

# TERRE DES HOMMES ALSACE ANTOINE DE SAINT-EXUPÉRY

Direct assistance to children in need



Madagascar 2019 - photo Brigitte FLAMMEN



« important : changes of address, phone number  
and new date for the general assembly 2021 »

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# Éditorial...

The pandemic continues and most of our partners are supporting many poor families with food, for example in Peru, where overcrowded households are making it difficult to manage the crisis. The Brazilian people are once again victims of the political chaos and the deaths toll is in the hundreds of thousands. All our projects are inevitably affected and, as living conditions are often very difficult and health systems are precarious, the risk of contamination and complications is obviously higher. Many people have no choice but to continue working, if possible, to ensure the basic livelihood of their loved ones.

In this issue we report on nice success stories and signs of hope, such as the improvement of school results in Haiti and the efforts and desire for education of young women in India and Vietnam. Please take note of the message of a father from Madagascar who realized that the future depends on education and who mobilized together with parents for the construction of a small school. Imagine the smiles of Senegalese children enjoying their watermelon production and discover the stories of the children of Lar dos Pequenos in Angola. Follow the journey of the echocardiography machine and with your support save Stephanie. Our partners in South India don't make movies, but the true story of the movie "Lion" is their daily life in Salem.

Father Laborde, our outstanding partner in Calcutta, departed on Christmas Day after a lifetime dedicated to the poorest of the poor with his association Howrah South Point.

Regarding the financial results, the volunteers were not able to generate the usual funds but the donors were more generous, THANK YOU! Our prudent management and our reserve of funds enable us to continue to secure the needs of our projects by being close to our partners, who are aware that our regions are also affected and who have almost all reduced their budgets as far as possible.

And to conclude, while we look forward to welcoming you to our new shop, I am happy to share some pictures of this beautiful facility which is now operational.

We mustn't give up, let's continue to support the **children** wherever they are and let's all **work together** to give them a **better future**. THANK YOU for your faithfulness !

Simon Rey



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**AG new date  
3 september et 19h  
Salle du trèfle à Rixheim**

We hope to be able to hold the following events :

- Solidarity Walk, Muespach  
Le Haut Sunday 26 September  
starting between 8h-14h
- October Days from 7 to 17 October,  
Parc Expo de Mulhouse
- Soirée Loto Saturday  
20 November 20h, Muespach le Haut

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## 2020, A peculiar financial year...

In a year financially marked by the pandemic, revenues linked to the association's usual activities are down sharply (the regular sources of revenue such as participation in stands, fairs or exhibitions, sales of clothes, easter rabbits or oranges, the Solidarity March, the Loto Evening, Christmas market were all impossible).

The year was also marked by the massive financial commitment of finally building new headquarters in Rixheim. The cost was significant, but the project was completed with the help of a number of sponsorships and subsidies received for local and regional government and businesses.

Jef CAPELETO, Statutory Auditor from the Office of Hans and Associates, reviewed our annual accounts. The annual accounts are regular and represent a true reflection of the results of operations for the past financial year as well as of the financial situation and the assets of the association at the end of this financial year.

### **REVENUES 2020 : 843 149 €**

Sponsorships, donations, bequests and grants represent 90% of the funds collected (€ 674,966). Against all expectations, we see a clear increase in these revenues in 2020 (+ 21%); in particular thanks to the maintenance of the level of donations, important bequests and also subsidies received for the work on the new headquarters.

Operation "Oranges" brought in € 7,932 (-77%) and the "Easter Rabbits" € 9,407 (-79%). The sale of secondhand clothing represents € 7,772 (-55%). Our volunteers collected € 40,728 (-36%), excluding Oranges, Rabbits, Clothing receipts.

The impact of dedicated funds on total revenue is € 100,021.

### **EXPENDITURE 2020 : 633 167 €**

Aid paid to the most disadvantaged represents nearly 88% of expenditure (Grants paid 460,188 €, Missions 14,353 €, Impact of dedicated funds 85,700 €). Concerning mission costs, at the same time, donations were made by the people travelling.

**Management fees and taxes only** represent only 0.73% of expenses (€ 4,030). The other costs (including purchases of crafts which generate income) represent 12% of the recorded costs.

**The result for the 2020 financial year** represents € 209,982

## Almost 1300 € / jour of aid was distributed !!!

During the year, 460,188 € (- 15%) was paid to our partners. Our aid was adjusted to account for the confinement and the closure of schools; fewer children were supported unfortunately.

**In the PASSIVE BALANCE SHEET**, appears 85,700 € allocated to dedicated funds (reserved for specific projects : A Cœur Battant, Groupe Jeunes and Brazil according to the expressed wishes of donors) and a 165,000 € Loan (COVID loan guaranteed by the State at 0% subscribed to alleviate the fall in revenue and pending the announced subsidies - full reimbursement is envisaged by the end of 2021).

**On the ASSET BALANCE SHEET**, the association has net assets of € 1,280,718 (including € 501,070 of available cash and tangible and work-in-progress (new headquarters) assets of € 779,647).

The Balance Sheet and the Profit and Loss Account (documents drawn up by Cabinet ESTHER CSE - Wintzenheim) are available on request.

Emmanuel LASSIAT, Trésorier

TERRE DES HOMMES

**SUMMARY**

		31/12/2019	31/12/2018
		12 months	12 months
OPERATING OUTPUT	Sale of goods and manufactured prod	65 841	162 546
	Services		
	Inventory		
	In production		
	Operating grants	108 661	
	Donations	566 305	556 110
	Contributions	1 280	1 322
	Bequests and donations		
	Other management products		
	Reversal of provisions and depreciation, transfer of charges		
	Other output		
	<b>Total operating output</b>	<b>742 087</b>	<b>719 978</b>
	OPERATING COSTS	Purchases	26 502
Stock variation			
Other purchases and external expenses		52 542	109 286
Taxes and other payments		809	796
Staff remuneration			
Social charges			
Grants awarded by the association		460 188	541 836
Depreciation, amortization and depreciation		5 101	893
Provisions			
Other expenses			
<b>Total operating costs</b>		<b>545 142</b>	<b>682 285</b>
<b>1 – INITIAL RESULT</b>		<b>196 945</b>	<b>36 693</b>
OUTPUT		Reversals of provisions and depreciations and transfer of charges	
	Financial interest and benefits	1 040	2 268
	Depreciation, amortization and depreciation		
	Interest and other charges	2 081	1 057
<b>2 – NET PROFIT/LOSS</b>	<b>(1 041)</b>	<b>1 211</b>	
COSTS	<b>3 – PROFIT BEFORE TAX ( 1 + 2 )</b>	<b>195 904</b>	<b>37 904</b>
	Extraordinary benefits		500
	Extraordinary charges		
	<b>4 – EXCEPTIONAL ITEMS</b>		<b>500</b>
Company tax	244	1 115	
(+) Carryover of unused resources from previous years	100 022	158 656	
(-) Commitments to be made from allocated resources	85 700	148 360	
<b>TOTAL BENEFITS</b>	<b>843 149</b>	<b>881 403</b>	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>633 167</b>	<b>833 818</b>	
<b>PROFIT OR LOSS</b>	<b>209 982</b>	<b>47 586</b>	
EVALUATION OF BENEFITS IN KIND	<b>BENEFITS</b>		
	Volunteering		
	Benefits in kind		
	Donations in kinds		
	<b>EXPENSES</b>		
	Relief in kind		
	Free provision of goods and services		
Volunteer staff			

TERRE DES HOMMES ALSACE		31/12/2020		31/12/2019	
		Gross	Amort. & Deprec.	Net	Net
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>	<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	422 110	100 000	322 110	277 960
Installations, materials and tools					
Other fixed assets	29 505	9 994	19 511	24 612	
Assets subject to duty					
Assets under development					
Advances and deposits	438 026		438 026		
<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 ( I )</b>	<b>889 641</b>	<b>109 994</b>	<b>779 647</b>	<b>302 572</b>	
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>STOCKS AND WORK IN PROGRESS</b>				
	Raw materials, supplies				
	In process of production				
	Work in progress				
	Intermediate and finished goods				
	Merchandise				
	<b>Advances and prepayment on orders</b>				
	<b>RECEIVABLES (3)</b>				
	User receivables and related accounts				
	Other receivables				
<b>INVESTMENT SECURITIES</b>					
<b>AVAILABLE</b>					
Prepaid expenses	501 070		501 070	617 765	
<b>TOTAL ( II )</b>	<b>501 070</b>		<b>501 070</b>	<b>617 765</b>	
Loan fees to be spread (III)					
Redemption premiums (IV)					
Conversion differences (V)					
<b>TOTAL ASSETS ( I &amp; II )</b>	<b>1 390 712</b>	<b>109 994</b>	<b>1 280 718</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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TERRE DES HOMMES ALSACE		31/12/2020		31/12/2019	
<b>LIABILITIES</b>					
<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				
	Reserves				
	Brought forward				
	<b>Results of the operation</b>				
	<b>Total Equities</b>				
<b>Other associated funds</b>					
Associated funds with right of recovery					
- Contributions					
- Bequests and donations					
- Investment grants allocated to renewable goods					
Results under the control of third parties					
Differences in valuation					
Investment in non-renewable goods					
Regulated provisions					
<b>Total of other associated funds</b>					
<b>Total associative funds</b>					
<b>Provisions</b>					
Risk Provisions					
Provisions for expenses					
<b>Total provisions</b>					
<b>Funds</b>					
Regulated funds					
Earmarked donations					
On bequests and affected donations					
<b>Total dedicated funds</b>					
<b>DEBTS (1)</b>					
<b>FINANCIAL DEBTS</b>					
Convertible Bonds					
Other bond loans					
Borrowings from credit institutions (2)					
Miscellaneous borrowings and financial debts					
Advances and deposits received on open orders					
<b>OPERATING DEBTS</b>					
Supplier debts and linked accounts					
Social and tax debts					
<b>MISCELLANEOUS DEBTS</b>					
Debts on fixed assets and related accounts					
Other debts					
Prepaid income					
<b>Total debts</b>					
Exchange differences on liabilities					
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>					
Result of the assessment expressed in centimes					
(1) less than a year old included					
(2) including current bank loans and credit in bank and postal accounts					
<b>COMMITMENTS</b>					

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# Operation Chocolate Easter Bunny

Following the lockdown of March 2020, it was not possible to propose the chocolate Easter Bunnies to our numerous partners and 16'000 units remained in stock, at our major partner Transports Schneider of Saint-Louis, hoping to find takers in 2021. It should also be noted that no sales at the various spring exhibitions could be made, due to the sanitary situation. At the time of the launching of the operation at the end of January 2021, we were worried because the expiration date was June 2021.

Our key partner, Mrs. Anne Ducellier of the **newspaper l'Alsace**, wrote a nice article with a publication on the whole region Mulhouse South, and this has fundamentally changed this action, THANK YOU! Many new solidaristic contacts manifested themselves and towards the end of the operation we were unfortunately obliged to turn down some actions.

I think that in the end it would have been possible to sell well over 22'000 Easter Bunnies!



The students of the **Don Bosco Collège-Lycée in Landser**, a partner of Terre des Hommes Alsace for nearly 30 years, like to take on solidarity challenges and under the leadership of their director Mr. Alain Werner, the usual good number exploded and we had the pleasure of delivering **3'699 Easter Bunnies** for a total amount of 9247.50 € ! A big bravo and thanks to all !



**THANK YOU** to all the people involved in this action of solidarity. Volunteers, companies, works councils, banks, schools, colleges, high schools, private sales, various markets and stores, EHPAD, APEI, the town halls which offered the hare to the pupils of the elementary school without forgetting the unavoidable service clubs...

**TOGETHER** we are stronger and this operation allows us to ensure for example more than 160'000 meals or the sponsorship of 140 children during one year, 140 mothers relieved to know that their children are protected and in good hands with our courageous partners.

Simon Rey

## ECHO ACB - TDHA Docteur Bernard De Geeter

Echocardiographe « À Coeur Battant - Terre Des Hommes Alsace »



—In 2012, the Lycée hôtelier de Strasbourg organized a large charity meal to buy a portable echocardiography machine for the benefit of ACB - TDHA and our humanitarian missions of Pediatric Cardiology. It is a fairly specialized field on the borders of Pediatrics and Cardiology, still not very accessible to countries with health difficulties ... The concomitant help of numerous private sponsorships and the commercial benevolence of GE (General Electric) enabled us to acquire a new machine of excellent quality.

With the device in a backpack and with the help of medico-surgical teams from Strasbourg, Paris or Luxembourg, we have traveled the world to meet young children with often severe heart disease awaiting valuable and often miraculous care: Laos, Vietnam, Myanmar, Iraq, Algeria, Mauritius, Rwanda, Togo, Madagascar...

The device withstood a number of hectic journeys (planes, customs controls, uncertain roads, tracks, accidents, rains, heat waves, power outages, wars, highwaymen ...) and ended up in the Pediatrics Department in Fianarantsoa, Madagascar since 2019.



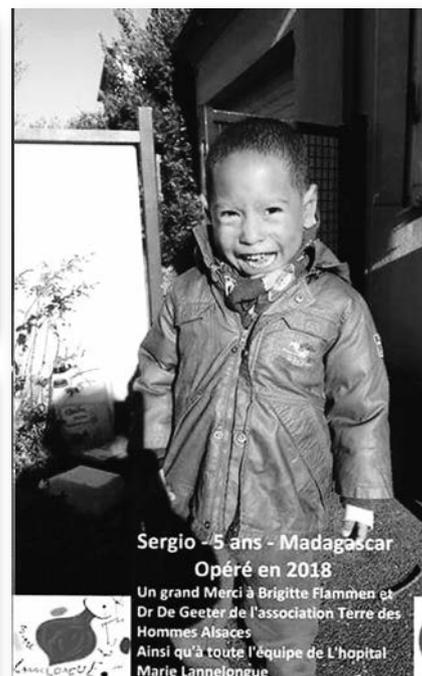
Two doctors, a pediatrician and a cardiologist, came to train in Strasbourg and left with the GE.

The device continues to work perfectly. It is the best echocardiograph on the Big Island, coveted every day by doctors in the capital Antananarivo (Tana), 400 km from Fianarantsoa (Fiana) - two days difficult drive away...



During our annual trips, under the protective arm of Terre des Hommes Alsace, training continues; theoretical lessons at the CHU, one on one practical sessions with doctors, through daily consultations or by the bedside of extremely ill babies. As a result, children with a bleak or even nonexistent future have benefited from a precise diagnosis and subsequent surgical treatment in France, with excellent results.

We remember little Sergio (see TDHA bulletins of 2018 and 2019), refused 3 times by the Madagascan capital then airlifted to France, under the sponsorship of ACB-TDHA, to undergo his operation with complete success ...



The Covid - 19 pandemic has highlighted the importance of this little machine.



The TDHA correspondent in Tana, Doctor Joro and members of his family are affected by the virus; her eldest son, 15, has a very severe form of the infection including respiratory distress and heart failure. He was placed in intensive care and on respiratory assistance in Tana but there no possibility for an echocardiograph or any form of cardiac monitoring. Fiana was alerted and "the ACB - TDHA device" urgently transported to the capital over broken roads and bridges through a magnificent landscape. With the help of the machine, his treatment could be adapted daily from France via wi-fi following communication between experts in Strasbourg and Madagascar. After 10 days of touch and go, the outcome is now favourable without any anticipated long-term effects: an excellent outcome.

Its work done, the device returned to Fianarantsoa by the same difficult roads and continues to work perfectly; the virus did not dare to touch the computer programs.

Since the charity event at the Lycée hôtelier de Strasbourg in 2012 to 2020 there have been many great adventures. Above all, it is a story of solidarity and of financial support, both large and small, and generosity.

## 2021 A new challenge : « Stéphanie »

Stéphanie, a beautiful 8-year-old girl, has been refused treatment for her heart defect 4 times by the medical authorities in the Madagascan capital, under the pretext of psychomotor problems secondary to resuscitation difficulties at birth. These sequelae, in reality, moderate, regress quickly with the help of the rehabilitation possible through the financial support of ACB - TDHA. It should be noted that this type of malformation is perfectly accessible to the simple act of catheterization via the femoral artery, making it possible to avoid more serious cardiac surgery.

If the sanitary conditions allow it, we hope to invite Stéphanie to Alsace during 2021 to have her malformation definitively treated. The return trip with her mother, the administrative formalities, the surgery and the stay of about two weeks, should not exceed 10,000 euros.

Docteur Bernard De Geeter



## We are hoping for donations to cover the cost... Thank you

PS: The latest news from Madagascar, January 2021

*In this difficult health situation, I hope you are doing well.*

*We, the Pediatrics-Neonatology team are doing well even though a few people came down with covid -19. We cannot thank you enough for your continued collaboration; Despite the current health and socio-economic crisis, you were always by our side to provide your support to improve the care of the sick children and to help families take care of their own. Regarding cardiac ultrasounds, now Doctor Misa is accompanying me to do these. Last November, little Germaine had an operation on her ductus arteriosus.*

*I am delighted that you are also proud of us, but we must not forget that none of this would have happened without your dedication and your courage... Indeed, it is thanks to you and the team of TDH Alsace that we could be trained in the field of cardiac ultrasound. And we must not forget the entire team at the medical office of Dr Jelena and Dr Céline.*

*No words can explain our deep gratitude to you. It is already three years since we were in Strasbourg... Attached is a table of our 2020 activities ... "*

Docteur Jeanne

CENTRE HOSPITALIER UNIVERSITAIRE  
TAMBOHOBE FIANARANTSOA  
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SERVICE DE PEDIATRIE  
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RAPPORT SUR L'UTILISATION  
DE L'ECHOGRAPHIE CARDIAQUE  
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Année : 2020  
Nombre échographie effectuée

Mois	Janv	Fev	Mars	Avril	Mai	Juin	Juillet	Aout	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL
Echo effectuées	20	22	15	15	18	17	14	05	06	31	27	22	212

Type de cardiopathies diagnostiquées

Type de cardiopathies	Nombre	Taux %
Canal artériel persistant	13	31,7
Communication interventriculaire	09	21,95
Communication interauriculaire	01	2,43
Rétrécissement valvulaire pulmonaire	03	7,31
Tétralogie de Falot	01	2,43
Myocardiopathie	12	29,26
Insuffisance mitrale	01	2,43
Cardiopathie complexe	01	2,43
<b>Total</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>100%</b>

Enfants opérés : PCA

# Madagascar

## A RAY OF HOPE FOR A BETTER FUTURE

*"The Covid-19 pandemic has somewhat damaged our efforts made over the past three years with the homeless in the city of Fianarantsoa. This is valid for us [the community of sisters] as well as for the beneficiaries themselves..."*  
This is how Sister Madeleine started her recent email.

How not to be discouraged in the face of this dramatic reality?

In Fianarantsoa as everywhere else, the Daughters of Charity made the vow to go wherever people suffer and to work with the poor. In the villages surrounding Fianarantsoa, following the confinement they find that "the children, with their fragile mentality, are the first to be disoriented, and have very quickly forgotten the way to school." Parents give up, powerless to provide the basic necessities for their children and whole families wander around the dumpsites looking for something to eat.

This is why, after careful consideration, the community of sisters decided to build a small school in the middle of a village. To do this, it was necessary to convince the parents and mobilize them.

It was the parents themselves who were hired as laborers: they started by transporting the bricks to the site of the future construction. For this, they get a small salary which allows them to feed their family instead scavenging at the city landfill to find something to live on. A contractor is managing the construction which should be completed in the coming weeks.



In parallel with the building work, the little ones are taken care of, and the class has restarted in temporary premises. "This is one way to make them want to go to school like all children their age. "

The teacher is a young woman with a high school diploma who had lost her job and her home following a long illness, and who is currently staying in the Community of Sisters.

In the encompassing grey, thanks to the drive of the Daughters of Charity, several families are energized with the hope of giving their children a better future. Sister Madeleine told me the words of a father: « **The best gift we can give a child is to provide him with an education so that he can one day take charge of his life** »

Christelle LASSIAT

## Our new headquarters/shop is operational !

After nearly two years of intense activity, we have reached the end of the project with a superb achievement on the eve of our 50th anniversary. Between the follow-up and the support from our architect and friend Daniel Munck, the administrative files and the many days spent on site, we can measure the great team work achieved. We now have a fine working instrument to ensure the continuity of our association.

The investment of more than €900,000 was primarily possible thanks to major subsidies obtained from the Conseil Départemental du Haut-Rhin (initiated in April 2019), the Région Grand Est and European FEDER funds. In addition, we have received specific bequests, support from Foundations, subsidies from certain Communities of Communes, corporate sponsorship and numerous donations from individuals. We dared and the result is wonderful !

The goal of not taking money away from children is achieved with great pride.

The opening date of the shop was originally planned for Monday 12 April. We had disclosed this date to only a limited number of people to allow the volunteers to get used to the new structure. It has then unfortunately be postponed due to the April lockdown. By the time you read this edition of the newsletter we hope the shop will be open and you will be welcome to either shop or drop off your clothes or other items.

### What are the articles which Terre des Hommes Alsace is looking for ?

Baby, children or adult clothes, shoes, handbags, household linen, sheets and blankets, childcare equipment, **all clean and in good condition.**

**To all donors : PLEASE pre-select the items you plan to donate to Terre des Hommes Alsace. Ask yourselves if the articles can be sold. If not, deposit them directly directly at the waste disposal centre. This is a sign of respect for the volunteers and for the future owners.**

> **Currently 90% of the donated items cannot be used!**

> **THANK YOU for donating only what you would be willing to buy yourself.**

### Tableware & decorative items:

Deposit only during the opening hours of the shop at :

**52 rue de l'Île Napoléon 68170 RIXHEIM**

⇒ Every Monday from 2pm to 5pm

⇒ 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month from 8.30am to 11.30am

Or contact the head office on the **new number 03 89 44 59 85**

Please note that we have neither the space nor the possibility of collecting furniture.

The inauguration and an opening day will be organised once the sanitary situation has returned to normal.

Simon Rey





## News from Haïti

*For this article, I will pass over to Anne Cèbe from our partner Inter Aide. Anne visited the project in Haiti last November, arriving via the Dominican Republic. The mission was the first in a year due to the coronavirus outbreak*

In Haiti, the primary schools closed their doors on 25 March 2020. The program teams then devoted themselves with the dissemination of messages and information on the prevention of the virus, in coordination with the authorities and local services of the Ministry of Health, and hand washing points have been installed at the main assembly points. The teams also continued training small groups of teachers, directors and school committees, as well as the review and update of the various follow-up notebooks (cash register, call, registration ...) with the school teams. Schools reopened on 18 August 2020 to end the 19/20 school year and the 20/21 school year started on Monday 9 November 2020.



### Update on the main activities

**Building work :** Donald Deshommes, the new Haitian civil engineer, will come to Lamielle early 2021 to tour all construction projects. The construction of new buildings is planned for Tous-saint Louverture and ND de Lamielle, and the renovations of existing buildings are planned for Baptiste Conservatrice et Mixte Evangélique. For the other zones, difficulties caused by the terrain and delays in decision making has prevented work starting.

**2020-2021 cohort :** Two schools (Cœurs Unis Tilory and La Merci) did not reopen at the start of the school year, the cohort for this new school year is therefore 27 schools welcoming 3,221 students from preschool to 6th grade.

**School accreditation :** The operating permit requires a notarial deed costing 5,000 HTG (approximately € 55). The cost of accreditation is 30,000 HTG (€ 333). Inter Aide plans to cover 40% of the permit costs and 50% of the accreditation costs.

**Calendar of disengagement :** The program has been extended by one school year to compensate for the delays caused by the health crisis. The final investigation will take place during the year 21/22.

**CB3 :** Despite a troubled and shortened year, the results of the CB3 test have risen sharply. This test, taken individually, measures the basic skills of 3rd year students each year (reading, writing, arithmetic). This progression can therefore be seen as the result of improving the quality of the education provided.

Anne Cèbe / Neil Greener

## Senegal News

*Far from the political media turmoil that reigns in Dakar, life continues calmly in Gamadji Saré. So far, the village has not been affected by the pandemic and our project is operating normally. The cook mothers remain loyal to their post and are happy to be able to use the new building and its equipment to prepare meals for the children.*

In accordance with the project, teachers and pupils of the upper classes are responsible for the educational garden this year. It still serves as a place of learning. Children learn about land preparation, setting up nurseries, sowing seeds, caring for plants, irrigation, and transplanting into the field. Every day another class comes to water the flower beds with the water from the well dug in 2019 with the support of a partner from the Angoulême region.

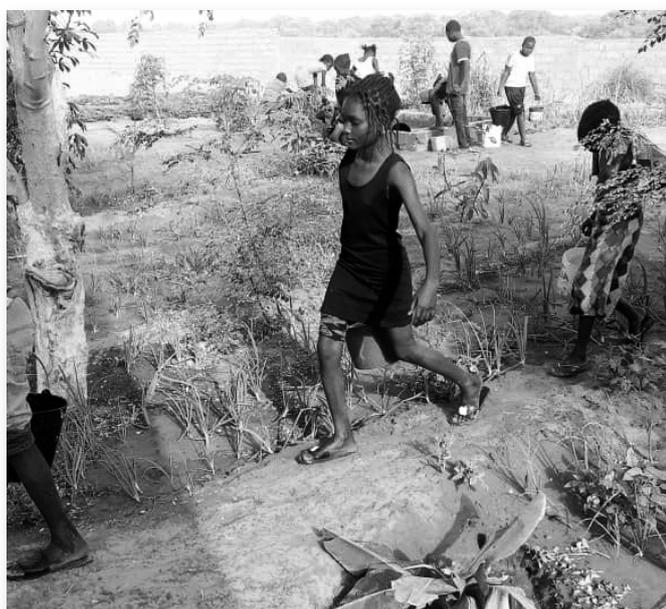
The guiding principle is to introduce children to growing vegetable in a way that their families can copy. This allows them to enrich the traditional rice dish with fresh vegetables from their own garden.

At the start of the year, we had a superb eggplant harvest, thanks to the unwavering work and of Daoudad, the farm worker who tirelessly maintains the irrigation channels of the school field and takes great care that the plantations delivery the maximum fruit.

The watermelon season is shaping up to be a good one too and the children will have a nice addition to their meal, a slice of watermelon for dessert. The smiles of the pupils will mimic a slice of cucumber !

I would like to take advantage of these few lines to thank all the sponsors and donors for their continued support for this project. Travel is still uncertain for this year, but I hope to be able to give you some "real life" news in a future issue of our newsletter.

Jacky FLAMMEN



## Southern India



For this newsletter we will highlight the structure in place in Salem :

### The Indian Railway Children



*Have you seen the movie Lion starring Nicole Kidman? An incredible true story: at 5 years old, Saroo finds himself alone on a train crossing India which takes thousands of kilometers from his family. Lost, the little boy must learn to survive on his own in the huge city of Calcutta. After months of wandering, he is taken into an orphanage and adopted by an Australian couple.*

*25 years later, Saroo has become a true Australian, but he still thinks of his family in India.*

*Armed with rare memories and unwavering determination, he begins browsing satellite photos on Google Earth, hoping to recognize his village.*

*But can we imagine finding a simple family in a country of a billion people ?*

*I will let you watch the film to find out*

Salem welcomes children who are lost and alone in this large railway centre. 182 trains pass daily, and the centre takes care of 380 children annually from under 5 to 18 years old. Many children are reunited with their families again and receive the help they need, especially with food.

#### Salem girls home

In February, 38 young girls were taken in at the Salem center. 12 for sexual abuse, 9 for attempted forced marriage, 5 for forced labor, 7 abandoned by their family and 5 for protection against violence.

At the same time, the center was able to reintegrate 42 young girls into their families under conditions guaranteeing them a secure environment.

All of these children have been tested for Covid, received hygiene kits and food to make up for certain shortcomings. 4 young pregnant girls were particularly followed. They also had educational classes: reading, writing and handicrafts such as embroidery.



The centre took in a young girl, Anusha, in January. Her parents are separated, and she and her older brother lived on the streets with their mother. After she arrived in the center of Salem, Anusha remained for a month without having any visits. Her desire to learn, to study, decided the Salem committee to find her a place in an education center and give her a chance to have a better life.

## Home for mentally and physically disabled in Thandarampet

The centre has set up assistance for 4 new children diagnosed with delayed development in addition to the 13 families already supported. Educational aids were provided to 24 children and 35 were able to take online courses with their parents.

A wheelchair was offered to a child.

### Tiruvannamalai reception centre

56 children are currently in the center and 43 children are followed in their families.

All progress is a source of joy that allows the team to find the energy to do even better the next day.

For this publication, we are putting them in the spotlight. Magesh, who has a mobility impairment, is beginning to be able to stand on his own.

Mohita, manages to sit alone for 5 minutes

Duraivendan, starts coloring the inside of objects without crossing the Sriharini lines and manages to brush her teeth on her own.

This progress may seem insignificant but is an important step in the development of these children and in their parents' acceptance of the disability.

Tanja SANCHEZ



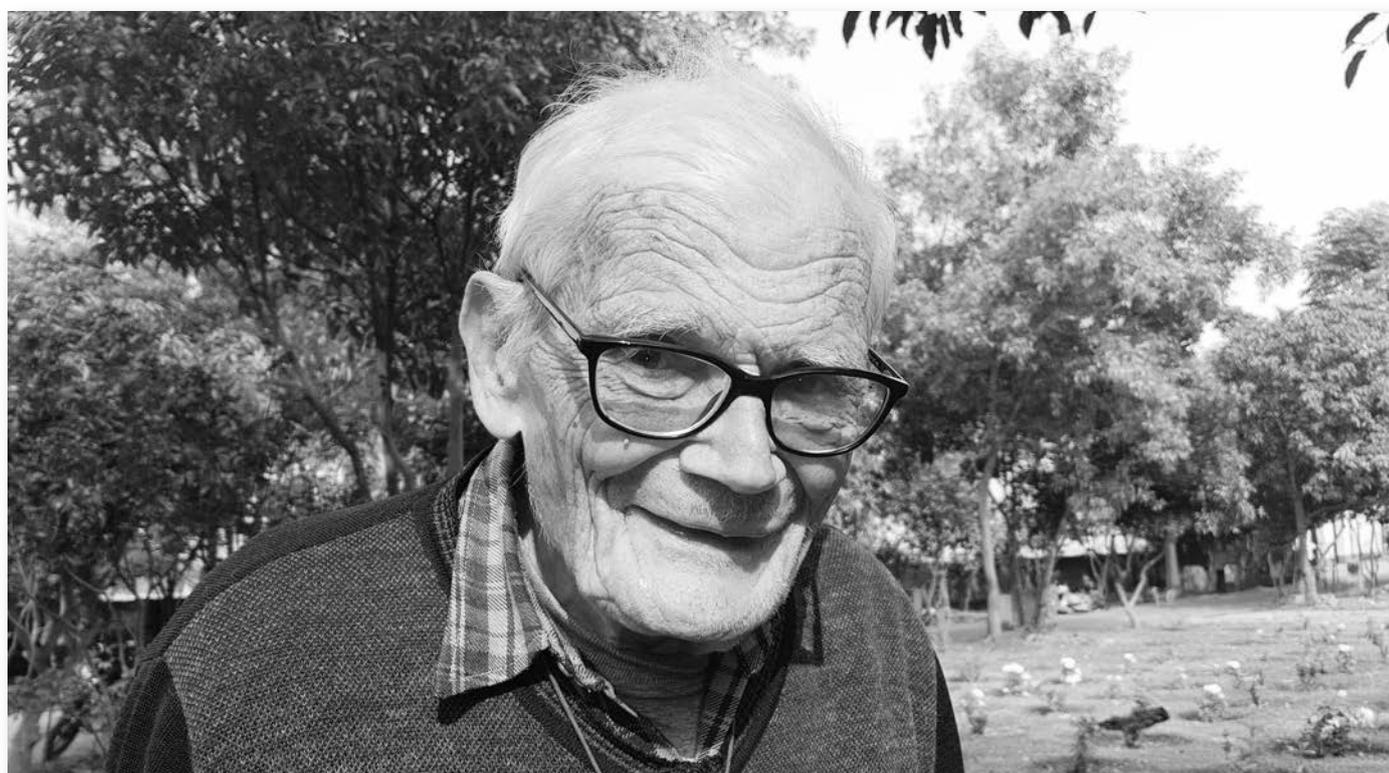
# Northern India

## Farewell Father Laborde

Father François Laborde passed away last Christmas at the age of 93, after having dedicated 55 years of his life for the poor of the slums of Calcutta, to handicapped children and to lepers. He was one of the first partners supported by Terre des Hommes Alsace following a visit to India by our founding President Pierre Bollinger.

In 1976, he opened a first home for handicapped children in Howrah, a district on the outskirts of Calcutta, before creating other centres for leprosy sufferers, reception centres with specialised schools, physical rehabilitation units, dispensaries with free consultations and medicines, schools, workshops and programmes to help young mothers.

⇒ [www.howrahsouthpoint.org](http://www.howrahsouthpoint.org)



His life among the poorest people in Calcutta inspired his friend Dominique Lapierre to write his world bestseller "The City of Joy", the financial benefits of which went directly to the Howrah South Point projects.

He visited us several times in Alsace and participated in supermarket orange sales. Several members of the board and volunteers of Terre des Hommes Alsace were able to visit the projects in Calcutta. We were all amazed at the wonderful work done for the poorest people in the hell of this city.

Father Laborde, who was made a knight of the Legion of Honour by President François Mitterrand and then raised to the rank of officer in 2019, liked to say that HSP was not his work, but that it had developed thanks to these Indian women and men and thanks to the many volunteers who regularly came from France, Germany and Switzerland. We will remember his deep humility and his exemplary choice of life.



### Namaskar, Father Laporte

(Indian greeting whose deep meaning we discovered in Calcutta: "May my heart join yours like the two palms of our hands", rehabilitated here in Covid times)

Simon Rey

## Success Story – North India

I am Shabana Khatoon, an ex-pupil of Our Lady Queen of the Missions afternoon school in Calcutta. I joined the school in 1996. At that time, the free school had classes up to the third grade. As I was in the third grade, the idea of leaving the school was very difficult to accept. But that year, to everyone's surprise, the management decided to create higher grades and that's how I got the chance to study up to the seventh grade in the same school. I still remember very well the last day, 23 March 2003, the day of farewell for the students leaving the seventh class. My friends and I were very sad to leave the school because we felt respected and valued by the sisters and teachers. I felt like I was leaving my home.

At that time I had a big dream to become a teacher, if possible in my favourite school. But I wasn't sure if I could do it. I joined another school for my higher studies and in 2006 I finished my class ten and still wanted to continue studying. However, the Muslim tradition is to marry off girls at a very early age, and my family decided to give me away against my wishes.

I was very upset and thought that my dream of becoming a teacher would never come true. I convinced my family, after many bitter discussions, to allow me to complete at least class XII and then I would get married.

To my surprise, they agreed, I completed Class XII and got married the same year. Then I spent my days simply taking care of my family.

In 2014, my dream was partially realised as I taught for 3 years in a school in the suburbs of Kolkata. Then one day I decided to apply for Queen of the Missions Afternoon School. To my delight I was appointed as a teacher. I still remember June 30, 2017, the day I entered my school as a teacher. It was the most beautiful day of my life, because my dream came true. I love teaching and being with children. I am very happy to be part of the Our Lady of the Missions family and I am grateful to the sisters for giving me the opportunity to teach, not forgetting of course to thank the important foreign partners who support this school for children coming from the very poor outskirts of Kolkata.

Shabana Khatoon



# Brazil

Brazil regularly makes the newspaper headlines between corruption scandals and lately the dramatic handling of the covid-19 crisis.

The articles and press comments are worrying:

- There is something rotten in the kingdom of Brazil. The entire country is being hit by a series of simultaneous crises, a kind of perfect storm - economic recession, environmental disasters, extreme polarisation of political life, Covid-19... Added to this comes the wreckage of the judicial system.
- The epidemic is out of control. From now on, we can only rely on ourselves.
- It's absolutely dramatic, almost everywhere in the country the health system has collapsed.

In this trouble our partners, our friends, men, women and children are struggling.

Our friend Padre Rémi wept with sadness and desolation during my last telephone conversation. To protect himself, he spends much of his time on the farm, far from the city, where he manages to make the few drops of water from the semi-arid sertão bear fruit. In spite of this, we continue to be present for the children and families with daily food support, delivery of basic hygiene products, activity books and educational kits.

We must continue and hope that the situation will improve quickly. In the meantime, without pupils, PROAC (street children project) continues to improve the facilities with the roofing of the sports field, which is essential given the high temperatures throughout the year. This was made possible "thanks" to financial aid received when the project for orphaned, abandoned and battered children, run by local businesses, was closed down. The government has no longer allowed to operate, but did not offer a solution or care for these children living in terrible situations.



Simon Rey



# Angola

Message from Sister Gaudencia, Superior of Lar dos Pequenos

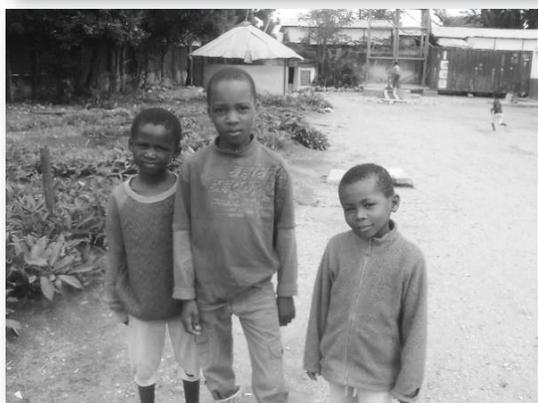
Dear Danielle and dear benefactors,

We hope you are all healthy. All the children staying with the Sisters at Lar dos Pequenos, are in good health.



After almost 10 months without lessons due to the Covid 19 pandemic, the 7 year-olds started their lessons in January and February while the 5 and 6 years-olds will have lessons from the 15th of this month of March.

Each child that comes to Lar dos Pequenos has a story to tell :



Some of them are brought to us either by their father or another family member because their mother has died, and no other family member is allowed to look after the child. This is the story of these children.

We have children, both boys and girls, that the national police found wandering in the streets, and that the social services have entrusted to us. This is the case of this group of boys.

After spending time at the home, some children tell us where they come from. We then look for their families with the help of people living in that area, and if they come forward, the children join their families. This is what we did with two girls last December. Picked up in Kuito Bié, we located their families with the help of some priests. This young girl is one of them.

More stories in the next newsletter !



Danielle Grumet

# Peru

## Covid 19 and the life within our projects

### The situation in the country

As 2021 starts, life in Peru is particularly dramatic. Indeed, despite the regions where our projects are based being classified as areas of the highest level of contagion the measures adopted by the government do not slow the spread of the disease. Peru currently holds a number of records :

- The number of deaths per 100,000 inhabitants (160)
- The death rate of patients in intensive care (50%)

The causes of this situation can be summarized as follows :

- A poorly functioning healthcare system
- Universal poverty
- Too many people living in the same household

1/5 of the population lives below the poverty line and millions of people do not have access to drinking water. Due to a lack of means to support themselves, many Peruvians do not confine themselves and go out to look for work. Many of these people do not understand the importance of barrier gestures and hand washing.

### Action by Terre des Hommes Alsace for our projects

Thanks to our financial support, local officials were able to continue to ensure the sustenance of the children by preparing and distributing food packages that parents come to collect, despite confinement and the closure of the canteens. Children living in the orphanages continue to be fed, housed and cared for as before the crisis

Jean-Jacques KIEFFER



How to apply the lockdown in this type of building



Preparation of food parcels by mothers

## Vietnam

### Y CHI, a student from the BANA minority, living in the Hauts Plateaux (South Vietnam)

I would like to share with you the testimony of the young Y CHI, supported by Terre des Hommes Alsace through the aid granted to the Sisters of Soctrang.

Her mail was sent to us by our partners Sr Anne-Lucie and Sr Marie-Emmanuel.

« "My name is Y CHI, I was born in 1996. I live in the city of KonTum (Central Vietnam).

My family includes: dad, mom, 2 girls and 2 boys.

For 5 years, from 2009 to 2014, I lived in the House of Affection with the Sisters of Providence in Soctrang and studied in the schools of the city.

In 2009-2010, I was in 4th grade at college; the end of year result was not good.

In 3rd grade, I improved my English and got reasonable marks.

In high school, I got a good average.

My results continued to improve in my final year.

I graduated from High School in 2014 and returned to my family.

Until 2016, I helped my parents, working in the vegetable plantations, while participating in parish activities. I always kept in my heart the desire to continue my studies at the University.

In 2016, Sister Marie-Emmanuel gave me a chance to come back to Soctrang.

There, I helped the children of MAM NON (Young Poves) classes in the community of sisters for 6 months.

Then I returned to Kon Tum to enrol in higher education.

From 2017, I followed a course of study to be a teacher.

My parents couldn't pay the rent on my apartment so I asked the sisters if I could stay with them.

I lived with the congregation until August 2020 and obtained my diploma with honours.

Currently, I teach at Kim Phuoc's school, with the Sisters of Providence. I would like to be able to continue my studies at University, which is why I must work to open myself to the world, acquire teaching skills, general knowledge and also to save to pay for my future studies.

Since 2009, I have kept a close relationship with the Sis-

ters and a deep gratitude lives in my heart. I have received a lot from them.

I also thank you, Gentlemen and Ladies of Terre des Hommes Alsace, silently you help us in many ways; you support our efforts to become someone who is able to build a family and contribute to society ...»

University enrollment costs 7,000,000 VND. To pay for this, Y CHI gives English lessons in various schools and receives a salary of 5,000,000 VND per month. Her parents advanced her 8,400,000 VND which she wishes to repay as soon as possible (Course 1 € = 27,500 VND).

We have committed to our partners to financially support Y CHI so that she can realize her dream and continue her studies at the University.

Thanks to the support of the Sisters of Soctrang, other young girls have had access to an education and envisage their future other than through working in the fields.

Emmanuel LASSIAT





Doctor Bernard De Geeter with the little Sergio operated in 2019 the little boy is in great shape



It is with pleasure that we discovered the homage of the city of Fianarantsoa to Sister Suzanne Barbot who worked with the most underprivileged for more than 50 years.



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