

Report on the project trip of our association

„Voice of Kilimanjaro-Kids“

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A somewhat different experience of Easter

The vice president of “Voice of Kilimanjaro-Kids” (VoKK), Jürgen Nußbaum celebrates this year a slightly different Easter than usual.

Accompanied by his wife Manuela, his son Marco and Gudrun Panholzer, all also members of the Association, he travelled to the East African Country to accompany and continue the projects of VoKK.

Meeting with the partner organisation FIDA

Two of this projects, namely the primary school in Mongai and the Msareni Primary School, were subject of the meetings with the leaders of the Tanzanian partner Association FIDA. Various construction projects, water and power supplies and similar are to be implemented in these schools, in co-operation of both associations as well as the BMZ. The projects are in various stages of planning and preparation, at least the project Mongai should be scheduled in detail later this year.

Direct assistance on site

Not only the design, calculation and meetings with regard to these two schools was the occasion of the journey, but also direct assistance on site at the other projects was a top priority. So two meetings were held with the leadership of the “Nary Nursery School” – a day care centre in Moshi, at the foot of the Kilimanjaro. Here are 30 children currently cared for, 5 of them are orphans. The other children have at least one parent still, some even both parents or grandparents, etc. A support is necessary for almost all families, but also varying degrees. Together with the director, Hilda Dominik, the familiar personnel data of the children were adjusted and supplemented in order to assign sponsorships already been adopted by donors. The further, still not notified data of children requiring assistance, will be sent to us in the next days. VoKK will be intensively to get sponsorships for these children. Basically VoKK is not only to support the children in this day care centre, but also continue support in the medium term after the transition to a school, if the need still exists. Therefore we do not provide school fee sponsorship, but personal sponsorships of children. With great joy we were able to pay off the sponsorship support for 11 children for the school year from July to December 2013 to the director Hilda Dominik.

During the next project trip in November this year, the president Hartmut Ring will hand over the support for the next semester, after he made himself an impression of the further neediness. As Hilda Dominik still reported that there are not enough mattresses to provide all children with a reasonably pleasant nap, our member Gudrun Panholzer spontaneously agree to purchase six mattresses as her personal support and implement immediately using our reliable friend and driver Aggrey. The joy was great at delivery of mattresses.

Another focal point was the visit to the orphanage “Children of Destiny Foundation”. In this orphanage 25 children have found a home and something like a large family. The responsible of the orphanage – Margaret Mponda, gave up her career in the field of arranging safaris two years ago, to follow her heart to take care of orphaned children. 90% of her protégés are children whose parents are deceased or unknown. The other 10% is abuse or victims of violence who were separated from their parents for their own protection. The orphanage is financed through donations, supports, but also by internal activities, such as the sale of home grown-chickens and their eggs, and hopefully in the future the sale of home-grown vegetables. The first trial cultivation of plants is already done and looked quite promising, the first harvest is pending soon. During our first visit on Easter Sunday, we first informed us about the general situation, the financial situation of the orphanage and the local conditions. Quickly, it became apparent that the monthly expenditure cannot be covered by the revenue. When we learned that an Easter planned for Easter Monday failing threatened with friends and acquaintances, because no donors for food, drink, oil for cooking etc. could be found, it was clear that VoKK will help here spontaneously. With a small amount of the equivalent of € 70, we were able to save the Easter festival, and conjured up all participants shining eyes – that alone was worth the trip already.

At the second visit, we could present the head Margaret Mponda financial support with which she can make the purchase of food, school clothing, shoes and the monthly payments for electricity, etc. in addition to her means. In the long term the help should be expanded that at the end there is a possibility of a cost-covering self-sufficiency, for example, a medium-term acquisition of own landed property in order to save the high rental costs, the expansion and improvements of livestock and crops, etc.

For this purpose, first meetings were held, as well as to the question of whether due again expectant school fees can be supported by sponsorships from next year. After we had handed over school bags and footballs sponsored by the fire brigade Hausen-Arnsbach and distributed even sweets, we left a lot of happy children’s eyes, with the certainty also friendships have formed and deepened.

Fire Brigade and Sports

Also our projects Fire Brigade and Sports were not forgotten. Due to the support of the volunteer fire brigade Hausen-Arnsbach we were able to hand over to the Fire Brigade Moshi decommissioned, but still but still functional protective jackets, gloves and helmets. The support of the fire brigade Moshi is now established with the help of comrades from Hausen-Arnsbach and will be expanded in the offing yet.

The sports club Moshi Kitayosce was not forgotten at this year's trip and back supports. So we have a youth team complete with a set of jersey and two sets of running pants equip. Here too, we could additionally present sponsored soccer balls by the fire brigade of Hausen-Arnsbach. Thrilled, we were invited for an important game next day. It was a special image to see how a team plays in mixed private shirts against a team in uniform jerseys. As inspired by the new clothes, the team won 3:1 with goals from Moshi. The coach smiling attributed this to the effect of the new jerseys.

Time for personal impressions

With all the positive stress with the projects, the group has also taken two days time to enjoy the country of Tanzania. So to visit one day the gate at the foot of Kilimanjaro the highest mountain in Africa. Here the tours begin and end at Mt. Kilimanjaro, a remarkable spectacle. Also the nature around this gate is well worth seeing what the group is to gain an impression. The day was rounded off with a visit to Marangu Falls, a park with various plants, a beautiful waterfall and a small Chagga-world in which you can learn a lot about the culture of this tribe people. The highlight was the full day safari in Tarangire National Park, one of fourteen national parks in Tanzania. The choice of species to be discovered here is very large, from about elephants, antelopes and giraffes on, to lions and much more.

Who has desire to accompany one of the next project trips or want only information about the association or its projects can be on our homepage www.voice-of-kilimanjaro-kids.com. Please contact the president Hartmut Ring (phone +49 (6081) 946270) and the vice president Jürgen Nußbaum (phone +49 (6081) 43095) for personal information.

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