



OPERATION
RESCUE CHILDCARE
PROJECTS



Annual report
2015

Dear friends

OF OPERATION RESCUE

I have just returned from a two week trip in India, to Kolkata. We are starting a new Operation Rescue there. We have set up the Board with 7 members, brothers and sisters from India. Also, there has been much progress with the registration process of the organization with a lawyer working on it. This time we were also able to identify the house we will rent for the project centre, a house with enough rooms for the first years. I spent three days visiting the families in the slums and started registering the children. It was also possible to look for the first staff members and the people that will be at the operating level.

It was special to go through the slums, house to house, getting to know the families' situation in the slums much more closely: drinking tea together, observing families' setup, small rooms with many people, the smell, the noise, the colours, wetness on the floors and the heat of the day in Kolkata. The slum is right beside a rail way. The houses are not more than two meters from the rails. After the train passes life continues as normal. Children are playing, women doing their washing, men playing cards and so on.

Kolkata is a city of 15 million inhabitants. Still many children are sleeping in the streets and there are many orphans to be

cared for. There is so much to be done there and I hope this is just a small beginning to our presence there. We plan to start with 100 children, actually a very small fraction of what is

needed. For that we need to find 100 new sponsors. We would be grateful if you would extend this challenge to your friends around you. Our first step is done, now we need a precious team of sponsors to help us with the great task.

Our desire is to establish projects in all continents, so that each project multiplies itself in the country and in the continent where it works. An example of this is what is happening in

Ethiopia. There are already two new centres established in two new cities through the initiative of the local leadership. The projects are always organized in a way that is culturally sensitive and led by indigenous leadership.

As I travel between India, Ethiopia, Brazil and Switzerland a mixture of feelings disturbs my peace: so many needs and so many resources. Not only in the wealthy countries, but also in the poor ones. There are still people living in sub-human conditions.

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One of many slums directly beside the railways



Entire families are living on the streets





I think also about people who would like to have a trustworthy organization to give to donate to and there is where we wish to be. To be the secure channel between the resources and the needy, between the ones who would like to give genuinely and the ones who need to receive.

But it is also a great delight to look at this suffering world and know that one is doing something towards making it better. It is powerful to think "how much difference you can make in the life of one person". And to know that there is a group of people making that difference or contributing to that difference. The value of what we have in our bank accounts becomes much more valuable when a fraction of it is used to make a difference in someone else's life.

I am very grateful to all of you who have been making that difference with us, and still, I am extending my invitation to you to say that much more can be done, many more lives are still there waiting for our touch, as a seed buried in the ground waits for the rain. Lives are there waiting for our rain so that they can flourish and produce many fruits.

I wish you blessing and success in everything you are doing and planning to do. May God bless the work of your hands.

Marciano Teixeira
CEO of Operation Rescue

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INTERVIEW WITH MARCIANO AND CHRISTINA TEIXEIRA FOUNDERS OF OPERATION RESCUE, ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 15 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

What do you like most about your work with Operation Rescue?

Christina: I love seeing how God creates stories using our lives and those of our children. How He can transform life such that abandoned and neglected children become lovely young men and women with healthy self confidence in themselves. That today a stream of blessing can flow from children who were basically thrown aside.

Marciano: I love being able to give new hope, a new history and a new future to the children. It's good to be able to intervene in somebody's life to help change the destiny of a child.

What do you think is the biggest success story of ORE?

Marciano: I think about people like Tigist or Million that were children and are now grown up and are working. Tigist came to the project at 8 years old. Orphaned, she lived with her grand parents and her uncle. Recently she got married to a man from Holland. Million has finished university and now is a university professor.

Christina: That our ORE colleagues are all good friends who work together without any thoughts of competing with one another. The love of our fellow workers towards their colleagues, and also to the kids and their families fills me with enthusiasm.





The staff of Operation Rescue Brazil and some of the 12 young people who are now working for us



The extent of our work is made visible at our celebrations

If you could share only one thought with the children of Operation Rescue, what would you tell them?

Marciano: I would say that life is very short, you should try to make wise decisions, and you should think about the future, but also you should have fun, laugh and play - enjoy the nice side of life as much as you can. Spend as much time as possible with people, appreciate, love and talk to people. Use the opportunities that have been given to you in the best way possible, with choices that will provoke changes in your future.

Christina: Don't just work hard at school to get high grades and a good job, recognise God as your loving Father, and live your life in such a way as will please Him.

God can do much more than I can ever ask for or expect.

If you could meet yourself 15 years in the past, what advice would you give yourself to encourage you?

Christina: God can do much more than I can ever ask for or expect.

Marciano: Good question... I would tell myself to think a bit more widely about ORE, not only about Ethiopia, but what ORE could be for other countries: To have more faith and courage, thinking bigger, expanding the vision to other countries, becoming also a model for other projects to be used in the future. I am saying this because at that time I didn't believe that it would grow the way it has grown up to today. We were just there at the starting point, and in my mind I had to work with about 100 children there in Mekele. I never thought that we could have projects in other countries! ORE didn't start with the idea of extension to other countries in the beginning. It happened naturally.

What would you have said if 15 years ago somebody had told you what Operation Rescue would be like in 2016?

Marciano: I would have said that it could not be because I am not able to do that: it is beyond my limit and my personal abilities. Probably I would have said you are joking, maybe somebody else could do it but not me...

Christina: Wow, You have a great imagination!

What do you wish for Operation Rescue in the next 15 Years?

Christina: I wish that ORE really can start up in India and even gain a foothold in other countries - and that it keeps growing in Ethiopia and Brazil.

Marciano: I wish that ORE will install a model of childcare that can be used in any culture and that it will multiply by each place itself starting new projects in their own countries, or also in others. The office in Switzerland will be a strong source and a strong partner to any other projects. I wish us to have a strong administration in

Switzerland that will support this self-multiplying character of Operation Rescue. My dream is that we can also be present in countries around the world as a symbol of an organization that stands against poverty and for children in need.

Is there something you regret?

Marciano: I regret not having spent more time with the children of the projects, going to their houses, talking to them. I wish I knew them more personally, their stories, families, background, struggles, their dreams and wishes. I wish I could have intervened more in their personal lives and not only institutionally.

Christina: That I didn't see or believe what God wanted to achieve with and through us right from the beginning.

Marciano and Christina visiting one of the family homes in Ethiopia





Brazil

Throughout 2015, Operation Rescue provided a huge service of love and solidarity in respect of the children and families supported by the project. They were twelve long and intensive months of work, but we are thankful for every change which has come about in the children's lives.

In January, before the school year started in our region, all ORE kids were given school supplies. In addition we offered various leisure and educational activities. In February school started – and some of our new ORE colleagues even had their first day of school. They are a valuable addition to our team.

In lessons we focus particularly on playful and creative learning – the opposite of how the children learn in formal school where they are not encouraged to be independent thinkers. They just copy work from the teacher.

Because the Brazilian calendar is full of feast-days, we celebrated a few festivals – for example the day of Brazilian literature or Easter to give the children a feeling for their traditions and culture. In May we celebrated Mother's day with all the mothers whose children are enrolled in the project. For this the children worked hard, helping with the decorations, the food and the small gifts. They made a huge contribution to the day. In June the traditional north-eastern mid-year feast was celebrated. Using the July holidays for a trip with almost 100 children between the ages of 7 and 12, we visited a Water park in the province of Ceara – a once in a lifetime experience for the children!

The months of August, September and October also featured festivals which the children participated in. Preparation for these days teaches them skills, according to their abilities, such as sewing, decorating, food preparation and much more. On the 7th September, our national day, everyone, especially our band, delighted people with their well prepared performances.

In October as part of the festivities for Children's day we experienced the solidarity of many aid projects, for example the amigos para sempre (Friends for ever) group. We received many toy and food donations. One special honour for us was the presence of the military police with their brass band.



Young people learning sewing and decorating

In November the class teachers evaluated the performance and progress of the children. At the same time preparations began for Christmas. Producing Christmas decorations and presents made November a full, but very creative month as we wanted to offer the children and their families something special.

Christmas was a wonderful occasion – simple enough, but with a wonderful Christmas message which was offered up through the children in a creative and impressive way.

During 2015 we were able to develop partnerships with some of the institutions in our town – for example the Private University of Patos FIP, which last year offered free dental treatment for our children, and which has already offered the same for 2016. During 2015 we were also supported by psychologists,





Christmas

physiotherapists, nutritionists and social workers, also provided by FIP. Other universities are also continuing to support us, for example by providing us with informative lectures on various themes such as health or motivation – and these are offered not only to our students but also to their families.

As well as lessons, the children continue to take part in the courses which we offer. A particular favourite is the Judo class – the kids don't just have great fun, they improve their motor skills, grow their self confidence and are even more motivated to participate in school. We've already taken part in several competitions, won some prizes and brought back various medals – a huge feeling of achievement. Another offering is the Music course, where we've already been able to identify some real talent – for example David, who came into the project as a child and is now a young man. He is now a music teacher for the project on the basis of his amazing progress. We offer dance lessons too, and Elviana, likewise a former student, has become a dance teacher.

We always do our best to be responsive to the needs of the families who are supported by ORE. So we distribute monthly a so-called cestas basicas, a basic food parcel, to families without outside aid. We also help with medicines and we accompany families who have no support in the vicinity to doctors' appointments.

Nilma Perreira dos Santos

Manager of Operation Rescue Brazil

University FIP lecture



INTERVIEW WITH NAIR DA SILVA FERNANDES
A LONG STANDING COLLEAGUE AT OPERATION RESCUE BRAZIL

Nair, in 2008, at the start of Operation Rescue in Brazil, you came from san Paolo to Patos. What are the main differences between the two regions?

Above all, it's the heat, for, in contrast to San Paolo, it's always hot here in Patos. That was difficult for me at the beginning because I was always hoping it would get a little cooler, which it never really did – but I've got used to it now!

The people are different too: the upbringing, the dialect, the way of thinking and behaving, the culture: Even the food is different from that in the south. Brazil is so varied, and characterised by so many influences, that in every region you can have the feeling you are in a different country.

Why did you come to Patos in particular?

I've always prayed that I should know what to do with my life. I had a very clear impression of a place with a large tree under which children lay, and a man who worked there. Then there was also a word – first just resgate (rescue), then the whole name Operacao Resgate, the Brazilian name for Operation Rescue. And then I told Nilma, the current Head of ORE, who also lived in San Paolo at that time about my dream. And she told me that there really was a project of that name and that Marciano worked there. So I absolutely had to go to Patos to see and learn about the work. At first I really didn't want to stay as the environment felt so strange to me – now I never want to leave.



Do you ever miss working in a different field which you are also good at, for example hairdressing?

Sometimes I think I would love to, but at the same time there is so much I want to learn in order to be of better help here – so I don't really miss it.

What sort of work have you been doing for OR?

At first I was in what was at that time the new family house where children live who cannot be at home for ongoing family reasons. Later I moved to the Project Centre, I've worked in the kindergarten and from time to time supported Nilma with her management duties. For the past two years I've been back at the family house, but go over to the Project Centre to help whenever I can. So I've already helped with informatic lessons, school lessons and with cooking and cleaning.

What do you like most about your work?

The kindergarten because I love working with the little ones. But really I love any work that needs to be done.

What do you think OR means to the lives of the children?

Like the name says – it rescues the children and gives them dignity. Without OR these children would never have the opportunities they have here – here they can play football, study, dance and play an instrument in a band. We can offer them a decent level of schooling. There is of course a public school, but the level is very low. Apart from that they get no personal or psychological support there, and of course their families receive no support from the school. For us the integrated approach is very important.

You also get the feeling from the children that the project is very important to them. And we're always able to see results and effects: Some of our children are already teachers and one of our girls works in a bank. We have young people who regu-

larly go to church for it's also important to us that the children learn to have a relationship to God who loves them without end. These are the fruits of our labour.

Do you think that OR has an effect on the whole neighbourhood?

Absolutely. People know that they can turn to OR in an emergency – if they need basic food or medication urgently or someone to take them to the doctor. They never go away empty handed when they ask us for help. I don't know what it would be like here without OR because we really do make a difference.

What do you wish for the future of OR? What's still missing?

I think everything we have is very good. But whatever we do, we could always do it a little better. Above all it would be good to be able to offer courses to the parents for example, because many of them cannot read or write. If they could learn these things they would feel better and have more dignity.





Ethiopia

Returning from a visit in Mekele in November, I came away with a very real sense of the project expanding and developing under God's care and provision. This is despite real concerns regarding drought and its impact as the rains were very poor this year. Shortages of food cause rises in prices and I am very aware of how much this project lives by faith as it supports something like 500 children and their families in the three centres.

In Mekele a considerable number of additional children have joined the project through the auspices of the Department of Social Affairs. As children complete their education and move on to employment others fill their places. The social workers in the project work so hard as they visit families and support them. I am so impressed by their loving concern sometimes in the face of really intractable situations.

Thanks to the availability of funding to double the size of the site the numbers can rise from their present 75 to 100 in January.

The Kindergarden is flourishing with well over 100 children, four classrooms are needed to accommodate them. The cell family house which caters for young children and a small group of children who are HIV+ will soon move back to a former site which has become available – an answer to prayer as the owner of the present house wanted to sell it. Currently 16 children with no available family support are being looked after there as well as a couple of blind girls.

It was lovely to go to Adigrat to see the centre established in 2010 now dealing with 60 children which sees it at maximum capacity. Also the Centre in Adwa is a delight to visit. Thanks to the availability of funding to double the size of the site the numbers can rise from their present 75 to 100 in January. The level of poverty in Adwa if anything seems even greater than in Mekele and some of the children are living in appalling conditions. One little girl has a home with neither door nor roof and cannot sleep at night because of her fear of roaming hyenas!

The Swiss team who went to Adwa bought Mulubrhan who is social worker/nurse/teacher a motorcycle to help him as he travels around visiting the families and the kitchen at the Centre has been brought into the main building with better facilities.

For me it was such a joy to spend time with the staff and the children, it's great to see the progress that is being enabled through the generosity of so many loyal supporters such as

Kate Doherty





Children in the Adwa Project Centre

yourselves. I can truly assure you that your money is being put to excellent use and that there is so much evidence of lives of children being transformed enabling them to achieve their God given potential.

Thank you so much for your continuing invaluable support, appreciated so much by ORE.

Kate Doherty

Responsible for Operation Rescue in Ireland, about Operation Rescue Ethiopia

THE STORY OF YODIT BERHANE
OPERATION RESCUE ETHIOPIA



"I was born in Mekele and after my parents died I went to live with my aunt. After four years living with her, our economic circumstances were very bad and I came into the ORE project. I was able to get teaching, access to computers, meals and many other things my aunt could not provide for me.

With the help of Operation

Rescue I had support right up until I was in Grade 12 and then I went to Mekele University studying journalism and communication for three years.

Operation Rescue continued to give me an allowance during those three years and I used this to pay expenses such as photocopying. During those years at university, I came to Operation Rescue each summer and that contact with the project was very important to me.

I graduated and am seeking employment in the field of journalism and media. I am married and have a child.

I still visit Operation Rescue and am so grateful for all the project has done for me."

THE STORY OF DANAIT KEBEDE
OPERATION RESCUE ETHIOPIA



Danait is 17 years old and has been in the project since she was in the kindergarten. She tells us her story:

"My father was a soldier. He died; my mother had breast cancer and died as well. They had four children and three of them including me have been supported by Operation Rescue. My oldest

sister lives in Addis Ababa, my other sister is third year at university and I am in grade 11 at preparatory school.

I live with my brother who works in a circus and travels all over the world. When he is away other relatives look after me. I am so grateful for all of the practical help I have been given at ORE – the meals, the school uniforms and school materials, the medical care, the teaching and the money given at holiday time. I also am so grateful that if something goes wrong I can come to the social worker at the project and talk about it and if I have made mistakes I can get advice. I also really like Devotions where I can learn about God and His Word. I was very happy to get a prize last year for having answered questions well at Devotions. I read my Bible at home and if I do not understand something I ask one of the ORE teachers. I like maths best and would like to go to university to study engineering. I would like to get involved in building homes for poor people. For me it would be wonderful if I could ever live in a compound with a home for myself and be able to let poor people live in the other homes. I thank God for those who have sponsored me at ORE."



Report of the Statutory Auditors

To the General Assembly of the Association
Operation Rescue Switzerland

As auditors of your association, we have examined the financial statements presented by the treasurer, consisting of the Balance Sheet and the Income Statement, for the Association's year ended at 31 December 2015.

We have compared the balances with the accounting and checked the correctness of the documents by means of samples.

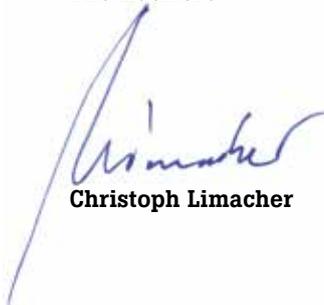
Based on our examination, we determine:

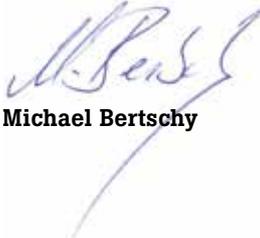
- The Balance sheet and the accounting statement agrees with the accounting.
- That the accounting is complete and clean, and properly managed.
- That the rules and requirements of the code of honor of the SEA (Ehrenkodex SEA) are respected.

Because of the results of our examinations we request the General Assembly members to approve the Financial Report of 2015.

Baar, 5. April 2016

The Auditors


Christoph Limacher


Michael Bertschy

Balance sheet and income statement 2015

BALANCE SHEET

		Erfolg 2015
ASSETS		
102000	Bank account AEK Thun 1826	106'294.15
130000	Prepaid expense	0.00
Total assets		106'294.15
LIABILITIES		
200100	Accounts payable receivable	0.00
280040	Capital Operation Rescue Schweiz (per 31.12.2013)	143'951.05
230000	Accrued	0.00
Total liabilities		143'951.05
299100	Profit for the year () / Loss for the year (-)	-37'656.90
Equity per 31.12.2013 out		143'951.05
Credit general donations		40'239.90
Credit project Ethiopia		32'584.75
Credit project Brazil		4'392.95
Credit project India		29'076.55
Equity by 31.12.2014		106'294.15

INCOME STATEMENT 2014 AND 2015 BUDGET

		Budget 2015	Erfolg Abweichung 2015 ER-Budget 2015	Erfolg 2014
Expenses Switzerland				
420000	Printing expenses	4'000.00	2'524.90 -1'475.10	0.00
440000	Presentations/events	0.00	1'799.05 1'799.05	1'155.50
540000	Salary employee	12'600.00	10'224.00 -2'376.00	0.00
570000	Withholding tax net	0.00	0.00 0.00	0.00
580000	Training	1'500.00	0.00 -1'500.00	432.00
590000	Civil services	6'000.00	1'757.20 -4'242.80	2'435.00
600000	Rent	300.00	269.40 -30.60	480.00
610000	Computer, software, fixed assets	500.00	1'478.77 978.77	2'732.25
627000	Travel expenses	5'800.00	5'525.02 -274.98	6'179.80
650000	Office material	700.00	490.82 -209.18	205.50
651000	Post	1'000.00	1'397.37 397.37	500.90
660000	Home page, publications divers	4'000.00	5'125.40 1'125.40	1'979.60
673000	Other expenses	0.00	1'184.95 1'184.95	228.25
673010	Membership fees	400.00	400.00 0.00	366.70
741000	Interest expense	0.00	0.00 0.00	0.00
741100	Bank account fees	0.00	147.44 147.44	512.06
Total expenses Operation Rescue Switzerland		36'800.00	32'324.32 -4'475.68	17'207.56
Revenue Operation Rescue Switzerland				
300050	General donations	92'400.00	112'176.32 19'776.32	65'426.61
740000	Bank interest	0.00	29.75 29.75	63.45
800000	Extraordinary income	0.00	0.00 0.00	0.00
Total Income Operation Rescue Switzerland		92'400.00	112'206.07 19'806.07	65'490.06
Total Interim Profit Operation Rescue Switzerland		55'600.00	79'881.75 24'281.75	48'282.50
Projects Income Operation Rescue Schweiz				
700000	Collection from presentations	0.00	5'449.80 5'449.80	1'340.30
701000	Earmarked funds Ethiopia	42'000.00	20'117.15 -21'882.85	33'498.00
702000	Earmarked funds Brazil	65'000.00	62'681.10 -2'318.90	49'969.20
703000	Earmarked funds Asia	0.00	3'025.00 3'025.00	400.00
761000	Sponsorship Ethiopia	61'000.00	54'801.30 -6'198.70	53'905.10
762000	Sponsorship Brazil	16'000.00	11'895.00 -4'105.00	12'364.00
763000	Sponsorship Asia	0.00	0.00 0.00	0.00
Total donations Operation Rescue Switzerland		184'000.00	157'969.35 -26'030.65	151'476.60
701100	Expenses to project Ethiopia	75'000.00	111'684.00 36'684.00	75'000.00
702100	Expenses to project Brazil	99'600.00	163'606.00 64'006.00	120'100.00
703100	Expenses to project Asia	0.00	218.00 218.00	0.00
Total Distribution of Donations and Sponsorship		174'600.00	275'508.00 100'908.00	195'100.00
Total Project Additional Profit Operation Rescue Switzerland		9'400.00	-117'538.65 -126'938.65	-43'623.40
299100	Annual profit	65'000.00	-37'656.90 -102'656.90	4'659.10



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The project Operation Rescue is done through donation and sponsorship of families.

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