

Back-to-Germany Report on Visits to Sirio School, Tumaini Waisenhaus and Kikambala feeding project in Mombasa, Kenya July – August 2016

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1. Introduction

During my summer holidays in Kenya from 18 July to 08 August 2016, I spontaneously visited Tumaini Waisenhaus on several occasions and made one official visit. I also paid a visit to Sirio Primary school where some children from Tumaini Waisenhaus go to learn and get their primary school education. The older children go to Secondary schools around the coastal province. On two Sundays, I took part in Kikambala feeding project. This project takes place every Sundays to provide healthy food to children from poverty stricken families around Mombasa. At this point I have to apologise since I do not have records of the dates I visited the projects after acquiring a new mobile phone when I got back to Germany.

2. Summary of Principal Activities

Visit to Tumaini Waisenhaus: it's a home in Mtopanga, Mombasa for children who lost their parents to HIV and are not necessarily positive themselves. During my visits, I had a chance to meet Ms Eirleen Kiende who gave me a very positive feedback on the development of the home and the children. The home hosts 59 children of different ages between 2yrs and 18. The home has introduced a library for the children to read during their free time or research on further information as they do their homework. The home has also introduced guidance and counselling for the children especially teenagers. These children face different issues such identity struggles, peer pressure and being part of the society. The counselling helps them to be positive about their lives, encourage them to concentrate on their education and awareness of their sexual activities to help curb HIV. I am still very impressed by the high standard cleanliness.

I would also like to add that some of my colleagues from the ECB, friends and board of trustee Dr Bea Wiebe donated children clothes and shoes for the home. I sent off the first consignment end of June 2016 but they have not been delivered to the home until today due to unavoidable circumstance/issues arising at the Kenya Ports Authority in Mombasa. The second consignment of clothes, shoes, books and toys will be sent off end November 2016.

I would like to take this opportunity to kindly request my fellow board of trustees if we could consider raising some money for a proper cooling room/facilities for fruits and vegetables stored at the home's store.

Visit to Sirio Primary School: Some children from Tumaini Waisenhaus go to Sirio school and the older ones go to different high schools within the coast province. Sirio school has participated and won National trophies in Kenyan music and drama festival which has increased the school's popularity. The school has also performed very well in the past National exams (KCPE). I really liked the idea of lunch time food programme for the children from the home and external children who live far away from the school. I think this would promote interaction and familiarity amongst all children outside the classroom hours.

I was very happy to see the school bus which was donated to the school and the children's home by a well-wisher. It will be used to transport children to the festivals and school trips which is much better than hiring transport from external providers.

Visit to Kikambala children feeding project: My family members and I joined other volunteers on two Sundays to help feed children from poverty stricken families in Kikambala, Mombasa. These children walk very long distances so as to get food to eat and something to drink. The children were also entertained in singing some songs while they ate.

I would like to say thank you very much to the donors, employees and volunteers who have offered support for almost everything, including housing, home materials, clothing, transport, food and school fees. We're here to make a difference in ensuring that these children have a brighter future.

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