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Information Letter

Dear Friends of L'ESPERANCE Children's Aid,

The devastating earthquake in **Venezuela** has deeply saddened us. While the world's attention is gradually fading, the real struggle for survival is only just beginning for many people. Children, in particular, are suffering from the consequences of this disaster. Many have lost their parents or have been separated from their families, increasing the risk of abuse, exploitation, and child trafficking.



At our campus in Venezuela



Children's workshop in Guasdálito with our foundation president



Venezuela

Young beneficiaries of our work

Since March 2025, L'ESPERANCE Children's Aid has begun integrating the Venezuelan Isaiah 58 Foundation as one of its national branches. Through this partnership, we are helping children and families in need in a country that was already suffering from severe poverty long before the earthquake.

In addition to our project site in the mountainous region near the Colombian border, the foundation operates a network of soup kitchens and distribution centers throughout many parts of Venezuela. Thanks to your generous support, we have already been able to reach numerous children—many of them half-orphans or social orphans—with meals, clothing, school supplies, and spiritual care.



Venezuela

Right now, we would like to place these children at the center of our efforts. With your donation marked "Earthquake," we can provide rapid and practical assistance wherever the need is greatest—through both material relief as well as spiritual support. Our desire is to bring new hope to children during this time of great uncertainty.



Uganda

*Gerhard Hermann visiting Uganda,
June 2026*

At the same time, our local team is assessing whether we can also welcome additional children from the disaster area to our campus. Extraordinary circumstances sometimes require extraordinary solutions. Your earthquake donations give us the flexibility to respond quickly, efficiently, and according to the actual needs on the ground. As always, every donation will be used immediately and entirely for relief efforts in Venezuela.

Here are a few more glimpses into our work in our other country projects:



Our new children in Uganda

In **Uganda**, we were able to welcome many new orphaned children into our care. They now have a safe place to live, receive regular meals, and the opportunity to attend school.

At the same time, we continue to protect the health of our children—for example, by providing mosquito nets and ensuring prompt medical treatment for cases of malaria. One special highlight was the launch of a two-week social and educational outreach project in northern Uganda, in which twenty of our children actively participated.



Ethiopia

Arsema reunited with her brother

In **Ethiopia**, we continue to witness touching stories of hope. Several children were reunited with their families or siblings after many years apart. At the same time, new girls who had lost their previous homes found a loving new family in our children's village. Many of our children also achieved outstanding academic results and were recognized for their excellent performance.



We are especially encouraged that former L'ESPERANCE children in Ethiopia have now established their own association to support one another as adults. It is a wonderful testimony to the fact that the values of unity and Christian love continue to have an impact long after their years in the children's village have come to an end.



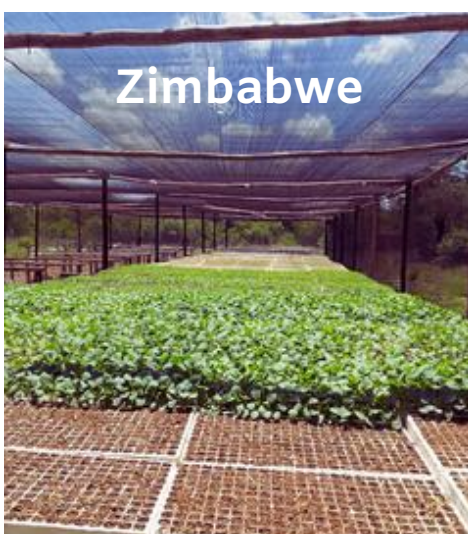
Visiting Rwanda, June 2026

At our agricultural school in **Rwanda**, we are currently witnessing a remarkable transformation. Together, the teachers, staff, and students have decided to take on increasing responsibility themselves. Instead of waiting for outside help whenever challenges arise, they are seeking their own solutions and actively contributing their skills and talents. As a result, a new boys' dormitory, additional classrooms and common areas, as well as numerous improvements throughout the campus have been completed over the past few months.



Construction of classroom and lounge

Their efforts have not gone unnoticed. During a government school inspection, our school was recognized as the cleanest school in the entire Western Province and received the highest rating, "Green." The inspectors specifically remarked that it was evident the school was supported by committed and caring partners.



Seedlings in the greenhouse

Your donations therefore accomplish far more than providing financial assistance—they foster a culture of personal responsibility and make sustainable development possible.

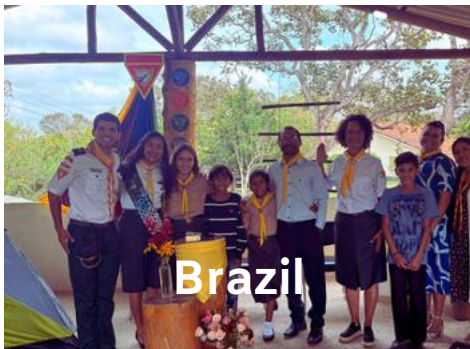
No children have moved into the new Tariro Haven Children's Village in **Zimbabwe** yet. However, behind the scenes, the local team is working with great perseverance on every single building block needed to make that possible. While the authorities continue to review the required permits step by step, the project is steadily progressing. Fruit trees are maturing, the greenhouse is producing thousands of vegetable seedlings, and parts of the property are already being leased, contributing to the project's financial sustainability. Every one of these steps serves the same purpose: preparing for the day when the first children can finally move into their new home.



Our Little Ones



Despite weeks of road blockades, spirits remain high in the children's village.



The Pathfinders



Healthy Living Program

Despite many setbacks, the team on the ground has not given up. Thank you for continuing to carry this project in your hearts.

Our children's village in **Bolivia** continues to grow. Two new girls have been welcomed into our care and have found a loving home at L'ESPERANCE.

We have also been greatly encouraged by the support we received. Groups and individuals from different parts of Bolivia and Brazil generously donated supplies, volunteered their time, and brought joy to our children.

Our farm is becoming increasingly self-sufficient, while construction continues to move forward step by step—even during weeks of road blockades that have made buying and selling extremely difficult.

Over the past few years, our former children's village in **Brazil** has become a vibrant center for mission and health ministry. People from across Brazil come to its health programs in search of new hope for body and soul. Many lasting friendships and new initiatives have grown from these encounters.

Volunteers are also being trained to combine health ministry, agriculture, and community service. The surrounding communities benefit through a new Pathfinder Club, regular small groups, and visits to a local nursing home.

Construction of the new chapel, dormitory, and cafeteria is also making steady progress. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you for your friendship, your prayers, and your faithful support.

Yours sincerely,

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Chairman, L'ESPERANCE Children's Aid

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