

# TERRE DES HOMMES ALSACE

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# Éditorial...

Finally, gradually, we can resume our fundraising activities! Some of our projects are restarting their activities, while we still have to be patient for others. Everyone in the world is witnessing an almost general increase in the price of food and energy. This is only making the situation worse for many families, who were unfortunately already suffering long before the pandemic. We have had several appeals for help from our partners running large projects. Thanks to our generous donors we have been able to provide support mainly in India and Vietnam with the transfer of large sums. The other projects were managed as best as possible within the annual budget allocated.

The second-hand shop at 52, rue de l'Île Napoléon in Rixheim, is a great success and I encourage you to visit it during opening hours. This will really provide you with the opportunity to understand the quality we wish to receive, to make some purchases and to talk about the shop around you. Thank you on behalf of the volunteers.

⇒ Monday: from 2pm to 5pm

⇒ 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month: from 8:30 am to 11:30 am

In this edition you will read the news about our projects with the total stop in Vietnam, the letters from Maison Chance and TDHCore in Indian Tamil Nadu. In Peru the political situation is very uncertain after the elections and the currency has been devalued. In Angola, the sisters are fighting so that the children do not lack anything. In Senegal, our partner manages all the tasks related to the smooth running of the school and the canteen with her new motorbike. In Madagascar the schools are operational and our partner gives some news of the former beneficiaries, while Stéphanie is still waiting for a surgery in France with all the attention of our team "A Cœur Battant". In Haiti, the political situation is difficult and natural disasters occur regularly. In North India, Father Laurent, worthy successor of Father Laborde, faces his mission with courage and determination. In Brazil, the situation is stabilising, the blood donation project, "Belmonte gives love", and the light project "Give light to a family in a vulnerable situation" are developing and Eder's testimony is touching.

On the verge of our fiftieth anniversary, which we will celebrate on Saturday 14 May 2022, and given the difficult situation of our many projects, we must make the necessary efforts to ensure that the beautiful work initiated by a dynamic team in Uffholtz on 26 May 1972 is perpetuated.



We need your generosity in these particularly difficult times for our partner projects. For our 50th anniversary, we want to find additional funds to renovate the older buildings and continue to provide a welcoming and dignified environment for our children, as Father Laurent stated in his letter.

We count on you! Donations, sponsorships, legacies, life insurance, funeral donations to keep life going, 2.50 € for a hare, 1 € for at least 3 meals, the real wealth is sharing, we will get there, together of course, always together!

Thank you for your loyalty. Happy New Year to you and your loved ones!

Simon Rey



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## AGENDA 2021

Saint Nicholas Market

Riedisheim November 26,27,28

Sierentz December 3,4,5

Ferrette 4 December

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Christmas Market

Rixheim December 10,11,12

Mulhouse 18 and 19 December

## AGENDA 2022

Cochonnailles 30 January Hégenheim

General Assembly TDHA

Saturday 16 March Rixheim clover room

TDHA March May 8

50th anniversary TDHA

Saturday 14 May Rixheim clover room

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Nicole Romeder and her small team set up this storage room with the help of the city of Saint-Louis. In spite of the difficulties linked to the covid, the team couldn't wait to eventually organize a destocking of clothes, shoes, bags etc...

The event took place on Saturday 4 September. The accumulation of small donations collected on that day enabled us to contribute the tidy sum of €1003 to TDHA's budget.

Thank you and congratulations to the whole team!

Storage premises: shed behind the house located at 20 rue du Ballon 68300 Saint-Louis.

Opening hours for donations: Monday from 2pm to 4pm and the first Saturday of the month from 9am to 11am

⇒Baby, children's or adult clothing, shoes, handbags, household linen, sheets and blankets, childcare equipment, all clean and in good condition.



## Chocolate rabbits initiative 2022

Due to the success of the 2021 operation -during which we had to refuse some sales or actions-, we have increased the order for 2022 and 21'000 chocolate rabbits (150 grams / height 23cm, packed in decorated aluminium foil) will be supplied at our partner Transports Schneider. They will be available for you after 24 January.

We rely on you to find takers among schools, works councils, church youth, door-to-door sales, sales at the exit of shops, sales depots, etc.

We need your support and any initiative or idea is welcome.

We are of course always at your entire service to show video presentations to illustrate our actions to support of children in the field. Please do not hesitate to contact us.

We tried to find a locally manufactured chocolate product, but unfortunately we were unable to accept the offer we have received, as the loss of income would have been more than €6,000, despite an increase of almost 20% of the current product.

Thank you in advance for your support to this solidarity initiative.

## Vente de lièvres en chocolat

2.50 € l'unité

= 7 repas



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## Oranges initiative 2021



We are very happy that we were able to renew this action in schools and in many partner supermarkets. The volunteers' work, in particular with the support of several youths, started again despite the constraints linked to the pandemic and the masks that covered the smiles. The happiness of sharing and the energy of the faithful and new volunteers will allow us to fill thousands of plates for the children in our projects.

Thank you all for your support of this essential action for our association.

## Solidarity Walk 2021

After the passage of a heavy morning storm and the anxiety of the organising team, the 23rd edition was a full success, the best since the creation of this event! With more than 300 walkers, 300 indoor meals, great craft sales and an excellent participation in the raffle, the 57 volunteers were really pleased. The result, including more than €4,500 in donations, will allow **the sponsorship of 37 children** for one year (average €25/month)!

⇒ Information about sponsorship can be found on the last page. Come and join the many sponsors !

## Journées d'octobre Parc Expo Mulhouse

Hundreds of cuddly toys have been adopted in exchange for a donation, a great welcome and an unprecedented success with visitors, happy to be able to go out again while showing solidarity!

**Without all the volunteers and the many hours of work, Terre des Hommes Alsace could not exist. THANK YOU to all the hands behind the scenes.!**

## Pork Meal 2022

Depending on the sanitary situation, we may have to reduce the number of seats, so be sure to register soon. Registration form for Sunday 30 January attached to this newsletter.

Simon Rey

**TERRE DES HOMMES ALSACE**  
will celebrate its 50th anniversary on **Saturday,**  
**May 14, 2022 in Rixheim.**

Save the date now

→ You will receive the registration form at the beginning of March with the tax receipt and the invitation to the **General Assembly of Saturday 26 March 2022.**

## BRAZIL - "Belmonte gives love" blood donation project

The original idea of the project emerged because of an urgent and vital need for blood of a young person living in the town of Belmonte. A group of friends mobilised through social networks in order to organize the transportation of volunteer donors to the collection centre in Eunapolis, **130 kilometres away**. 11 donations were made and helped to save the young man and other lives.

From this positive experience, the project "Belmonte gives love" was born. This project is organised by friends, amongst others our project partners, of street girls from Lar Da Menina, without social, religious, sexual or gender restrictions. The objective is to make people aware of the importance of becoming a voluntary blood donor. They are carrying out regular blood donation campaigns, registering a database of potential voluntary donors from the city at the Eunapolis collection centre and spreading donation campaigns in the extreme south of the state of Bahia.

As you have understood, blood donation is not organised in the same way as in our country. When discussing with our partners and explaining to them how things work in France, the idea of organising transport to the centre came up, as for the moment no other possibility exists. So I asked our partners to estimate the cost of an "expedition" to Eunapolis. Now we would like to organise, at least once a month, **a 14 people convoy** to bring voluntary blood donors to the collection centre. Terre des Hommes Alsace has funded the first convoys, which cost as shown in the table received from our partners :

Type	Quantity	Single Value	Total Value
Rental + driver	1	R\$350.00	R\$ 350.00
Fuel (Diesel)	40 litres	R\$6.00 (1L)	R\$ 240.00
Snack	15	R\$10.00	R\$ 150.00
Water	5 litres	R\$10.00	R\$ 10.00
Hydroalcoholic gel	1	R\$10.00	R\$ 10.00
TOTAL	---	---	---

Exchange rate 10/2021 : 1 Réais = +- 0.16 Euros

⇒ +-140 € / caravan or 10 € per donor

Perhaps some readers who are also members of blood donor associations can share this article with their friends and support, for example, a blood donation caravan from time to time, that would be very welcome indeed !

Simon Rey



## Belmonte, BRAZIL Solar Panel Project

Belmonte is a city in the south of the state of Bahia with a population of about 22,000 and a surface area of almost 2,000 km<sup>2</sup>, which is equivalent to a density of 11 inhabitants per km<sup>2</sup>.

One can easily understand that some of the houses are far from the city centre and that the electrical power may be lacking. This is precisely what our partners from the Lar Da Menina street girls project told us. They specified that following the confinement and closure of the project, some girls living far from the city were somewhat forgotten. Many people in the rural area have been left in the dark as there were no more candles to light their houses, which are often built of wood. As night falls shortly before 6pm throughout the year, life had to be adapted even more to the rhythm of the sun.

Aware of this situation, a few people got together and created the project "Give light to a family in a vulnerable situation". This project consists of finding the funding to equip a house with solar panels to supply three 3-watt lamps as well as a socket to charge an external 10A battery that will then charge the mobile phone. This ensures that people can call for help in an emergency or, for example, to organise the supply of food.

This equipment costs €180 per house and is installed by a team of volunteer professionals.

Nearly 200 families have been identified. We decided to participate in this project by financing the installation for about twenty houses, and more specifically for families with young children.



Our partners will monitor the installation and the proper use of the allocated funds and do not forget to thank our association.

It is of course possible to support the installation of the system for one or more houses.

We hope to be able to return to the field soon to evaluate the project and meet with the beneficiary families to see for ourselves how their lives have changed and to listen to their testimonies.

Simon Rey

## Testimonial of Eder Carvalho - Brazil

In 2004 I met a 12 year old boy, Eder, at the PROAC street children project in Brazil. He told me with great sadness that his mother had abandoned him and his brother and that they lived with their grandparents, his aunt and her two children in a tiny mud house without water or electricity. Since there was no work in Salgueiro, their father worked 500 km away from Recife to support the family. In 2007, with the youth group, we organised a family reunion, offering them the possibility to join their father for a memorable weekend. Once they became teenagers and adults, they were often obliged to travel all over the country to find work, so I had no news of this nice young man, and then lately an email arrived in my mailbox :

*BHello Simon, how are you ?*

*I am sending you this message to thank you and Terre des Hommes Alsace, on behalf of all the children your association has helped and is still helping today.*

*Thanks first to God and then to you! Today I have a family that I love very much. After working on the big Rio São Fransisco diversion project in Salgueiro and the surrounding area, I am now employed by a large road and motorway construction company in southern Brazil. I am responsible for a team of 20 people in charge of earth-works, you remember that I was always fascinated by big equipment.*

*I am very grateful to all those who, even from so far away, often without knowing us, are helping the Brazilian children so much.*

*I am the living proof that your project works because if I have reached this stage, it is due to the values and respect that I have discovered in PROAC with great people who have guided me to the right path in life.*

*Thank you to your family and to all the French volunteers for helping me when I needed it most. Today I have a family, a good job and this allows me to offer them what I did not have in my childhood. I can raise and educate my children with dignity.*

*I send you all a warm hug.*

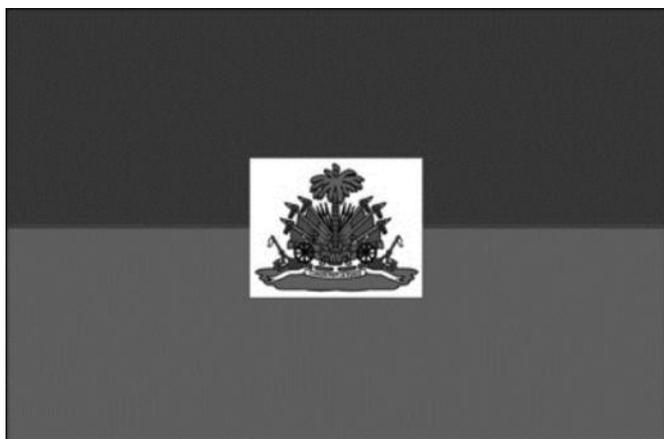
*Eder Carvalho*



A story like so many others that testifies that thanks to our sponsors, donors and volunteers, as well as the work of our valued partners, we are enabling a future for thousands of young people around the world. THANK YOU to all of you !

Simon Rey

# Haiti



## A difficult year

Life in Haiti is never easy, and it often seems that the next event to upset the delicate political and economic situation is never far away. This year, there were two particular events of note that shook life in Haiti.

In the early hours of 7 July, the President Jovenel Moïse was attacked and killed at his residence in Pétiön-Ville, Port-au-Prince. A group of 28 foreign mercenaries were allegedly responsible for the killing; 3 were killed by police on the day of the attack, 20 were arrested and a further 5 are suspected to be still at large. The men are mainly of Columbian origin and known to be former servicemen of the National Army of Columbia, while 2 are apparently Haitian Americans who claim to be translators only.

Following the attack, gang violence and political unrest increased, with a call for Haitians to take back control of the country's business sector. Life for the ordinary person is not expected to get better any time soon.

Just over a month later, life in Haiti was shaken again, literally. An earthquake

measuring 7.2 on the Richter Scale hit the Tiburon Peninsula about 150km west of Port-au-Prince. There were briefly concerns over a potential tsunami but thankfully this did not materialize although a tropical storm did hit the island not long afterwards.

It is estimated that these events affected over 1 million people including half a million children. There were around 2200 deaths with upwards of 100,000 buildings having been damaged or destroyed. It is currently the deadliest natural disaster of 2021.

In the aftermath, some 650,000 people were in need of assistance, but this is not easy particularly as aid agencies are struggling with the political instability and increased gang activity following the president's assassination.

Fortunately for our partner in Haiti, InterAide, the events in the capital and the earthquake happened far from Lamielle, the centre of our project. The building work continues at the schools that are part of the programme, as does the teacher training and working with parents to highlight the importance of a good education.

Neil Greener



## MADACASCAR : Reassuring news despite the health situation

In April 2020, the Madagascan President presented Covid-Organics, the "remedy" based on artemisia, as a preventive and curative treatment for the coronavirus. Official infection rates have long been surprisingly low.

Dr. Joro, our partner in Antananarivo, is surprised: "It is true that Madagascar has recorded quite a few deaths, but given the precariousness of the existing health situation, the figure released is surprising. And indeed, at the beginning of the summer of 2021, the number of contaminations and deaths had almost quadrupled. This has not failed to trigger strong controversy in an already weakened country.

Fortunately, despite the shortage of breathing apparatus and oxygen throughout the island, the ASERN Centre has been able to access sufficient stocks of medicines and the materials needed for diagnosis and monitoring (oximeter, rapid test, etc.). Dr Joro is delighted: "We have not recorded many cases, at least serious cases, among the beneficiaries, whether parents or children. There have been some clinically established cases [...] all treated as outpatients, no hospitalisation."

However, the field team can testify that "beneficiaries are affected financially by Covid, income is reduced during periods of confinement. People no longer hire staff, such as laundry workers, housekeepers, or other labourers because of fear or lack of budget. Tourism is also at a standstill.

Fortunately, the centre is there to support them, we tried as much as possible to always distribute midday meals for the children (weekly in dry ration or cooked take-away ration). Rice bags and hygiene products are also distributed to the families."

In order to ensure the Centre continues to function, but also to limit the risks to the staff - some had been taken ill during the 1st wave - Dr. Joro decided to divide the team into 2 working groups. "Many measures have been taken such as repeated disinfection of the workplace (exterior and interior), the compulsory use of disinfectant gel for everyone at the entrance to the center, in addition to the mandatory passage in the disinfectant footbath. "

Currently, the 101 children attending the ASERN Centre are all back in school, many in primary or secondary school, but some in general or vocational high school, and two in university.



Source : <https://www.jeuneafrique.com/>

## ASERN ALUMNI : WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO THEM ?

In these troubled times, it is important to remember why we do what we are doing.

It is with pleasure and pride that the ASERN team has sent me news from former beneficiaries.

**Mbolatiana** was born in 1998.

He came to ASERN in 2007. He comes from a large family where all the children have been welcomed at the Center. His father did odd jobs at ASERN.

In 2017, Mbolatiana obtained his diploma in construction from the Notre Dame de Clairvaux Don Bosco training centre. A diligent and serious student, he was noticed by the head of the centre who offered him a job as a trainer within the establishment.



**Tina** was born in 1996.

She came to ASERN in 2013, when she was in her final year of high school. She obtained her baccalaureate and continued her studies in History at the University of Antananarivo, where she completed part of her master's degree.

She is currently doing an internship in a Madagascan insurance company, as a broker.

**Herizo** was born in 1996.

He is one of Mbolatiana's brothers.

He came to ASERN at the age of 10. He was one of the first students to be referred by ASERN to the Our Lady of Clairvaux Don Bosco Centre. As a serious student, he helped to convey a good image of ASERN, which opened the door for those following to the Don Bosco Centre.



In 2015, he obtained a CAP in the field of metal construction. After an internship in the Comoros in 2019, he joined the company OTI Madagascar and is currently working on the island of Nosy Be.



**Fanomezantsoa** was born in 1999.

Accepted by ASERN in 2012, he continued his education at the Alarobia Technical High School until 2019. He is the son of the tailor.

Today, he is a cable installer-computer maintenance technician for a Madagascan network solution provider. He travels all over the country.

Dr. Joro is delighted to share these stories with his team, he says it "reboots" them. He hopes it will do the same for us who support them.

Christelle LASSIAT

## News « A Cœur Battant »

### Stéphanie's News

In 2019, Doctor Bernard De Geeter was able to examine Stéphanie and observed an operable heart condition in this little girl suffering from a mental and physical handicap.

Previously, this handicap had resulted in this child being rejected for an operation, so we had decided to bring her to France, to Strasbourg, in order to be able to operate on her. Unfortunately, the pandemic has called this operation into question, but we are hoping to bring Stéphanie to France in the coming months.

Since our visit in 2019 our partners on site have implemented a whole programme of physiotherapy and rehabilitation. At first Stéphanie could not walk or stand, so when I received the following message, I was amazed at how far this little girl had developed.

Obviously the heart operation will not remove her handicap, but it will allow her to have a better quality of life.



**Stéphanie**, 10 years old, born November 08, 2010, eldest daughter of Jean Joseph and Botohanitriina. Her parents do not have a fixed income but live on odd jobs. She is a child with a congenital heart defect in association with her disability.

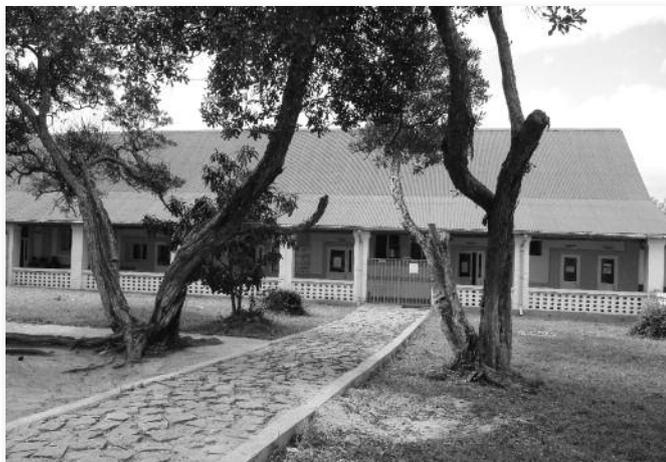
Currently Stéphanie is lodged by the Saint Joseph Centre for the Handicapped which belongs to the congregation of the Daughters of Charity. The congregation is in collaboration with the Association Terre des Hommes Alsace. This support from the centre really helps the couple's daily life because Stéphanie is looked after throughout the day: a bus picks her up in the morning and takes her back in the afternoon. The centre takes care of the mentally and physically disabled, it is a "specialized school" and the staff are affective at managing all kinds of different challenges. From Monday to Friday, lessons are given in the morning with a small snack break at 10:30 a.m. There is a canteen to provide lunch.

Our little Stéphanie is in class 1, with 20 other students. She has begun to write and eats on her own. She expresses herself with gestures and manages to come out with words like PiPi (a universal word in my opinion). In terms of motor skills, she knows how to stand up and sit down. According to Madame Joséphine, her mistress, Stéphanie is courageous, diligent and willing to learn. She feels happy in the centre and shares her joy with the other residents

Stephanie is waiting for her heart surgery and TDHA is ready to help the family

The pediatric service medical team

Stéphanie at school with Doctor Jeanne who follows the little girl at the pediatric hospital of Fianarantsoa



## Rehabilitation of Pediatrics at Fianarantsoa University Hospital

Since the beginning of our partnership with the pediatrics department at Fianarantsoa we have seen the degradation of the premises. The intensive care unit was in a truly dangerous state; the ceiling was in danger of falling at any time.

It was ultimately thanks to the Principality of Monaco and the Monegasque association for the fight against sickle cell disease that renovation was possible.

We were planning to attend the inauguration in 2020 but were unable to make it to Madagascar. But the main thing is this beautiful work done to better help the children.

A bathroom, toilet facilities, treatment and isolation rooms as well as a games room, a small TV area and a library will allow children to have a comfortable stay in the hospital.

Several hundred children have been welcomed since this renovation.

Brigitte FLAMMEN

## Amis sans Frontières, knitters with a big heart



Babies in neonatology at Fianarantsoa University Hospital are regularly dressed by knitters from Alsace.

We went to Otterswiller near Saverne to recover a huge supply of Blankets and new-born baby clothes. Our car was full of these little wonders, and they are now waiting at the Terre des Hommes Alsace headquarters to begin their journey to the babies and their mothers in Madagascar.

Thank you to the whole team of knitters, and thank you to Andrée STEINMETZ President of the local section for her warm welcome.



## News South India

In April and May the pandemic had reached a critical pick in India. Thousands people died, children were living on the streets without parents and families were isolated without support.

During the containment, some families were living with limited possibility to meet their primary need for food, health,...

Our partner Chezhan analyzed the need for emergency aid and organized meal distributions to children on the streets and people without family identity paper allowing them to access to state help.

Thanks to the appeal for donations made through the press and social networks, Terre des hommes Alsace was able to allocate an exceptional grant to Terre des hommes Core.

Following this donation Chezhan thanked us :



### The great distress in India following the pandemic



*"Thank you very much for your commitment / Tdh Alsace to support the most vulnerable children and families in this difficult period.*

*I apologize for my long silence. I have been fully occupied with too many meetings with the government regarding various initiatives to protect/support children during this pandemic. We (TDH Core) have been appointed as a member of the \*Task force committee to identify children who have lost both parents or single parents to Covid and develop an action plan to support these children for long term rehabilitation. Over the past two weeks I have travelled to the community to visit these children and their families.*

*\*The working group consists of 7 members including the District Collector/Magistrate, District Child Protection Officer, District Social Welfare Officer, Deputy Director of Health Services, District Education Officer and an NGO. In Tiruvannamalai, Ranipet and Salem districts, the TDH core group was appointed to the district task force to ensure the rehabilitation of affected children.*

*Support to the most vulnerable families: As you can see, life is becoming increasingly difficult in India, with many people losing their jobs or livelihoods. Especially the excluded community (i.e. the Irulars in rural villages), life is much more difficult and the suffering of children is noticed everywhere. We have launched a special program on 10 May 2021 to support the most vulnerable children's families by providing dry food, personal hygiene items, disinfectants, masks, etc. to those families who do not have access to government aids and programmes, due to the unavailability of the family identity card or ration card.*

*\*Note: In order to receive government subsidies and assistance (free rice, food and COVID emergency assistance of RS 4,000 per family), you must have a family identity card or ration card. About 90-95% of families have this card, but excluded or migrant families do not have a ration card.*

*From 10 May to 9 June, we provided dry food items to 94 irregular families who do not have a ration card in Tiruvannamalai and we also provided safety items to 322 poor families (disinfectants, masks, soaps). Here are some photos*

With the support of Tdh Alsace: We will support the 100 most vulnerable children families (the same families) for the next 3 months (June, July, August) by providing dry food, personal hygiene items, disinfectants, masks, etc. to those families who do not have access to governmental aid, due to the lack of family identity card or ration card.



*The cost of food and personal hygiene items per family per month is (Rs 1,250 / month / Family x 100 Families x 3 months): Rs 375,000 or Euro 4,200*

*Nutritional support to the most vulnerable children: Protein - The main source of protein for poor children in India is the midday meal at school with one egg per day. As schools are closed due to the pandemic from 16 March 2020, many children are malnourished. To help the poorest children, especially children from excluded communities, overcome malnutrition, we propose to help 200 children in Irular for the next 6 months by providing them with extra food aid - a pack of peanuts, chickpeas, dates, beans, Jaggery, which are rich in protein.*

*The cost of the nutritional package / child / month is (350 rupees / month / child x 200 children x 6 months): 420,000 rupees or 4,800 euros.*

*These 2 activities will be implemented in the next 3 to 6 months in the Tiruvannamalai district with the support of Tdh Alsace Please do not hesitate to contact me for any further information*

*Once again, my most sincere thanks for your commitment to supporting the suffering children of India.*

*With best wishes and greetings  
R. Chezhan, Tdhc "*

So far we have been able to donate 21600 euros to Terre des Hommes Core. I would like to thank all the donors. Thanks to you, entire families can meet their primary need, which is food.

As a result of the solidarity shown by Terre des Hommes Core and especially Chezhan. The Tamil Nadu district, in the person of B. Murugesh, presented two awards.

The first award was for dedication and commitment to the best services for children.

The second award was for serving the people of the community during the covid 19 pandemic.

Tanja Sanchez



## North India

### News from Howrah South Point

Dear friends,

The last few months here have been tough like most places. Not so much because of the coronavirus epidemic. It is true that in some centres, children have been affected, as here recently in Bakua-bari. But we have effective medicines in India. Within a few days the children recovered. The real difficulty is the increase in poverty that has resulted from all the upheavals of the past 18 months. In the first wave of infections in 2020, many families depleted their meagre savings.

This year's challenges are making their situation very precarious. Since the beginning of the pandemic, our Emergency Relief programme has provided emergency food aid to more than 4,500 families around Howrah, Calcutta, Jalpaiguri and, since this year, in Bihar. We are continuing the tradition of Howrah South Point which has always provided support during cyclones, famines and emergencies. We want to be present with the poorest of the poor despite our limited resources.

Our long-term projects continue in the three areas of rehabilitation homes for poor and disabled children, education and health. HSP's vision is to contribute to making this world a more humane place, and to distribute a little hope to all despite the atmosphere of fear and uncertainty. In our schools, teachers are in contact with the two thousand students in our formal and non-formal schools. Through technology, but mostly through simple photocopies distributed by hand, we maintain an educational and social link. The 500 children in our 9 homes in Howrah and Jalpaiguri have been able to return to the shelter of our homes since last October. They have also been able to receive lessons directly from the teachers, which has helped to break the monotony of a year without school. Finally, in our health programmes, our teams have had a lot to do. Many patients with tuberculosis, cancer and diabetes no longer have access to health facilities and their situation has deteriorated considerably. Our mobile clinic teams are working in the field to help them.

Finally, we continue to work on reforming HSP. A new administrator, a personnel manager and a financial manager have joined us. Several French volunteers are giving us valuable help. We are facing multiple challenges: welcoming the poorest while the face of poverty is changing, providing ongoing training to employees to meet the requirements imposed by the government on NGOs, recruiting people for our homes who are committed to serving the most vulnerable. There are also more material issues: finding funds to renovate the oldest buildings and to continue to provide a welcoming and dignified environment for our children. With your help, and together, we will succeed! Thank you for your continued support.

Father Laurent Bissara



# Vietnam

## Faced with the pandemic, Vietnam comes to a standstill !

Protected for a long time, the situation in Vietnam has changed dramatically recently.

During September, we received a call for help from our partner Tim Aline, the founder and director of Maison Chance.

This association accommodates, feeds, educates, trains, and offers work to the most disadvantaged in society. Daily, it takes care of 700 beneficiaries, orphans, and abandoned people with severe disabilities.

At the end of 2020 Vietnam was proud to have controlled this virus, today the situation is catastrophic.

The letter, sent by Tim Aline, testifies to this:

*« I take the liberty of sending you news from the field because the pandemic is hurting the people more than ever. In Vietnam it is hell on earth ... the situation has been extremely critical since mid-May.*

*As sanitary conditions deteriorate all over the world, our fundraising activities are difficult, and I can no longer travel abroad (Vietnam closed its borders in March 2020). In addition, we are under strict confinement, no fundraising is possible in the country.*

*Our teams are working to help the most disadvantaged populations, because there has been a continuous increase in positive cases of Covid for over 3 months. Society has become stuck and there is no food security. The situation has become urgent.*

*I have been stuck for 3 and a half months in our new center in Dak Nong, in the highlands; it is impossible to return to Saigon to be vaccinated, and the pandemic has now arrived here.*

*In the mountains, there are insufficient vaccines to meet the needs of the population; the authorities had talked about it, but there is not enough to support this poor country of nearly 100 million people. So, we stay locked in the center ... and don't know until when.*

*The families of our school children from ethnic minorities no longer have jobs and they eat boiled leaves to satisfy their hunger.*

*In Saigon, the poor, who lived on part-time and other odd jobs in the streets, can no longer leave their homes. They have no more money and nothing to eat.*

*No government provide no assistance and the poorest are wasting away. The families of poor children who attend school at Maison Chance live locked in their small rental room of 10m<sup>2</sup>; they are forced to close their doors because of the contamination.*

*The inhabitants are suffocating and are not allowed to go out.*

*To survive, people eat rice and instant noodles, mostly donated by groups of volunteers who have permission to move around the city.*

*Maison Chance in Saigon is next to the city's crematorium, long lines of hearses (in fact motorcycles with a trailer that carry several bodies at once) line up to cremate the dead... The corpses are packed in plastic bags; the economic crisis means that the people can no longer afford to buy coffins.*

*Two weeks ago, the army entered the city, more than 6,000 soldiers control the whole city to ensure absolute containment ... everyone must remain confined at home. We do not know how long this situation will last. With the staff of Maison Chance, we are trying to access funds via the internet so that our direct beneficiaries survive, as well as to come to the aid of all the families of the schoolchildren whom we take care of during the year, both in Saigon and Dak Nong. They need help more than ever.*

*We have put in place an action plan; give food to the families of the poorest schoolchildren for 3 months. This represents 360 children, and with their families, 1,704 people will benefit from this emergency aid.*

*We offer them rice, instant noodles, dried fish, cooking oil, fish sauce, milk and sugar. The cost is 60 cents per day, per person aided.*

*I sincerely hope you can participate in this emergency operation. I send you my most grateful greetings. »*

Tim Aline  
Maison Chance

This very worrying situation is also told to us by our other partners in Vietnam, Thuy (from Can Tho) and Sister Anne-Lucie (from Soctrang) who also continue to distribute as much food as possible to the most deprived in their Province.

Also, we could not remain indifferent to Tim Aline's desperate appeal.



The TDHA board has decided to release emergency aid for the 1,704 of the most needy chosen by our partner.

A transfer of € 31,556 was sent to the Maison Chance Association within days of the letter being received.

An aid that was really called for!

Emmanuel LASSIAT

## News from Angola

Sister Gaudencia recently sent us news from Huambo. As in many other countries, life is slowly returning to normal. The children have returned to school, and the nursery was finally able to open its doors. As you know, the nursery is on the grounds of the Lar dos Pequeninos orphanage and is run by the sisters. It accommodates 124 children, which represents an essential income for the functioning of the orphanage, since the parents pay € 20.50 per month for each child.

Unfortunately with the crisis, food prices have soared: a 25kg bag of rice has gone from € 14.40 to € 21.60, 20 liters of oil from € 17.30 to € 31.70, cleaning products are not available and washing powder has gone from 21.60 € to 30 €. To top it off, the lack of rain impacted the fruit and vegetable harvest, and prices have climbed here also. But even though life is difficult, the sisters go out of their way to ensure that the children have everything they need.



And here is another story of a child taken in by the orphanage:

Some children come from families whose parents have mental illnesses. This is the case of this little girl who arrived at Lar dos Pequeninos a year ago. She was only 24 hours old when she arrived. Her family took her to the sisters because her mother suffers from a mental illness that does not allow him to take proper care of her daughter.

And to end this article, a message from Paula:

Hello to our benefactors, my name is Paula.

In the name of all the children at the Foyer des Petits in Huambo, I would like to thank you with all my heart for all that you have done for us.

For your sacrifice in finding ways to raise funds to send us money for our livelihood and everything we need to live, thank you all very much.

We accompany you with our prayers and we ask that God give you health and all the graces you need. Big hugs from each of us here at the Foyer des Petits in Huambo.

Danielle Grumet



## News from Peru

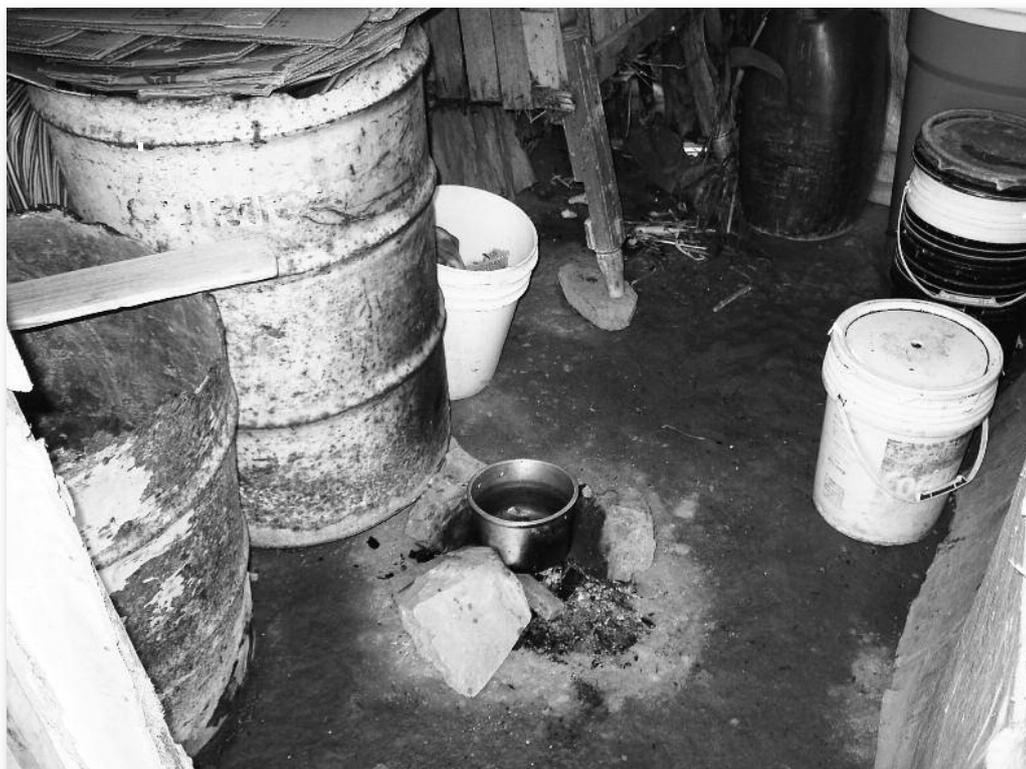
*Extracts from a letter from Sister Ana Maria Mercado Superior of the Misericordia orphanage in Puente Piedra*

In recent years, the pandemic has affected all mankind causing heavy loss of life. Likewise, this pandemic affected the economy of many families, especially among the poorest, as the country had been quarantined for many months and people could not go out to work.

Regarding the political situation, this year's presidential elections put in power a radical, Marxist communist president. This choice caused a lot of uncertainty for investors and the public. The value of the sol fell causing the general increase in prices (foodstuff; fuel; etc ...) Political instability is high and the ministers are inexperienced party people which does not help.

Faced with the health emergency facing the country, the government has put in place health security measures such as masks, hand washing, social distancing and encouragement to get vaccinated.

This pandemic has hit our children and their families hard. The work of the sisters is a beacon of hope as they are currently helping 80 girls and 184 families in extreme poverty and struggling to meet their needs. They distribute food, basic supplies. Aid is also given via the outdoor canteen, which helps 180 people. The family situation is very difficult; many parents have lost their jobs, some have died, others lack basic needs such as water and the houses where they live are just precarious shelters. Faced with this situation the sisters bravely faced up by applying and enforcing safety standards and encouraging people to be vaccinated. Mothers have been organized for the preparation of meals and at the appointed time each family comes to collect their meal. Girls in quarantine at home are placed under the supervision of their class and supported with the help of Terre des Hommes Alsace. Thank you very much for this support because it is a great help in the very difficult situation we are living through due to the pandemic, and the political and economic situation.



Jean Jacques KIEFFER

Living conditions of those most disadvantaged

# Senegal

## News from Gamadji Saré in Senegal

After a longer vacation than usual due to the pandemic, the class resumed on Monday, October 25.

The official start of the school year was set for the 14th, but generally the first week is used to finalize student registrations and prepare school materials.

The mother who do the cooking under the supervision of the housekeeper took advantage of this time to get the canteen in working order, integrating the equipment purchased to complete and replace the broken utensils and dishes. A complete clean was also carried out. This job allows the new mothers to familiarize themselves with their future workplace.

This year has witnessed an increase in the number of students from 480 to over 500. Below is this year's school enrollment status.

The school will probably run out of benches to accommodate all the new children, but they will manage. In Senegal, the towns and villages do not finance the schools. The endowments and constructions are the responsibility of the central government and it can take time.



*IA : SAINT - LOUIS ANNEE SCOLAIRE : 2021/2022*  
*IEF : PODOR*

*ECOLE : GAMADJI SARE*

### *SITUATION DES EFFECTIFS*

<i>COURS</i>	<i>GARCONS</i>	<i>FILLES</i>	<i>TOTAL</i>
<i>CM2A</i>	17	18	35
<i>CM2B</i>	12	20	32
<i>CM1A</i>	31	10	41
<i>CM1B</i>	18	25	43
<i>CE2A</i>	14	34	48
<i>CE2B</i>	21	28	49
<i>CE1A</i>	16	30	46
<i>CE1B</i>	15	30	45
<i>CPA</i>	24	22	46
<i>CPB</i>	15	29	44
<i>CIA</i>	21	35	56
<i>CIB</i>	18	21	39
<b><i>TOTAL</i></b>	<b>222</b>	<b>302</b>	<b>524</b>

*NB: un effectif provisoire la classe de CIB n'est pas arrêtée. Les inscriptions se poursuivent jusqu'à la fin du mois.*

The henhouse guardian has taken his well-deserved retirement and our partner is struggling to recruit a replacement: it is true that you have to spend the nights at school to avoid possible intrusions and theft of chickens. The gardener has agreed to take on this role pending a replacement being found.

To allow Djiby SARR to easily make the various trips related to his function as manager of the canteen, the Terre des Hommes Alsace board has agreed to replace his old motorbike. A sum of 2,800 euros has been sent for this purpose. The motorbike has been ordered from the dealer in Dakar and will be delivered to Gamadji at the end of October. My partner warmly thanks the donors, volunteers and the board of TDHA for their support to the school canteen which has made the Gamadji school a school of excellence in the Saint-Louis region of Senegal

Jacky FLAMMEN

# Legs

## Supporting Terre des Hommes Alsace with a bequest or patronage is possible!

All your life, you have nurtured a personal commitment to a fairer and more united world. By making a bequest to Terre des Hommes Alsace, you continue to bring this commitment to life. By bequeathing to our Association, you make the poorest, the most excluded, your heirs.

You can make different forms of bequest. It can be a sum of money, real estate (apartment, house, land, etc.) or furniture, works of art, securities, life insurance, etc. All your bequests will be welcome and will be accepted with dignity when the time comes.

Your belongings can contribute to the financing of the actions of our Association.

It is also a way to continue to exist in the memories of others and to pass a little of yourself on to future generations.

In order to be able to make a bequest and make sure that your wishes will be respected, you must write a will.

Writing your will allows you to choose your heirs. In the context of an inheritance without heir (s), you can choose to transmit your property to one or more beneficiaries and in particular to make a bequest to Terre des Hommes Alsace if you so wish. Remember, if choose not to define your heirs during your lifetime, your property and belongings will go to distant relatives or will benefit the State.

And don't forget, your will does not take effect until after your death and you can decide to modify or cancel your will at any time.

Do not hesitate to consult your Notary as soon as possible if you wish to make a will.

He can usefully advise you on the drafting of your will and can advise you on any legally binding rules you need to apply.

Enfin, à tout moment, vous pouvez décider de modifier ou d'annuler votre testament.



**Article 795-1.4 of the General Tax Code exempts donations and bequests made free of charge from transfer taxes.**

### Entrepreneurs, have you thought of PATRONAGE to support the action of Terre des Hommes Alsace?

Patronage is a device allowing a company to donate, in the form of financial or material assistance, to an organization to support a work of general interest.

In addition, patronage is part of an internal and external communication strategy. It strengthens the company's integration into its environment, internal cohesion and employee motivation.

Your business will benefit from a tax reduction whether it is subject to income or corporate tax.

The amount that can be deducted from the balance of the tax payable corresponds to 60% of the total patronage payments made up to a limit of 5 per thousand of turnover.

Do not hesitate to download the Sponsorship GUIDE, [https://www.associations.gouv.fr/IMG/pdf/mecnat\\_guide\\_juridique.pdf](https://www.associations.gouv.fr/IMG/pdf/mecnat_guide_juridique.pdf) or to contact the Association for any questions relating to bequests or sponsorship.

We need you.

Emmanuel LASSIAT



# School in Haiti

photo Inter Aide



TERRE DES HOMMES ALSACE  
Antoine de Saint-Exupéry

*Share your happiness,  
Sponsor a child!*

Each donation given to Terre des Hommes Alsace entitles to a tax-refund equivalent to 66% according to the general Code to taxation. So a donation of 50€ will cost you only 17€ !

I wish to become a member (annual contribution of 10 €)

I wish to sponsor a child and pledge to pay .....€

Mensually

quarterly

every 6 months

Annually

I chose the countries and/or project I wish to support :

A cœur Battant

Haiti

Peru

Angola

India

Senegal

Braszil

Madagascar

Vietnam

I don't wish to sponsor but to support your action :

I send you a donation of .....€

Name\* , Firstname\* ..... Address\* .....

Mail ..... Phone number .....

\*requested information

The payments can be done by checks at the attention of Terre des Hommes Alsace or by transfer (In the case you wish to support a specific country, please don't forget to mention it).

Terre des Hommes Alsace is committed to follow the law 78-17 dated January 6th 1978 related to the treatment of informations ([www.cnil.fr](http://www.cnil.fr)) and the way to handle personal data which you may have to let us know.

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