



NEWS

Cargo Human Care e.V.



Back in MMH



The borehole in Bubisa

March 2021

Dear Members and Friends of Cargo Human Care,

very little has moved towards normality again in Kenya – but at least all schools resumed their operations at the beginning of January. This was good for our MMH children, as they were allowed back to the home. However, neither the economy nor tourism are showing any significant signs of recovery. We are therefore continuing our food supplies for a while yet – at least to those families who still do not have any income.

The project that currently most concerns us, is the water supply for Bubisa. As reported in the last newsletter, the drilling was successful, but unfortunately, the water is salty, and a desalination plant is urgently needed. We are about to conclude negotiations with a German manufacturer, and hope to be able to report more details soon.

We would like to thank all of you for your great support of all our "construction sites".

Yours

Fokko Doyen, President CHC

Water is Life

Our water project in Bubisa: It is progressing (2)

by Gerhard Meyke

As reported in the last newsletter, we successfully drilled a well 55 km north of Marsabit, in the town of Bubisa, and struck water at a depth of over 300 m. Unfortunately, the water analysis showed a high salt content. Without a desalination plant, it is not drinkable and even harmful to health. In numerous discussions with various providers of desalination plants, and time-consuming analyses by Thomas Berger, Joachim Pfeffer, and myself, together with the local company PACIDA, we are very close to a final solution. We hope to be able to conclude the corresponding con-

tracts in March. In addition, due to its good connections, PACIDA has succeeded in getting the Ministry of Water Management to invest unused funds from another project in this one: A water tower with a 50 m³ steel tank, and a water kiosk including water dispensers are already under construction. Nevertheless, this project, the next phase of which we estimate to cost around €300,000, will be a major challenge for us and Caritas. Under the motto "water is life", we are currently looking for further sponsors to support this life saving, sustainable project for more than 7,500 people.



Steel girders for the water tower

Facts & Figures 2020

Revenue	696,5T EUR
Issues	540,6T EUR

Administration and advertising costs
0,5%

Two water tanks for the Wings Academy in Marsabit

by Gerhard Meyke

We purchased two more water tanks for the school, just in time for the next rainy season. We have also reviewed the plans for an administrative building and approved the construction.



The water tanks are delivered



One year of COVID-19

The Medical Centre adapts to the situation

by Dr. Thomas Berger

Despite initial difficulties in dealing with the Covid-19 pandemic, our team managed the situation very well. In 2020, a total of 25,407 treatments were performed on 7,663 patients. New seating in the garden area and on the road leading to the entrance of the Medical Centre, has helped

to increase the distances between patients. The hygiene concept of keeping a distance, disinfecting hands, and wearing masks has also been accepted by the patients. Fortunately, complicated Covid-19 infection cases are still rare in Kenya. We are also very pleased that our

team has been strengthened with the addition of another Clinical Officer, Agnes.

Mothers' Mercy Home – all children are back

by Fokko Doyen

By order of the state authorities, all children had to leave the home in March 2020, and be placed with relatives. Since then, we have provided these families and many others (250 in total) with food through the Family Aid 2020 program. This was essential for the survival of those families, all of whom are very poor.

Not all of our MMH children were very well cared for. That is why our social worker, Charles, brought more and more children back to the MMH. He had become aware of the shortcomings during the food distribution runs, and was finally able to convince

the responsible authority that the home was the best place for these children. When the schools were reopened for several year groups in October, these children were also able to return to the MMH. At the beginning of December, 49 children lived in the home, initially under quarantine conditions. On 4th January, the schools resumed operations for all year groups, so that the remaining children were also brought back to the home just before the new year.

We are all happy that the children have returned, but will also not forget their families. Some of these are still struggling in the on-

going crisis. We are slowly reducing food rations, but will continue to support the worst affected families for some time yet.



Happy Child School has also resumed

by Fokko Doyen

Just over two years ago, we celebrated the opening of the Happy Child Education Centre and symbolically handed over the key to the Bishop of the Anglican Church. The responsibility for the running of this small school lies in the hands of the local vicar of Kabiria; a classic case of "helping others to help themselves". Nevertheless, we have not completely withdrawn. We regularly visit the school and support when the situation requires it – such as in the Corona crisis, during which we included all the students' families and the teachers in the "CHC Family Aid 2020" program. In mid-January, Thomas Berger and I visited the school and met with all the teachers and the new vicar, Sylvia. The head of the school, Tabitha, continues

to run the school very well. She and her team organised the food distribution du-

ring the time the school was closed. We gave all teachers a small bonus for 2020.



JKR training program – a new year group is starting Patrons are still being sought

by Arno Pfeifer

After the pandemic meant that much of the training was not able to be carried out as

normal, a routine has meanwhile returned to the John Kaheni Residence or JKR for

short. The training companies and universities have reopened, and the JKR program has resumed. For ten young people, however, the past few weeks have been anything but routine. For them, the start of new year was a step into a new phase of life. Since January, they have been supported by our social worker team as part of the JKR training program, and are living and learning together with many other students at the training centre. Over the coming years, throughout their training, the JKR will be their new home. At this point, please note that patrons are still being sought for the new students.

More Information: [sponsorship program](#)



Nine of the ten new JKR students with Fokko Doyen

Daring to look back

The "JKR Alumni" meeting

by Arno Pfeifer

The JKR training program exists since almost eight years now. Many young women and men have successfully completed their training during this time and are now following their own path, characterised by numerous positive but also negative experiences. It was time to take a closer look at how the former JKR students were get-

ting on. To this end, we invited our former children/students to talk in a relaxed environment not only about their current life situation, but also about their childhood at the MMH and the time at the JKR. We have collected some very interesting findings.

You can find a report on this [here](#).



Graduation class 2013



Muta (right) talking to a former JKR graduate

Virtual donation flight to Nairobi on the Internet

On 3rd April, the association www.muenchen-airways.com will operate a virtual donation flight to Nairobi. Interested pilots and aviation register on the association's homepage and join in. These flights are intended to attract donations to CHC, and

are a great and slightly different idea of support.

We would like to thank the organisers and wish all the pilots every success. Friends on the internet can

Tax Tip (for German Taxpayers)

From this tax year 2021, the tax office no longer requires donation certificates for donations of up to 300 euros (previously 200 euros). For proof of payment, an account statement or cash payment receipt suffices.