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Dear friends of L'ESPERANCE,

We would like to share with you the beautiful but also the challenging events in the L'ESPERANCE projects.

Ethiopia



Akaki Children's Village

The need in Ethiopia is great. Our Managing Director Anita Tun at the **Akaki Children's Village** helps wherever she can. The Addis Ababa Youth Welfare Office recently asked us to help them with the unexpectedly high number of children in their reception centre. They were overflowing with homeless children aged between 6 months and 8 years who had been picked up by the police all over the city. Anita agreed to take in 7 children at Akaki (4 girls and 3 boys). The children's village is now looking after 107 orphans. The next project is the construction of new buildings on the campus. We would like to thank you in advance for your help.

Uganda



Kinyo Children's Village

Thanks to the sponsored run of the Moses School in Nuremberg, a playground could be built for the orphans. It was inaugurated in April 2024 and has been used enthusiastically by the children ever since.

In the **Kinyo Children's Village**, Engineers Without Borders have built three modern dry toilets for the school in our children's village. Since last year, a total of five small teams of engineers have been on site for several weeks at a time. Thanks to their dedicated efforts, the facilities were completed. The engineers made a significant contribution to hygiene in the children's village and therefore to the health of the children.



Engineers Without Borders

The administration and guest house was also renovated. Water damage had made this urgently necessary. Thank you for your support here too!



Dry toilet facilities in Kinyo



Storm damage in Kinyo



A storm recently severely damaged the stables in the children's village. Over 100 banana trees fell over and trees were uprooted. In the neighbourhood, the storm covered roofs and caused hardship for people. We are grateful that nobody was injured in the children's village and that the family homes were spared. Kinyo needs financial support in the short term to repair the storm damage and rebuild the banana plantation. Donations with the reference 'Special donation storm Uganda' will be forwarded to Kinyo immediately.

The project also needs a new vehicle as soon as possible.

Bolivia



Children's Village San Mateo

Every month we receive colourful reports with happy children's faces from our second youngest **children's village, San Mateo**. Our leaders and orphan parents are resolutely defying the tropical climate by spreading good humour and cordiality.

Important **projects** on the agenda this year are the renovation of the drinking water supply and the orphanages. The tropical downpours and the climate are taking their toll on the houses. In particular, roof timbers that have become damp urgently need to be replaced and the roofs resealed.

Two family houses have already been built in the **children's village of Tariro Haven, Zimbabwe**, and progress is being made with the orchard in the agricultural area.

Zimbabwe



Children's Village Tariro Haven House 1

Venezuela



Project in Venezuela



Street children in the capital Caracas

The 'Bridging the Gap' foundation in Zimbabwe has donated high-quality agricultural equipment to us.

The documents for the admission of the first children have been submitted. We hope to be able to welcome our first protégés soon. Pray with us for the official hurdles to be overcome.

Call for help from Venezuela

Poverty in Venezuela is very high. Many Venezuelans have migrated abroad to work due to the situation in the country and have had to leave their children behind without any protection. Many children go hungry and are left to fend for themselves. Due to poverty and lack of protection, children often become victims of human and organ trafficking as well as modern forms of slavery and prostitution.

L'ESPERANCE would have an opportunity to help there. A small team of locals has become active on a 7-hectare plot of land near San Cristobal on the Colombian border, organising food donations, giving courses, caring for the sick and the weak. They would also like to start working with orphans. However, they lack the funds, so they have turned to L'ESPERANCE. With **€80,000**, the takeover and expansion of the infrastructure could succeed. We are therefore asking for additional small and large donations so that we can also help children there. Venezuela is one of the most difficult countries, but help is urgently needed there.

Every donation counts. The need is always greater than our means, but together we can change lives!

Best wishes and God's blessing

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