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Dear members and friends of Haiti and of the Life Mission,

In springtime nature is awakening, bringing new life and I take this as an allegory that God is able to give us as well new life, like he does to nature after the long sleep in winter.

Wake up, you who are sleeping and get up from the dead ones, so Christ will enlighten you” Paul says in his letter to the Ephesians.



Below you will find some fresh information about our activities and Haiti. Since the last circular mail more time than usual has passed.

About the association

On Saturday 21 April our annual meeting (assembly of members) will take place in Landau/Palatinate. Guests are welcome even if non-members: Please contact our office and register if you want to join us and participate.

In March we could welcome three new members in our association.

By the way, effective immediately, you can support us via your online purchases at Amazon. If you order rarely, sometimes or often from Amazon please do this in future using www.smile.amazon.de and state Lebensmission e.V. “Jesus für Haiti” as the donation purpose/destination. So, 0.5 % of the value of the article(s) will go to our association.

Actually, we are in the process of having our structures of association and work checked by a coach from outside, hoping to get useful hints, suggestions from him how to handle things even better and more effectively. This coach will also be present during our assembly. In May he will make a trip to Haiti to get to know our activities on the spot and survey them. In June we will come together as board with him and listen to his opinion what he found out and at which points he sees possibilities of development.

The local requirement in our office in Landau has increased. Therefore we reconsider if it makes sense to move to larger premises that offer more space. If someone of you knows a reasonable rented flat/office please contact us!Unsere beiden jungen Vorstandsmitglieder

Our two young board members Katharina and Sarah have already announced that they will no longer stand as a candidate after this period of duty will end end of 2019, for personal reasons. This gives us the opportunity to start already now looking for possible successors (m/f).



As we have learned to much appreciate their contribution so far as young members of the board who are absolutely up to date it would be desirable I think to find again two young people who were willing to engage themselves or play a part in the work of the board. Please contact me if such a task resp. a potential involvement catches your interest.

The tour of inspection to Haiti by the board this year will be done by our two members Sarah and Werner who travel to Haiti end of April.

The SCHOOL project is ready now and waiting for final decisions to be taken by the board, after that the phase of implementation can start. The first and crucial step is purchasing or leaseholding a ground (property) respectively advertising and raising the necessary finances. In the meeting of the members the school committee will give a report on the actual state of things.

It can be noted positively that we have actually a young couple from the Freiburg region that want to enter in our activities in Haiti as coworkers for two years in 2019. Both of them will be present during our assembly of members.



We regret very much having to inform you about the death of Johannes Haerle, a friend of Dieufort Wittmer. He had a fatal accident in March when a small plane crashed. Johannes was co-initiator and co-financer as well as co-undertaker of the installation of the solar cells for our orphanage last year. Herewith we express our heartfelt sympathy to his family and all relatives.

From Haiti

Fanette Nelson, the director of our fostership programme, unfortunately informed us that she will leave our organization by the end of 2018. Her husband and she plan to move to France. For us this is too bad, because Fanette has worked very committed and competent and had a big heart for the new school project of the Life Mission. It is a prayer request and matter of concern that we'll find a competent person to replace Fanette.

As far as the Guest House is concerned we were informed by Haiti: "The kitchen row is accomplished so far, the cupboard is being built. The curtain rails are all fixed and the last mattresses will be purchased tomorrow. Frantz is working on the built-in cupboards/ wardrobes and Dieufort is planning/designing a couch idea. We are confident that every-thing will be completed by the arrival of the many guests in April. "



We cite from the last report of the mentoring team (leaders):



“This year we’ll have the party for the relatives of the orphanage children on Sunday, 15th April, in the afternoon. Marie-Mène already planned the dinner (the menu is already prepared) and the programme. After returning from church all will be busy. Therefore we’ll ask the mothers of the children to prepare in advance some food for the children. Martina wants to request some of the youth who participated in a work

experience (internship) to report about their experiences there. The team will request the children to prepare resp. to rehearse a sketch/play in order to try to make the Haitian relatives understand that children have the right to express themselves or to say what disturbs them, what they like etc. “

This year there will be a bible seminar of several months on our site for co-workers as well as people from outside the orphanage. This will be realized by the Haitian leader of the successor organization of the Barnabas service founded and operated by us over many years which offered theological trainings in mobile seminars at many places in Haiti. We are glad that we may reestablish old connections in a new form by carrying out this course – new life exactly like in the awakening of spring.

With these words I will close this circular mail. Greetings to all of you, attached through Jesus,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karlheinz Wittmer". The handwriting is cursive and somewhat informal.



Karlheinz Wittmer
President of the Lebensmission e.V. “Jesus für Haiti”