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The daily journey to school is managed!



What is almost an everyday matter of course for European schoolchildren, and there are even initiatives in Germany against the daily "parent cab", for schoolchildren in Uganda it is often a question of whether they can go to school at all. Miles of walking in the early morning hours and back home in the late afternoon on muddy paths and roads, especially in the rainy season, mean that many children stay away from school and often get lost. All the important efforts for school education are then in vain. It is therefore not surprising that Kikondo/Uganda was so enthusiastic about finally being able to purchase its own used minibus for daily school transport. The "Solidarität & Gerechtigkeit" foundation from Eberdingen and we were able to jointly raise the € 10,000 needed to purchase this important piece of transportation



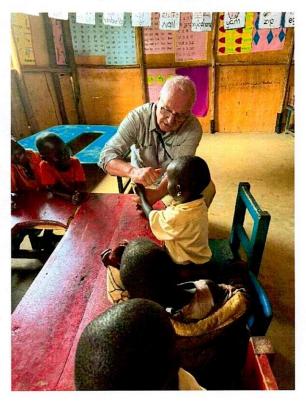
equipment. Following the construction of the drinking water fountain on the school grounds in Kikondo, this is a further step of the development of the school.

The next step - school fee sponsorships



associations, churches and other socalled NGOs bear the burden of school funding as school authorities. In Kikondo, in the early years of the school, this burden was borne solely by Jude Kayiwa with the support of a few friends. However, the growing number of pupils over the years has pushed him to his limits. Since the beginning of 2023, we have been helping here and there with what we can. But the running costs of the school must be covered by sustainable income. If teachers' salaries cannot be paid reliably enough, the school's operations will suffer, especially the quality of education. Conclusion: We must try to find school fee sponsors for the children from the poorest families.

In Germany, the word school fees is a foreign concept. In many countries around the world, especially in Africa, this is different. There, state organizations are usually not in a position to finance free schooling. In Uganda, there are state schools that officially do not charge school fees. But on the one hand, their number is far from sufficient to guarantee schooling everywhere it is needed, and on the other hand, school attendance is not possible without parents paying money. Compulsory school uniforms, meals, learning materials such as exercise books, pens etc. usually have to be paid for at a high price. Most of the rural population, such as in Kikondo, is not in a position to raise such financial resources. Many charitable institutions,





To this end, we have now developed a sponsorship model for which we have drafted the following rules:

- A contribution of € 40 per month is required for a school child.
- Each sponsor can make a contribution of € 20 or € 40 for a number of months to be determined by themselves. The cost contribution can be paid monthly, quarterly, semi-annually or annually in advance by bank transfer to the Foundation's bank account with the IBAN DE17 6035 0130 0001 1098 14. At the sponsor's request, it is also possible to set up a direct debit by SEPA direct debit, which can be terminated at any time.
- The sponsorship can be terminated by the sponsor at any time by e-mail or in writing to the Foundation.
- The foundation ensures that the sponsorship money is used exclusively as school
 fees for the school attendance of the respective sponsored child. To this end, the
 foundation keeps personal accounts for the respective sponsored children, and
 the sponsor can request information about their progress at any time.
- Immediately after taking on the sponsorship, each sponsor receives initial
 information about the respective sponsored child with a photo, personal details
 and a brief description of its current situation. At the end of each school term
 (every six months), the sponsor receives a report on the educational development
 of the sponsored child.
- If a sponsored child leaves the school, the sponsorship ends without the need for any further explanation. The sponsor will be informed immediately. Any unused sponsorship money paid by the sponsor will be refunded or used for another sponsored child of the sponsor's choice.

Three examples of possible sponsored children from Kikondo:



Babiye N., 11 years old Half-orphan, Primary 2



Zion N., 11 years, P2 Father in wheelchair, mother fights for himself and 3 children,



Ivan S., 9 years, P2
Father after stroke unable to work, lives with aunt



If you would like to sponsor a child, please contact <u>stiftung@fam-hoene.de</u>. We will make several suggestions of suitable sponsored children and are open to suggestions and questions.

Shrouq, Palestinian from Jerusalem, passed her medical exams and became a mother for the second time



Currently, it is anything but easy to study medicine at Al Najah University in Nablus as a Palestinian woman living in Jerusalem's Old City. Shrouq is undeterred and has just successfully passed her semester exams. The fact that she also gave birth to a baby a few weeks ago, little Aylin, her second child, shows what a courageous and determined young woman she is. I will be meeting her and her family in person for the first time in May during a course visit to Israel and am looking forward to it.

Our other 8 individual Palestinian scholarship holders are not letting war and terror stop them from successfully continuing their studies, albeit under difficult conditions, at both Al-Quds University in Abu Dis and the American-Arab University in Jenin.

Interim report from the Infinity project in Jerusalem

This is now the fourth year of our annual € 20,000 sponsorship of a class of gifted pupils of Ethiopian descent. Our local project partner, the Jerusalem Foundation, has just sent us an interim report from the current school year. It contains the following excerpts:



by the war: Due to the outbreak of war in October 2023, the school year started late on 24.10.2023, with many students and student mentors volunteering as regular studies were severely disrupted. This school year, the group consists of 17 students from ten different schools. Three students have left the Infinity program over the last few months and two new students have joined. With this program, the Jerusalem Foundation, in cooperation with the Jerusalem Municipality, offers scholarships, tutoring, support programs and personal assistance to young people from socio-economically disadvantaged families in order to raise achievement levels, enable them to attend good schools and optimally prepare them for their educational path. (...) This school year, the pupils are mainly concerned with the following topics:



- 1. Support for the upcoming exams and the learning material at grammar school, which remains the same despite the situation;
- 2. Participation in two courses offered by Infitity: a programming course and a space course for young people interested in science.

Naster, Kampala/Uganda, we were able to arrange an internship with Malteser International



After our return from Uganda in February, we came into contact with the international Malteser organization, which is also active in Uganda. Naster, who was able to complete her Bachelor's degree in Business Administration with our support in Kampala and has started to learn German, we were able to recommend her to this organization for an internship. Naster reports on her first impressions there:

"I just wanted to let you know what's going on at Malteser International. It's been a wonderful week. Malteser has a friendly staff, it's only been a week and a few days, but I already feel comfortable working with them. The interesting thing was that the first day I reported to Malteser it was as if everyone knew my name, even those who were on working leave knew me. It felt good to walk up to some to introduce yourself, only to realize that they already knew your name. It really was a wonderful feeling. I work in HR and my boss is willing to teach me everything except that I have been helping another department with data entry for

the last few days so she can get her report together before her deadline"

By the way, if you want to help Naster - without money or effort: Naster sells African jewelry made by herself on YouTube under "Naster Crafts". Anyone who registers there as a subscriber - without any obligation - helps her to get a minimum number of subscribers. According to the terms and conditions of the YouTube channel, she then receives money for the first time for the jewelry sold through it.

On our own behalf:

The monthly newsletters probably give you an idea. The work at our foundation is growing and I'm not getting any younger - how could I? That's why I'm looking for employees in the broadest sense. We are not yet in a position to make any great leaps in staff numbers. I would like to start with young interns. But we are flexible when it comes to the structure. You can work in a variety of ways, from any location, even without fixed working hours, ideal for getting to know all aspects of charitable foundation work. If you are interested, simply write to stiftung@famhoene.de.



This year's concert of our foundation with Avishag and an ensemble of the Magamat School for Eastern Music from Safed/Israel will take place on

Saturday, September 28, 2024 in Leonberg-Warmbronn.



Have we aroused your interest in our work?

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If you would like to support our work, whether by providing information about educational projects worthy of support or in any other way, we would be delighted to hear from you. If you would like to support us through donations or endowments, you can also do so on a project basis. We guarantee that your donation will go directly and exclusively to the project of your choice. In the case of project-related endowments, we ensure that the income attributable to your endowment is used exclusively for the project of your choice.

If you would like to make a donation, you will find the necessary information on our homepage. Our donation account at **Kreissparkasse Böblingen (BIC BBKRDE6BXXX)** has the IBAN DE17 6035 0130 00011098 14.

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