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A Heart for Orphans



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A SHORT REPORT CONCERNING THE JOURNEY OF DEACON MORI TO GERMANY IN 2008



Last year 2008 me, Deacon Samwel Mori and Abisai Marandu, we had an opportunity to visit Germany. The journey was organized by Mission EineWelt – a centre for partnership, mission and development of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Bavaria. It was my first time to travel to a European country, so it was a very joyful moment to both of us.

Major purpose of our journey was to meet with different people who are sponsors of our ministry HuYaMwi and to get to know each other and to give report about the situation of HIV/Aids orphans in Tanzania and the efforts made by the church to support the affected groups` through diaconic work.

While I was in Germany, I got the opportunity to travel to different regions of the country from big cities to small villages. I got the impression that people had love and really like to have guests: everywhere we went to, we received a really warm welcome.



People are civilized and have everything they need for survival. Almost everybody looked at me with the face of love and compassion. We collected money and others gave the promise to support our ministry to reach more orphans and needy people. This all gave me a meaning of diaconia. We have neighbours – sisters and brothers in Christ – who are always ready to support our needy people.

We can be assured that Christ shares himself and invites us into the sharing community where sacrament, service may be one.

We also got the chance to go to the North, where we visited Mission Leipzig with Rev. Tilman. Together we went to different places.

The most impressive thing was to get the opportunity to visit historical areas in Germany like Wittenberg. During the Reformation Day we went to this city and I was very happy to be at the place that is the origin of the Lutheran church.

I learnt that the rate of HIV/Aids infection is very low in Germany compared to the African countries. This is because of openness, faithfulness and education to all people and especially the youth. People are free to talk of their sexual relations and the use of condoms. People are very clear and open, furthermore they have high medicine – ARVs.



I would like to convey my sincere gratitude to all staff of Mission EineWelt for their hearty support and caring during our stay in Germany. I would like to mention a few who were very close with us, directing and organizing the teaching-preaching-program: Lilli Ranzmeyer, Christiane Rimroth of Mission EineWelt and Rev. Tilman Krause of Mission Leipzig.

Generally the journey was very nice, because I believe we got new friends and sponsors and reported of what we are doing and about the future of our ministry.

Deacon S. Mori

MWIKA VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTRE (MVTC)

Report 2008/09



My name is Reuben Frank. I am teaching electrical installation for grade II and III. The teacher for metal work fabrication is Humphrey Mlay. Also we teach Basic mathematics, English and Technical drawing.

This report is about the development and changes in the MVTC in the years 2008/09.

The vocational training centre works under the “Vocation – Education And Training- Authority Tanzania” (VETA). We are supported by HuYaMwi.

This year we were able to renovate two classrooms and we got new students in February 2009.

In our centre the students get training for two years. Every student can choose whether he wants to study welding or electrical installation. At the moment we have 14 students. 6 for welding and 8 for electrical installation. All of them are orphans living in parishes near Mwiki.

If the students pass, they will get more training by VETA for grade I and fulltechnician (ft.c).

In future time, when the students will work, it will be very helpful for them to understand English. That is why the HuYaMwi- Volunteers teach basic English in both classes.

Therefore the students are able to introduce themselves and will even be able to work in the cities for foreigners who do not speak Kiswahili.

Unfortunately we do not have any tools for practical education in our centre, especially for electrical installation. That is a real problem, because the students will be prepared in theory but not in practices. And that is more important than theory!

They get practical experience outside of the centre when they go together with their teacher to help him with his work.

If we get more support like stationary, material for practical education and teaching books, we will be able to train more students who will be able to work everywhere.

Reuben Frank



A SHORT REPORT ABOUT THE WORK OF THE FIELDWORKERS

Fieldworker:



That is a person who works for the church and he publishes the work of orphans as leader of the parish.

The work of Fieldworkers:

- To prepare the counter book of the orphan register in every parish
- To visit the orphans at home or at school to understand their problems
- To prepare orphans seminars every month
- To visit widows or widowers and orphans which live in a difficult place
- To visit the ill people which are infected with HIV and to help them with basic needs and to give them an advice
- To visit the projects of the widows, widowers and orphans of the parish
- To prepare the committee of orphans
- To pay the school fees at the Secondary School or Maize for the Primary School
- To prepare a report every month about the work and bring it to the bible school

CHALLENGES

Sometimes if we visited some widows, widowers and orphans, we meet them drinking tea, but we fail to buy some sugar because we do not have money. Because of this we want to have a little amount of money to help them.

Other widows or widowers we visit have more than others do have, but they want more help. We should not help them because they say we are eating the money of their children.

The orphans are living far away and to visit them by foot needs two until three hours.

RESULTS

We already know all orphans in our parish.

In addition, we know what they need and to solve this needs of the orphans. There are widows and widowers, which got pigs, goats with milk and chickens. In addition, there are orphans, which got guinea pigs and hares.

We can help the people who are infected which HIV. We help them to pay the money for the transfer to go to the hospital, to get medicine of ARV and we advise them in the way of life without infecting other people.

We paid the school fees for the orphans of the Secondary School and other needs.

Likewise the orphans of the Primary School got the important needs like food for the schools, uniforms and exercise books and pens.

Also we had meetings with the orphans every month.

THANKS

We want to give our thanks for the founder Martin Burkhardt and the leadership of HuYaMwi together with our chairman and so we can do this project which would be difficult to do it on our own. They make education for us possible like sometimes for example seminars or different helps for the orphans, widows and widowers with medical helps, little projects of rebuilding houses of the widows or widowers and to help the fieldworkers with advice every month to make this project.

God bless you.

We thank the supporter from Heikendorf for your helps and especially the help they gave the parishes which removed different problems of the widows, widowers and orphans. God bless you.

At least we thank the leadership of the parish and the schools for the attention to our project and to help fast with school fees. God will help you to working on.



This Report is from Ester Kimaro the Fieldworker of Kirimeni.

ONE YEAR OF EXPERIENCES IN ANOTHER CULTURE



My name is Julia Kahnert and actually I'm experiencing working abroad. I stay in Africa for one year being a volunteer at HuYaMwi. I was sent from the Leipzig Mission the 15th of September 2008 and work together with a volunteer from Bavaria, Germany.

The range of my work is very wide and gives me the possibility to open my horizon, learn new skills and experience a lot. One of the first challenges was to learn the local language Kiswahili. After some frustrating moments I was able to have a simple conversation after only four months of learning.

In the following I would like to explain my duties for HuYaMwi. 18 parishes belong to the project. Families, who have orphans to live with them, get support for their living, medical needs and school fees. I visit those families once a week. I talk to them to have an idea about their circumstances of living, take pictures and write a report about the situation of them. The chairman of the project uses my reports to select families who will be supported by the project in the future. Once a week I organize a meeting of the orphans of the parish. We sing, dance and eat together.

Another duty of mine is to teach English.

Also I am in charge of the scholarship program for the orphans. We write reports in English and German language to post them on the HuYaMwi webpage. At the moment I try to optimize that process with detailed questionnaires. I'm asking students which get support from another organization to improve and check our way of working.

My work is characterized by a lot of paperwork. It includes reports which I usually write at home. The office of HuYaMwi is located at my house. Therefore there is the possibility of steady meeting with the project staff and people who need support.

On 23.5.2009 we had a seminar with the students from the StudCom which was planned by us. The title was "I discover myself" with 2 children from every parish. I like this kind of work very much because I could use my experiences from my training as an educator. Every month we have a meeting with the bible students in the languages English and Swahili. Daily I have to

do teamwork because I am working together with Katharina. The work and the life are challenges every day.

One point is the mentality which means work with less organization or punctuality. But also I can learn a lot of positive qualities for example to be calm, peaceful and with more self-confidence. The belief in God is from young to older stronger than I saw it in Germany. Regularly we are going to the church and we are singing in the choir.

This stay shows me the wish to be more active in my parish in Germany. Yet there are experiences I couldn't live with in Germany, for example with the difference between men and woman. Also the education is too authoritarian and it is very difficult to work with. I learned another pedagogic in my training. Finally I can say it's a wonderful experience to live in another country to know the culture and the people. To adapt myself to this new situation and to make compromises. In this year I can learn many things about myself and grow up. The best thing of my work is to be independent and to be responsible. I can give inputs with my own ideas and I am allowed to realize them and so I can learn from my own mistakes. In the end it's me who can make the most profit from this year but I think also that my work is sinful and important to create new things.

On the date of 25.8.2009 I will return to Germany.



Me, Katharina Werner, I am working together with Julia. I decided to do this year of practical training, because I am very much interested in global connections.

During the visits to the parishes, it is my job to have above all a look at the so-called SIP (small income generating projects). Particularly I want to know about the conditions of living of the family members and how the project helps to pay for their living. The aim is to find out whether the support is enough or how the whole

SIP could be improved.

I like this part of the work very much because it allows me to get in contact with the people, living here.

And even better I like the seminars that Julia and me organize here on the campus of the bible school.

The students of the StudCom spent one whole Saturday with us to prepare a seminar with orphans. They got in contact with a lot of new didactic methods and joined our brainstorming for new ideas.

Another day fieldworkers and students of the StudCom came together to talk about their work in the parishes, the problems and challenges they have and to exchange new ideas with others.

But the highlights of all seminars are of course the four days lasting seminars with 36 children coming from all 18 HuYaMwi parishes.

Our aim is to give the orphans the chance to experience days of joy and community that empower them for their often quite hard life at home in the villages. I really enjoyed those days! I have no doubt that the seminars had a good impact on all participants.

We are thankful that HuYaMwi has this volunteers program and hope that in the future it will be continued successfully!

NEW METHODS FOR THE STUDENTS OF THE STUDCOM



On 23.5.2009 we had a seminar with the students from the StudCom which was planned by us. In the StudCom there are students of the bible school which are working together with HuYaMwi and the parishes. The aim of the seminar was to give the students some new methods for their work with orphans. We had seen at our last seminar that it is not easy for the students to use didactic methods for example if they want to talk about histories of the bi-

ble. Also we wanted to include them to organize the seminar for the orphans. This was planned for children with the age 8 until 10 years.

After the delay of some seminarists we began the seminar with a prayer and words about the topic of the seminar. After that all students had to pick a slip of paper which showed them the group to work in and so we got a mix of the people. The first task for all of them was to fill in a form about their expectations for example about punctuality, teamwork or the work with orphans. We wanted to evaluate this form in the end to show what is important for them and for us. After having read their tasks, they began to work. The individual groups had the following tasks:

Group 1: “Feeling and courage”.

The first task was to think about two possible game that would make the children get to know each other.

After that the story of David and Goliath was chosen for the topic “courage”. In order to make the story more interesting for even the small children, a theatre, which should be placed on a table, was prepared. This unit should be finished with some questions to the children about the bible story and the topic.

Concerning the topic “Feeling” a fantasy story was written down. The children, who were blindfolded, went to together on a trip in a room where they only by touching had to find a candle and match – to make light in order to see again.

Important was here to think about the division of the children in groups and how to handle them during the game.

Group 2: “Seeing and trusting one another”

At first 3 games should be found that would give the children the possibility to move, to have fun and to relax.

A biblestory had to be found for the topic “trusting one another”. The Story of Ruth and Noomi was chosen and prepared as a role-play, acted by the students. Questions on the story were set on the end of the unit.

Moreover four different stories were written for four groups of children. In each group the children under the guidance of one student should invent their own role-play to the story in order to play it in front of the other children.

For the students the question appeared, how to run this unit.

Group 3: “Hearing and self-confidence”.

The first task was to choose four songs which we could sing together with the orphans at the seminar. These songs we copied for all and so the children got the chances to sing with us during the service.

For the topic self-confidence the students found the bible story Daniel in the mine of lions. They draw pictures which they wanted to use as a kind of gallery while telling the story to the children. Also they prepared suitable questions for the children to this story. After that they had to prepare a Hörmemory with material that is easy to get. For every material they draw a picture because the children had to know which material could possibly be found in the game.

We Volunteers prepared film boxes, glasses and matchboxes for the game. Also the students had to think about how to run this game with 36 children.

Group 4: “Taste and Discovery of new things”.



At first the students had to find two good- night- stories from the library in the neighbourhood. For the topic “Discover new things” they found the bible story Moses and were supposed to write it in their own perspective. The following step was to choose suitable questions for the children to this topic. They wrote down a fantasy story in which the children imagined to go through a garden and to see some fruits and vegetables which they try and recognize. For this the students had to think

about which fruits and vegetables could be used and how to run the game. At last they prepared a book for the children. In this book the children should write down something about their life, like for example the names of their parents or what they like to eat.

After the preparing all groups had to introduce their tasks and to show one thing they prepared. Then all sat down together by some cake, soda and gifts for those students who finished the work with HuYaMwi. The whole day was really successful and the students made a lot of new experiences with methods for their work with children in future time.

Katharina Werner and Julia Kahnert



SOME MORE PICTURES

