

Patos: Training thanks to Operation Rescue

A year ago we reported on the new project „Jovem Pro“ (“Professional Youth”), which aims to help former and existing youth served at Operation Rescue to find apprenticeships so they can start working and earning money to support themselves. When we are unable to help them find an apprenticeship, we try to find financial resources, through partnerships, to offer it to them ourselves.

Twelve young adults have now already graduated. Five young adults are currently in training, and we are currently looking for an apprenticeship or partnership for other 41 young people.

David talks about the chance that he was given:

„At the age of ten, I was one of the first 30 children to be welcomed by founder Marciano Teixeira and the team to the new centre in Patos in 2008. I had already heard that people there were helping to develop the neighbourhood and that the centre was going to be a place where children could play and be supported in their learning. I can still remember the first day - Marciano assured us then, that in the future, many more children would also be

helped. The then volunteer and later director, Nilma dos Santos, also told us at that time that, in the future, we would get to know a whole new world outside the walls of the centre.

I myself later had my first job as a band leader at the centre which allowed me to support my family. Later, Operation Rescue helped me get a place to study, something my family would never have had the means to do. This opened up a new world for me, as Nilma had predicted years earlier. Although it wasn't always easy, today I have a degree in psychology after five years of studying at a university.

Today I can return to my roots and, with my acquired knowledge, give the children like me a perspective and help them on their way. That was my wish when I chose this profession. I would like to thank all those who contribute in any way to the success of Operation Rescue and who have thus made it possible for me as well as many other people in our region to develop so well. Thank you very much!“

David Souza
24 years old, psychologist



Crys, completing a Manicure Course



David earlier



David today



HELPING PEOPLE TO HELP THEMSELVES - AND INCREASINGLY ENSURING SIMPLE SURVIVAL



making the poor even poorer. That is why ensuring that the children are fed nutritious food is one of the pillars of our work. The lunch that the children eat at Operation Rescue when they arrive from school is, for many of those kids, the first meal of the day. It breaks our heart to think that they are expected to go to school, focus on their schoolwork and learn with an empty stomach. You can imagine the impacts of poverty for families who are struggling for their very survival while trying to meet the developmental needs of their children.

In war-torn Ethiopia, we are even having to temporarily move away from our project goal of sustainable education in order to ensure the sheer survival of our families. In São Paulo, Brazil, Operation Rescue is helping another organization with similar efforts.

We are thrilled to share with you that the reach of the Operation Rescue activities has expanded in the last two years. Our wish for a world where children are healthy and protected, and learning pushes us forward.

The following pages reflect the diversity of our projects. Thanks to you, our generous donors, we can use the resources entrusted to us where they are most needed in each area, to meet the basic needs of children in some of the poorest communities in the world, and to enable them to have a fulfilling future. Please accept our thanks and profound appreciation.

Christian Baumann
Donor support, marketing

We always start our projects with the same goal: where a particularly large number of families are in need, we bring the children into an Operation Rescue Centre. They are fed healthy food and, thanks also to the educational support that we offer, they are able to learn and break the cycle of poverty. Pandemics, political conflicts and food crises have contributed to



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BRAZIL

Partnership with a project for the homeless

In the huge metropolis of São Paulo, where the winter is severe in comparison to warmer areas of Brazil, homeless people die not only from hunger, but also because of cold. Operation Rescue is there helping to meet the basic needs of the homeless population. We have donated 100 blankets as well as socks and hats to a partnering organization called „Acolhe Mais Um“, which in English means “Embracing One More Person”, a project that takes care of vulnerable groups living on the streets, offering blankets, winter supplies together with words promoting life and encouragement.

Distribution of blankets in São Paulo



Vegetable cultivation in the centre of Patos

The poor communities in Brazil often eat little amounts of unhealthy food because they don't have access to fresh vegetables or healthy products sold at local grocery stores. One of our new initiatives is a garden in our day care centre which helps children learn how plants are grown and how food is produced. That helps them learn about the importance of caring for the environment which is necessary for life on the planet, as well as the importance of a healthy diet. The children engage with the whole process: from the selection of the crops to the planting, caring and harvesting them. They learn which foods can be produced from each crop and will enjoy the meals that will be prepared with what was harvest. As an added bonus, the food costs will be reduced. We are pleased that the ground is now ready

The planting of the garden has begun



ETHIOPIA

Operation Rescue is helping to meet the basic needs of hundreds of children

After one and a half years of civil war in Tigray, Ethiopia, there was a partial ceasefire last summer and we were happy to welcome the children back to the centre. At the beginning of autumn, however, we received the news that it was too dangerous to gather the children together because of the danger of renewed bombings. Because security of supply has been at risk for a long time, it was clear to us that families would have no or little food if their children stayed at home. Fortunately, we were able to respond quickly and to give each of our children at the centres in Mekelle, Adwa and Adigrat ca fixed amount of money that the families could use for food and other basic needs. Food has become up to four times more expensive and cash is becoming increasingly scarce because banks are still closed. Having enough cash available is a huge effort for the Operation Rescue local staff and it is only possible thanks to the incredible support of our donors, which has not decreased even in times of crisis, for which we are infinitely grateful!

In October, the nutrition program was able to resume in Mekelle. The children come to our centre every day for lunch. Getachew Tesfay, the head of Operation Rescue Ethiopia, reported to us at the end of October that everyone in Mekelle is doing well at the Operation Rescue, but due to the communication blockade, he had not been able to receive information from the other two centres. We would like to ask you to join us in prayer for their safe-keeping and well-being.

The ceasefire between the warring parties announced at the beginning of November makes us cautiously optimistic that this fragile peace process will not be undermined again. According to Getachew, despite the lack of a proper ceasefire, it looks as if there may be a change for the better.

Distributing money for food



MOZAMBIQUE

It's all go with the construction of the new centre!

Marciano Teixeira, the founder and CEO of Operation Rescue, was on the site, near the rapidly growing port and industrial city of Quelimane, in Mozambique, to oversee the construction of our latest project: the creation of the newest Operation Rescue Education Centre. After Operation Rescue acquired a plot of 4,000 square meters, Marciano and the local team began construction. First, a fence was erected around the site and the foundation of the first building was dug. We are already supporting 200 children in the community, and our goal is to reach at least 300 children in the new premises. The need is enormous, especially in terms of malnutrition, illiteracy and malaria.

Donate on our website to help with the construction of the new centre by adding a note „Construction in Mozambique“.

The foundation of the first building is in place



INDIA

Special Activities with Biblical Instruction in Kolkata

Our target group in India are mainly children who live on the streets of Calcutta in the most difficult of circumstances, especially so in times of insecurity as we have seen in these past years. In addition to our investment in the future of these young lives, we believe that it is especially important for vulnerable and traumatized children to get a secure foundation for life. Last summer, the 70 children served by Operation Rescue were able to understand some biblical truths and to experience the good news of Jesus through many approaches, including through play. Indoor games, music, quizzes and drawing competitions allowed them to enjoy each other's company, develop friendships and connections with the staff, have fun and enjoy some special food: chicken, fruit juice, cake and more. It was truly a wonderful celebration.

The children in Kolkata

