

## Christmas Newsletter 2017

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Dear friends,

as if it had been specially made for us, the motto of the year 2018: God says: "To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life" (Revelation 21:6)

Living water from the spring is sparkling, clear and clean. It cleans, refreshes, quenches thirst and maintains health. It is the most important basis of life, it is a human right. But this is about more than just daily water. From which sources do I live? God wants to quench our thirst for life and he alone can. Its source never runs dry. And above all: we don't have to pay anything for it!

It is our task to make this request of God practically tangible: There is enough clean water for a healthy life. Everyone should have access to it. Your donations and prayers have helped us to achieve this goal again this year.


Thank you very much!

## Annual review

### WAW in Württemberg

Since January 18, we have been a guest member of the WAW (Württembergische Evangelischer Arbeitskreis für Weltmission) and in this context we had a booth at the World Exhibition Reformation in Wittenberg on 05 and 06 August 2017.



 Eine Woche sauberes Wasser  
für einen Krankenhauspatienten  
in der DR Kongo

### 24 Good Deeds

This year we took part in the charity advent calendar of "24 good deeds". The sales proceeds will be distributed among the 24 selected organisations and will be project-bound. Our share will flow in solar pump for water supply in Adi / DR Congo.

<https://www.24-good-deeds.com/adventskalender/2017/2017-day-7>

## Completed projects:



### **Seminar "Water Treatment with Sodium Hypochloride" in Geita, Tanzania**

From 28th to 31st August we held a one-day WASH seminar (water, sanitary and hygiene) at SAFINA in Geita, followed by a three-day seminar on water treatment with sodium hypochloride. The WASH seminar was attended by 40 participants, the seminar on water treatment by 34 participants. The rush was so great that we had to cancel many interested parties.

Contents were water treatment in general and practical exercises with four brought along devices. In the end, the equipment became the property of SAFINA. They keep training people. The four units are used in four locations to disinfect water for the population.



### **Rehabilitation and expansion of sanitation at the mission hospital in Adi, Democratic Republic of Congo**



In an operation from 30.10. to 11.12. the sanitary supply of the hospital was fundamentally improved. This included installing 13 washbasins in the treatment and examination rooms and connecting them to the main line.

The existing pipe routing had to be changed in order to reduce the immense pressure losses so that sufficient water pressure reaches the tap. Sewage pits were also built to collect the slightly polluted water.

When the function of the washbasins was finally tested, general amazement was triggered: The taps worked perfectly everywhere and the water pressure was strong. Coincidentally, government officials and people from a large international NGO were present.



They were very surprised that there are functional (!) washbasins here. Three years ago, Malteser International built the laboratory building - without equipment - and installed two washbasins, but no water pipes. So the tanks were never in operation.

Word has spread like wildfire that Adi has running water.

The next day, the regional director of mission hospitals came to see it.

We were asked to look at the mission hospitals in Abedju, Adja, Ombayi and Ania to see if we could build a water supply there.

On our first visit there we noticed that the hospital in Adja is in a very bad (!) condition, the most basic one is missing; then Abedju follows.

## **Outlook for 2018**

**Early 2018:** Installation of a solar pump with solar system in Adi, DR Congo. Replacement of the ailing PVC main pipe with HDPE pipes (weather and pressure-resistant).

**September 2018:** Seminar Water Treatment in Geita, Tanzania

**As soon as we get the money together:** Water supply for the hospital in Adja, DR Congo

**Many thanks** for all your help, thoughts and support in many different ways this year. On behalf of all our employees, we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year..

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