

OPERATION RESCUE CHILD CARE PROJECTS



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TRUST BRINGS ITS OWN REWARDS

Can we afford to support those in need in the same way as before in times of crisis – or are we able to help them even more than usual, since the need is greater? In the beginning of the pandemic, we asked ourselves that question. We were not sure whether our donors would be able to support the work of Operation Rescue financially in the same way as before.

However, we reflected on what we have experienced and learned over the 22 years of our work: where there is a need and we know that we can help, we must do it. That has meant that we pray and we work hard to develop a project, trusting that we will be given everything that we need. That means that instead of sitting around, waiting for donations, we start working, knowing that the trusted care of Operation Rescue is not just in our earthly hands. In recent years, we have been entrusted with more and more funds, which confirms us on our path and allows us to regularly start new projects and open education centres in some of the most vulnerable communities around the globe.

Dear donors - I believe that that principle also works for you: if you sow generosity, you will find that you will be provided with everything you need. I would like to encourage you to be generous, and to thank you for enabling Operation Rescue to carry out new projects without neglecting the existing work.



On the following pages, you will have the opportunity to have a glimpse of the exciting new projects and the emergency aid that your donations and the blessing of Our Heavenly Father have made possible.

Christian Baumann
Donor Support and Marketing Officer

BIG THINGS WITH SMALL STEPS

UKRAINE

Emergency Aid Campaign

In March, Marciano travelled to the Romanian border area to see where Operation Rescue could help, and he personally helped distribute relief supplies to dozens of people. As an interim and immediate measure, Operation Rescue helped to set up accommodation for refugee families with the financial support that we provided

In May, Operation Rescue, in cooperation with "Aktion Verzicht", delivered a full truck with 80 cubic meters of relief supplies including food, clothing, hospital equipment, mattresses, beds and shoes directly to Ukraine.

Marciano preparing the goods to go.



INDIA

New project manager in Kolkata

Alem Kichu has managed the Operation Rescue education centre in Calcutta, India, for several years and, after his marriage, he and his wife moved back to his native state of Nagaland, in the east of the country. To our great delight, he has now founded a new day centre for children in Kolkata, the city where he is living. He will tell you more about that on the last page, and we are pleased that the work of Operation Rescue is expanding to other areas in a seemingly unexpected way, yet we know, in a Godly orchestrated way. The search for a new leader in Calcutta was challenging, but we are happy to report that we have found a worthy and capable successor in Abhishek Debnath. We welcome him to the Operation Rescue family!



ETHIOPIA

Bombings in Mekelle

Unfortunately, the civil war in Ethiopia, in the region of Tigray, increased at the end of August. International media have reported several new bombings in Mekelle. Fortunately, the children served by Operation Rescue and our staff are doing well. Since there has not been any hesitation to bomb schools, it is very dangerous to receive the children in large groups at the Operation Rescue centre at the moment. Therefore, our social workers are visiting the children in their homes, and instead of feeding the children in our center, we give the families a sum of money so they can buy food and basic essentials. The emergency aid that Operation Rescue is providing on the ground, thanks to the donations that we have received, is welcome and necessary to ensure the children and families will continue to have food in the context of inflated prices. Visit our Facebook page to see a video of Getachew, the head of Operation Rescue in Ethiopia, giving an update on the current situation in Mekelle.

Please pray for peace in the region of Tigray and for protection for the population.



The activities before the bombings



BRAZIL

Baking course for mothers

Regular courses where practical skills are taught and practiced by the participants take place in several of our locations, especially for the mothers of the children whom we serve. Courses such as Information Technology (IT) or computer literacy, making and decorating clothes, and sewing have already helped many mothers to develop an income or an additional source of income. The most recent example is the baking course that we held in Patos in July with a Brazilian non-profit organization named SESC. During the production and subsequent evaluation of the biscuits baked by the mothers, everyone was able to enjoy them!

The participants at the baking course



BRAZIL

Help for the children of the new slums of Patos

The outskirts in the city of Patos, Brazil are growing fast, resulting in the expansion of poverty and the slums. Consequently, a large part of our target group can no longer reach the centre on foot. We still have space in the centre, as many children in our neighbourhood now go to school all day and can no longer visit the centre as often. The VW bus which we use to pick up the children in the poor neighbourhoods no longer meets the high demand - it takes three trips back and forth to transport all the children. Thanks to God, we have found a solution: Operation Rescue has bought a regular service bus which used to serve a city in the southeast region of Brazil, which will now allow us to pick up the children and take them back to their neighbourhoods after they participate in the activities in Operation Rescue education centre. The bus had been less exposed to harsh conditions in the cooler southeast area of the country and it didn't take much to get it ready for its new challenge in the hottest area of Brazil. The bus will soon arrive in Patos and the newly hired driver will be able to start his service.

Your donation towards the children living in the new slums of Patos will provide food, education and care for hundreds of children in need today.

Registering the new children



The launch of the new Operation Rescue centre in the east of the country

As announced in the annual report, a new centre has opened in the state of Nagaland.

I was previously the director of the Operation Rescue centre in Calcutta, and when I got married, my wife and I moved back to Nagaland, in our homeland. Because I wholeheartedly support the vision of Operation Rescue, the idea of developing a new day centre for the children in my home area came to my heart.

Firstly, I examined various areas where many people families with children live in extreme poverty and where there was no organization or project to help them. In the city of Diampur, I found a well-suited place for our new centre: an apartment in a neighbourhood where the government has built 480 apartments in 19 apartment blocks for the poorest families. For many, everyday life is marked by misery: there are many broken families, single mothers without work or without time to care for the children, a lot of unemployment and alcoholism. Often, parents can only find work as day labourers.

In the beginning of March, after cleaning and furnishing the four rooms, we were able to start our daily activities in the centre. Even though they first came to us rather hesitantly and fearfully, now more than 65 children visit the centre every day and that number is growing.

Play, fun and a healthy meal every day are important pillars of our work, but our absolute focus is on the education of the children and on an improvement in the district. Our dream is that the children will be able to break the cycle of poverty, by gaining an education unlike their parents, and then being able to find employment in the future. Our centre employees are trained and have experience in working with children. When the children come to us from school, our teachers look at their workbooks with them to help them with homework and preparation for tests. That commitment is already paying off: the children are already showing improvement at school as well as in their behaviour in the group. Most of our children have received good grades in their last exams. We now see parents expressing their joy with the progress

of their children and their appreciation for the care that we provide to their children.

During regular home visits, parents often seem helpless in their fight for survival and in trying to find the money for school fees. We meet those challenges as positively as we can, and we try to find with them the best possible solutions. Thank you for helping those children and families in need with your support of Operation Rescue.

Alem Kichu

Head of Operation Rescue Nagaland



The children from the new centre



The children were received with great joy



The independent seal of approval from the Code of Honor Foundation attests to the comprehensive quality of the work and careful handling of donations.

Funding

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