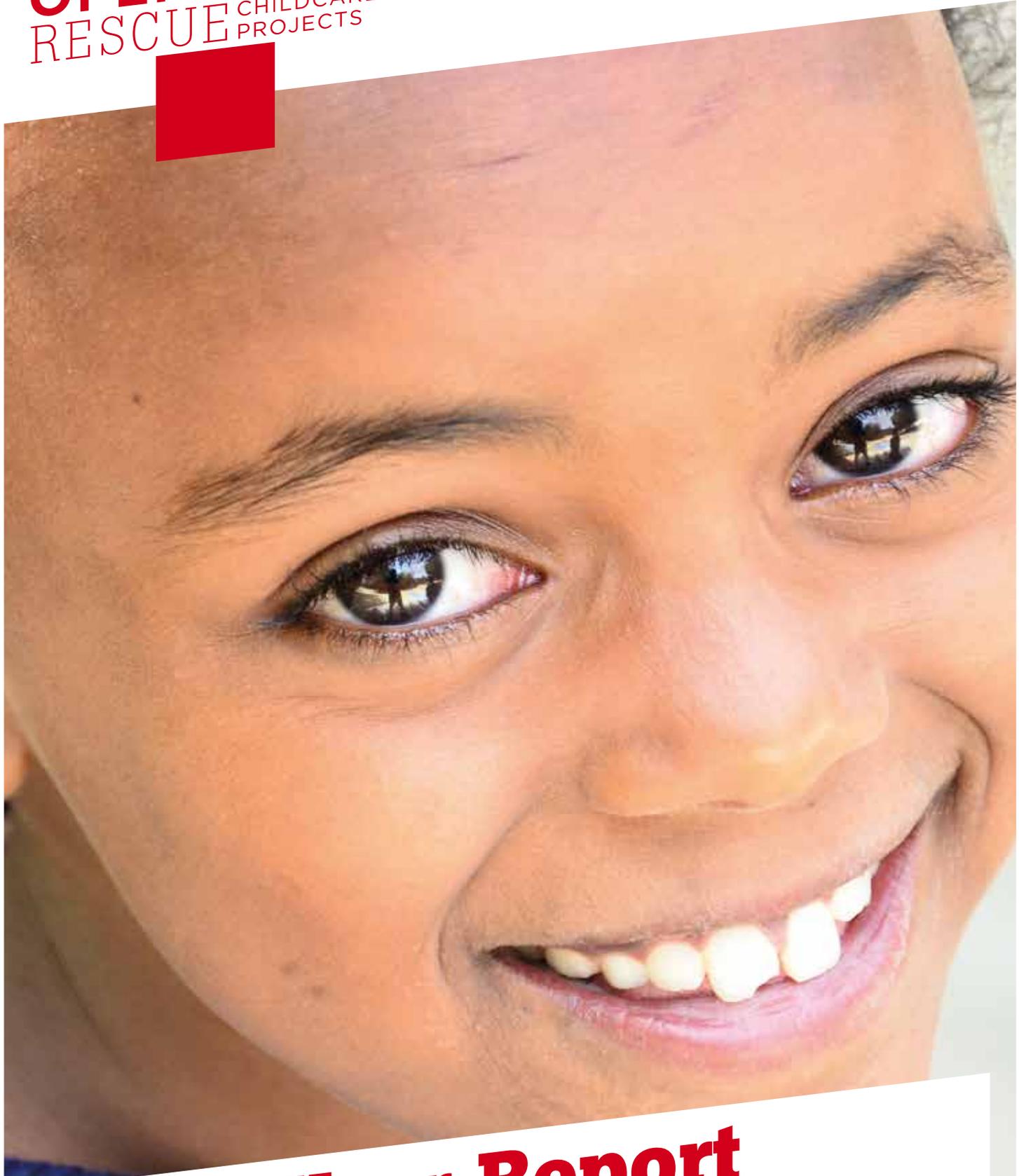




**OPERATION**  
RESCUE CHILDCARE  
PROJECTS



**Year Report**  
2018



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# AMBASSADOR FOR THE VOICES OF THOSE IN NEED

In the last few years, I have often travelled to India, Brazil and Ethiopia, visiting the projects and back to Switzerland. Each time, the differences between there and here where I live strikes me heavily. It is not easy to immerse yourself in both worlds and not be impacted somehow. Right now, we are experiencing real situations, real stories of children with their families being involved in abuse, hunger, prostitution, drugs, crime, violence, suffering, despair, poverty, joblessness and hopelessness. Those stories have a name, a face, a soul whose voice keeps echoing in my ears. Then, we come back here where there are also stories of suffering, but that present themselves in a totally different perspective. I wish I were able to sound out those voices to the multitude around me, to make their voices heard.

Each time I came back home to the first world, I felt the responsibility of being an ambassador for the voices of the needy. I always hope that one day someone will pour out so many resources, a bequest for example, that we will have to think about what to do with so much resources, but by now what we have are so many voices and needs that our actual resources can not reach.

At the same time I am full of hope when I look at what is already being done every day. In 2018, we have served more than 300.000 meals, cared for over 1.000 children and provided more than 2.000 changes of clothes and 1.000 pair of shoes. For many, we made it possible for them to go to technical school, and we helped so many others to enroll in local universities. All of this was accomplished with the generous support of our donors, and a small but mighty team of volunteers



Marciano Teixeira

**Thank you for being the ears that hear those voices, and for responding actively.**

in Switzerland, Northern Ireland, the USA and other countries. Thank you for being the ears that hear those voices, and for responding actively. Thank you for today being part of what can be achieved in the third world.

I am looking forward to what we will be able to achieve in the future, and to the hundreds of other lives that we will improve.

**Marciano Teixeira**

Founder and CEO of Operation Rescue



# UK & Ireland

## MY VISIT TO OPERATION RESCUE ETHIOPIA

I spent a wonderful two weeks with ORE staff and children in October.

It was great to stay in the guesthouse for the first time – this is a wonderful facility in the midst of the Centre for individual volunteers and teams to use. We in the UK made a major contribution to raising the finance for the guesthouse so staying there felt quite special.

Due to my illness, it had been two years since my last visit, so it was a great joy to spend time with Getachew and Hiwot who are so special to all of us who have met them in Mekelle or on their visits to us. It was very special to visit Getachew at home and to see his wife and the newest addition to their family – a little boy.

The Mekelle centre is a vibrant and joyful place with a huge kindergarten and in total about 500 children enrolled. Some new part-time staff were hired, and I was also delighted to find out that a link has been made with the nearby International School whose staff is going to commit to giving some

to accommodate the seven children in the family is to me such a practical example of what makes ORE special in its love and compassion.

It is also so encouraging to meet young people from the project to whom I taught English some years ago, now young men and women doing well and so appreciative of what ORE did for them.

I visited the homes of a number of sponsored children, including the home of Powli, a little boy sponsored by the children in my own church. They had sent out a little video to him and I was able to take some photos and video to make into a presentation about Powli to bring home.

It never fails to move me to see the living conditions of the children and their families. This time I visited the smallest home I have ever seen – I estimate it was six feet by six feet with one bed and room for a few cooking utensils and clothes. A mother and her two children lived there.

A highlight was a trip to Maichew to see the site we believe God, through the local authorities, has granted for the building of a fourth centre.

It was also a joy to visit the centres at Adwa and Adigrat, not least to see the former ORE boys (Girmay and Yonas in Adigrat, and Mulubrhan in Adwa) in leadership roles. Both centres are flourishing and in Adwa the wall around the site for the new centre was almost complete when I visited, making it possible that building work could begin as early as the New Year, if finance becomes available.

As well as taking staff Devotions, I also had the opportunity to speak to the staff, at Getachew's request, about issues flagged up in the recent controversies in the UK over charities, relating to financial probity, child protection and the selection of volunteer and paid staff. This made me more aware than before of the need to pray for God's protection for ORE. It was also a joy to convey to Getachew and the staff our appreciation of their clear sense of calling and wholehearted commitment to the children and the project.



In the way for a better future.

teaching time to ORE as well as providing training for the staff.

It was a joy to do Devotions with Anteneh as my translator. It was a challenge to speak to so many children of varying ages but the Bible stories about David went down well and it was wonderful on my last afternoon to hear 150 voices shout out in English the memory verse I taught them:

'Teach me to do your will for you are my God' Psalm 143 v 10.

It gave me so much happiness to see again so many children I recognised from previous visits. Two in particular always get my attention- Yishi and Brhan, twins who have been looked after by the project for some years.

The story of how they were reunited with their triplet Shewit and their parents, and how Operation Rescue has worked tirelessly to bring that about, ensuring employment for the parents and a house

### Kate Doherty

Operation Rescue UK & Ireland, Chairman of the Trustees



Kate Doherty's training for the staff.



## THE CONTAINER TO ETHIOPIA ARRIVED!

You may have heard of a container load of donated goods being shipped from Northern Ireland to Mekelle. It is true! With great assistance from generous helpers and donors we have shipped our first 20ft container to Getachew at Operation Rescue. It is full of clothing, computers, toys, blankets, kitchen equipment and much much more. Kate's visit to ORE in October meant it was possible to liaise directly with the staff at ORE as to what equipment would be of most use to them. The sense of excitement and blessing all the supplies will bring is almost overwhelming for those of us who have seen just how little our ORE friends and families have.

As of mid-March the container has reached Mekelle and we thank God for that but documentation delays have as yet prevented its release to ORE. The container arrived at the project on May 21st to the great joy of everyone. As we trust in God through our prayers we can consider sending out another container at some future time. We know that its contents as well as the love and support that enabled it to be filled will bring much encouragement to the staff and children at ORE.





# Brazil

## CHANGE OF LEADERSHIP

After almost 10 years working with us, of which seven were as manager of our Patos Centre, Nilma Pereira dos Santos is changing careers. We are very grateful for her exemplary dedication, her tireless commitment and her big heart for the poorest children in Patos. 2018 was taken up by the challenge of finding a replacement who could take over from Nilma. Over a period of six months, where Verlana Toscana took over as acting Manager with the help and support of the founder, Marciano, a solution began to emerge in that Edinete, a longstanding colleague took over the leadership of the centre. She introduces herself below.

## A NEW VISION FOR THE FUTURE

I had the honour of being present as a volunteer right from the founding of Operation Rescue in Patos in 2008. The following year I was appointed as a teacher and stayed until 2015 when unfortunately I had to leave for health reasons. However, I stayed in contact with everyone.

In 2018 I was invited by Marciano Teixeira to take over the education management temporarily and work alongside the then Project Leader, Nilma. I was then asked whether I would like to take over the post of Project Leader which was becoming vacant from 1st January 2019. I am happy to use the experience I have accumulated with children, young people and families in our area to contribute to the development of the organization.

In the course of the next year I would like to put into practice the following plans:

- Restart the dressmaking and tailoring courses
- Introduce aerobics lessons for seniors
- Start new partnerships with other institutions
- Encourage the children's learning by offering Family and school workshops
- Develop partnerships in health areas such as with doctors, dentists etc.
- Set up meetings with the parents of our children who can help us work out new ideas and how to put them into practice
- Bring in offers of employment in our area
- Set up a community garden
- Ask for donations from tradespeople (supermarkets, bakers, butchers...)
- Find playful activities which encourage the children's learning
- Visit other institutions to profit from their knowledge and experience
- Open our doors in the mornings for children from other parts of the area.

It is my vision as the new Leader of Operation Rescue in Patos to create new opportunities for the recipients of our help, projects which are within our capabilities and which will be led by people who have a feel for the predominant social difficulties we face. We can only reach this goal with the help of donations, supportive partnerships and volunteers..

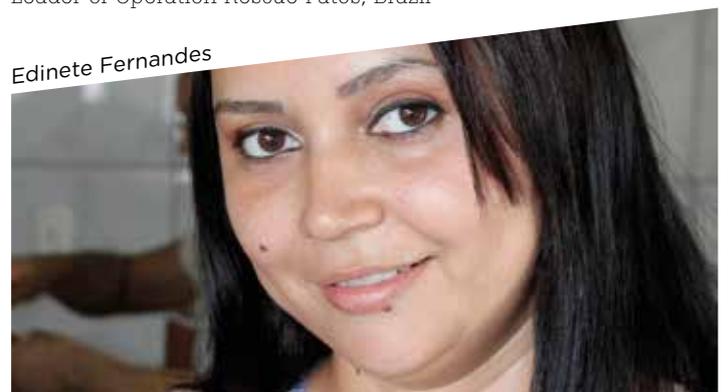
### Edinete Fernandes

Leader of Operation Rescue Patos, Brazil

Children being introduced to new instruments.



Edinete Fernandes





## THE HISTORY OF THE PROJECT IN ARI-CANDUVA, SAO PAULO

Following our basic plan, after the founding of the Project in January 2017 we visited, along with some representatives from our Church, the poorest families in our area. When we opened our doors on 7th August 2017, seven children took part in our activities. Since then we have received many donations and much support from various organizations and today we have many volunteers as well as our 5 co-workers and 40 children.

The original purpose of our work was and remains getting children off the streets by giving them better opportunities for the future through education, and also by supporting their families. The children need love to help them grow into responsible adults. With this very clear goal in mind, our main task is to find more volunteers to help with our

mission which above all consists of recognizing and confronting the social problems which constrain and endanger our children.

### Paulo Sérgio de Souza

Leader of Operation Rescue Ari-canduva, São Paulo, Brazil

## WHY BECOME PARTNER?

As a partner of Operation Rescue I recognize the huge importance of this project for Patos, and especially for the people of our area.

The progress which has been made since the start of Operation Rescue is palpable: thanks to the excellent work of the loving and dynamic Operation Rescue teams, the rates of criminality and child prostitution in the area are markedly down.

The organization offers its children and young people education in various spheres and activities such as ballet, sport, judo, music as well as social and familial support for the relatives of the children. In other words we want to serve our own society, particularly needy children and young people.

You too can be a part of this. Join us and help!

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### Jissandra Saionara da Silva Brita

President of the board of Operation Rescue Patos, Brazil



Jissandra Saionara da Silva Brita

Paulo Sérgio de Souza



having fun with the Trampoline.





# India

In Operation Rescue India, in the city of Kolkata, we work mainly with children living on the streets, orphaned children and extremely poor children. The parents cannot afford to give them food, clothes, and shelter. Each family usually has four to five children. Many fathers are alcoholic and addicted to drugs or substance abusers. They are not able to care for their family. Mothers have to work hard to take care of their children. Parents of the children are uneducated and jobless. At the beginning of our work, our team went out to several neighborhoods and invited the children who were the poorest and the most vulnerable ones, so we could work with them in a holistic way in our centre. Our staff and teachers try to teach life skills and literacy. Now we have 40-45 children on average who come to our center on a daily basis to participate in one of the two sessions of our program which includes:

**Devotion:** Each day children, staff and teachers begin the day with a devotion. We sing one or two songs and pray to God for the day.

**Teaching:** The first half of each day is focused on basic education. Since most children are the first generation of their family to have reading and writing lessons,, we have to teach basic things like English and the regional alphabets and numbers

**Activities:** After the reading and writing lessons,the children engage in different activities that allow them to learn in different and creative ways. They do painting, paper crafts, sing songs, watch movies and play games.

**Nutrition:** It has been more than one year now that our center has become famous among the children and their parents for providing the best hot, delicious, tasty, nutritious and hygienic food. We provide rice, lentils, egg, chicken and vegetables. On special occasions we provide Biryani, fried rice, chicken curry, sweet curd, curd rice etc. Before eating the food, the children and the teachers pray to God for the food..

**Special Occasions and Activities:** India is a country of many religions and festivals with at least one or two festivals per month. Since the children are not familiar with many of these occasions, we teach them about them and organize some activities and special food on those days. We have observed days like Mother's Day, Father's Day, Independence Day, Republic Day, Holi, Christmas, Gift Exchange Program etc.

## OUR VISION

Our vision is to make sure that our children have a bright future and a successful career or profession. We want to break the barriers of the family's cycle of poverty. If the father or mother are uneducated or jobless, their children can have a better future by receiving education that allows them to have a good job in the future.

We want to support at least 15 children in their education, beginning in 2019. Some children do really well in their studies, and we believe that with education they can have a great future. The challenge is that most families can't afford school fees and materials, so they really need our help.



Volunteers from „Church in Action“ Frankfurt

## FUTURE VISIONS AND NEEDS

We are planning to provide some vocational training to the parents of the children who come here. Most don't have a good job and lack the skills to find an income generating activity.

- We need a bigger space for our centre so that the children have more space to sit and play and do their daily activities.
- Also, our centre needs a shower facility as most of the children don't have washrooms and have to have a shower on the streets every two to three days. We hope to find an appropriate space as soon as possible.
- Lastly, we need some materials like computers for our office so that the children can learn how to use computers.

### **Alem Kichu**

General Manager Operation Rescue India



Alem Kichu



Alem with the children on the roof top of our center in Kolkata



# Ethiopia

I am very happy to summarise our journey on behalf of the Operation Rescue Ethiopia Community. I remember the great commitment of all our staff colleagues as well as our diligent volunteers who have served the needy children in our project.

Let me tell you about our organization. It was founded to serve the children of very poor families in Mekele, northern Ethiopia. The project provides before and after school care for children whose parents or guardians are not able to care for them without a lot of support from our organization. On any given day, we feed around 670 students lunch at the three project centres in Ethiopia, provide showers and hygiene care, hold tutorial classes designed to support and enrich their schooling, and provide spiritual care. We also provide structured and guided play time for the children, and opportunities to participate in clubs. Our centres are a positive and safe place for children who live in very difficult circumstances.

The year 2018 was a blessed year for ORE. The loyal and generous contributions we have received throughout the year from our donors in Switzerland, Northern Ireland, Belgium, the USA, Germany and Brazil were extraordinary. The year was busy with many volunteers, mostly from Europe and the USA, visiting our project centres to provide English lessons for students aged 10-18, to offer tutoring to small groups of students, play games with the younger children, and run different clubs for elementary and middle school students. The experience and knowledge shared by our volunteers were enjoyed tremendously by the students and volunteers. It was a pleasure to see them taking the opportunity to engage with the students, and sharing some of their personal experiences.

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During the year ORE as a member of Consortium of Christian Relief and Development Association (CCRDA) signed Non Governmental Organizations (NGOs) Code of Conduct for Charities and Societies in Ethiopia committed to the overall development of Ethiopian People, and aware of the importance of self-regulatory initiatives in building public trust, creating conducive environment for NGOs to operate and sharing good practice and learning. As a result, ORE has been acknowledged and certified legally, thus creating new opportunities as well as challenges.

The building project for the new centre in Adwa is going well and to time – at the end of the year the wall around the compound was erected. I'd like to thank all donors who are supporting the build which would not have been possible without them.

Now the government is expecting us to start the construction of the main building as of January 2019; if we don't we will be in trouble and the government that has given us the land, and they may lose trust in us, so I would like to send a message to all our generous donors to stretch their generous hands out to enable us to start the construction of the project as soon as possible. Finally I would like to conclude my message by saying that I believe the secret of the great success of Operation Rescue is the Almighty God and all our generous donors around the world, so my team and I would like to praise God and thank all our committed donors and friends. I wish you all the best and a blessed New Year.

**Getachew Tesfay**

General Manager, Operation Rescue Ethiopia

In the school



Getachew surrounded by school children.

# Operation Rescue. [UK & Ireland]

Account for year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018

## Receipts

Opening Bank Balance	55,327 - 34
Donations	47,295 - 04
Gift Aid	13,246 - 13
Bank Interest	71 - 63
	£115,940 - 14

## Expenditure

• <b>Electronic Transfers</b>		
12/03/18	15,000 - 00	
04/07/18	5,000 - 00	
30/07/18	2,100 - 00	
30/11/17	10,000 - 00	
	£32,100 - 00	
• <b>Bank Charges</b>	80 - 00	£ 32,180 - 00
<b>Balance as on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018</b>		£83,760 - 14
		£ 115,940 - 14

I have examined the books and documents presented and certify that this account is in accordance therewith.

David Browne MIB MIMgt



**Thank you**  
FOR YOUR GENOURS SUPPORT!!!

## **Bank details**

**Bank account:** Nationwide Building Society 19 High Street Enniskillen BT7 74 7DD - Account Number: 0949/704 259 263

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