

# OPERATION RESCUE CHILDCARE PROJECTS



## Good News DECEMBER 2018

### MULTIPLICATION - NOT JUST IN THE COUNTRIES WE WORK IN...



Operation Rescue - a common mission.

Operation Rescue has been working for more than 15 years now thanks to its many different friends and partners all over the world. In October I had the privilege of visiting some of our partners in the UK and Canada with my wife Christina. It was a precious time with many great conversations and worthwhile community. Many of these partners contributed extensively to the setting up of our Ethiopian Project Centres in Adwa and Adigrat, others made the Brazilian Project possible. One friend is in the process of developing an Operation Rescue organisation in the USA, another couple is going to do the same in Canada. You can read more about our journey and these new organisations in this newsletter.

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## .....SO THAT WE CAN HELP MORE CHILDREN, THANK YOU!

The number of children we help and the services we are able to provide to them depend on the amount of funds we raise. Our hope is that those new branches of Operation Rescue in the United States and Canada will enable us to expand the circle of supporters of Operation Rescue allowing us to reach more children. We are very grateful to all of you who help in any way you can so that the lives of poor children and their families can be transformed in developing countries.

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# Ethiopia

## FORMER ORE-CHILDREN MARRY

Netsanet grew up under the care of Operation Rescue Ethiopia. Two years ago she completed her training in book keeping and now works for Operation Rescue in the finance office. She got married in September 2018 – it was a fantastic wedding party. After the ceremony there were cakes and lunch in the Centre. More than 250 guests came.

Yonas has also been with Operation Rescue since he was small. He was one of our first children, a good pupil, sociable and extrovert. Since 2011 he's been our IT teacher in our Adigrat Centre, as well as training the football team there. He too was able to celebrate his wedding in September with a wonderful party at which all the ORE members were present.

We're enormously pleased with these weddings of 'our' former students because they represent an important milestone on the way to independence for them. Thinking back about the dire situations from which they once came from and seeing them now as adults, married people is impressive and it shows that every donation and investment in their lives were worth it. Well-functioning families are even more important in providing stability in places where there is a lot of poverty. We are proud of Netsanet and Yonas and wish them all the best for the future.

## HEALTH AND HYGIENE

Dangerous diseases such as cholera are widespread in Mekelle at this time. According to state television this is mainly a result of problems related to poor hygiene. Because many children eat, learn and play together at Operation Rescue we've initiated several preventative measures to lessen the risks. Together with the development organisation 'Korea International Cooperation Agency' we have been teaching the kitchen staff to pay attention to cleanliness,



Preventive work in the field of hygiene

to wash their hands thoroughly and to wear gloves. In addition, in a two day training session, 250 children were shown how to wash their hands properly and what they have to watch for in terms of personal hygiene, and why that is so important.

## SHOES AS PRESENTS

This autumn, with the help of the organisation 'African Service' we've been able to distribute shoes to all our children, as we do every year. Good shoes are important here as many children have to walk long distances to go to school- if they have to make this journey every day in broken down shoes it can have implications for their health and even keep them from attending school regularly.

One social worker, who was helping to distribute the shoes, spoke to the mother of Delina, a little girl who attends our Centre. The mother explained that she had been planning for some time to buy her daughter shoes, but she hadn't been able to do so because of lack of money. So she was very grateful for the gift.



Children are receiving shoes



# Brazil

## THE HUGE MURAL PROJECT

Last year the artist Philipp Gurtner put together a project in our Centre in Patos. This autumn we welcomed him back to Brazil, this time with the photographer, Vera Vacek, and a much bigger plan: "First we photographed two girls and two boys from the Project. We transformed the photos into giant pictures which we painted on to the inner surface of the huge wall which surrounds the football pitch – the complete picture was 30 metres long and four metres high. We created the background during several workshops with the children. They were able to talk about their wishes and dreams, and realise their creativity. All of this flowed into the project and made it a collaborative work of art. Vera documented the whole thing photographically and made a lively 'the making of' time-lapse video wherein you can see every single step of the huge project." The documentary video as well as various photographic portraits and paintings can be seen on december the 15th at a charity private exhibition held in the lovely gallery 'The Phrontistery' in Lucerne, Switzerland. Philipp plans to use the donations raised at this event for his next, even bigger, mural project for Operation Rescue.

Vera found fitting words to describe her impressions: 'What wonderful days in an unforgettable project in Patos with Philipp and so many new friends. I feel blessed!' Our judo teacher, Vital, himself a talented painter, painted one of the themes on the wall: "I always approach things I don't feel capable of with the wish to learn them. Thank you, Philipp, for giving me that opportunity – I loved creating this work with you and your whole artists' team." We would like to add to that – thank you, Philipp and Vera for your commitment to and with the children.

## CREATIVITY IN OTHER AREAS

The Regional Ministry of Education and Culture of Paraiba, Brazil has created a music and arts education program called PRIMA which focuses on children living in poor areas. Music lessons with professional musicians are offered to particular schools and other places like for example our Project. The children can play music with a symphony orchestra, so they are not only learning an instrument but also gaining positive life experiences. Students

who already play well can take responsibility for younger pupils. Through the work with the orchestra they can see themselves as a part of something bigger, as well as fostering their own identity, discovering talent and perhaps even later studying music or being able to work in that sphere. The program managers for PRIMA are certain that those musical and social experiences will have a very positive effect on both the school performance and the family life of the children. In addition through the music the children will be more motivated to stay away from the dangerous life of the streets. All of this chimes with the vision we have for the children. We're happy that the children of Operation Rescue Patos are able to benefit from this Program, and that the government is beginning to demonstrate its responsibility towards disadvantaged children. The orchestra with more than 40 of our children has already performed several concerts in our area.



Performance with the orchestra

The finished mural in Patos





# Land in Adwa

For the last 18 years, Operation Rescue has changed the lives of thousands of children living in poverty in developing countries, and if it wasn't for the support of our donors, this would not be possible. Thank you to all of you who have contributed with your donations, volunteer work and prayers.

Over 1,000 children are currently served in 7 different sites in Ethiopia, Brazil and India. Most people and governments in those countries are unable to provide financial support for our work due to the struggles they face. However, because of the great reputation our work has earned over the years, when local governments have the opportunity, they offer us a piece a land so more children can be reached.

This happened some years ago in the city of Mekelle, in the northern of Ethiopia, when the local government gave us a piece of land where we built the centre that currently serves 500 children daily.

Five years ago, our hearts were touched by the extremely poor children living in Adwa, another city in Ethiopia. We knew that despite our scarce resources, we had to show to those children, in a practical way, that they matter. So we started caring for 100 children in a rented space in town.

The local government started to see those vulnerable children, most of whom were begging for money on the streets before, now being fed, receiving school tutoring, having the opportunity to play sports, having access to health services and medication, and ultimately, being care for and loved.

So the word spread, and this year, the local government offered us a 5,000 m2 piece of land for the construction of a permanent and larger site for the project. We were given two years to complete the construction; otherwise the offer would be cancelled. So it was time to start the construction. The total cost of constructions is USD 200.000,00 which is an extraordinary amount of funds for a small organization like Operations Rescue. Nevertheless, we pulled all the resources we had, and we built the foundation and the walls around the land.

**We still need USD 160.000,00 to complete the construction. And that is where your support comes in.**

Without your donations, this project is not possible, **but with your generous support, the children in Adwa will have their lives transformed at the new Operation Rescue center.**

They will have what all human beings deserve: food in their bodies; medication and health services when they need them; the opportunity to learn to read and write; to do well in school; to play sports and do art, to build healthy relationships and have hope in their hearts.

**We would like to ask you to support Operation Rescue by becoming a monthly donor.**

Your donations over 12 or 24 months will secure the funds necessary for the construction to be complete. If you are unable to commit to a monthly donation, please support us by making a single donation today. Your donation is much appreciated and it will make a big difference to the children at Operation Rescue. Thank you!

Operation Rescue.

Marciano and Christina Teixeira  
Founders



## VISIT TO PARTNERS IN AMERICA

First we travelled to Florida where we visited Pastor Renault van der Ried and Jack Forsyth, friends from the Mosaic Church. They supported and enabled the project centre in Adwa in Ethiopia – without them this centre would not exist. In addition we were also able to visit the Langer family, long term partners of Operation Rescue, whom we had not seen for almost 20 years.

We then went on to Tennessee where we met with Patrick Beard and his family from 'Indigenous Outreach International'. They are partners of Operation Rescue and support the Projects in Ethiopia and Brazil. Following that we travelled to Louisiana where we visited Joe and Liz Spell. They enabled the start-up of the Project in Brazil. It was valuable to spend time again with these partners and friends after such a long gap.

Our next stop was Kansas City where we visited Pam and the Board of 'Fields of Promise'. This organisation supports the Project in Adigrat, our work with the blind students and the family house in Mekelle. It was very encouraging to see them all. These loyal partners are an important part of Operation Rescue.

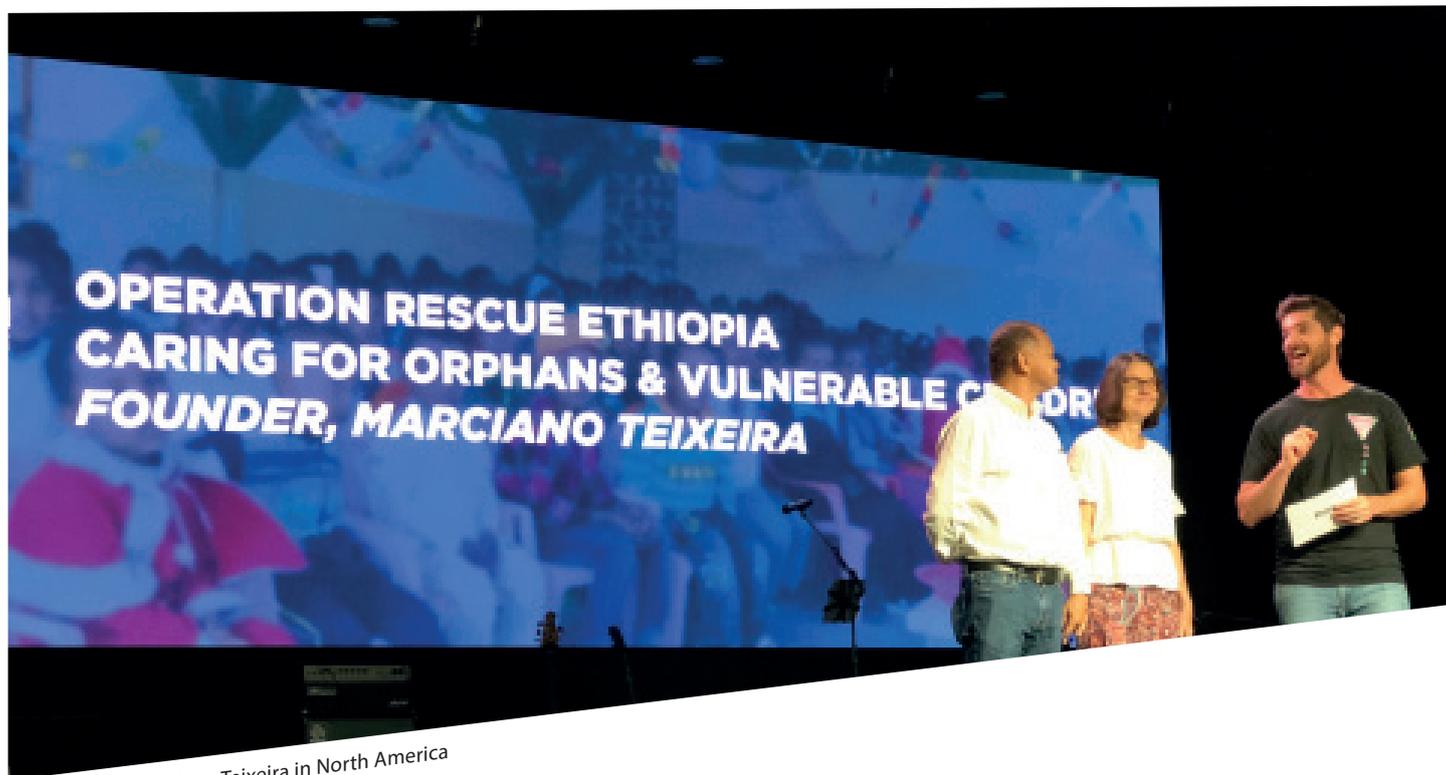
In Chicago we met with Leandro and Isabella Nogueira, a Brazilian couple who lead an American church in Chicago. It was impressive seeing how they love and support their congregation. Leandro has already visited our Projects in Ethiopia and Brazil once and since then has been involved with Operation Rescue. Now he is working on registering Operation Rescue as an organisation in

the USA. The Board already exists and a lawyer who is a friend of ours is helping with the registration. As a non-profit organisation it will be possible to offer donors a receipt for their donations which they can use to claim charitable credits when they file their income taxes.

Finally we visited Thais and Andre Goulart in Canada- two wonderful people who have contributed much to the growth of Operation Rescue. They have it in mind to found an Operation Rescue Canada organisation next year. Full of joy and gratitude we see how Operation Rescue is growing in size and influence.

### Marciano Teixeira

Founder and CEO of Operation Rescue



Christina and Marciano Teixeira in North America

## Donations

The project Operation Rescue is done through donations and sponsorship of families. The cost to sponsor one family is US\$ 50 | € 30 | £ 20 monthly.

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