

Newsletter

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Dear friends,

A special year is coming to an end that we all imagined differently. The Corona pandemic is still not over. The effects are shaping our lives. Many things have become uncertain: everyday life, holiday planning, income.

The effects also shape our work. For a long time it was not possible to travel to Uganda. Since 1 November, the airport is open again for everyone and so it is possible again to travel to Uganda and to carry out the project for Chosen Generation Ministry in Adyaka.

Unfortunately, we were not able to carry out the planned projects in Kenya, building a hand pump for a second primary school and a church congregation, as only one donation was received for this. Since the beginning of the pandemic, our donations have plummeted by 80%. Therefore, we had to cut our only part-time position from 75% to 25%. But nobody can live on that. How can we continue?



Cast The Net Once More!

We are like the fisherman Simon Peter, who was on the lake all night with his boat and caught nothing. He is a good fisherman, but the net is empty. Although he has put all his strength, knowledge and experience into it. Still, in the morning he can't sell anything or put anything on the plate. Despite his expertise, it is not in his hands that the fish go into the net. How long can he keep this up? It is also not in our hands that we can finance our work. How long can we keep this up?

(4) We only know: like Peter, we have Jesus in the boat with us. And he says: „Go out again, to where the water is deep, and cast the net once more.“ Experience and reason tell Peter otherwise: who is the expert here? But he does. We too want to go out once more and cast our nets where the water is deep, where we see no bottom and no longer have it in our own hands. Jesus, on your word!

Peter, the passionate fisherman, then makes the catch of his life. We hope for that too.

We Need Your Help! - What You Can Pray For

- We are urgently looking for a favourable office in the greater Stuttgart area and the surrounding area as soon as possible.
- Are you familiar with search engine optimisation (SEO)? We would be pleased if you would take a closer look at our website from an SEO point of view.
- Social media is becoming more and more important. We would be happy to have someone volunteer to regularly update our Instagram, Facebook and YouTube presence.
- We are looking for someone who has experience in writing project proposals and processing and would like to help us with this on a voluntary basis. Workload: estimated two days per week.
- For our work in East Africa, we need our own off-road vehicle, e.g. Toyota Land Cruiser or Toyota Hilux. The Toyota Hilux, which we have always received free of charge from a Ugandan friend, is 20 years old and has driven over 344,000 km. It is no longer suitable for long journeys and off the road.
- We should be able to increase the part-time position again.



Hand Pump For The Sewing School And The Village Community in Adyaka / Uganda

When we found out on 1 November that the international airport in Entebbe / Uganda was opening today, it was clear to us that we had to take advantage of this opportunity. Quickly we booked a flight, took a COVID-19 test and on Saturday 7 November we arrived in Uganda.

From entering the airport in Stuttgart to arriving at the accommodation in Entebbe, masks were compulsory throughout, so eighteen hours. The plane from Amsterdam to Entebbe was quite empty compared to usual.

On Monday we drove to Lira and on Tuesday we started work at the sewing school in Adyaka.

It was the rainy season, i.e. it rains almost every day; the soils are then very soggy. This was also the case at the site where drilling was to take place. The original assumed way to get there was

impassable. A quick solution was needed.

The villagers decided to clear part of their banana trees and cassava plants. With machetes, they cut an 87-metre-long path from the asphalt road to the drilling site. The next day, the two big trucks arrived with the drilling equipment. With a lot of momentum, they came through the aisle to the drilling site without getting stuck.

The preparations, e.g. aligning the drilling table, etc. began immediately. At lunchtime, the drilling started. About three hours later, a depth of 65m was reached. There was enough water. Then the pipes and filter pipes went in. In the evening, the most important work was done. We were all very relieved.

In the next few days, a pumping test was carried out to determine the performance. There are 2,553 litres per hour available. That is many times what can be filled into canisters with a hand pump. Finally, the borehole was closed, concreted and





the hand pump installed. All pipes and the rodding of the hand pump are made of stainless steel. This increases the life span of the pump and the water will always look and be fresh. If the pipes and the rods were made of iron, the water would look unappetising and contain iron (rust).

We are very grateful that everything worked out very well. The population is grateful that they no longer have to fetch water on long muddy paths, which is then also dirty.



The hand pump is centrally located, the water is clean and does not need to be boiled. This saves time and money. The way to the water point was dangerous, firewood and charcoal are expensive.





Akite Oliva
„Thank you for what God has given us.“



Akelo Mercy
„I want to thank God for what you have done here. God bless you.“



Akello Lydia
„We thank you for the borehole. Until now we had to drink dirty water.“

This thanks goes to all who made the project possible - financially and through prayer.

Looking Back To The Year 2020:

We are happy that despite the Corona pandemic we were able to bring clean water to two places this year, the primary school in Sikang / Kenya and in Adyaka / Uganda to the sewing school. In the time that travelling was not possible, we have completely renewed our website (<https://water-for-africa.org>) completely renewed.

Outlook For The Year 2021:

Mission Hospital Abedju / Dem. Rep. of the Congo: Due to COVID-19 travel restrictions, we could not travel from Uganda to DR Congo this time. With our partner DIVINE AID, with whom we did the project in Adyaka, we also want to do the project in Abedju. We hope to go to the Democratic Republic of Congo in February to continue our work. February because there are elections in Uganda in January. It is not so safe to travel around the country then. We need your support for this as well.

We wish you a blessed Christmas season and a good start into the new year.

Kind regards
Jürgen Baisch and Team

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