

Dear Friends and Sponsors,

Christmas 2022

A difficult and exciting year is coming to an end for the children, their carers and those responsible in the orphanage in Kenya.

The effects of the corona pandemic, periods of drought in the country and the war in Ukraine are taking a heavy toll on people across Africa. The cost of living had already risen sharply before the Ukraine war. The lack of staple foods, such as corn, wheat or sunflower oil, but also increased gas prices lead to an official inflation rate of 12%. In fact, the cost of daily living has increased by 25%. Since only a few people have financial reserves, poverty is constantly growing. The number of starving people continues to rise. Many parents can no longer feed themselves and their children properly.

Currently 42 children and young people are living in Tumaini orphanage, lovingly being cared for by 28 employees. We are in close contact with those responsible for the orphanage, the carers and the children. Since November 2021, 11 children have been taken into the orphanage. Contrary to the original idea of only taking in children who were in need due to the Hi-Virus, the orphanage has now also taken in several children who were rescued by the Kenyan authorities from unacceptable circumstances. These children were entrusted to the Tumaini Orphanage by court order. In this context, three siblings aged 2, 4 and 5 years were taken in who had previously been provided with the essentials in a so-called rescue center for over a year. One child had severe liver inflammation, all were malnourished and severely socially neglected. Newborns were also entrusted to the orphanage, and we can proudly report that all the newcomers are doing well, they are all growing and thriving.

Six of our "older/big ones" have successfully completed primary school, five of them can currently attend high school. The final grades were significantly improved through the continuous support of the two permanent teachers in the orphanage. Fortunately, Betty was admitted to the "Bachelor of Education Degree" after graduating from high school. Terrence is in his third year studying business administration. Amina passed the final examination of the hotel management school during the year. As in previous years, we will support the former Tumaini children on their further path in life after completing their school or apprenticeship training.

The Tumaini Clinic continues to be well received by the population and is self-supporting for the first time through the income.

By November 2022, our association had already taken over the entire significantly increased living costs of our children, their medical care and the financing of secondary school education, including the costs for the special schools with around 80,000 euros. School education, vocational school qualifications and special support for children with disabilities form the basis for all children to later be able to lead a responsible, good life. That is why we consider this financing one of our main tasks.

In addition, we financed the refurbishment of the laboratory analysis devices in the Tumaini Clinic with 10,000 euros.

Also, in the coming year 2023 we are dependent on your support. We are aware that we are all going through a difficult time and are therefore deeply grateful for every donation. The Tumaini children depend on our attention, compassion, and financial help.

We remain true to our principle that all donations reach the children without any deductions/administrative costs.

We wish you a Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy 2023!

Walter und Bea Wiebe Gillian Piroth Nathalie Rans

Franz Stöckmann und Hilde Banneyer Barbara Schöller Rolf Kallenberg

Christian, Birgit und Robin Szymanski Petra Hasenberg

Gerlinde Pützer-Retterath

For any further information, please refer to more information on our website at https://www.tumaini-waisenhaus.de.

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