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Editorial...

What's going on in our world? Beyond the conflict between Russia and Ukraine, the war between Israel and Hamas, there are many conflicts on our planet that do not always make the headlines, but have caused suffering on a large scale. Thousands of deaths, millions of people forced to flee their homes, millions of people in need of some form of humanitarian aid or protection for their survival. We are not directly confronted with these situations, but we must not forget them!

While we might tend to give up, all these conflicts do not slow down the fantastic volunteers of Terre des Hommes Alsace in their many activities. We all continue to work to raise funds, to be visible and available to answer any questions related to our operations and our projects.

With the "A Cœur Battant" team, we have just returned from a beautiful and intense mission in Madagascar and had the pleasure of visiting, among other things, the small school. In Senegal, the school canteen has been equipped with a new freezer for the start of the school year. The India youth group has made their dreams come true with the application of the fruits of their many actions and the visit of the projects. Corinne had the great pleasure of discovering the projects in Calcutta for which she is committed with the meeting of our exceptional partners. We were fortunate enough to welcome, during an express visit, Tim Aline Rebeaud, our Vietnamese partner, for the 30th anniversary of Maison Chance. In Angola, the construction of the new orphanage is progressing and our association has been able to finance a new vehicle to facilitate daily tasks. In Brazil, and especially in Manaus, our important aid has had a snowball effect and Padre Gaston is very busy.

When we receive a bequest or sponsorship, we guarantee that it will be used in full for the benefit of the children supported in our projects.

It's almost Christmas, please don't forget "our/your" children!

Thank you for your generosity, loyalty and trust! Happy holidays to you and your families, as well as a happy new year 2024, health and peace!

Simon Rey



"To live more simply, so that others can simply live"

Mahatma Gandhi



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AGENDA 2023

St. Nicholas Market

24, 25 and 26 November in Riedisheim

Christmas Market

Kaysersberg 26 November

Waldighofen 25 and 26 November

Reiningue 25 and 26 November

Ferrette 2 and 3 December

Hegenheim, 2 and 3 December

Rixheim 8, 9 and 10 December

AGENDA 2024

Pork

Sunday, January 29 in Riedlin Hall

Hegenheim

ADHD General Assembly

Saturday 13 April 4pm Salle du Trèfle Rixheim

Marc ADHD

Mercredi 8 mai

More information on our website

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**In 2023
Operation Orange
celebrates its 30th
anniversary**



Thank you all



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1 Million d'euros !

And the adventure continues, don't hesitate to contact us to participate.

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**30 years of harvests
with ever-loyal volun-
teers and a simply in-
credible figure of one**



The actions of our volunteers

With the many solidarity actions throughout the year, the volunteers of Terre des Hommes Alsace are very regularly called upon and I don't hide the fact that sometimes I am worried and almost embarrassed. And yet they are always present, THANK YOU all!

Premiere: Solidarity breakfast at the Lindenhof farm

Some volunteers never run out of ideas and we decided to try a new action with the solidarity breakfast on July 23rd. Beforehand we received some comments, it's the holidays, the schedules are not good, it's the crisis, ... The 45 volunteers were present from 6:30 a.m. to welcome the 530 registered! And I am proud to be able to say that this event was a great success and the satisfaction with the team but also with the guests was obvious. The result of more than 29,000 meals or the sponsorship of 32 children is a great motivation to renew this action !



AGROGAST at the Lindenhof farm

Pastries : to ensure a pastry stand for a period of four days, you need raw materials! Two volunteers alone made nearly 40 black forests, Linz pies, fruit tarts and cakes, to which were added many other creations by local pastry chefs. And despite the somewhat gloomy weather, the great result is equivalent to nearly 25,000 meals !



Handicrafts : The handicrafts and tasting products brought back from our travels are always a great success and many customers are now loyal to our stands. This allows the sponsorship of 6 children for one year.

Lindenhof Farm : You will have noticed the important partnership with the Lindenhof farm and association in Hagenthal-le-Haut, a beautiful hand extended to the children of our projects, very sincerely THANK YOU !

Boulangerie G Hagenthal-le-Bas : We also benefited from an exceptional partnership for our two events on the farm.

25th Solidarity March in Muespach-le-Haut

A great turnout for this 25th edition with 365 walkers, 280 meals in the dining room, good soup and sausages from the refreshment point tasted in a very nice setting, with it is true exceptional weather. The youth raffle and the craft stand were a great success, to the great satisfaction of the 45 volunteers. The presence of many young volunteers was noticed!

The great result, including many donations, will allow the sponsorship of 34 children for a year!

Book now on Sunday, September 22, 2024.



Operation Oranges

Even if, in view of the local economic situation, sales seem more complicated, solidarity continues. The partner supermarkets, as usual, reacted quickly to our call and supported us as much as they could.

Some of our volunteers solicit many schools that offer students the opportunity to show solidarity by participating in the operation. The project managers are available throughout the year to present our actions in the field, do not hesitate to contact us.

There is still room for improvement as many shops or schools are not covered. So if you feel ready to take care of a sale, do not hesitate to contact us, we will be able to guide you and provide you with the necessary equipment.

Cochonnailles 2024 Hégenheim

**Registration for
Sunday, January 28
attached to this
bulletin ⇒ before
January 12, 2024
please!!**



Operation Hares 2024

Another increase in the purchase price and despite this we have decided not to adjust the selling price and are counting on generosity to try to absorb the shortfall. The 2024 order was placed at the beginning of September and our transport partner Schneider is ready to receive them in Sierentz. About forty pallets with 21,000 chocolate hares (150 grams / height 23cm) will arrive and will be available after January 17th.

We are counting on you to find takers between schools, works councils, young people from the Church, door to door, sales at the end of shops, consignment sales, etc.

⇒We need your support and any initiative or idea is welcome⇐

Vente de lièvres en chocolat

2.50 € l'unité

= 7 repas



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Of course, we are always at your disposal to illustrate our actions to support children in the field through projections. Don't hesitate to contact us.

Thank you all in advance for your support of this solidarity action !

Second-hand store – open to all

at 52, rue de l'Île Napoléon à Rixheim

Being an actor in our store, called "Boutique" by customers, is a real commitment and the quality of the volunteers' work is recognized given its success.

A visit will allow you to know our needs in terms of quality, because too often donations cannot be used due to their condition. I invite you to discover it, by taking the opportunity to drop off your clothes, dishes, games or books during the opening hours below:

⇒ Monday from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

⇒ Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

**And there are many "small actions" in the shadows that are not recounted, but not forgotten !
Everything is the result of work and without all the volunteers, TDHA could not have existed for 51 years !**

Why is solidarity a duty?

At Terre des Hommes Alsace we stand in solidarity because we have always fought for the defence of human rights, for justice, against all inequalities, but above all because we put the human person, especially children, their freedoms, their rights, first and foremost, with the right to life in the first place...

Solidarity is so important that it is the foundation of many other human values, such as friendship, camaraderie, loyalty or honour.

**THANK YOU all, get involved and don't hesitate to motivate your friends and loved ones to join us.
TOGETHER we are even stronger !**

Simon Rey

Results of the October Days 2023 in Mulhouse

Small, medium, large and even giant: there are nearly 1300 cuddly toys that were adopted during the 10 days of the October days.

We also had homemade jams, pepper and cashew nuts in our stand, not to mention children's books and bags of sweets.

The stuffed animals, the books are salvaged and our stuffed animals have all been bathed before being displayed.

The result is simply terrific with 24,390 meals if we refer to our slogan 2 euros = 6 meals.

Thank you to all the volunteers who came to do the shifts. Thank you to the volunteers for washing the stuffed animals. Thank you to the jam makers for their good jam, which was much appreciated. Thank you to the volunteers who collected the stuffed animals.

We can't wait to see you all again for the 2024 edition and we are obviously looking for new plush toys to adopt so don't hesitate to entrust them to us.

The October Days team



Second-hand shop in Rixheim



There is a lot of activity at the second-hand shop in Rixheim. Even though the summer was overtime, in mid-September the team of volunteers changed seasons and took the "fall collection" out of our reserves.

Our "Christmas decorations" section is also in preparation and will be ready for the first days of November.

As a reminder, the store is located at 52 rue de l'Île Napoléon in Rixheim, and is open on Mondays from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. and on Saturdays from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Danielle Grumet

Brazil

Lar Da Menina - Belmonte - Bahia :

I had the chance to spend a few days with the projects in June. Thanks to the partnership with our friends at "Glasses Without Borders" we were able to offer sunglasses to all the young girls. What a joy, first gift, coquetry and protection!

The project offers many activities to the 80 young street girls, thanks to the strong involvement of a great team of motivated teachers! I invite you to follow the project and the very regular communication on social networks:

**Instagram / Lardameninabelmonte
or Facebook / Lar da Menina.**



Let's hope that this team will be renewed by the city after the summer holidays (January/February). Indeed, almost all the teachers are salaried by the city and at the beginning of each school year, there is uncertainty as to their return to the project. 2024 will be a year of municipal elections in Brazil and putting a little pressure can help, to be continued...

Salgueiro - Pernambuco :

Padre Remi has some health problems and had surgery for a herniated disc at almost 85 years old. He is slowly recovering but is not always very patient.



A beautiful friendship after 25 years of work and regular meetings

Very regularly, he goes to the projects and especially to the nursery to share nice moments with the children and monitor the proper functioning of the structure. The crèche is almost entirely covered by the city, which is a good thing but also has its disadvantages according to our friend Padre. Indeed, he notices a lack of love towards children, and is annoyed to see the staff who spend a lot of time on the phone...

Instagram : proacsalgueiro.pe

In addition, the city's education secretariat informed him on Monday morning that the 13 educators would be in training on the following Thursday and Friday and that the nursery would remain closed. This is unacceptable for him, given that mothers have no alternative childcare. A quick trip to the Town Hall and the program changed with training of half of the team on Thursday and the other half on Friday, no but!

He dreams of returning to Italy and returning to his roots in the Dolomites for a few weeks, let's hope his health allows it.

Manaus- Amazonas :

Following a detailed request from Padre Gaston and thanks to the unused special funds of our 50th anniversary, the Board of Directors has accepted substantial aid to support the construction of two refectories in the neighborhood of the "Colônia Antônio Aleixo" in the eastern part of Manaus. The rainy period in March and April slightly delayed the start of the work.

During my visit and before discovering the different construction sites, Padre Gaston wanted to explain to me his financial organization. In fact, following our donation, and the display of our logo, other organizations took an interest in the work done www.amazonrelief.org and www.franziskaner-helfen.de. Faced with the enormous needs identified, they have also committed themselves to children.



Following this excellent news but aware of the workload with financial management, Padre Gaston asked the Bishop for help, who offered to cover the costs related to the hiring of an accountant.

And here I am spending my first day in the accounts with the meticulous explanation of the use of the funds paid by our association and those of the partners, total transparency !

Projects...

The whole organization of the refectories was presented to me with the list of equipment, list of food, cleaning products, children and their attendance. As reported in the last bulletin, Amazonas Energia provides 70% of the necessary food for 500 children, of which there are currently 600. The remaining 30% is bought from a supermarket that is also one hell of a partner.

The owner explained to me that she sells all the products at cost price and that she takes care of the salary of the person specially hired to take care of the orders as well as the taxes!

The construction of the dining halls is progressing well and I had the pleasure of participating in the inauguration of a structure. For the time being, TDHA can support the dining halls to the tune of €1500 per month. The most impressive thing is the commitment of the volunteer mothers who want to be actors in the development of their neighborhood and offer a future to their children.

Padre Gaston is a hard worker with lots of ideas for the poor. A home for young girls living on the streets who are sexually abused is under construction, a sports activities project is being set up, a musical project is being prepared, vocational training is being studied, etc.

He mobilizes the faithful of his church on a very regular basis and it is really impressive what they are all able to achieve together.

For our part, let's continue to do our part. Thank you all !

Simon Rey

Instagram : paroquianosasg



Brother CLAUDE has left us...



It is an honour for me to be able to pay a final tribute on behalf of TDH ALSACE to this Alsatian, head of one of our Malagasy programmes and an exceptional friend.

Fr. Claude belonged to the Congregation of the Brothers of the Christian Doctrine and had carried out his cooperation in Madagascar in 1965 and... stayed there! He first became a director and teacher of secondary schools for 35 years, and launched a program in keeping with his peasant origins and his profession as a teacher: the Vakoala.

The Vakoala

In a valley near Fianarantsoa, the aim was to offer this rural population a start to school, children and parents, respect for nature, improved hygiene, etc. So an "integrated" project.

As head of Madagascar since 1984, it was only in 1994 that I met Br. Claude when I took over the management of the Vakoala program. On my first trip, I was surprised by the magnitude of the project and understood very quickly that it was due to the extraordinary energy of Br. Claude. The effects were visible. A large building for meetings on the Blue Hill served as a central hub for the participation and motivation of young and old alike through games and training. The projects followed: small scattered schools, ponds for fish farming, nurseries and eucalyptus plantations by the thousands...

The Vozama

As he grew older, Father Boltz, another Alsatian, who founded the NGO Vozama in 1996, wanted to retire. The NGO's project is to enable as many children as possible to attend a kind of school that prepares them for entry into formal education. He turned to Br. Claude, who in 1997 became involved in the Vozama and became its director in 2000. The Vakoala program suffered to the point that TDH ALSACE stopped being involved. Brother Claude, for his part, had found his ideal mission there: school and tree planting. He is also at the origin of simple "slogans" such as: "ONE CHILD, ONE BOOK, ONE TREE" or "A CHILD AT SCHOOL, A VILLAGE TAKING OFF!" In short, isn't Vozama in the continuity of the Vakoala project and the ideal of Br. Claude? Again, the deeds are there. At present, 1200 children in 675 schools, 544 trained instructors, more than 500,000 trees planted...

Fr. Claude will be at the helm of Vozama until 2021 when he will entrust its management, keeping only the presidency of the NGO. Thus, he did not miss this final phase which is the passing of the torch to ensure the sustainability of his work.

The sad news of his death came on August 28, 2023, at the age of 83.

I would not like to end this testimony without expressing my great respect for the person of Br. Claude. An unwavering friendship of nearly 30 years does not end with the passing of the friend. I admired his energy as a project manager but I appreciated even more his human qualities, imbued with his peasant origins. A strong character but one who did not impose his opinions, with his frankness and simplicity. All with humor and a big smile.

Antoine STEIB
Former Head of Madagascar Programs
TERRE DES HOMMES ALSACE

Fianarantsoa : Back to school in Ankazobe

In the Newsletter number 126, in June 2021, I told you about a small school that was being built in Ankazobe, on the outskirts of Fianarantsoa, while the Covid epidemic was impacting the whole planet. Under the leadership of the Daughters of Charity, the parents mobilized to bring the materials and build the school, which has since been named Saint André School.



There are currently 213 students who are welcomed and fed everyday thanks to the support of Terre des Hommes Alsace donors. Sister Madeleine explains that this "little school" continues to be built gradually, as, and when needed, the aim being to eventually offer schooling for all primary school classes.

As is often the case, it is the mothers who prepare the meals. In Ankazobe, it is in a corner of the schoolyard, under a basic shelter, that pots of rice and broth are cooked on the ground. To ensure better working conditions for the volunteer mothers, but also to prevent this space from being washed away when the next cyclone passes, we proposed to finance the construction of a "real hard" kitchen. The work has started and in a few weeks we will have the photos of the finished site.



A few years ago, on this same ground, there lived a couple to whom Sister Barbot had entrusted children. All that remains of this period is the man who became the guardian of the place, and Jean-Claude, the last of these children entrusted to his care. At the end of my visit, he came to introduce himself to me: he is 21 years old and in his 2nd year at nursing school. He had only one request: "It's difficult to work in my room in the evenings because we don't have electricity and I don't have light to study. Is there anything you can do for me?" Of course, we agreed to provide him with a solar lamp.

I remain in awe of this young man, who, despite a difficult start to life in conditions that could be described as hostile, finds the strength to move forward and bounce back. A great lesson in courage and perseverance !

Christelle LASSIAT

Continuation of developments at the CMSN

A year ago, work began on raising the building of the Medico-Social and Nutritional Centre in Antananarivo. The improvements continued, particularly with improvements on the canteen side to facilitate the work of Voula, the excellent cook. New equipment for communities has been purchased: a more functional sink, trolleys and enough crockery to accommodate and feed the 95 children who daily eat at the centre.

At the start of the school year, 80 new candidates were received, for only 12 vacant places. It's a headache and a heartbreak for the team, which has to make difficult choices, while taking into account often difficult individual realities. In the end, 15 children were selected.

Furthermore, Sahoundra, the Social Worker, is working hard to expand her network and develop partnerships with schools. She was thus able to "place" 10 young people who joined the boarding school of the Centre Notre-Dame de Clairvaux. This vocational training centre, run by the Don Bosco Salesians, provides vocational training and accompanies young people until they find a place with their first employer once they have graduated.



This school year, a total of 105 disadvantaged children will be welcomed, fed, monitored and encouraged in their development and schooling. Sahoundra, assisted by Nivo, the facilitator, will regularly meet with the children, their parents and the schools to monitor their progress.

Christelle LASSIAT

News " Batting Heart " mission of October



The mission in a few numbers: 8800 km by plane and 400 km from Antananarivo to Fianarantsoa.

10 hours on the plane and 12 hours to arrive at our destination

15 pieces of luggage, or about 300 kg of equipment for the hospital in Fianarantsoa.

5 missionaries full of enthusiasm: Dr. Bernard De Geeter who will continue the training of the doctors, Didier Hummler medical technician who will restore the equipment, Tania Besonnet and Simon Rey who will discover the projects and help with the pediatrics of the CHU, Brigitte Flammen in charge of the project « Batting Heart »

We will be able to provide more news in our next newsletter.

Brigitte FLAMMEN

Return from Mission North India

After taking up my position as project manager for North India last March, I had the great opportunity to meet our Indian partners and discover their actions on the ground this summer. Our stay in India was part of the youth group trip, and it was a group of 5 adults and 5 young people who had the opportunity to discover this incredible country for 3 weeks.



Kolkata, people everywhere, noise all the time

Our first stop took us to Calcutta, India's 3rd largest city with its 15 million inhabitants, where the headquarters of our 2 partners in North India are located, the Congregation of Our Lady of the Missions and the Howrah South Point Association.

It's a noisy city, bustling with cars, buses, tuk tuks, bicycles, scooters, trucks and pedestrians in a chorus of car horns. It is also a city of contrasts where you can find buildings and skyscrapers under construction next to slums that shelter the poorest. In this season, it is very hot and humid, which required some time to adapt for all the members of the group.



Howrah South Point, la cité de la Joie

Howrah South Point, founded in 1976 by Father Laborde, helps 500 children housed in its homes and educates 2000 children in its schools. The association is currently undergoing major changes thanks to the new management of Father Laurent, experienced staff and French volunteers. A new governance system is being put in place to adapt to the current standards imposed on NGOs. But the first priority remains the well-being of the children and we were able to admire the unwavering dedication of the teams of didis and dasas (educators) in homes, schools and slums. Our exchanges with the children were strong

moments of sharing, so rich in emotions.

Our Lady of the Missions

Our second partner, the Sisters of the Congregation of Our Lady of the Missions, also does an exceptional job with young girls in the slums by welcoming them free of charge (thanks to ADHD) for afternoon school, offering them a quality education. Some of her young



daughters have become teachers at the school. The young girls and sisters had prepared a show worthy of an end-of-year fair.

Accompanied by these dynamic and joyful sisters, we had the opportunity to travel by train an hour from Calcutta; to discover their micro-credit project for women in very poor villages as well as the mobile clinic, a dispensary run by one of the sisters and which is always full, as access to care is so difficult in the countryside



Jalpaiguri, a haven of peace and hope for children

The rest of our journey took us to the north-east of the country, to Jalpaiguri, on the borders of Bangladesh, Nepal and Bhutan. It is at the foot of the Himalayas, in the middle of tea gardens, that HSP manages several homes for disabled children, often suffering from deformities that affect the lower limbs (club feet). Thanks to Dalyia, who is in charge of these centres, these deformities will be corrected with the help of casts, physiotherapy sessions and sometimes operations. These treatments are life-changing, allowing them to move and move as any child wishes to do. These homes are havens of peace, in the middle of splendid landscapes. We met children who were so touching, incredibly resilient and showed an enormous zest for life despite their disability.



It was filled with new energy and new friendships that we left North India for the South for the continuation of our mission.

Corinne Ueberschlag

The trip of a lifetime, the return of the young group ! Florine, Augustine, Mélany, Adèle and Arthur



It was in 2020 that the current Youth group was born with the beautiful project of supporting actions in India and being able to make them a reality during a humanitarian trip.



During these three years, these young people have supported various events (raffle during the march, pork, breakfast, pastry stand at Agrogast). They were also able to count on the support of TDHA volunteers thanks to the proceeds of certain events allocated to them. Finally, donations, such as that of Don Bosco Landser, were added to the kitty. Their travel and accommodation was financed by their own funds. It was with a lot of emotion and a bit of apprehension that our 5 young people flew in August for a 3-week mission in India.

With the funds raised; they were able to finance the purchase of three electric Totos that will make it easy to transport the children from Howrah South Point. The Sisters of OLM offered the purchase of 250 sets of sheets, in order to offer one to each girl from the slums who attends the af-

ternoon school. Finally, in South India, three disadvantaged girls will be able to benefit from a two-year training course as a special education teacher, as well as a young boy who has lost his father and will be able to finish his last year of secondary school. The young people were also able to donate 200 books to the library of TDH Core.

So marked and motivated when they returned, the young people decided to continue to get involved to finance other projects while waiting for the next generation!

Corinne Ueberschlag

Augustine's Testimony

When you make a donation to an association or when you are a volunteer, it is sometimes complicated to realize the impact of your commitment on people living on the other side of the world. But during this trip, I realized the importance of each action taken.

The experiences we have had have made me realize that the events I have taken part in in Alsace are far more beneficial to those in need than I could have imagined. Thanks to the youth group and the donors of Terre des Hommes Alsace, we were able to raise enough funds to finance 3 totos (the name of the local tuks-tuks) and one soon a bus. These means of transport, which we have seen on the spot are more than necessary, will make it possible to bring children with disabilities or protected by the association to school and hospital in complete safety, even in rainy weather.

By playing and spending time with the children, we bonded in a humane way, beyond the language barrier and our differences.

Much more than just a trip, I met wonderful, dedicated, and admirable people in India who inspired me and, more than anything, made me want to be a better version of myself. Helping others is about giving of yourself and receiving much more in return. Despite the difficult conditions that the people we met faced, they showed us that joy can be created in any circumstance.

We come back from such a trip changed.

Adèle's testimonial

Beyond the discovery of Indian culture, traditions and landscapes, it is above all the encounters that marked me during this trip. We were fortunate to meet extremely strong and caring partners who taught us love for each other and dedication; And it is rich from these encounters that I question my worries that are not really worries and that I will be inspired by them to spread their values around me. Obviously, I was very impressed by the exceptional welcome we received from the children of the different projects, as well as by their joie de vivre, their smiles and the discussions we were able to exchange. Even though we have been as close as possible to the most disadvantaged and we have seen the misery and heard their sad stories, I came home with a heart full of hope and confidence in our partners who give their lives for them.

South India



A Tania for a Tanja

It is with great pleasure that we welcome Tania Besonnet (Head of India from 2010 to 2018) back to our organization. Being more and more solicited by the ADHD store and by the "A CŒUR BATTANT" project in Madagascar through the search and supply of medical equipment, the time has come to leave my place to Tania.

The joy and happiness of being able to support TDHCORE is a great pleasure, as you will find out in the next two articles.

We are showing "sold out"!

What in the tourism industry is good news, is much less so in our projects. Since July 2023, our Puspam home (reception centre for young girls in Tiruvannamalai) has been fully booked. The 50 places available in the 3 houses that make up the Puspam home are occupied by 50 young girls with a very difficult personal history. At best, these stories are about parental neglect, alcohol, abandonment, but also exploitation, forced marriage, abuse or rape.

The sad fact is that these young girls are here for their protection. Their families do not take on this role, on the contrary, it is because of failing families that these children end up in our structure.

FIR - PUS196, under this critical code name, hides a little girl, the latest arrival in this home. FIR stands for First Information Report, PUS stands for Puspam and 196 because she is the 196th girl to be welcomed into this facility since it opened in March 1995 and which will now become her home. PUS 196 is called Sivadharshini, she has just turned 10 years old and her life has just been turned upside down. Coming from an extremely poor family, a father who died 1 year ago as a result of excessive alcohol consumption and a mother who works for a meagre day wage. The CWC (Child Welfare Committee, which is an autonomous institution established in India under the Juvenile Justice Act, 2015) decides to entrust Sivadharshini and her 13-year-old sister Anushka (PUS195) to TDH Core. The 2 sisters will be taken care of in Puspam where they will find a home with a caring environment, here they will receive basic care: food, hygiene, physical and psychological medical follow-up, they will be followed and supported in their schooling and they will have access to sport and culture. There's a world of difference between their previous life and their life here, but the bond with family (when there is one left) remains absolutely paramount and encouraged by the team. But beyond the basic care, these girls receive a priceless gift: hope, and that is priceless !

I'll let you discover what Corinne (North India manager) felt when she went with the youth group to Tamil Nadu in August.



A day at Puspam's



"After meeting with our partners in North India, we flew to Tamil Nadu to Tiruvannamalai, a city of about 150,000 people and a major religious centre in South India. It is also in this city that the headquarters of the association Terre des Hommes CORE, our partner in South India, chaired by Chezhan Ramu, is located.

We had met Chezhan during his visit to France in the spring and we had already been able to appreciate his charisma, energy and spirit as a visionary and entrepreneur. Once there, it was the way the association worked that impressed us. TDH Core is managed by highly professional employees, the association is divided into separate departments, from IT to quality and finance, each centre has its own project manager. A model of its

kind! During our visit, Chezhan and his team were keen to show us the great diversity of their actions in favor of children. We visited no less than fifteen different projects in a few days !

A day at Puspam's home

A vivid memory will remain the day we spent in Puspam's home. This home houses about fifty young girls, from 6 to 18 years old. These young girls all have painful personal stories, orphans, victims of rape, forced marriages... And yet!! We spent a day of celebration and sharing. We discovered curious, intelligent, ambitious, talented young girls. Seeing them, no one can imagine what they have been through. TDH Core gives them a home, a big family, allowing them to rebuild themselves and offer them a future. The figures are impressive, half of these young girls are attending university and all of them have a job when they leave home, allowing them to access financial independence. Some of the former residents now hold positions of responsibility within TDH Core. It's these stories that give you faith in people and the energy you need to continue to engage with them."

The children of Puspam were delighted to meet our Alsatian team, they had a great time together and it is with this shared touch of joy that I end this article. Happy Holidays to all !

Tania Besonnet, Tanja Sanchez et Corinne Ueberschlag



News from Angola



The construction of the new orphanage is progressing well, despite a stoppage of a few weeks due to the death of the site manager.

Even if the children are deprived of a playground and play area during the work, they are patient and can't wait to move into their new home.

Sister Gaudencia, the superior of Lar dos Pequenininos, asked us for financial assistance for the purchase of a new vehicle. Theirs often breaks down, and parts become untraceable, so it needs to be replaced. The Board of Directors has approved a grant of €20,000 out of a total of €37,000 for the purchase of a Toyota Hino van. Sister Gaudencia hopes to receive support from a German association that occasionally provides them with support.

Danielle GRUMET



Nouvelles of Gamadji Sare

In the last newsletter, I talked about the collection for the benefit of the canteen, organized by my partner for the end of Ramadan. Many families have responded with monetary or in-kind donations from their family productions.

The events reported in the international media took place mainly in Dakar and other cities in the country. In Gamadji, interested residents followed them on social media. The village remained quiet and continued its usual life.

According to my partner, the rainy season has been abundant this year, favouring the success of rice crops and market gardening. The canteen will receive the fruit of the beautiful harvest of sweet potatoes that are much appreciated by the children.

This year, the school welcomes 514 children. For the moment, registrations are not closed and a certain number of students can still be added.

For the start of the school year, the canteen equipment has been enriched with a new freezer that will allow more products to be stored in better conditions.



The pedagogical garden will continue to fulfil its role and the chicken coop will be restarted soon.

All the conditions seem to be in place for this new school year to allow children to progress in their studies and to succeed in the end-of-year exams.

In closing, I would like to extend a big thank you to the donors who support this project.

Jacky FLAMMEN

Vietnam

News from our Vietnamese partners.

In Soctrang, in the South of Vietnam.

We are continuing our partnership with the Sisters of Providence and are funding a literacy class (30 Khmer children from disadvantaged families).

We also participate in the schooling and accommodation of about fifteen young girls from remote villages. Finally, since the beginning of the year, 2 young girls have been continuing their studies thanks to Terre des Hommes Alsace.

In Canthô, in the South of Vietnam.

Thuy has been our partner for several years. She is doing a remarkable job of identifying the poorest students in village schools who receive rice and school supplies. Vietnam is also experiencing inflation; the price of rice has risen sharply from 12,000 Dong to 16,000 Dong and for poor quality. Without our help, these children would not be able to go to school.



In Ho Chi Minh Ville, Lucky House celebrates its 30th anniversary.

At the beginning of October, we invited its founder, Tim Aline REBEAUD, who was visiting Europe, to meet our Board of Responsible and some active members.

« I started Maison Chance 30 years ago, when I met a young, orphaned boy dying in a mental asylum. I then took other street children under my wing, and then abandoned heavy paralyzed. From a few disadvantaged people, this blended family has continued to grow, and today we fully take care of nearly 700 beneficiaries in 4 centres, in Saigon and in the province of Dak Nong in the highlands, 300km from Saigon. All of this has been possible thanks to your precious support, and I feel very grateful for your loyalty over the years. Thank you for always being here, for almost 30 years. »

Tim Aline REBEAUD



Our association is very proud to have been able to accompany Tim during all these years.

We reaffirmed our support for the years to come and offered him as a "birthday gift" the refurbishment of the therapeutic pool of the Village Chance installed in 2011 (Budget 15,000 €).

This swimming pool is essential to the well-being of the beneficiaries of Maison Chance. It offers primary school pupils the opportunity to learn to swim and thus avoid drowning, one of the leading causes of child mortality. It is also available to adults with disabilities who benefit from about 3 hours of aquatic therapy each week to improve their health.

Emmanuel LASSIAT

Supporting Terre des Hommes Alsace through a bequest or corporate sponsorship...

Currently, many commercials about bequests are broadcast on television and radio. The only difference between some institutions and Terre des Hommes Alsace is that we are all volunteers. This way, all of your bequests will benefit the children!

All your life, you have worked for a fairer and more united world.

By making a bequest to Terre des Hommes Alsace, you are continuing to keep this commitment alive. By bequeathing to our Association, you make the poorest, the most excluded, your heirs.

You can make different forms of bequests. It can be a sum of money, real estate (apartment, house, land, etc.) or movable property (furniture, works of art, portfolio(s) of securities, life insurance, ...

All your bequests will be welcome and will be accepted with dignity when the time comes.

Your assets will contribute to the financing of our actions. Our management fees are generally less than 1% of our budget. In this way, you will be able to continue to exist in the memories and pass on a little of yourself to future generations.

The will, an essential document !

To be able to make a bequest and ensure that your wishes will be respected, you must draw up your will.

Writing a will allows you to choose your heirs.

Thus, in the context of an inheritance without heir(s), you can choose to transfer your assets to one or more beneficiaries and in particular to make a bequest to Terre des Hommes Alsace.

However, if you have not chosen one or more heirs during your lifetime, your property will go to distant relatives or benefit the state.

Do not hesitate to consult your Notary now.

He or she will be able to advise you on how to draw up your will, in particular to respect the rights of the heir(s) who are entitled to a reserved right, those of your children for example, if you have any.

At any time, you can decide to change or cancel your will. Your will decisions will not take effect until after your death, rest assured.

Finally, our association will be exempt from transfer tax (Art 795 1-4 of the French Tax Code) on the property bequeathed in this way.

Contractor, what if you thought about SPONSORSHIP to support the action of Terre des Hommes Alsace?

Sponsorship is a mechanism that allows a company to donate, in the form of financial or material aid, to our association to support its action.

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

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

The amount that can be deducted from the balance of the tax payable corresponds to 60% of the total payments made in respect of sponsorship up to a limit of €20,000 or 5 per thousand of the annual turnover excluding taxes.

Do not hesitate to contact your Chartered Accountant for more details or to download the GUIDE to Sponsorship, www.associations.gouv.fr/IMG/pdf/asso_mece_nat_2022.pdf

You can also contact our Association for any questions relating to bequests or sponsorship. We will answer you discreetly.

The children we support need you...

Emmanuel LASSIAT



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) and the way to handle personal data which you may have to let us know.

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