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**HIS EXCELLENCY CHRISTOPH RETZLAFF
AND HIS WIFE NATALIE RETZLAFF**

THE GERMAN AMBASSADOR VISITS THE HO CHILDREN'S HOME

On 20 May 2021, the German Ambassador, His Excellency Christoph Retzlaff and his wife Natalie Retzlaff, visited our children's home in Ho.

The children had prepared a short performance and – despite their excitement - they succeeded excellently. During the subsequent tour of the children's home, we were able to talk about our work in personal conversations and especially the children had a chance to speak.

Daniel, one of the first children we rescued from fishing-slavery at Lake Volta and who has now grown into a decent young man, impressively told his story. All around it was a felicitous day.



EXPANSION OF THE HO CHILDREN'S HOME

Ten years ago, we opened our children's home in Ho. Happy and her team lovingly care for the rescued child slaves from Lake Volta. Here, the children have a safe haven and recover from their traumatic experiences. Many of them experience love and attention for the first time in their lives. Finally, they are allowed to play, to laugh and to go to school.

DANIEL 2021, ONE OF THE FIRST CHILDREN WE RESCUED FROM FISHING SLAVERY AT LAKE VOLTA





For some time now, however, the police and the Ministry of Social Welfare have been handing over more and more small children and even babies. Some of these children were found severely abused on rubbish dumps or simply left alone in abandoned houses or on the street. Due to the Corona pandemic, the long lockdown and the closed schools, the number of cases of violence against children, child marriages and teenage pregnancies has risen alarmingly.

In order to meet the needs of this age group in our children's home, some changes and additions are needed. New beds, books and play equipment need to be purchased. The property will be better secured by a higher wall and a separate kindergarten will contribute to an age-appropriate development and education of our youngest children.

With a sponsorship, you can support our children's home through a regular donation.



THE BEE HIVES ARE MADE LOCALLY IN GHANA



DONATING TO THE FUTURE – OUR BEE PROJECT

With our Bee Project, we want to strengthen women in self-help groups and expand their income opportunities. This leads to more independence and a greater say – in other words, to classic empowerment!

A local joinery has already built 70 beehives for us, so called Kenyan Top Bar Hives. Besides the easy handling of the hives, they are made entirely of wood. Which is another advantage.

Also, there are no polluted wax walls or plastic honeycomb panels. This is because we want to make beekeeping as natural and bee-friendly as possible.

The hives are placed in carefully selected locations with lots of bee-friendly vegetation. In order for them to be colonised by bee colonies, the inner walls have been coated with beeswax which we obtained from old honeycombs. And now, we have to wait for the bees!

OUR HIVES AT LAKE BOSOMTWI



BEES
FOR AFRICA!

WaSH – WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE

The prevention of diseases caused by contaminated water or low hygiene standards is an important, if not the most crucial, factor when it comes to sustainable development.

Our WaSH Project – Water, Sanitation and Hygiene – is based on three basic pillars:

PILLAR 1 AND 2: COMBINING WATER SUPPLY AND TOILET FACILITIES INTO ONE UNIT.

PILLAR 3: AWARENESS AND CAPACITY BUILDING, AS WELL AS PARTICIPATION OF THE TARGET GROUPS AT ALL LEVELS.

If a village is lacking a well, the villagers have no option but to fetch water from a pond, a river or from a remote well. This usually requires a long walk through the bush. Without a well, almost all villagers suffer from water-borne diseases. That is a very high risk, especially to infants and children.

In many cases, diarrhoeal diseases, such as Cholera, are fatal for undernourished and weakened children.

This is exactly where the WaSH Projects come into play. We create the necessary conditions to prevent disease outbreaks by creating a suitable infrastructure. And in addition to that, our awareness and educational campaigns enable a transfer of knowledge. That transfer strengthens self-responsibility and creates a multiplier effect.

Furthermore, with the WaSH Projects, we give particular assistance to girls, as this gives them the opportunity to go to school even during their menstruation. Without adequate toilet facilities, the girls usually stay away from school during their menstruation, as they have no opportunity to change their hygiene products.



**EVEN WITH A SMALL DONATION, YOU
MAKE AN IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION
TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS
PROJECT.**

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SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION AND WaSH PROJECTS

Education is the key to a self-determined and independent life. Unfortunately, too many Ghanaian schools are in a poor and precarious state, so that classes have to be held outdoors. And as a consequence of that class has to be canceled on bad weather days. And, in many cases, hygiene conditions are terrible due to the lack of water and toilet facilities.

In Dama Nkwanta, Lakeside, Ampaha and Abease, we are currently building several schools with individual water supply and hygienic toilet facilities, thus creating an appropriate and safe learning environment for almost 2,000 pupils and teachers.

And for the youngest children, a new kindergarten is built in Morle. Until now, these children had to play and study in a dilapidated shed.



**LEFT: MORLE KINDERGARTEN BEFORE
RIGHT: MORLE KINDERGARTEN IN JULY 2021**

ABEASE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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ABEASE LATRINE



Lakeside school construction and WaSH (Essase Kindergarten, Morontou Junior High School, computer room Apewu)

Costs: ca. € 150,000

Abease primary school construction and WaSH

Costs: ca. € 82,000

Dama Nkwanta primary school construction and WaSH

Costs: ca. € 66,000

Morle Kindergarten

Costs: ca. € 28,000



LAKESIDE ESSAASE KINDERGARTEN AND TOILET FACILITY JUNE 2021



LAKESIDE ESSAASE KINDERGARTEN BEFORE



LAKESIDE MORONTOU JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL MAY 2021



PRIMARY SCHOOL AMPAHA JUNE 2021



PRIMARY SCHOOL AMPAHA MAY 2021



PRIMARY SCHOOL AMPAHA BEFORE

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SOWING SEEDS FOR THE FUTURE

Reforestation of the Northern Savannah in Ghana is one of our project focusses. With a manageable budget, this plan contributes to counteracting desertification and rural exodus. The objective of the project is to improve the livelihoods and environmental conditions, and to help implement education and health services.

During the first phase, we are going to plant about 50,000 trees with 30 partner schools.

Sowing started in mid-February. And, in the meantime, strong and healthy seedlings have grown, which we handed over to the schools with the onset of the rainy season.

The pupils are now planting the almost 10,000 young trees with great zeal and joy.

At the same time, the first awareness campaigns have taken place in schools, which aimed at raising awareness of environmental protection and the protection of nature and of the different species.





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FIRE AT THE YAMAH CHILDREN'S HOME

In the Northern Region, one of the poorest regions in Ghana, we have been supporting the local children's home for a decade. Due to your donations, we were able to fully renovate the building and to expand it into an important social centre. In addition to the 24 children who live there, more than 50 children come every day to eat, do their homework and play. In February, there was a devastating fire which burned the children's home to the ground. Fortunately, no one was injured, as everyone was outside at the time. For the children, however, this is a catastrophe. They have lost their home and all their belongings.

We would like to rebuild the children's home as fast as possible. For that, you can find a donation campaign on our homepage. Please help us to build a new home for the children as soon as possible.

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WAYS TO GIVE:



- With € 1 for a face mask, you can protect a nurse from an infection with corona.
- € 9 provide enough food for a month for a child in our school feeding program.
- Become a patron for 10 sqm of fertile farmland for € 10 per month.
- It only takes € 25 to provide a Veronica-Bucket-Kit (sets of buckets for proper hand washing with soap and flowing water).
- Buy a chicken for € 10 or a bag of chicken feed for € 50
- Help us to cover the running expenses for the children's home. You can buy a board game for € 15, a schoolbag for € 25 and a book for € 8.
- Become a sponsor for a fisher-child from Lake Volta. With € 50 per month you can support a rescued child from our programme against child trafficking at Lake Volta.
- € 200 allow us to buy an infrared thermometer for diagnosing Covid-19 whilst keeping the required distance.
- € 350 for a three-wheeled wheelchair, which enables a physically impaired child to visit school.
- With € 400 we are able to provide medical training for an entire village, teach family planning and thus ensure the survival of newborns.
- € 5,000 enable us to ensure the water supply of an entire village with a manual well.

“Would you like to realise a major project with us, such as a kindergarten or a clinic? Then feel free to contact us. We will be happy to draw up a precise project plan.”

Of course, there are many other projects and possibilities to support us. Find further information on our homepage: www.madamfo-ghana.de

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**THANK YOU
SO MUCH!**

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DEAR FRIENDS AND SPONSORS,

Words can hardly explain what your support means to us. Everything that we have done so far, we could only achieve with your help. Your donations, but also your warm-hearted words of support and encouragement that reach us every day clearly show us that you stand by our side. For this I thank you from the bottom of my heart!

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Bettina Landgrafe'. The script is cursive and fluid.

Bettina Landgrafe
1st Chairwoman
Madamfo Ghana e.V.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Victor Kwaku Manu'. The script is cursive and somewhat stylized.

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