

Back-to-Germany Report on Visits to Tumaini Waisenhaus and Kikambala feeding project in Mombasa, Kenya

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1. Introduction

The principal aim of the visit detailed below was to present 65 new mattresses to the children and mothers at Tumaini Children's homes on 25th December 2014. Tumaini children's home is for children who lost their parents to HIV and not necessarily HIV positive themselves. I also took part in the Kikambala Feeding Project on 4 January 2015. This project takes place every Sundays to provide healthy food to children from poverty stricken estates or villages around Mombasa.

2. Summary of Principal Activities

25 December 2014

- Christmas at Tumaini Waisenhaus: I spent half the day with the children; we had some good entertainment (acrobatics, singing and dancing) by the children. We also sang some Christmas carols together. We also had lunch with the children and I got the opportunity to meet Dr. Varinder Singh Sur and Dr. Mrs Sur. The children were proud to show me around their sleeping and living areas. There is a dormitory for girls and a separate one for the boys. The sleeping areas are well equipped with beds and lockers for clothes. The living area has chairs, carpets and a TV. I also had the opportunity to see the Outpatient clinic, the tailoring room and Sirio School.

There were some guests or donors who also brought in some food stuff for the children. The mattresses were well received; they will be enough for 58 children and the mothers who volunteer to be there for the children during the night shifts. God bless them. At this point I have to congratulate the longer serving members of Tumaini Waisenhaus Förderverein for the great job done to ensure that these unfortunate children have a place to call home.

4. January 2015

- Kikambala children feeding project: I was also very touched by this project since I believe that feeding children with healthy food is feeding our future generation to make the world a better place. My family members and I joined other volunteers to help in the feeding programme on 4th January and we fed 501 children. Mr. Jitu Haria informed me that they normally expect 1500 to 2000 children. The number could have reduced due to school holidays when children visit their relatives' upcountry. Children from poverty stricken estates or villages walk very long distances so as to get food to eat and something to drink on the spot. Four children would share a big plate of rice and beans with scones for every child. Drinks were also provided. As the children were living, every child got 500g of maize flour, a banana and some sweets to take home.

I am happy and proud to be a part of the Tumaini Waisenhaus Förderverein for we're here to make a difference in ensuring that these children have a brighter future. Thank you.

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