



NEWSLETTER 05/2024

Giving hope and perspective to children and families in Nigeria

Dachung & Stefanie John's Newsletter MAI 2024

Dear Friends

Greetings from Monheim am Rhein, Germany. We have been in Germany since the end of November and have experienced a lot. In December, after looking for an apartment in the Düsseldorf area since August, we came to the conclusion that we would never find an apartment on the open housing market. There were always other interested parties who were more attractive to the landlord. Whether expensive or cheap, we were rarely invited to view an apartment and we were never offered one. Thus it was a great testimony when we were offered an apartment for a reasonable rent through members of the church community. It was even furnished, which is rare to find in Germany!

Within 2 weeks we had moved in! We thank God for this wonderful provision!



Since January, Sam and Tyang have been attending a Christian primary school in Hilden. Niri attends a Christian secondary school in Düsseldorf and Kim a local daycare center in Monheim. All four have settled in well, have made friends and have already learned a lot - even if it doesn't come easy at times. Dachung has been attending a language course since February, but it is a little too advanced for him. We are therefore looking for someone to help him privately. Please pray with us for the right person. Since January, I have been working in the same primary school that Tyang and Sam attend with a 2/3 position. I took over the class teacher position of a year one. A lot of things were new and it is still challenging at times, but I enjoy my work and I have learned a lot. I'm especially grateful for the experience of working at a Christian school here in Germany and I'm blessed with a great leadership and team of teachers.

Meanwhile life goes on in Nigeria, too!

KIDS OF HOPE

After a two-year transition phase, I handed over the school leadership to two very reliable members of my leadership team in April 2023. Rose and Solomon are now in charge of the two sites (the old location and the new building). They are supported by a leadership team and I am in regular contact with them.



As usual, we had a great Christmas celebration with gifts from sponsors and other donors. As always, this was a highlight for all the children. The gifts included a toy, a book, some clothes and some sweets! For more pictures, feel free to visit our website www.kids-of-hope.com/blog.

We are very proud of how our pupils are developing and that they are meeting the high standards we are expecting. This is often not easy, especially for students who transfer to us from other schools.



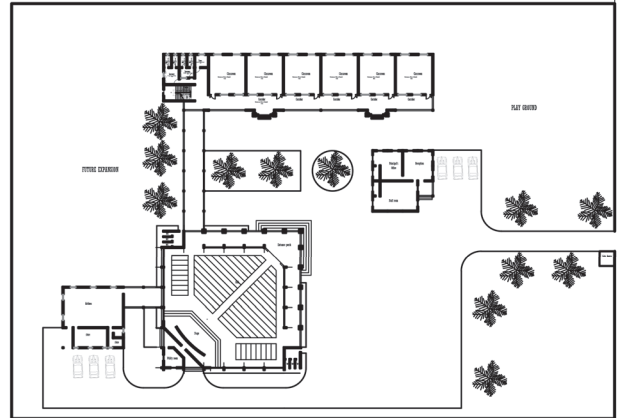
EXPANSION AND BUILDING

Our first pupils, who started with us in 2016 at the age of four, are graduating from primary school this year! We are very proud of this first set of children and the teachers who taught them!

In September, we want to open the secondary school with a group of about 20 children! To accommodate them and in order to split some classes that have grown too big in number, we want to expand by building a six-classroom-building.

We want to finish building the ground floor with three classrooms by August in order to be used by the Primary and Secondary School from September. The construction of the ground floor will cost us 55,000 GBP, of which we have GBP 9,000. We are

grateful to one of our partner churches who is planning a fundraising event and has pledged to give another 5,000 GBP!



We are grateful for every donation towards this project!

HEART OF HOPE



Project helping people with disabilities

Our cooperation with the Christian Blind Mission (CBM) did well in the first annual accounts. We received praise from CBM headquarters and will be able to continue supporting people with disabilities in Vom and the surrounding area in 2024. So far, there have been campaigns to raise awareness, meetings with those affected and training for hospital staff. A lot has been done here to combat superstition.



The programme promotes treating people with disabilities with respect, love and care. In 2024 we will continue with more of these activities and will also construct ramps and handrails for several health facilities in the area, enroll some people with disabilities into training programmes distribute assistive devices like wheel chairs. We are excited about this opportunity to serve our community on this level and are looking forward to sharing some impact stories in the next newsletter!



Medical outreach

In December 2023 we facilitated a medical outreach. During the four days of outreach, a team of there was consultation, free medical treatment and medicine for more than 5000 people and more than 100 free surgeries. The surgeries included removal of different growths or appendix and cesarian sections. Among the doctors were different specialists, including a dentist and an eye doctor. There were even eye surgeries that prevented patients from going blind!

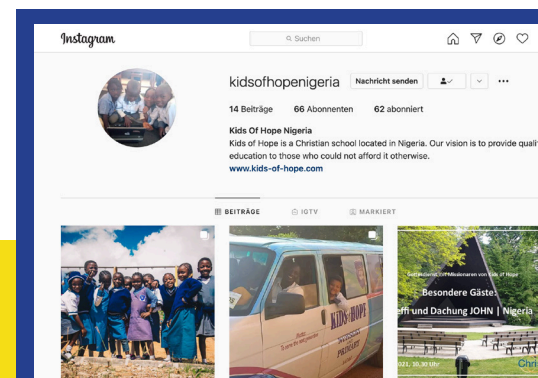


We are grateful to the donors that made this life-changing event possible and of course to the team of 14 doctors and 35 nurses and helpers

who gave their time and energy to serve the less privileged during their free time.

Next steps...

We are planning to finish the school year in Germany and spend the holidays here. After several years of not visiting the UK, we decided that I, Stefanie, will come for a visit to Maidenhead. I´m looking forward to seeing some old friends and visiting Jubilee church, which has been and still is such a blessing for us! I´ll be in church on the 21st of July. I´ll spend a couple of days before and after that date, so please feel free to contact me if you want to catch up on things!



Are you on

FACEBOOK OR INSTAGRAM?

Be our friend (kidsofhopenigeria) and get more updates and pictures of us in Nigeria!



PRAYER REQUESTS

We thank God for...

- His wonderful provision in this time of transition
- New friends and contacts here in Germany
- A wonderful apartment
- Our leadership team in Nigeria who are doing a good job

Please pray for...

- Peace and political stability in Nigeria
- Wisdom for our time here in Germany
- Strength, wisdom and guidance for our team in Nigeria
- Somebody to support Dachung in learning German
- 41,000 GBP for a new school building

Greetings and blessings,

Dachung und Steffi
mit Niri, Samdagwi,
Tyang und Kim ♥



*With 30 Pounds
a month, you
can make it
possible for
one of these*

*children to attend our school. All our students get
quality education, a Biblical foundation, and a warm
meal every day.*

Please contact me, if you are interested!

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FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Most of you know that Dachung and I don't earn a salary. Our monthly income comes from individuals who choose to support us and our ministry. If you are interested in being part of our work by supporting us financially, please contact us. We are grateful for every pound!

If you are interested in supporting us as a family or our ministry please contact us for more details.

