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Dear Friends of Lebensmission,

After a long break I am just now sending out the new email newsletter.

Exciting times lie before us and behind us:

- One of our volunteers had to be flown to the USA for an emergency operation due to her lung collapsing. Thank God - everything went well and in the meantime she is back at the Kinderdorf continuing to carry out her service. Another volunteer was harassed by a man while she was out walking, but everything turned out okay after she was able to call the Kinderdorf by cellphone and have someone come help.
- One of our board members (and president of the sister-branch of Lebensmission in Switzerland), Wener Fankhauser, had to undergo a hip operation on very short notice, which also went well.



- The arrival and unloading of the containers with the solar panel materials happened just in time before the volunteer mechanic from Germany arrived, which was a bit of a risky plan; but with God's help, it succeeded. The solar panels have been installed and are rendering their first service: providing the Kinderdorf with almost 24 straight hours of electricity.
- Dieufort and Martina Wittmer would like to live and work in Haiti for at least two more years. Due to the legal situation though, both of them have to be in Germany for at least two months and two days before it will be possible to send them back to Haiti.



- Therefore, the Wittmers have to change their original plans. Dieufort will let one of his construction sites rest during this time and will delegate the work at the other sites. We are very glad, of course, to have the whole Wittmer family in Germany for over two months during the months of July, August, and September.
- One question that has not yet been answered, is if Dieune`, the current sponsor child and soon-to-be adoptive son of the Wittmers, can also come on the trip. Not only has the Haitian government made hardly any forward progress with the adoption process for years, it also seems like the simple task of getting a Haitian passport issued is impossible. This is a prayer request for all of our Lebensmission prayer supporters, that this young man, who has lived with the Wittmers for almost four years and has become an integrated family member, would finally, be able to join the Wittmers for once and not have to stay back in Haiti.
- For over a year, we've been waiting only on the decision from a large German car company regarding a donation of about 26,000 euro, that would finance the remodeling of our guest housing. We have attempted numerous times to set up a meeting to discuss this decision, but have not received a response, and it's holding us back. Please pray with us for a decision to be made and that they would agree to give us the money.



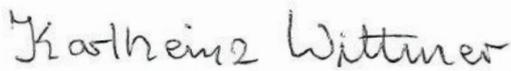
- Two members of our school committee, who will help get the school plans underway, we independently in Haiti and took advantage of being on site to look at our possibilities regarding the school. We are excitedly awaiting their report at the next board meeting.

- For the first time ever, a qualified Haitian, who also speaks German, has applied to worked for our organization. This is a good sign to me, because it shows that we and our working are being taken seriously in the public eye. Our co workers in Haiti will have the task of interviewing the applicant. I am hopeful that this man could eventually become the director of our new school - we will see!

In all these things we are thankful for God's help and protection, but we continue to pray for and put our hope in God, the father of Jesus, and Paul wrote in Romans 8:22-25

We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently."

I encourage you with this Word,



Karlheinz Wittmer

President of the Lebensmission



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