

# TERRE DES HOMMES ALSACE

## ANTOINE DE SAINT-EXUPÉRY

Direct assistance to children in need



Simon Rey - Brazil

General assembly of Terre des Hommes Alsace on September 4, 2020 at 7pm.  
Detail in this newsletter, page editorial.

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# Éditorial...

Covid-19 has disrupted the entire world! Never could we have imagined that such a health crisis could affect us. The situation is serious and we have all known at least one person who has left us recently.

Our very sincere condolences to all the affected families. Thank you to all the people in the different services related to health or strongly involved in this crisis at the service of human beings, often with an overload of work to which the risks of contamination are added.

At the time of writing this edition, mid-April, in regular contact with our partners, we felt a great concern. In India, with 456 million poor people, the context is explosive: high population density, health deficiencies and poor hospital equipment. In Brazil, the President speaks of "small flu" and says that the country cannot stop despite the progression of the pandemic... To die of Covid or to die of hunger? This is the question and the harsh reality of a father who supports his family through odd jobs. All our partners continue to be very attentive to what the world holds dearest, our children.

Take the time to read the beautiful stories in this newsletter with Stephanie's re-education from the "A Coeur Battant" project, the relocation of young girls to Kurinji in South India, a first glimmer of hope for Hieu at Maison Chance Dak Nong in Vietnam, the valorization of mothers and reforestation in Madagascar, the reminder of the action of the canteens in the slums of Lima, the operational kitchen of Gamadji in Senegal, Haiti and the violence which is added to the already very complicated daily life, the continuation of the adventure of our youth group in Brazil and the young people of Hégenheim who are moving for other young people by enlisting a whole association in solidarity!

Our actions : the success of the "pork meat meal", the very complicated Easter Rabbit operation with some great actions and the new vehicle blocked, and finally the building site of the premises which is progressing despite everything!

The pandemic makes us think about how our world works and we all know that we must do things differently in the future. We just have to remember this once the money race is back on track...

Please be in solidarity, help "our children" if you can, thank you!

To conclude we have a big thought for our friends Gérard and Joseph and all the members who left us recently.

Take care of yourself and your loved ones, always!

Simon Rey



The situation we are facing with the coronavirus crisis has prevented us from holding our General Assembly in March. We have set the date of 4 September 2020 at 7 pm for a statutory AGM in the « Salles du trèfle » in Rixheim. We invite you to register by mail or phone to attend. Please find the contact details on the back of this newsletter. All information will be posted on our website in due course.

More than ever we need your help to ensure that our association can continue its mission.



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**Street Fête Bantzenheim**  
Sunday 21 June

**Donkey Fair Westhalten**  
Sunday 19 July

**Party in the Commandry Park - Rixheim**  
Dimanche 6 septembre

**23<sup>ème</sup> marche de TDHA à Muespach-le-Haut**  
Sunday 6 September

**October Days – Mulhouse**  
1 to 11 October

**Loto at Muespach-le-Haut**  
Saturday 14 November

**Operation oranges**  
October/November

## 2020 membership card.

Don't forget to ask for your 2020 membership card.  
The price of the card is fixed at 10 euros and entitles you to a tax receipt.  
Apply for it: contact details on the back of this newsletter.



# Agenda...

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# Farewell Gérard

For nearly 30 years our friend Gérard Romeder has discreetly supported his wife Nicole in the actions of our association mainly through his involvement in the second-hand clothing shop in Saint-Louis in favour of local people in difficulty. Some time before his retirement he approached the board of directors and soon accepted the responsibility for the projects in North India, a country which fascinated him so much and which he had already known through his work.

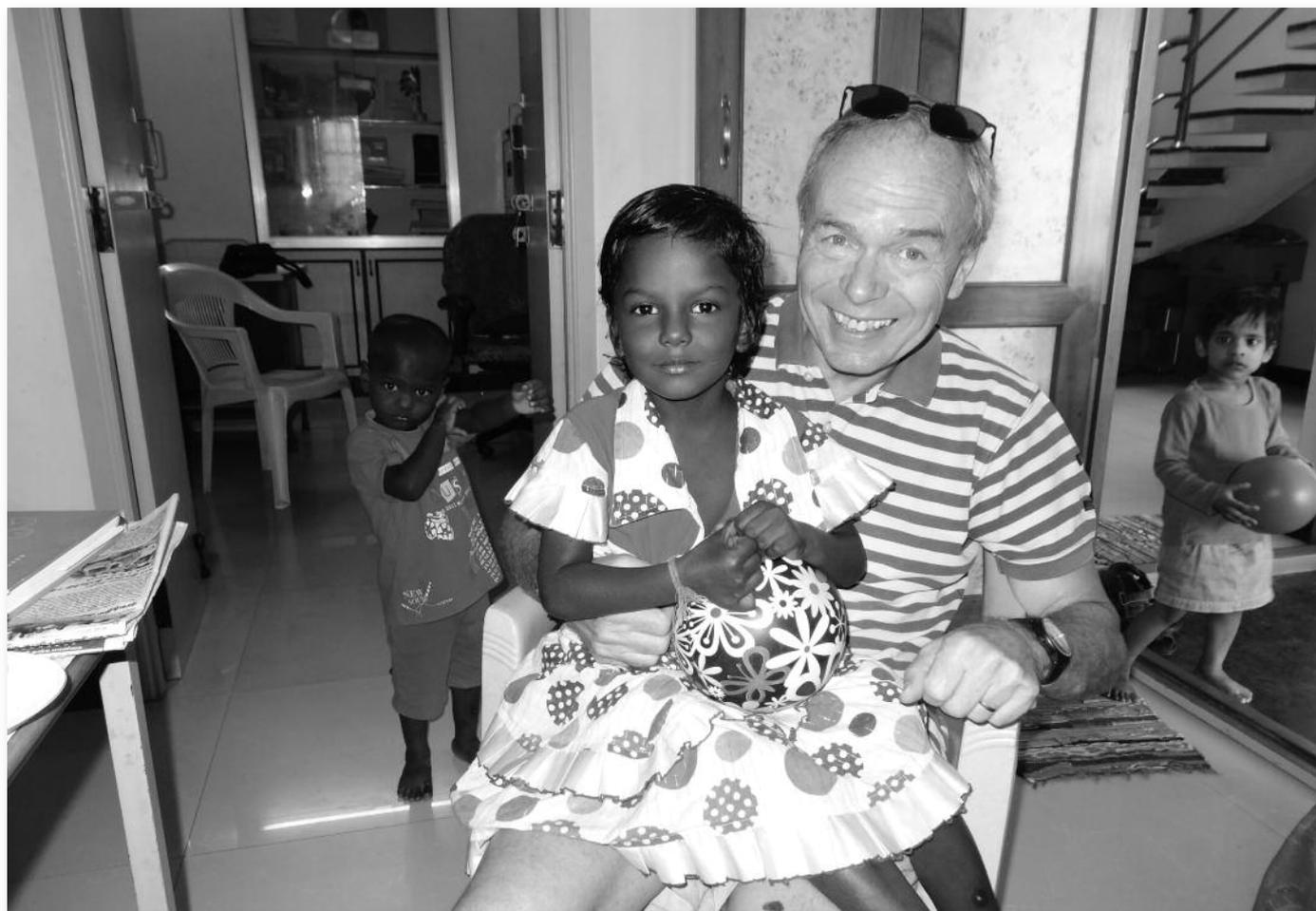
I had the chance to visit with him the Indian projects in 2013 and 2014, and I discovered a man with many qualities and always an excellent analysis of the various situations encountered. We shared memorable moments with our partners and the children, and I was pleasantly surprised by his qualities as a facilitator, although he was usually rather reserved. On his return, highly motivated, he took numerous fundraising initiatives, supervised and supported teams of volunteers, before accepting the presidency of Terre des Hommes Alsace in 2016. He had the ability to manage projects in a well-structured way.

Gérard Dadu, grandpa Gérard as the children of Calcutta called him, you left on February 17th, you're going to leave a big gap!

Our partners, Father Francois Laborde and Father Laurent Bissara of the Howrah South Point association, Sister Joicy and Sister Moncy of the Congregation of Our Lady of the Missions, Daliya Didi and all our family, here and elsewhere, we thank you in Bengali. : **Dhanyavaad !**

**Thank you**, for all you've accomplished for the children!

Simon Rey



## « Opération Lièvres » 2020

Launched on February 1st, everything seemed to be going well for this new operation "chocolate Easter rabbits". Companies, schools, colleges, high schools, young people, various institutions, everyone had reacted. We were confident and convinced that this solidarity action would once again be a success and that the 20,000 rabbits would find takers !

We delivered a few companies and supported a few actions before we had to make the choice to suspend the operation on 17 March, in order to protect ourselves, our volunteers and our partners, following the development of the pandemic. We nevertheless sold about 3'000 rabbits and the rest will be stored in the basement of our unavoidable partner: Transports Schneider in Saint-Louis until the 2021 campaign. THANK YOU !

Nice initiative: the construction company Fuetterer from Winkel has killed two birds with one stone. By buying 6 boxes of chocolate rabbits in solidarity for "our" children and giving them to the emergency staff of the Altkirch Hospital in recognition of their strong commitment during this difficult period. BRAVO and THANK YOU !

Simon REY



## Joseph Pfisterer has passed away



All the people active within Terre des Hommes Alsace had inevitably met our friend Joseph during our meetings or during our actions. We first met him during a film projection in Oltingue a long time ago, and he immediately embraced our philosophy and never stopped supporting us in all our activities. Rabbits, oranges, October Days, Expo Habitat, revision of accounts, various markets ... always present!

He has accompanied me several times to Brazil, India, Vietnam and has supported many projects with important punctual help. Discreet, kind, attentive, helpful and sensitive, he will be terribly missed.

He departed on March 14 and has not forgotten the children. **Thank you Joseph** for all the great moments we had the chance to share with you. I have received many messages from our partners and beneficiaries all over the world, they will never forget you! Rest in peace!

Simon Rey

## Our future facility

Thanks to the relentless work of the notaries and the owner at the end of the year, it has been possible to finalise and sign the acquisition of the estate on Friday 27 December 2019. Many thanks to them!

This signature guarantees the subsidy of 200'000 € from the Departmental Council of the Haut-Rhin and I had the pleasure to present the project on site at the beginning of the year to Ms. Lydie Gaspari, Head of the Territorialized Action Unit.

Before the confinement it was still possible to meet regularly at the local to discuss and really understand such a project in details.

During the confinement we were able to be in contact, thanks to the internet, with many companies in order to study the various proposals, negotiate rates and see to what extent a sponsorship action was possible. The objective is to select the companies and prepare the work contracts so that we can start as soon as possible once the situation is back to normal.

All this work cannot be done without the exceptional support and expertise of our friend, sponsor and godfather, Daniel Munck, Architect at Ferrette. As for our association, the team of construction managers with Sabine Bingler and Gérard Niemiec is heavily involved in the numerous documents and site monitoring.

Good news from the members of the Mutualia Territoires solidaires endowment fund: €10,000 in aid. Thank you to the sponsor, who will recognize himself, for providing us with the necessary information to apply for support.

Any ideas or financial assistance to support the project are of course welcome. **Thanks !**

The objective of finalizing and inaugurating the structure still in 2020, may be difficult to keep ... but for now, the date of Saturday, December 19 is retained !



Simon Rey



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# Reception of the new commercial vehicle

## Objective not to puncture a Euro intended for children reached !

Since the last edition of the newsletter, the reception of the new vehicle of our association took place at the end of the year. The sales department of Garage Fritsch in Altkirch has been very diligent and active in finding us a good used vehicle. The result is perfect with a Renault Master L2H2 registered in February 2018 but with 55 kilometres mileage



As indicated at the time of the subscription launched a year ago, this vehicle is essential for our actions and enables us to generate more than €100,000 of annual income (operation "oranges", operation "chocolate Easter rabbits", Mulhouse October days, solidarity walk, lottery evening, pok meat meal, flea markets, Christmas markets, clothing collection and sales, operation "Christmas toys").

The solidarity, trust and investment of the service clubs have paid off. For example, the Rotary Club of Ferrette Pays du Sundgau approached the Rotary International Foundation and obtained a grant of €4,000 to which the club added €3,500! The clubs of Saint-Louis-Huningue with 3'000 € and Mulhouse-Rhin with 2'000 € joined the project. Gérard Romeder convinced his friends from the Kiwanis Club of Saint-Louis to contribute 1'000 €. The Groupement du Bâtiment du Sundgau added 1'000 €, the Garage Fritsch, Daniel Munck's architectural firm in Ferrette and the donors of Terre des Hommes Alsace mobilised to finalise the budget, which allowed the addition of the marking, the wooden interior protection and the fitting of the vehicle with 4 winter tires in order to guarantee the safety of our volunteer driver friends.

**Thanks to all of you !**

Simon Rey



**Various service clubs are regular partners and support our projects. THANK YOU !**

# 6th Meal « Pork Meat »

## January 26, 2020 - Riedlin Hall, Hégenheim

On January 2nd the registrations have closed with 710 people registered !  
Between the transfer of all the necessary kitchen equipment, the making of the sausages in a partner's production unit, all the preparation in the kitchen as well as in the dining room, the preparation of the tombola, all the orders, the important craft stand, the potatoes for sale offered by the producer and the many details, **this event is out of the ordinary !**  
More than 1'600 hours of volunteer work make it possible to proudly announce **more than 71'000 meals for the children of our projects or the sponsorship of 79 children for one year !**



THANK YOU to all the kitchen team, THANK YOU to all the volunteers, regulars or with us for the first time, and especially to the many young people, even more numerous than in the previous edition. THANK YOU to the city of Hégenheim, THANK YOU to all the partners and all the participants who covered us with praise and congratulations. A few months later, people are still telling us about it at our sales events.

Simon Rey

**The date of the next edition is set for Sunday, January 24, 2021.**



## The sale of oranges by the Jeunesse et Avenir teenage group

The group of teenagers from Jeunesse et Avenir de Hégenheim rallied for Terre des Hommes Alsace on Saturday 7 December to sell oranges in the centre of Hésingue.

300 oranges donated by Sapam Primeur from Rixheim have been sold in order to subsidize different actions in Alsace and in various countries.

The young people made record sales in a happy and cheerful atmosphere and thanks to generous donors. An action to be renewed with the young people of Jeunesse et Avenir who commit themselves each year to charitable actions.

For many years Terre des Hommes Alsace has been multiplying presentations in schools and colleges in order to make young people aware of the problems faced by young people of their age who have not had the chance to grow up on the right side of the planet.



We are often surprised and happy to see that young people are truly concerned about the injustice of our world.

It is also the future of our association that we protect by meeting the young people who will succeed us.

Jeunesse et Avenir had the pleasure of handing over 2 cheques to Terre des Hommes Alsace. One was collected at the orange sale and the other at the Christmas party of the extracurricular school.

Tanja SANCHEZ

## South India



### News of our projects in South India

#### Kurinji, the new shelter house

After waiting several months, the girls from the tribal areas of Kurinji have moved into their new home, partly subsidised by Terre des Hommes Alsace with a contribution of 20,000 euros. Not only will the children have more space and living comfort, but this new structure will be able to accommodate twice as many children as the current house, i.e. 40.

The blessing of the building was done in accordance with local traditions

All of the children's primary needs could be met, e.g. single bed linen, a pillow, toiletries. Hygiene checks take place every day to get them used to taking care of themselves. Regular medical check-ups by the government have been very positive and all are in good shape.

Several age groups were invited to take mock exams to train them for the tests and avoid stress during the official examinations. The mid-year results were encouraging : of the 14 children, 12 managed to pass all the modules and 2 partially.



## Saranya, a courageous young girl

R.Saranya is a young girl of 16 and a half years old.

Her family is from a very poor background, her father died more than 3 years ago because of health problems.

She has a younger sister and three older brothers. Her mother works as a day worker but is often unemployed and has to move around the state of Kerala to be able to support the family.

A few months ago, her mother decided to marry her daughter for a small wedding dowry, but Saranya reached the social services through the number set up by TDH core and could be assisted. She now lives in Kurinji's house.



## Kurinji by the numbers

TDH core covers an area of 113 villages.

19 young girls are currently hosted at the centre.

All of them come from underprivileged backgrounds, two are orphans and all the others have only one parent. They all go to school.

One girl has been sexually abused and another had to work at a very young age to support her family.

There are no cases of serious illnesses such as AIDS.

Tanja Sanchez



Girls from tribe areas



Child Protection Day in India at the end of February in front of the old building

# Brazil

## The youth group in Brazil - continuation of the story (part one Bulletin 123)

The third week of our stay in Brazil has been spent in Salgueiro, Pernambuco. The main TDHA contacts here are Padre Rémi de Vettor and Ana Neide De Barros. We participated in several lively masses with the Padre, gathering several hundred faithful. During one of them, Simon Rey had the honour of receiving the title of Citizen of Salgueiro, a beautiful form of recognition and acknowledgement of the work accomplished. A title which of course belongs to the whole family of Terre des Hommes Alsace. We all shared his emotion.

The first project visited was the Cristo Redentor nursery. We have been welcomed by the dynamic and warm director Vilaneide Barros, the teachers and all the children between 2 and 4 years old who have expressed a communicative joy. There were no language barriers here, the children simply took us by the hand and invited us to play. We were impressed by the way this nursery works and the premises are really adapted to the little ones. They learn about life in community, do educational activities, take lunch and a shower before siesta, because not all of them have the luck to have running water at home. They are supervised with a lot of love and patience. At the end of the day, we accompanied children to their homes and discovered their living environment. The neighborhood is very poor, full of rubbish and there is a very unpleasant smell. The nursery is a great opportunity for the children who grow up there! We have been particularly touched by an 18-year-old girl, mother of two children, who lives alone and without income in a windowless building, furnished only with a mattress and a baby cot.



The second project visited was PROAC, a centre that welcomes 150 children between the ages of 7 and 16. They practice music, dance, singing, theater, computer science, football and benefit from tutoring as well as a meal. Here too, they find patience and kindness, thanks to the couple, Marcelo and Amelia and a young team of teachers. In one of the buildings stands the "mechanical cow", a machine that produces soy milk for the children of the projects but also for elderly people in need. The different actions we have carried out have allowed to equip PROAC with 80m<sup>2</sup> of photovoltaic panels which have considerably reduced the electricity bill, thus increasing the budget destined directly to the children.

It is at the Rancho Mandacaru farm that we lived the adventure day of the week. An hour and a half by truck bus, with wooden benches, a walk in the arid landscape of the Sertão guided by the 2 sons of the family, and the contact with the kids, goats and horses made us live a quiet day, far from the bustle of Salgueiro. This farm was built as a result of the actions of a previous youth group from Terre des Hommes Alsace.

This week, as Lisa points out, "we have also been invited several times by influential people from Salgueiro," such as the mayor and the bishop. We have become well aware of the contrast in Brazilian society.

The most striking and also the most difficult day of our stay in Brazil was Friday.

The morning in a high school full of positive energy allowed us to meet Livia, a young disabled girl.

Our actions financed half of her wheelchair. The other half was the result of local high school solidarity actions. A rich moment of sharing with young people of our age!



Afterwards, we went to a Saint Vincent de Paul retirement home which hosts about twenty elderly people, sometimes very weak, disoriented and often neglected. The place is bright and above all warm thanks to the devoted and patient staff. Accompanied by two young volunteer musicians, who had come to animate the afternoon, we were very moved by the intergenerational solidarity that we were able to share by playing percussion with and for the residents. An unforgettable experience!

The day ended with a visit to an orphanage, a shattering,

dilapidated and sober place where fifteen children between the ages of 2 and 17 live, without games or even tables in sufficient number. "I wonder what future these children have," wonders Manon and Louis concludes, "after this visit, I didn't feel like talking, there was nothing more to say, I didn't even listen to music."

We also had the opportunity to visit three major development sites in the Northeast. Even though it has been a long time since they have been initiated, the people are hoping for their completion. These are the diversion of the Rio São Francisco River for irrigation, the railway that would allow the transport of goods from Fortaleza via Salgueiro to the port of Suape south of Recife. The completed project would allow the restarting of the world's largest railway sleeper manufacturing plant.

To conclude this extraordinary and intense month, we spent three days on the Atlantic Ocean, in Porto de Galinhas, south of Recife.

Jeanne recalls moments of relaxation, swimming in the ocean games, and Antonio concludes by smiling "after the effort, comfort".

This stay in Brazil allowed us to discover so many difficult situations but also the voluntary engagement of many supportive people.

And we returned home motivated to continue our involvement with Terre des Hommes Alsace.

Manon, Léa, Lisa, Jeanne, Julien, Louis and Antonio.



## A Coeur Battant



**Stéphanie is a 10-year-old little girl**

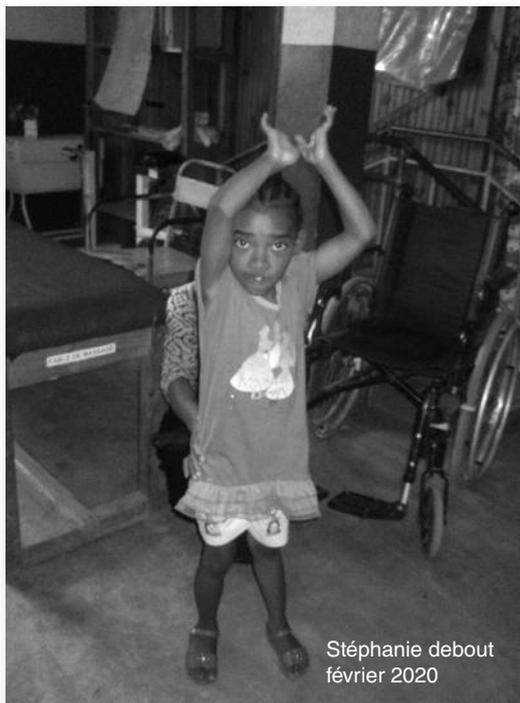
Stéphanie suffers from heart disease and moderate psychomotor retardation as a result of neonatal resuscitation. During discussions with her parents it is obvious that Stéphanie cannot stand for more than a few minutes. She has contractures in her legs and cannot speak. According to her parents, she makes sounds, but does not seem to understand.

The parents have organized massage sessions 3 times a week, but the cost of 3000 ariary (0.75 €) is a heavy burden for this family. The father is a daily worker who cannot always find work and the mother cannot work as she need to take care of Stéphanie who cannot be left alone.

She has already been seen by the Chain of Hope but to date there is no schedule for heart surgery; psychomotor retardation is a contraindication for this in Madagascar.

With Dr. De Geeter, we met with a rehabilitative doctor at the hospital to talk about Stéphanie's case.

The doctor's office is surprising, neither the window nor the door close. However, as there is constant draft the door is constantly slamming.



Here there are no sophisticated equipment, only furniture worthy of a flea market. However, we admire this professional who in a short time took matters into his own hands.

He advises the parents on how to take care of the Stéphanie using simple tools. How she should sit and stand, and constantly calling the child by name to attract her attentions.

Stéphanie responded pretty quickly to the doctor, visibly relaxing and even smiling.

Before my departure for Madagascar, I was entrusted by a donor with 400 euros for the Fianarantsoa hospital. We decided to put this towards Stéphanie's care. After only a few months she can stand and is beginning to walk. She had also started to talk, and the progress is expected to continue.

The intention is to take stock of the situation when we return to Madagascar in 2020 and to decide what to do about the heart problem.

It is clear that as a result of this meeting with Doctor De Geeter and Terre des Hommes Alsace the life of Stéphanie and her parents will change for the better.

Brigitte FLAMMEN

# Senegal

At our General Assembly in 2019, our Senegalese partner Djiby SARR presented his project to build a new kitchen. Our C.A. gave the green light and the work started at the end of June 2019. I wrote about the construction in our last bulletin.

The work was completed in early October after the usual ups and downs that are usual for projects of this type, and the kitchen served its first meals on 11 October.

The groups of mothers, who obviously continue to prepare the meals, are delighted to have at their disposal a permanent building with all the equipment necessary to be able to work in conditions of good safety and hygiene.

They quickly adapted to the new way of cooking on gas stoves; at home most of them still use a traditional wood fire. The water point for washing utensils, storage rooms and adjoining toilets contribute to the comfortable working conditions.



## A successful project in Gamadji

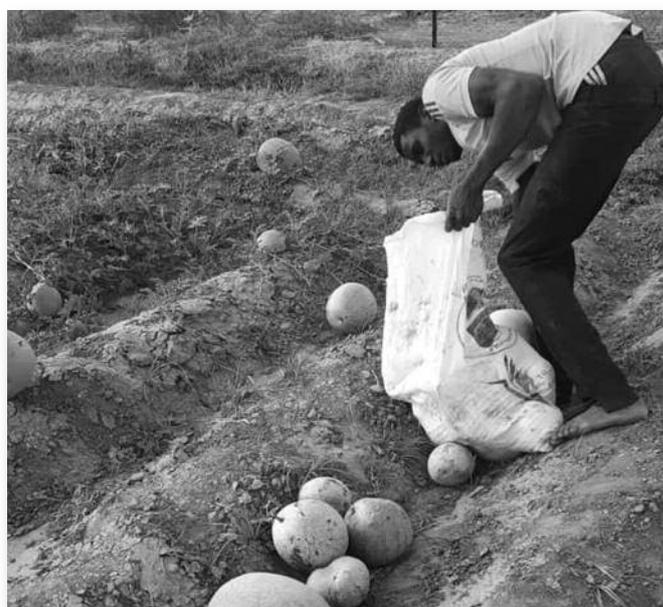
This year the elementary school has 470 pupils: 287 girls and 183 boys. The nursery school is definitively detached from the elementary school both administratively and operationally. Since the start of the 2019 school year, a cantina has been set up at the nursery school by the parents and the Scherwiller association. For our part, we continue to support the canteen of the elementary school. Despite the reduction in staff since the start of the school year, we have decided to maintain the budget at the usual level. This allows children to eat a proper breakfast on the days a week when they have to work in the afternoon.

In the educational garden, a well was dug with the support of a partner from the Angoulême region. This will allow for better irrigation of the trees and crops that will be replanted in the field.

Thanks to the work of Daouda, the farm worker, the crops in the field were very good and a large part could be sold at the market in N'DIOUM, the neighboring town.

All the parents, children, teachers and Djiby offer a big thankyou to the donors, sponsors and volunteers and also the board of directors of our association for their support.

Jacques FLAMMEN



# Madagascar

## Actions carried out by the Daughters of Charity

In Fianarantsoa, 206 disadvantaged students are fed daily in the canteen, both to meet food needs, but also to encourage these children from extremely poor families in Fianarantsoa and the surrounding area to go to school.

Beyond the response to malnutrition, Sister Madeleine's vision is broad: tuition fees are supported according to means testing and she closely monitors children's school attendance and quarterly results.

Mothers are also invited to take part in the organization of the canteen: they take turns to cook for the children.



In addition, the sisters of the community also support mothers, especially single mothers, to help them to become more financially independent.

An association has been created to support microcredits.

The project is called *Vehivavy mioitra* "women who want to promote themselves". It is particularly aimed at neglected women who are trying to survive and take responsibility for their children.

Sister Madeleine explains "As they are vulnerable this project helps them and brings them financial support as a result of the work they do in the association by making the baskets or bags."



Typically, they come to the centre twice a week in groups to make baskets.

For some time now, a group of 11 women have been growing potatoes, carrots and onions. After a several days work and a little patience, these mothers will sell their produce and share the profits to replenish the family budget and buy the children's pens and notebooks.



A real solidarity exists between these women. They bring each other financial, moral and psychological support. If necessary, they can have recourse to the association that leads the project for financial management and other advice.

# Madagascar

## Contributing to the reforestation of the Big Island

The ancient forest that once covered the Madagascar has long been ravaged by burning. To try and remedy this, a national reforestation campaign was launched by the President of the Republic, Andry Rajoelina. There is a real need for the country to allow it to better protect its exceptional biodiversity.

The goal is to plant 60 million trees in 2020, to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the independence of Madagascar, and to transform "the red island into a green island". To participate in this call, some students from the canteen and their mother joined the community of sisters to reforest land intended for the homeless.

Meanwhile in Antananarivo...

School children are always welcome to eat at the Medico)Social Centre canteen. But school attendance is one condition for being able to benefit from the canteen. Consequently, Dr. Joro and his team, in collaboration with the schools and with the involvement of the parents carefully monitors school attendance and academic results.

The team is particularly attentive to the risk of dropping out at the beginning of the school year.



The day was a happy one and passed in good humor. Sister Madeleine said that it was a "little joyful outing".

Dr. Joro and his team are concerned about the number of young girls involved this year. Girls over the age of 14 are more likely to drop out of school: poor attendance and results, pregnancy, difficult or deteriorating living conditions ... these are all factors that must be watched for and prevented.

This is why the team has developed an action plan to deal with this phenomenon. Dream, the social worker and Fafa, the midwife will insist need for an education during their interventions with young girls.

In parallel, the team will develop and consolidate partnerships with educational establishments, and particularly those that offer vocational training.

Finally, they will also appeal to those who have succeeded, and ask them to be examples to the younger ones. Dr. Joro says "build on successes and be humble at the sheer scale of the task"

Christelle LASSIAT

# Peru

## News of PERU

In our last bulletin, Father Juiapa parish priest of the parish of San Luis south of Lima and responsible for the 4 canteens that Terre des Hommes Alsace supports financially, gave us a rather worrying insight into the situation in Peru, particularly with regard to politics, the economy and security in his country. In the same newsletter, he told us about the actions his team was taking to alleviate the misery of the population. In this bulletin I would like to briefly present some of the results.

### I - Actions for the children

#### . Nutrition

The parish manages 4 canteens for children. Food aid is provided to 400 children of poor parents who receive nutritious and balanced food rations from Monday to Friday to protect their health and personal development. Particular attention is given to children suffering from anemia, malnutrition, tuberculosis by strengthening their diet with proteins. Each month those children with these diseases are identified and supported.

#### . Health

A free medical health campaign has been developed in coordination with the ministry, benefiting around 250 people. They receive medical care including the medication that they need. The population was very grateful for this service.

### II – Actions for the parents

#### . Humanity

A series of trainings and workshops have been carried out covering the key theme of personal development. These training courses are aimed at members and managers of the canteens.

Some examples of the training given are :

. Leadership and skills development aimed at the adolescents at the 4 canteens

. How to set goals and creating a development plan

. International Women's Day where the role of the main of women as national and international leaders and as main characters in literature was highlighted

### III – Support for Migrants

Peru is currently home for more than 800,000 migrants, mainly Venezuelans. They come in search of better work and living conditions. To help them, we are putting in place additional accommodation and social support that they need to live.

In conclusion, I sincerely thank Padre Juiapa and his entire team for their actions in support of the disadvantaged part of the population.

J.J.Kieffer



# Vietnam

## Hieu, his new life at Maison Chance (Dak Nong)

Only a few weeks after the opening of the new Maison Chance Center in Dak Nong, Tim Aline already has some great stories to tell us.

Hieu was born into a very poor family in the Dak Nong province, on the highlands and belongs to the Dao ethnic group. He has been disabled since birth and despite his family's efforts to help him, his situation has never really improved. He underwent a heel operation in 2012, but this wasn't a particular success.

In 2017, his parents divorced. His mother abandoned the family leaving his father to take care of Hieu and his brother. They lived in a small makeshift house in their coffee field. Their situation was very difficult.



Hieu's brother was in year 5 of primary school. Every day, he walked more than 10km between his home and school, all along forest roads. Therefore, his father sent him to live with his cousin in Quang Son commune.

Hieu stayed with his father, before being taken in by Maison Chance Dak Nong. He is fed, housed and at last has access to education.

In the first few days after his arrival, he didn't talk much. Hieu had lived most of his life in the forest and was therefore not used to meeting and talking with strangers.

His degree of autonomy was also very limited, but with

the support of the Maison Chance Social Center staff, his development has been incredible.



At school, Hieu learns quickly; he is reflective, logical, creative and has a good memory. He has no problem to complete the tasks asked of him.

Today, he has adapted to life at the Center. He is happy, made friends, and respectful of the adults at the Center.



Before coming to Maison Chance, Hieu lived exclusively indoors and crawled around. Today he knows how to use his wheelchair, and he is learning how to walk with the help of a zimmer frame.

Tim Aline has hopes that one day he will not even need this ...

Emmanuel LASSIAT

## Let's look at the Accounts.... 2019 !

In early March, Jef CAPELETO, Statutory Auditor of the Office of Hans et Associés, reviewed our annual accounts. During the audit, which took approximately 5 hours, the bank balances on 31 December 2019 and a sample of invoices were verified and the application of good accounting procedures and principles was confirmed. The audit also revealed that the recommendations from 2018, in particular those relating to the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), were indeed followed.

The final report certifies that the annual accounts are in good order and are a true and fair reflection of operations over the past financial year as well as the financial situation and assets of the association at the end of this financial year.

### Revenue 2019 : 881 403 €

Sponsorships, donations and legacies represent 63% of the funds collected (556,110 €). This is a clear increase over 2018 (+ 43%), in particular due to the 2 calls for donations towards the new van and new association headquarters. Operation "Oranges" brought in 34,681 € (+ 12%) and the "Easter rabbits" raised 46,537 € (+/- 0%). The sale of 2nd hand clothes represents 17,398 € (+ 15%).

The presence of our volunteers at the various stands made it possible to collect an additional 64,000 € on top of these. Dedicated funds represent a revenue of 158,656 €.

### Expenditure 2019 : 833 818 €

As our association works only with volunteers, the actual aid given to those most in need represents nearly 88% of the expenses (grants 541,836 € missions 50,233 €, paid from the dedicated funds 148,360 €).

**Management fees and taxes** represent only **0,94%** of expenditure (7 842 €).

Other costs, for example purchase of arts and crafts which are sold to generate revenue, represent an additional 10.25% of expenditure.

## Almost 1500 € / day of aid distributed

During the year, 541,836 € was paid to our usual partners.

A sum of 100,022 € appears as PASSIVE ASSETS and is reserved for specific projects ("Cœur Battant", the youth group and new headquarters with its charity shop) in order to respect the wishes expressed by the respective donors.

Regarding mission costs, in order to minimize the cost incurred, donations were paid by the people who travelled to represent the association abroad.

In view of the increase in revenue, our association has temporarily replenished its reserves to the amount of 47,586 €. Part of these funds comes from the call for donations relating to the acquisition of our new headquarters and will be used for future work on the building.

I remain at your disposal for any questions; the balance sheet and income statement are available on request.

Emmanuel LASSIAT, Trésorier

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## SUMMARY

		31/12/2019	31/12/2018	
		12 mois	12 mois	
<b>PRODUITS D'EXPLOITATION</b>	Ventes de marchandises, de produits fabriqués	162 546	158 150	
	Prestations de services			
	Productions stockée			
	Production immobilisée			
	Subventions d'exploitation			
	Dons	556 110	386 848	
	Cotisations	1 322	1 286	
	Legs et donations			
	Autres produits de gestion courante			
	Reprises sur provisions et amortissements, transfert de charges			
	Autres produits			
	<b>Total des produits d'exploitation</b>	<b>719 978</b>	<b>546 284</b>	
	<b>CHARGES D'EXPLOITATION</b>	Achats	30 474	25 095
		Variation de stock		
		Autres achats et charges externes	109 286	37 103
Impôts, taxes et versements assimilés		796	774	
Rémunération du personnel				
Charges sociales				
Subventions accordées par l'association		541 836	560 026	
Dotation aux amortissements et dépréciations		893		
Dotation aux provisions				
Autres charges				
<b>Total des charges d'exploitation</b>	<b>683 285</b>	<b>622 998</b>		
<b>1 - RESULTAT COURANT NON FINANCIER</b>		<b>36 693</b>	<b>(76 714)</b>	
<b>Charges financières</b>	Reprises sur provisions et dépréciations et transferts de charges			
	Intérêts et produits financiers	2 268	2 760	
	Dotation aux amortissements et aux dépréciations			
	Intérêts et charges financières	1 057	1 066	
	<b>2 - RESULTAT FINANCIER</b>	<b>1 211</b>	<b>1 694</b>	
<b>3 - RESULTAT COURANT AVANT IMPOT ( 1 + 2 )</b>		<b>37 904</b>	<b>(75 019)</b>	
<b>4 - RESULTAT EXCEPTIONNEL</b>	Produits exceptionnels	500		
	Charges exceptionnelles			
<b>4 - RESULTAT EXCEPTIONNEL</b>		<b>500</b>		
	Impôts sur les sociétés	1 115	694	
	(+) Report des ressources non utilisées des exercices antérieurs	158 656	104 237	
	(-) Engagements à réaliser sur ressources affectées	148 360	87 694	
<b>TOTAL DES PRODUITS</b>		<b>881 403</b>	<b>653 281</b>	
<b>TOTAL DES CHARGES</b>		<b>833 818</b>	<b>712 451</b>	
<b>EXCEDENT ou DEFICIT</b>		<b>47 586</b>	<b>(59 171)</b>	
<b>EVALUATION DES Contributions en Nature</b>	<b>PRODUITS</b>			
	Bénévolat			
	Prestations en nature			
	Dons en nature			
	<b>CHARGES</b>			
	Secours en nature			
	Mise à disposition gratuite de biens et services			
	Personnel bénévole			

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ASSETS

	31/12/2019		31/12/2018
	Gross	Amort. & Deprec.	Net
<b>INTANGIBLE ASSETS</b>			
Administration fees			
Research and Development costs			
Patent rights and similar			
Commercial funds (1)			
Other intangible assets			
Advances and deposits			
<b>TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Land			
Buildings	377 960	100 000	277 960
Installations techniq.mat. et outillage			
Indus. Other fixed assets			
Assets subject to duty	29 505	4 893	24 612
Assets under development			
Advances and deposits			
<b>FINANCIAL ASSETS (2)</b>			
Investments valued according to equity			
Other investments			
Receivables attached to equity interests			
Other fixed assets			
Loans			
Other financial assets			
<b>TOTAL (1)</b>	<b>407 465</b>	<b>104 893</b>	<b>302 572</b>
<b>STOCKS AND WORK IN PROGRESS</b>			
Raw materials, supplies			
In process of production			
Work in progress			
Intermediate and finished goods			
Merchandise			
<b>Avances et A.comptes versés sur commandes</b>			
<b>RECEIVABLES (3)</b>			
User receivables and related accounts			
Other receivables			
<b>INVESTMENT SECURITIES</b>			
<b>AVAILABLE</b>	617 765		617 765
Prepaid expenses			882 524
<b>TOTAL ( II)</b>	<b>617 765</b>		<b>617 765</b>
Loan fees to be spread (III)			
Redemption premiums (IV)			
Conversion differences (V)			
<b>TOTAL ASSETS (I &amp; VI)</b>	<b>1 025 230</b>	<b>104 893</b>	<b>920 337</b>
(1) With a right to lease			
(2) less than a year old included			
(3) more than a year old included			
<b>COMMITMENTS RECEIVED</b>			
Net bequests to be realised - accepted by the competent statutory bodies - authorized by the supervisory body			
Donations in kind remaining to be sold			

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LIABILITIES

	31/12/2019	31/12/2018
	<b>Associated funds</b>	
<b>Equity</b>		
Associated funds without right of recovery Including bequests and donations with consideration for fixed assets, investment grants allocated to renewable goods		
Exchange rate changes	772 206	831 377
Reserves	47 586	(59 171)
Brought forward		
<b>Results of the operation</b>	<b>819 792</b>	<b>772 206</b>
<b>Other associated funds</b>		
Associated funds with right of recovery		
- Contributions		
- Bequests and donations		
- Investment grants allocated to renewable goods		
Résultats sous contrôle de tiers financiers		
Droits des propriétaires		
Ecart de réévaluation		
Subventions d'investissement sur biens non renouvelables		
Provisions réglementées		
<b>Total of other associated funds</b>	<b>819 792</b>	<b>772 206</b>
<b>Total associative funds</b>	<b>819 792</b>	<b>772 206</b>
<b>Provisions</b>		
Risk Provisions		
Provisions for expenses		
<b>Total provisions</b>	<b>48 610</b>	<b>25 000</b>
Sur subventions de fonctionnement	51 412	85 318
Sur dons manuels affectés		
Sur legs et donations affectés		
<b>Total des fonds dédiés</b>	<b>100 022</b>	<b>110 318</b>
<b>DEBTS (1)</b>		
<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	523	
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>	<b>523</b>	
Ecart de conversion passif		
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>920 337</b>	<b>882 524</b>
Résultat de l'exercice exprimé en centimes	47 585,54	(59 170,61)
(1) Dont à moins d'un an	523	
(2) Dont concours bancaires courants, et soldes créditeurs de banques et CCP		
<b>ENGAGEMENTS DONNES</b>		

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# Haiti

## The situation in Haiti

With this article I had intended to talk about the political situation in Haiti and the level of unrest. However, finally I felt I couldn't ignore the current global health crisis and took a look at the impact in Haiti.

### Calls for medical equipment and testing go unanswered in Haiti

The fragility of Haiti's healthcare system in the face of the coronavirus came into focus towards the end of March when the French hospital of Haiti announced that after more than 100 years of providing medical care in the capital it will shut its emergency service and quit admitting patients from 1 May.



The hospitals director said the final straw was when it took the government officials over 48 hours to test a 70 yr old patient with pneumonia for COVID-19. The staff realised they had neither the equipment nor the medical gear to confront this highly contagious disease.

There was panic in the hospital as they realised they were not prepared to confront the reality that exists.

The country is short on PPE, although they have recently ordered \$18m in medical equipment from China, the Director of the Ministry states, with the state needing to know

which hospitals can receive and care for COVID-19 patients to be able to distribute equipment appropriately.

An interesting backdrop to this is that the largest public hospital has still not been rebuilt 10 years after the earthquake that killed over 300000 people. In addition, Haiti's official statistics tell a troubling story. The nation of 11 million has so far only tested 218 people for the deadly coronavirus and has 20 confirmed positive cases. By comparison, the Dominican Republic, which has roughly the same population as Haiti, has run more than 4,000 tests, and reported 1,488 positive cases and 68 deaths.

The fear is that the nation's healthcare system will collapse sometime over the next few months and the consequences for the population are likely to be more heartache.

Neil Greener



Simon Rey - Brazil



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