

MOZAMBIQUE

That's what we live for

Children are running around everywhere on the dusty paths of our centre. When we arrive, as soon as they hear the familiar sound of our pickup truck they start running, beaming with joy. Operation Rescue is more than a project: it is a home, a family. In this environment where there is a lot of laughter and play, children can simply be children. They dance, love playing with a ball, rope skipping or having fun playing with rubber bands. They learn and laugh a lot during these activities, creating precious memories that they will carry with them for a lifetime.

Operation Rescue is a place where joy is contagious, where love and affection are as tangible as the ground beneath the feet. The children can let off steam and know that they have a refuge in our centre. Here they can enjoy their childhood, surrounded by the human warmth that makes every moment special.

Dálida Ruiz

Director of Operation Rescue Mozambique

We are now in the process of building a new project centre on our own property. We will be able to offer more activities to more children. Until then, our current centre, which mainly consists of a large shelter, is being improved. Among other things, the clay walls have been replaced by solid walls and more space has been created.

Dálida with the children



ETHIOPIA

More space – more children

In three towns where we work, construction activities are planned or already underway. Would you like to make a donation to one of the following current construction projects so that we can support more children soon?

Adwa: The rented centre is becoming too cramped and more and more expensive. In addition to our 100 children, we would like to help twice as many in our own centre in the future. Our 4000 square meter building land was already walled in and the first foundations built when Covid and the war broke out. The construction workers and some building materials are now ready so the work can resume. In the first phase of construction buildings will be erected for the bare necessities of daily operations. In order to raise the almost 120,000 US dollars for this, we need your support. Every time we enter the construction site, our anticipation of the future life that the children will bring to the centre increases.

Mekelle: Our newest building with a floor area of about 300 square meters is located directly on a large street and was built in such a way that it can be extended. The Northern Ireland-based Operation Rescue Foundation is now funding the construction of two more floors, each with four large rooms, which can be rented out to shops and partner organisations. In this way, income is generated for the operation of the latest centre in Maichew, or if necessary, the space can be used by ORE itself. At this point in time, the load-bearing columns have already been concreted in.

Maichew: Operation Rescue Northern Ireland is also investing in the fourth day centre for children in Ethiopia in this town 130 kilometres south of Mekelle. As in Adwa, construction has recently resumed after the pandemic and war.

Adwa - Foundations of the main building and walls around the property



HOPE FOR THE WORLD – THAT'S WHAT OUR HEART BEATS FOR



What is the essence of Operation Rescue? The focus differs in the different countries in which we work. Apart from concentrating on children and young people from disadvantaged neighbourhoods, we also work with orphans in Ethiopia, with children from a rural, very disadvantaged area in Mozambique, with street children in India and with children from poor neighbourhoods in Brazil.

But our goal is the same everywhere: Operation Rescue exists to bring a small drop of hope to this cruel world we live in. I still believe in more equality of opportunity, I still believe in a better

distribution of income between peoples, I still believe in the eradication of poverty, and I still believe that it is possible to make this world a better place. The more voices we can raise to carry this message, the more it will be possible for what I believe in to come true. The emancipation of slaves, the civil rights movements, and the women's rights movements were only possible because there were voices calling out the injustices.

That's the main reason for me to raise my voice as a human being and as the leader of Operation Rescue: that the world can be a little bit better, and that the distribution of income becomes fairer and more appropriate. I am responsible for all of Operation Rescue's projects and visit them annually whenever possible. This is the image I see when I view our work on the ground: we are doing everything we can to break this negative cycle of poverty through education and training. Do you want to help us give the world a little bit more hope?

Marciano Teixeira

Founder and Managing Director



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BRAZIL

The first harvest in our centre

As we reported some time ago, a lovely green area has been set up in our Brazilian centre in Patos, so that we can teach the children more about the cultivation of vegetables. In doing this, we teach them practical life skills, improve their nutrition and at the same time promote awareness of environmental issues. Working in the garden is a great pleasure for the children, but the best part is of course always the harvest and the enjoyment of the fresh vegetables. So far lots of corn cobs and many fine herbs have been harvested which are very welcome in our kitchen.

The first harvest



BRAZIL

Replacement of the 20 PCs for computer science teaching

In Patos, thanks to a donation from the church ICF Thun, we were able to replace the 20 PCs that we had already bought second hand over 10 years ago. We would like to thank you very much for this!

Now we have purchased 30 used, but good quality PCs and 25 screens, which are well equipped and come with SSD drives. This means that we can now offer our children, their relatives and people in our district courses that they would not be able to access anywhere else.

Computer science education is central to ensuring that young people have a chance at work. To the many young adults who, with our help, have already completed an apprenticeship and been able to enter a profession, the computer science skills they learned with us were of central importance.

For the coming year, ICF Thun has again assured us of a donation, this time to give all children in Patos an Operation Rescue shirt. For many it's the only new garment they'll ever receive. Wearing the shirt gives the children a sense of belonging, and it gives them an identity other than just 'poor'. Thanks to the

donation, we will also be able to replace the uniforms of our fanfare band, which we have been altering and repairing again and again for the past 15 years.

The new PCs at work.



INDIA

World Environment Day

Like many other emerging economies, India, with its more than 1.3 billion people, also has a waste problem. Rapid population growth and more consumption leads to more waste, which

often ends up in nature and in the waterways. Pollution is increasing and health risks are rising. In order to combat this challenge effectively, it is necessary to promote environmental awareness among the population.

This is where our activities in India come in, such as on World Environment Day, which took place this year under the motto „Fight plastic waste“. The children at the centre in Nagaland were made aware in a creative way of the consequences of the use of plastics on nature and of a better way to use them. They were also able to learn about climate change and global warming and the effects of this on the environment.

Children in Kolkata



ETHIOPIA

Water for our children

For us in the western world, clean water is a natural commodity that is available at any time as soon as we turn on the tap. In the city of Mekelle, political conflicts, droughts and war repeatedly mean that the water supply is precarious, and so the water for our centre is very expensive.

We want to solve the problem by creating a groundwater borehole and a proper water catchment system. Excavation at our centre has shown that groundwater is already present at shallow depths. We have been collecting this for some time, but it is not drinking water. To ensure a sufficient supply, in December, we started to drill a well 80 meters deep into the fissured limestone layers in order to find larger deposits. The goal is to pump around 50 cubic meters of water a day to supply the more than 350 children, colleagues and visitors.

The new shallow well



Marciano in Ethiopia

