPÉRY

Direct assistance to children in need



Photo Peru – October 2015 – Simon Rey



# Editorial...



Dear Friends,

We started the new year with our « cochonnailles» or Alsatian hog roast event, which over the years has enjoyed increased success. Like every year our « Easter Bunnies » action has also met our expectations. Don't forget to keep in mind that all those activities would not be achievable without the commitment of many volunteers, who I would like to thank on behalf of Terre des Hommes Alsace.

Last year we informed you about our project to acquire new premises in Rixheim and even went to the notary last December hoping to finalize a deal. Unfortunately, it turned out that the financial and legal status of the seller was more complicated than expected and as of today this project is frozen. We have not stayed inactive, however, and have immediately started to investigate other opportunities. Regarding real estate, we sold a part of the land behind our house in rue Petit Landau in Rixheim. Similar to the sale of the house in Rixheim in 2016, the proceeds have been put aside in view of an acquisition.

During 2017, we have visited our partners in Madagascar, South India and Peru; there is an overview of last November's Peru trip in this edition of the newsletter. Dear supporters, you can be confident that your donations are used in the most appropriate ways and bring concrete results. Regarding current projects, we are putting the emphasis on youth; this summer a group of 12 scouts from Rixheim will visit Madagascar, and the first outlines of a trip to Brazil in 2019 for some of our young members have already started.

The dynamic nature of our association is further illustrated by the arrival of new members to the Executive Board who will take over responsibility for our projects in South India, Peru and Haiti, amongst others. You will learn on them in this edition. Tania Fuchs and Jean-Jacques Kieffer have decided to take a step back; a big thank you from all in the association for their commitment.

The continuity and development of our association are essential. We need your continued support whether that be financial or voluntary, to maintain and develop our current projects and to initiate new ones.

You have all believed in the action of Terre des Hommes Alsace for many years and we hope that you will continue to support us. A big thank you on behalf of Terre des Hommes Alsace for your continued support.

Last but not least, further to a serious health issue I have decided to pass on the presidency. After internal discussion and the outcomes of the last General Assembly Simon Rey will assume again this position. A big thank you to Simon for his long-standing commitment !

Gérard Romeder



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## Agenda 2018

### Street party at Bantzenheim

Sunday June 17th

### The Fol'nuit of the shops at Rouffach

Friday June 29th from 17 to 23h

### Animation at the Parc of the Commanderie - Rixheim

Sunday Septembre 2th

### 21<sup>ème</sup> solidarity walk of TDHA at Muespach-le-Haut

Sunday Septembre 23th

### October days – Mulhouse

From October 4th to October 17th

### Concert Octuor de Cuivre

Church St Leger Rixheim

Sunday Octobre 21th

### Loto at Muespach-le-Haut

Sunday Novembre 10th



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# Zoom on...

## 4th PORK MEAT of Terre des Hommes Alsace 28 January 2018 - Hall Riedlin Hégenheim

For the 4th « pork meat » meal, organised for the second time in the large and beautiful hall of the town of Hégenheim, the 100 volunteers provided a quality service despite all being non-professionals we are! More than 1,600 volunteer hours have been invested to generate more and more value, equivalent to nearly 65,000 meals for the children in our projects or to the sponsorship of 72 children, this is 11 more than in 2017!!

Of course, we note that solidarity is more important when there is a good meal at the end ! There have been numerous congratulations and praise for the kitchen and the organizing teams.

We understand that we will not be able to top this result each year and yet each euro or donation received is important, that is why I also call out and ask for your full attention for the heading "SPONSORSHIP" at the end of this brochure. Make a concrete commitment for a child, sponsor him!

THANK YOU to the entire kitchen team. THANK YOU to all the volunteers and especially the many young people. THANK YOU to the city of Hégenheim and THANK YOU to all partners and participants.

Simon Rey



# Bunnies by the thousand!

## A unmissable campaign for Terre des Hommes Alsace The Easter chocolate bunnies sale

180000 bunnies were sold this year for the benefit of our projects.

You could find them on the booths of the “Salon des Jardins” at Parc Expo in Mulhouse, at the “Salon Energy Habitat” in Colmar, in garden centers like Botanic and Jardiland. The places where we are, always welcome us kindly and warmly.

But the chocolate bunnies have also invaded works councils, shops, town halls, and schools.

Many activities are offered in classes from the small section of kindergarten. With a story like the “Petit Hérisson Partageur” or the projection of a slide show, children are invited to think and help each other for disadvantaged little friends living in other countries of the world.

Young and old, school children mobilize to sell the most chocolate bunnies around them. Some have made moving drawings realized from the bottom of their hearts at the end of these moments of sharing.

We must pay tribute to the hard work and enthusiasm of the tireless volunteers who lend us a hand and without whom all these bunnies could not find a buyer.

And let's not forget Jean-Louis, our indispensable driver of the Terre des Hommes Alsace van, who has transported and unloaded hundreds of boxes of bunnies that arrived whole and safely, always with good humor and dedication.

Geneviève Wick



Lilou's drawing, moved by our action.



Jean-Louis surrounded by the stellar volunteers who carried out the delivery of chocolate bunnies at the Jean XXIII school in Mulhouse.



**Starting now, we are launching an appeal to all those who would like to work for the 2019 chocolate bunnies campaign or who could help us find new sales points!**

**Call us at +33 (0) 389 70 17 35  
Thank you!**



# Presentation of the youth group of Terre des Hommes Alsace

For a little over five years now, 11 young people have been regularly active in raising funds to finance and implement projects for the world's children.

Their work has generated more than 30'000 €. Thanks to Elisa, Alizé, Anaïs, Sarah, Louis, Antoine and their parents for their support to certain actions!

Now five of them have their sights on the visit to Brazil in July 2019 and have almost saved or earned the money to finance their travel.

Some parents who have been volunteers for a long time, or enrolled by their children, will join the journey. There will still be a lot of activities, organisational work and planning ahead but I had the pleasure of giving them their first Portuguese lesson and I felt a strong motivation to be able to exchange with the children and partners.

## Excerpts from their motivation :

- I participate in the project to help disadvantaged people and especially children who do not have the chance to enjoy good living conditions.
- For me it is important to help disadvantaged populations.
- My parents are volunteers and my family sponsors a child in Brazil.
- I am lucky to have everything I need, and even more, my family is united, I have many friends and I practice many hobbies.
- To understand the life that some young people of my age live in Brazil, to meet the children with big smiles that I only saw on pictures.
- It is certain, this trip and these meetings will enrich me.
- I think it is important to take action to improve the lives of children around the world. I have enough to eat, I can

access education leading to a diploma, I have a roof over my head.

• The youth group allows me to live a beautiful experience because we have in common the same desire to support concrete projects.

• As a young person, I wanted to get involved and give my time for others.

• I chose TDHA because it is an association that defends children's rights and I am particularly touched because every child should live in decent conditions.

• I had the chance to visit the TDH Core project in India which is supported by TDHA. I am delighted that the group to which I belong was able to participate in the financing of the



From left to right: Julien Boeglin, Léa Hector, Jeanne Faninger, Manon Hector et Antonio Rosemary

cisterns and a well for the children's home project. Water is vital!

• I feel that I am useful and that I can participate in building a better world.

Simon Rey

**Support them: any donation is welcome ⇒ cheque sent to our association's headquarters  
Label: youth group TDHA (tax deduction of 66% according to the General Tax Code). THANK YOU !**

## The Youth Group's activities of Terre des Hommes Alsace

As reported in the last newsletter, the youth group has studied and is now supporting a photovoltaic panel project in Salgueiro on the roof of the PROAC's large hall (street children and adolescents project).

The PROAC has an annual electricity consumption of about 20'000 kWh (depending on the need and the production rate of soy milk by mechanical cow) which corresponds to an invoice of approx. 4'500 € per year. With an average solar irradiation of 5.4 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>, almost 365 days per year, and the choice of an installation of 87 m<sup>2</sup> of panels, the expense will be almost zero for the next 25 years (taking into account the drop in production). From an ecological point of view, with an annual production calculated at 18,847 kWh, this project will make it possible to avoid an emission of 10,464 kg of carbon per year into the atmosphere (according to the professional's indications).

The price of the installation is 18'000 € and the youth group will finance the entire installation. Their trip is planned for summer 2019 and by then there will certainly still be needs and ideas for support and sharing. Through this first installation in the city of Salgueiro and its region, our partners have understood their role of awareness and responsibility with regard to the environment, which is part of the values instilled in the young beneficiaries of PROAC but also shared with the entire population.

The realization of this project is really welcome because our association cannot always increase and adapt the allocated budget to the inflation rate, even if this one with nearly 3% in 2017 in Brazil was the lowest since 1998 (10.67% in 2015 - 6.29% in 2016).

For this reason, reflection, numerous discussions and regular visits of our projects are important in order to always be able to grow and ensure a future in the best possible conditions.

Simon Rey



# LET'S HAVE A LOOK AT THE 2017 FIGURES!

Joëlle BURCKBUCHLER, representative of the external auditor Hans & Associés, has for the second consecutive year reviewed out annual accounts.

The auditor is charged with verifying that the annual accounts provide a true and accurate record of the operations of the past year, as well as of the year end status of the finances and property.

The audit involved checking the status of all bank accounts as of 31/12/2017 as well as all invoices and accounting procedures. It also confirmed that the advice given in 2016 was properly implemented.

The accounts of Terre des Hommes Alsace cover:

-9500 accounting entries

-8500 donations to be allocated as one-time, punctual or regular.

The audit took place at the headquarters of the association and despite the fact the accounts had already been reviewed internally; the official audit took approximately 5 hours.

## Profits 2017: 777 313 €

The 2017 profit enjoyed an increase of 3.5% compared to 2016.

The children sponsorships and donations account for 69% of the collected funds (538 930€)

The action « oranges sale » generated 36000€ (-19%) and the one « Easter Bunnies » close to 52500€ (+2.7%). The sale of second hand clothes realised 16500€, a figure comparable to 2016.

All other actions generated more than 66000€ (8.5%) thanks to the commitment of all our volunteers.

## Expenditures 2017: 769 977 €

As the association is staffed by volunteers, the vast majority of our expenditure, 93%, goes directly to help the poorest in society :

**Expenditure to out projects :** 574667€

**Missions :** 15215€

**Dedicated funds :** 126 860€

Running costs were limited to 0.85% of expenses (6 566€)

Other costs (e.g. the purchase of handicraft to generate profit) were limited to 5.94% of the expenditures.

# OUR HELP ... MORE THAN 1500 € EVERY DAY

**Our help granted 2017 :** 574 667 €

**Dedicated funds :** 126 861 €

We have helped our usual partners and been able to positively react on some urgent requests and one-off needs.

Members of our administrative team have visited our partners and confirmed upon their return that the funds provided are being used appropriately.

As for the « Cœur Battant » project a team of doctors went to Madagascar to training local doctors and carry out surgery on some. The associated costs amount to ca. 15 000 €, but it should be noted that the participants donated the costs back to the association.

A balanced 2017 budget, levels of donations and sponsorships as anticipated, an increased number of volunteer activities and the sale of a piece of land (street of the Petit Landau at Rixheim for 64 305 €) have enabled us to build up our financial reserve to a level of 135 000€.

In order to respect the wishes of certain sponsors and donor organizations 126 860 € has been put aside as dedicated funds for specified projects e.g. "Cœur Battant", Brazil, Youth groups, our future shop.

The surplus for year 2017 amounts to 8 335 €.

I remain at your disposal for any question you may have; the financial results and the balance sheet are available upon request.

Emmanuel LASSIAT

TERRE DES HOMMES ALSACE				Page: 1
Bilan Actif				
	31/12/17			31/12/16
	Brut	Amort. et Dépréc.	Net	Net
ACTIF IMMOBILISE	<b>IMMOBILISATIONS INCORPORELLES</b>			
	Frais d'établissement			
	Frais de recherche et développement			
	Concessions brevets droits similaires			
	Fonds commercial (1)			
	Autres immobilisations incorporelles			
	Avances et acomptes			
	<b>IMMOBILISATIONS CORPORELLES</b>			
	Terrains			
	Constructions			
Installations techniques, mat. Incls				
Autres immobilisations corporelles				
Immobilisations grevées de droits				
Immobilisations en cours				
Avances et acomptes				
<b>IMMOBILISATIONS FINANCIERES (2)</b>				
Participations évaluées selon mise en équiv.				
Autres participations				
Créances rattachées à des participations				
Autres titres immobilisés				
Prêts				
Autres immobilisations financières				
<b>TOTAL (I)</b>				
	<b>107 000</b>	<b>107 000</b>		<b>107 000</b>
ACTIF CIRCULANT	<b>STOCKS ET EN-COURS</b>			
	Matières premières, approvisionnements			
	En-cours de production de biens			
	En-cours de production de services			
	Produits intermédiaires et finis			
	Marchandises			
	Avances et acomptes versés sur commandes			
	<b>CREANCES (3)</b>			
	Créances usagers et comptes rattachés			
	Autres créances			
<b>VALEURS MOBILIERES DE PLACEMENT</b>				
<b>DISPONIBILITES</b>				
Charges constatées d'avance				
<b>TOTAL (II)</b>				
	<b>958 238</b>		<b>958 238</b>	<b>823 041</b>
COMPTES DE REGULARISATI	Frais d'émission d'emprunt à étaler (III)			
	Primes de remboursement des obligations (IV)			
	Ecart de conversion actif (V)			
	<b>TOTAL ACTIF (I à VI)</b>			
	<b>1 065 238</b>	<b>107 000</b>	<b>958 238</b>	<b>823 041</b>
(1) dont droit au bail				
(2) dont à moins d'un an				
(3) dont à plus d'un an				
<b>ENGAGEMENTS RECUS</b>				
Legs net à réaliser: -acceptés par les organes statutairement compétents - autorisés par l'organisme de tutelle - Dons en nature restant à vendre				

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Bilan Passif				
	31/12/2017		31/12/16	
	Fonds associés	<b>Fonds propres</b>		
Fonds associatifs sans droit de reprise				
Dont legs et donations avec contrepartie d'actifs immobilisés				
subventions d'investissements affectées à des biens renouvelables				
Ecart de réévaluation				
Réserves				
Report à nouveau				
<b>Résultat de l'exercice</b>				
<b>Total des fonds propres</b>				
			<b>823 041</b>	<b>705 033</b>
Fonds dédiés	<b>Autres fonds associatifs</b>			
	Fonds associatifs avec droit de reprise			
	-Apports			
	-Legs et donations			
	-Subventions d'investissements affectées à des biens renouvelables			
	Résultats sous contrôle de tiers financeurs			
	Droit des propriétaires			
	<b>Ecart de réévaluation</b>			
	Subventions d'investissement sur bien non renouvelables			
	Provisions réglementées			
<b>Total des autres fonds associatifs</b>				
<b>Total des Fonds Associatifs</b>				
		<b>831 377</b>	<b>823 041</b>	
Provisions	Provisions pour risques			
	Provisions pour charges			
	<b>Total des provisions</b>			
Fonds dédiés	Sur subventions de fonctionnement			
	Sur dons manuels affectés			
	Sur legs et donations affectés			
<b>Total des fonds dédiés</b>				
		<b>25 000</b>	<b>101 861</b>	
DETTES (1)	<b>DETTES FINANCIERES</b>			
	Emprunts obligataires convertibles			
	Autres emprunts obligataires			
	Emprunts dettes auprès des établissements de crédit (2)			
	Emprunts et dettes financières divers			
	Avances et acomptes reçus sur commandes en cours			
	<b>DETTES D'EXPLOITATION</b>			
	Dettes fournisseurs et comptes rattachés			
	Dettes fiscales et sociales			
	<b>DETTES DIVERSES</b>			
Dettes sur immobilisations et comptes rattachés				
Autres dettes				
Produits constatés d'avance				
<b>Total des dettes</b>				
Ecart de conversion passif				
<b>TOTAL PASSIF</b>				
		<b>958 238</b>	<b>823 041</b>	
Résultats de l'exercice exprimé en centimes				
		<b>8 335,76</b>	<b>118 008,34</b>	
(1) Dont à moins d'un an				
(2) Dont concours bancaires courants et soldes créditeurs de banque et CCP				

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Compte de Résultats				
	31/12/17		31/12/16	
	PRODUITS D'EXPLOITATION	Ventes de marchandises, de produits fabriqués		
Prestations de services				
Productions stockée				
Production immobilisée				
Subventions d'exploitation				
Dons				
Cotisations				
Legs et donations				
Autres produits de gestion courante				
Reprises sur provisions et amortissements, transfert de charges				
Autre produits				
<b>Total des produits d'exploitation</b>				
	<b>709 916</b>	<b>745 068</b>		
CHARGES D'EXPLOITATION	Achats			
	Variation de stocks			
	Autres achats et charges externes			
	Impôts, taxes et versements assimilés			
	Rémunération du personnel			
	Charges sociales			
	Subventions accordées par l'association			
	Dotation aux amortissements et dépréciations			
	Dotations aux provisions			
	Autres charges			
<b>Total des charges d'exploitation</b>				
	<b>640 447</b>	<b>631 937</b>		
<b>1. RESULTAT COURANT NON FINANCIER</b>				
	<b>69 469</b>	<b>113 130</b>		
PRODUITS FINANCIERS	Reprises sur provisions et dépréciations et transferts de charges			
	Intérêts et produits financiers			
	Dotation aux amortissements et dépréciations			
Charges financières	Intérêts et charges financières			
	<b>2. RESULTATS FINANCIERS</b>			
		<b>1 422</b>	<b>4 878</b>	
<b>3. RESULTAT COURANT AVANT IMPOT (1 + 2)</b>				
	<b>70 893</b>	<b>118 008</b>		
4. RESULTAT EXCEPTIONNEL	Produits exceptionnels			
	Charges exceptionnelles			
		<b>64 305</b>		
<b>4. RESULTAT EXCEPTIONNEL</b>				
	<b>64 305</b>			
Impôts sur les sociétés				
(+) Report des ressources non utilisées des exercices antérieurs				
(+) Engagements à réaliser sur ressources affectées				
	<b>126 861</b>			
<b>TOTAL DES PRODUITS</b>				
	<b>777 313</b>	<b>750 836</b>		
<b>TOTAL DES CHARGES</b>				
	<b>768 978</b>	<b>632 828</b>		
<b>EXCEDENT ou DEFICIT</b>				
	<b>8 336</b>	<b>118 008</b>		

# The future of Terre des Hommes Alsace ! We have reinforced our team !

To reinforce our team and secure our future has been one of our tasks of the last years and we have reached our goal. You already know Genevieve Fuchs, who after years of presence as non official member has eventually decided to embark as official Board member. We have also four new members we have invited to our regular meetings the last months and who have confirmed their willingness to join us. They introduced themselves at the last General Assembly and got elected. Lets them to introduce themselves again to everybody!

## **Christelle LASSIAT**

« I have a long history with Terre des Hommes Alsace of more than 20 years. I have contributed to the accounting task for quite a while before focusing on my two children and my professional responsibilities. During this period, I have not felt to help my husband in his treasurer function and participate to events. I also had the opportunity to discover the Terre des Hommes Alsace projects in Peru, Vietnam and Madagascar. The children having now grown up I have wished to integrate the administration team in order to actively contribute to our projects and spend more time for all the children we help. »

## **Irénée Vallat**

“My name is Irene, I am 46 years old and was born in Peru in the Andes. I grew up in the orphanage of Abancay. I am the mother of a 19-year-old young man as well as the step-mother of 3 other boys of 10, 18 and 27 years old. I work in the field of the administration and finances.

I wish to bring my skills, my dynamism, my energy and my free time to this beautiful association which I have known for a long time thanks to my parents, but also because of my adopted child's story. Being able to contribute to distribute meals, to give education, a roof, to take care to all these children helped by Terre des Hommes Alsace with its programs, this is a wonderful project to which I'm totally committed.”

## **Pierre-Antoine ROSEMARY**

« I'm an adopted child from El Salvador and I disappeared during the war. I also lost my parents there. You always keep the scars of those moments. But I had the chance to grow up in a loving Alsatian family and to receive an education. My character was forged from my experience and allowed me to have a fulfilling life and an interesting job. I have a comfortable life with my 4 boys.

I feel close to the children's stories of Terre des Hommes Alsace programs. I have met great volunteers during different events. Integrating today the Board is for me a way to bring my own experience and my skills in project management. I'm 41 and I feel ready to help the association to bring some joy in the heart of the children and their families ! »

## **Neil Greener**

My name is Neil Greener and it may not surprise you to learn that I am not of French ancestry – at least not in the last few generations. I am from the North of England originally but have lived here over 10 years and I now have dual British and French nationality. No Brexit for me.

My wife is French – well she is Corsican, so I suppose that counts – and my two kids were born in Haiti. We are the rainbow family.

My motivation for getting involved with TDHA is my children; we adopted them more for ourselves and of course you can say it has benefits for them, but this allows me to try and give something back into a country that has given us so much and is in need of continuous help and support. When the opportunity came to be involved with a project in Haiti how could I say no with 2 Haitians in the house.

# PROJECTS

## ACB

### « Beating Heart Project »



Dr. Jeanne Aimée has worked at the paediatric hospital of Fianarantsoa since the beginning of the partnership with Terre Des Hommes Alsace.

She builds the cases with families for support of hospitalization costs.

Nearly 100% of the families coming to the Hospital are too poor to support these costs and must be helped.

Dr. Jeanne got involved a lot during the training mission with Dr. Bernard de Geeter in 2017, so we wanted to help her train again.

Dr. De Geeter organized a two months intership in Strasbourg, in order to familiarize the doctor with cardiac ultrasound display, which doesn't yet exist at Fianorantsoa hospital.

Jeanne went to a paediatric cardiology clinic every day to shadow two doctors in their daily lives to closely observe the course of a large number of consultations.

During the 2018 mission, we will leave a powerful portable ultrasound machine there, which will allow the paediatric team to make better diagnoses.



So, the young patients can be sent to the capital to be supported by the workers of « la chaine de l'espoir » and if possible transferred to France to be operated on with a good chance of recovery.

This crucial training work will undeniably be a step forward to better target children's pathologies.

The leaders of "La chaine de l'espoir" have long hoped to have contacts in this province.

The project is ambitious and passionate and we are sure that the training offered by Dr. De Geeter will be the beginning of a great human adventure for the children of Fianarantsoa.

Another doctor, Dr. Mamisoa, joined Dr. Jeanne Aimée. She is in training, at the Strasbourg Civil Hospital in the adult cardiology department, to assist Dr. Jeanne in her mission in Fianarantsoa.

The doctors arrived Friday, February 9 at Bâle Mulhouse Airport.

We went to collect them around 11 pm, with an outside temperature of 2 degrees. Our travellers had left around 1 am on the same day, with a temperature of 29 degrees.

The shock was harsh and doctor's clothing was not suited to our climate.

## ACB

The next day, we took them to our store on Petit Landau Street for an “anti-cold makeover “

Besides the temperatures, the amount of food astonished them too: so many kinds of yoghurts and cheeses.

In Madagascar, their average salary is 250 € per month so we can imagine how disturbing our prices are.

The doctors were settled in two studio apartments of the nurses home of the hospital.

We ended up the next day for a first organizational meeting with Dr. Bernard De Geeter and Dr. Jean Flori.

We also discussed the organization of the mission of June 2018.

Brigitte Flammen

Dr. Jeanne Aimée completed her internship at the paediatric cardiology office of Dr. GRONIER Céline and RADOJEVIC-LIEGEOIS Jelena.

From left to right  
Brigitte FLAMMEN  
Docteur Célie GRONIER  
Docteur JEANNE AIMÉE  
Docteur Bernard DE GEETER  
Docteur Jelena RADOJEVIC- LIEGEOIS



Dr. Mamisoa completed her internship at NHC (Nouvel Hôpital Civil) of Strasbourg (Cardiology department) with Evelyne HEIM and Dr. Hélène PETIT-EISENMANN.

From left to right  
Docteur MAMISOA  
Docteur Hélène PETIT- EISENMANN  
HEIM Evelyne technicienne



TDHA would like to thank the doctors and caregivers who have devoted time and energy to make the internship of the two Malagasy doctors a success.

**Thanks to** doctors GRONIER Céline, RADOJEVIC-LIEGEOIS Jelena, PETIT- EISENMANN Hélène Mmes HEIM Evelyne and RODIER-ROTH Martine at Cardiology Department.

To Dr NSENGIYUMVA Charles who facilitated the accommodation of the doctors.

To Dr Jean FLORI who helped organize the 2018 mission.

And to Dr. DE GEETER without whom this great human adventure could not have taken place.

# BRAZIL

## An ordinary story of a family from Belmonte

Noêmia, 32, has no formal education, and is the mother of 3 girls aged 11, 10 and 8 and of a 9-year-old boy. She is separated from her husband and survives thanks to government support of about 50 Euros per month. Five years ago, she started a new life with another man; then she discovered that her new partner was sexually abusing her 11-year-old daughter. Medical examinations confirmed the abuse and the man was arrested and the traumatized girl is now receiving psychological support. As Noêmia could not continue to pay the rent on their small house alone, the family were evicted. They have been living in the street, until our partners from Lar Da Menina intervened, and together with friends were able to find an accommodation solution.

The children have returned to school (in Brazil the public school education system only allows for half-day classes) and the girls participate in our project activities the other half-day. This is with about 80 other girls each of whom has her own, similarly difficult story.

Finding their smile again within the project Lar Da Menina



## The rain has finally returned in the Sertão after 7 years of drought!

*" Not a word for almost 30 seconds during my phone conversation with Padre Rémi : he was crying for joy after the return of the rain in Salgueiro ! "*

No time to lose. Our partner leaves the town with several unemployed men to sow beans, corn, sorghum and plant zucchini, pumpkins, eggplants as well as some trees on the project farm. Even if the reservoirs are not completely filled, the water collected will be sufficient for one year and this will allow to produce a maximum of food supply.



**Brazilian visit in France :** at the end of April/beginning of May, two Brazilian partners from Salgueiro visited us. Vila-neide Barros, director of the Cristo Redentor crèche and Ana Neide De Barros, member of the board of directors of the street children and adolescents project, PROAC.

More details in the next edition.

Simon Rey

# HAITI

In Lamielle, the beginning of the new school year went well. The programme benefits 3875 children split equally between boys and girls. The average age of children starting school is still high, typically a year older than considered normal. This age gap widens through the school years and when the children enter secondary school, the gap is habitually 3 years. The high number of children repeating years is the main reason for this.

Like last year, the turn-over of teachers remains relatively high. This autumn 2017/2018, a lot of teachers have changed; 13% of teachers have only one year of seniority in the school. The most significant causes of this high turnover of teachers are the low salaries compared to other jobs available, and the irregular payment of salaries. This poses a real problem in terms of training since the trained teachers leave the schools and are replaced by others who have received no training. In 2018 we are looking to focus on working with parents and the community to improve levels and payment of teacher salaries, and to make them aware of the harm done by regular changes in teachers.

Textbook kits were distributed to schools for 102 students to complete deliveries from 2016 (3578 kits have been delivered).

190 manuals of the Henry Deschamps edition were given to schools following training in Creole, mathematics and geography to help teachers in the preparation of lessons. These textbooks are of good quality and are widely used by teachers.

The programme in Haiti is carried out in partnership with Inter Aide. We have regular contacts with our partners who are frequently on site and they provide us the necessary information for our articles.

These regular exchanges in the partnership helps to maximize the benefits from the Terre des Hommes budget for the project.

Brigitte FLAMMEN

## Project HAITI LAMIELLE



The new school in Lamielle built to satisfy anti-earthquake standards.



Classroom in the new school in Lamielle

# North India

## Howrah South Point, Jalpaiguri branch. Outdoor physio-therapy centre

We wish to dedicate this article on the external physiotherapy center of Rajganj, a project supported by Terre des Hommes from the very beginning. Rehabilitation of the handicapped children has been the focus of Howrah South Point's work from the very beginning. Since many children who need care and supports lived in remote villages a special attention was given to the development of the Outdoor Post Physiotherapy center.

Thus, in January 2000, an outdoor physiotherapy centre was opened at Rajganj, Jalpaiguri and later on at Binna-guri, Ambari. In these centers we are providing physiotherapy twice or thrice a week to physically challenged & mentally challenged children of under-privileged and marginalized section of the society.

At the beginning the staff of outdoor physiotherapy used to go to the families and made the families understand the necessity to send the disabled children to the centre. But it was not so easy; some families they even didn't allow the disabled child to come outside of their house. At the starting days 5 years to 15 years children were attending our outdoor physiotherapy centre

Over the years the outdoor physiotherapy departments have more and more cases of Crebral Palsy (spastic, Athetoid, Hemiplegic, Quadriplegic), mentally retarded, Congenital Malformation (Club foot, Cleft lip & Palate etc), bone deformity and rickets.

Except the physiotherapy the children are given special education. The staff made home visit, to know how far the children are living, their financial condition, the environment of the locality & how they are coming to the centre. Counseling and guidance are given to the parents to get disability certificates, Identity cards, to get the necessary aids and appliances (Wheel chairs, Crutches, hearing Aid etc) through different Identification camps conducted by the Govt. or other NGOs. HSP also provide special shoes, moulded seat, calipers etc. Parents training programs and awareness programs are also conducted to teach the parents how to manage the daily living activities, physical management of children when they are at family

Now from 0 to 5/6 years children are attending our centres, both mothers & fathers are more aware & they come themselves to the centre for their child. For the new cases the parents are getting the information from the other parents. Actually the Rajganj centre welcomes 68 children coming with their mother and in many cases their father as well. Children are mainly suffering for example from cerebral palsy and mental retardation (32 children, 18 boys and 14 girls), cerebral palsy (8 children, 2 boys and 6 girls), trisomy (6 children, 2 boys and 4 girls).

It goes without saying that HSP at Jalpaiguri is very grateful of the support, even modest, of Terre des Hommes Alsace to this program, which facilitates the daily life of many poor parents which quite often do not know what to do.

G rard Romeder



# South India

## Tiruvannamalai

Last 14 novembre Chezian, the head of Terre des Hommes Core, received from Ram Nath Kovind, the president of India, the national award for the best children protection organisation.

We are all very proud of this recognition of the Indian government. Even if this award is mainly a honorary recognition (TDH Core got ca. 1500 €), it will undoubtedly open the doors of the association. As a matter of fact, in India each company has now to allocate 2% of its profits to charity groups in order to fight against poverty and job insecurity. This 2017 award can be viewed as a quality guarantee and a valuable advertising for our partner.

Laure Camus, member and volunteer of TDHA and also a yoga expert went to India at the end of last year. She took the opportunity to spend a few days at TDH Core. Laure can only confirm the quality of the work achieved by our partner. Hereunder are a few of her comments:



"I had the pleasure to interact with the children and the responsible people of the MAYA houses (children with AIDS), the PUSPAM (house for girls), the EIC (day care of handicapped children up to 6 years hold) and the urgency welcome centre of children (Childline).

I also enjoyed activities like karate, Indian dancing and basket (by the way several girls are already selected in the regional team!). I saw children smiling, very well looked after and living safely. I also saw passionate employees fully dedicated to the development and the well-being of the children. I met with a charismatic Director, a visionary working on projects seemingly unthinkable for India but with the potential to improve the children protection laws.

His last project was to open a restaurant chain of pizza and Italian ice cream to provide jobs for some children of the centre at the end of the appropriate training. I had the opportunity to enjoy it one evening and really felt like I was in Italy. However, with a water supply that is inconsistent and unsuitable for drinking as well as frequent power cuts, sometimes of several hours, it is a challenge, but it works!

Many of those projects are financially supported by sponsors like TDH Alsace.



Fully convinced Laure is already preparing her next trip. She would like to give children English lesson and help Chezhan in his daily administrative job and the management of TDH Core.

I would like to thank all of you, sponsors, donors, volunteers, partners, members of the administrative team, friends and all of you I had the chance to meet, for the great time I had the last 11 years as administrative team member.

I remember discussions, a lot of fun, some frustration, happiness and tears .... but at the same we were all driven by a willingness to offer children a better world!

I shall never forget you and shall never be very far from you but now I am passing my responsibilities to Pierre-Antoine Rosemary (see the article new member) and am proud to entrust him with our South India projects. We shall visit together our partner next June and Pierre-Antoine will keep you posted on progress in the next bulletin.

Looking forward to seeing you again at one of our TDHA events

Tania Besonnet



For more information visit [www.tdhcore.org](http://www.tdhcore.org) or watch the video in English  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=pr6jHjTWML4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pr6jHjTWML4)

# Madagascar

## PROJET SCOUTS



There are 4 girls and 8 boys from 18 to 19 years who will be in Madagascar to carry out their charity action.

The young team has worked all the year, and will be at work in Madagascar in August 2018.

Dr. Joro is preparing for their arrival. They will build two houses. They will have to adapt to a style of construction very different from ours, both in terms of materials and dimensions.

Young people coming from TDHA programs will help them. This will encourage exchanges between young people of the same age.

Pascal, the guardian of the ASERN building, will be the site manager. Families benefiting from construction will also be present.

The Scouts will also make a film to present the work done.

It was during the summer of 2017 that we were asked by a team of 12 young scouts from Rixheim for a partnership project.

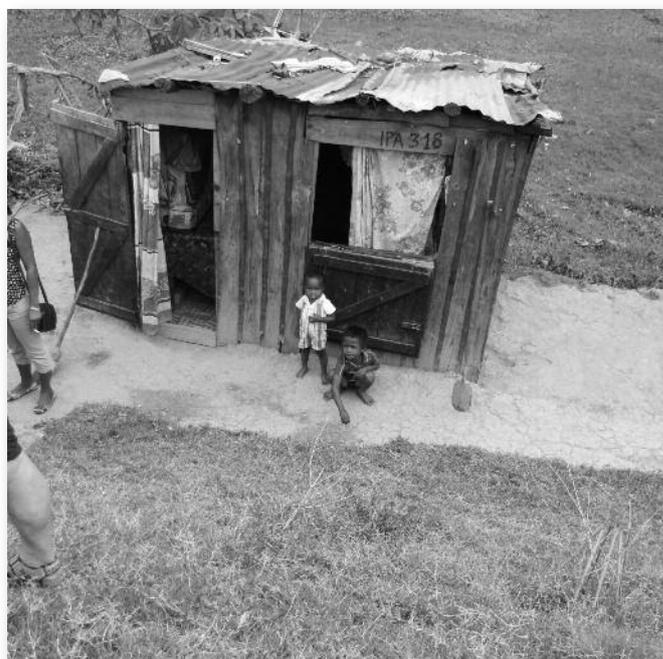
After consultation with the Board of Terre Des Hommes Alsace, we chose Madagascar as the country of intervention for this project.

The twelve volunteers were put in touch with Dr. Joro, who is in charge of our Malagasy projects

### Here is their introduction

As members of the Scouts and Guides de France, we want to help young people and pass on some of our skills. We followed a two-day training course on the development of solidarity projects proposed by the Scouts de France

We will listen to any project proposal we could lead on the spot.



Houses are generally very small and consist of one room of around 10 m<sup>2</sup>, which serves as a place of life for the whole family.

The kitchen is outside, there is no bathroom, electricity or water in the house. Toilets are shared by the neighbourhood.

## Madagascar

Part of the team will also do school support. It won't be easy because the teaching is done in Malagasy in small classes, and therefore the students do not all speak French very well.

In the middle schools, the teaching is done in French, so the help of the young Scouts will be useful for the children.

They will bring books and games to help children become familiar with French.

They will also develop follow-up documents that can be used after their project.



Recounting the experiences of each member of the team, showing what has been done is also part of the project. Through interventions adapted to each audience (to different patrons such as the City of Rixheim for example or school public, or just others young people like Forum Jeune de Huningue) they will report their work through photo exhibitions, lectures and film.

We wish these young people the best in their project



**Sister Suzanne Barbot**, a tireless street doctor for the poorest of the Fianarantsoa Province, went to join « His Boss » in December 2017

We have lost a wonderful person, dedicated to the cause of the dispossessed for more than 50 years in Madagascar.

She's been our partner since 1972.

I am glad to have met her regularly during my missions in Madagascar.

She taught us an important life lesson in her humility when working continuously on behalf of the poorest.

Help, support, but always in the respect of the applicants.

She asked for a little work in exchange for food or care: no money, but for example hoeing the garden or harvesting vegetables.

To help those who were too sick to work, she asked them to pray for the most unfortunate ones

Whatever our religious convictions, we can only admire this nun.

Many people from Fianarantsoa attended her funeral, she will be difficult to replace and very much missed.

Brigitte FLAMMEN



## Peru

### Visit of our President to our 3 aid programs

In December 2016, our President Gérard Romeder visited our Peruvian partners, namely the ND Miséricordia orphanage in Puente Piedra (southern suburbs of Lima), the popular canteens of Yerbateros (northern suburbs of Lima) and the orphanage Abancay in the region of Cusco. Here he shares his experiences and the general impression he felt during his visits to our partners.

**The Miséricordia** orphanage is run by the sisters of the Congregation of the Daughters of Mercy.



It is a small number of sisters (7 to 8) who take care of:

- An orphanage of 80 girls divided into 4 groups according to the age of the children
- A popular canteen giving a hot meal a day to the children of the poorest families of the shantytowns situated around the orphanage (it's like the Peruvian version of the French "restos du cœur").
- The running of a secondary school for 1000 students whose financial management is provided by the Peruvian National Education.

Given that the help of Terre des Hommes Alsace does not meet all their needs, the sisters are full of imagination to generate funds and thus contribute to the smooth running of the institution. Once a year, they organise a giant lotto where a meal prepared using pork from pigs reared at the orphanage is proposed for the visitors and the prizes are provided by local shops and sponsors. With 10000 cards sold it generates income of 4500€.

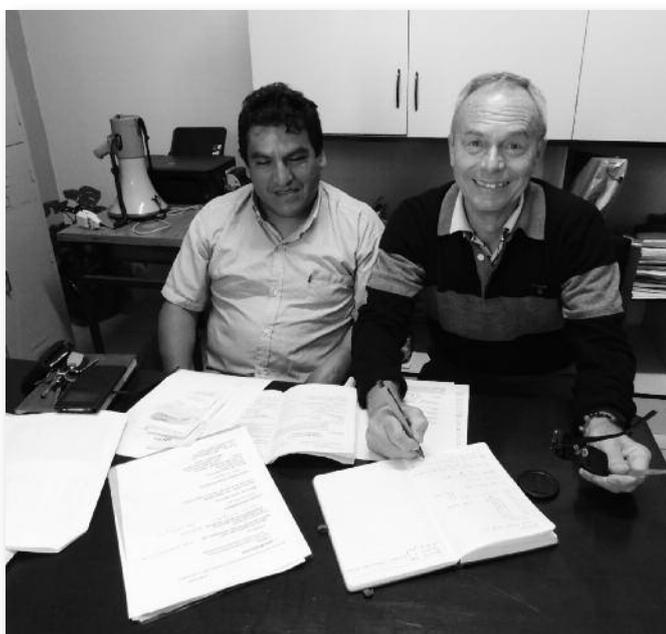
The pig sty where currently 30 pigs are being raised was financed in 2016 by Terre des Hommes Alsace. The pigs are

fed largely using the leftovers from the canteen or from food past its expiry date collected from local supermarkets in the region. The meat from the pigs is mainly consumed internally at the orphanage.

The drive and commitment of the sisters as well as the results obtained encourages us in the support we bring to them. The 4 canteens of Lima provide the preparation and the provision of meals for 380 children from difficult neighbourhoods where extreme poverty generates violence and delinquency. Often children are left to their own devices as the parents can no longer take care of them for various reasons (their parents have split up, problems of drugs or alcoholism, one or both parents working far from their home) and typically do not attend school and end up on the streets.

These canteens are run by a priest, Padre Carrion, who is also in charge of a large sector of 152 parishes. He does not manage the canteens directly but is helped by three assistants, each of whom is responsible for overseeing the efficient management of one or two canteens. I spoke to you in one of our previous bulletins about these canteens, but it is important to remember that they not only provide food but also organize training workshops to raise awareness of parents (mainly mothers) to various topics such as food, health, behaviour etc.

Jean-Jacques Kieffer



Clearly all the activity of these canteens is heavily supported by Terre des Hommes Alsace who is currently the only financial contributor. We are very aware of the importance of this help that goes to feed all these children. The only shadow is the status of the 3 assistants who are currently volunteers because the current state of finances does not allow them to be paid.

This program is really important, and it is vital that it continues.

#### **Abancay Orphanage**

We will discuss this in more detail in our next newsletter.

# Senegal

## Cantine scolaire GAMADJI SARE

Basel Mulhouse Airport, January 13th, my wife and I join Jean-Louis SCHNEBERGER, a volunteer from Terre des Hommes Alsace and a traveling companion for our evaluation mission of the school canteen project in Gamadji Saré in Senegal.

After a seven hour wait at Roissy and a five hour flight, we land at Thiès. Our local partner will explain to us later that the old Dakar international airport is now reserved for small private jets.

We finished the first day by traveling the 80 kilometers that to Dakar which planned to visit the next day. President Macky SALL has been in power for five years now and we can see a lot of projects to renovate institutional buildings in addition to a number of construction sites. The streets of the capital seem cleaner than when I last visited in 2016.

However, according to our local partner, the average Senegalese remains on the poverty line and is still waiting for an improvement in his living conditions. Unemployment persists; not enough new jobs are created given the scale of demand.

January 15th, at four o'clock in the morning, we leave for Gamadji. The road is very good, it would be excellent if it was not for the speed bumps every two or three kilometers designed to slow the traffic.



During our stay, we will stay at the hostel SAMASSA N'DIOUM, relatively rustic comfort, with simple food consisting of a single dish to order in the morning for the evening.

The village schools have 534 students this year; 424 in primary and 110 in kindergarten. Since my last stay, the nursery school has benefited from the construction, by the Counterpart foundation, of a building with two classrooms on land adjacent to the elementary school made available by the director. Kindergarten children continue to be fed by the canteen. All teachers and students greeted us warmly when we arrived at school.

The organization of the canteen is still in place and its operation satisfies the needs to the entire educational community. A new steward replaced the old one on his retirement. There are always fifteen groups of fifteen moms who take turns preparing meals.

The henhouse continues to work well. Mr. SARR is planning an extension to allow him to raise two



groups of chicks of different ages to reduce the time between slaughters and minimise the likelihood of a meat shortage.

The school garden is under way. Classes work there regularly, preparing the plants which will then be transplanted to the school field. Mr. SARR is also currently trying to plant fruit trees: banana, lemon, orange and mango trees. The land is enclosed so the trees are protected from the appetites of the local goats. There is a water supply so the trees can grow and produce beautiful fruits.



In the school field, a farm worker took over the farm. Daouda is very competent and does not spare his time or efforts to be sure to obtain superb results both in quality and quantity. During our visit we were able to admire the network of irrigation ditches he had dug. He has developed a system where he can direct the water brought by the pump installed at the edge of the river towards the precise place which he needs to irrigate. Watermelons ripen in the sun; onion and peppers grow well; eggplant begin to bear fruit. Some of the produce will be sold, and the receipts used to finance repairs and plant protection products for use in the field. There are almost no weeds, Daouda and his daba (small hoe with short handle) are watchful. The pump is showing signs of fatigue and we plan to replace it. An amount has been included in the 2018 budget for this.

This year we had the opportunity to visit a breeder. Ousman raises about twenty sheep, a dozen goats and seven young zebus. The situation is difficult: the rainy season gave only three heavy showers and the grass did not grow. There is only sand as far as the eye can see. You have to buy food for your cattle: green corn stalks, rice bran or rice straw or cut the low branches of the trees for leaves and bark. People's lives are harder and our support for the canteen is more than ever indispensable and welcome.

I reviewed the accounts with our local partner. The figures correspond to those he sent me regularly on his monthly balance sheets, and all invoices are present. The records are very well kept, with nothing to report. In addition to notifications of receipt of transfers, Mr. SARR will send me a quarterly account statement on which will appear the sums transferred. I would like to end by highlighting the quality of our local partner's work and thanking our sponsors and donors for supporting our association's programs.

Jacky FLAMMEN

Photos Jean-Louis SCHNEBERGER  
et Brigitte FLAMMEN





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