



# NEWSLETTER

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*Giving hope and perspective to children  
and families in Nigeria*

Dachung & Stefanie Johns Newsletter  
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*Dear friends,*

*Greetings from Monheim am Rhein. This month marks one year and four months since we came to Germany as a family. And now it's time to say goodbye.*

*We can look back on a fulfilling and blessed time. There were challenges, but also many blessings and I think we can all say that we have learnt a lot!*

### STEFFI

After working as a teacher for the first half of the year from January to July, I was able to spend the last few months at home. Both seasons had their challenges and their good sides and I'm grateful for the opportunities given to me.

### DACHUNG

Dachung had the opportunity to preach in various churches throughout the year. Apart from that he was also able to encourage many people, which gave him a lot of joy. We are grateful for this opportunity to serve in Germany. He also attended further welding training in autumn, which gave him the skills and qualification to work as a welder in Germany (or elsewhere). We are looking forward to seeing where and when this will benefit us. Currently he is working at a friend's company. Even though Dachung's German skills are not yet good enough for the A1 exam, he has made great progress. We are grateful to a good friend who has been teaching him on an individual basis.

### OUR CHILDREN

We thank God that the children's German really improved during our time here. They all are taller and more grown up now too! They have made friends and experienced all four seasons for the first time.

## KIDS OF HOPE

In January, Dachung, Kim and I travelled to Nigeria. Dachung spent three weeks there, while Kim and I left after a week. The other three children were in good hands here in Germany.

It was not only *a joyful time of reunion, but time for work too*. We spent two days with our leadership team and one training and team-building day with all the staff. We were able to solve some problems and had many important conversations.

We are grateful that we were able to spend this important time there and are happy and proud that our work there is continuing successfully despite our absence.



## PROJECT FOR AWESOME

*Many thanks to everyone who took part in the voting for the 'Project for Awesome'. We will hear back in April as to whether we will receive the donations. These are funds for social projects that you could apply for. The first thirty projects with the most clicks will receive between 35,000 and 65,000 euros. You can no longer vote at this link, but you can still watch our video. <https://www.projectforawesome.com/?charity=67a76dfb>. If we get the money, it will enable us to build new classrooms, buy computers, plant trees and install a solar power system.*



## KIDS OF HOPE COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL

Our first secondary school class is doing well and we are looking forward to adding a new class in September. Hopefully in a new building!

## LITERACY PROGRAMME

Our afternoon programme has started with 30 children. These children will spend a year with us learning to read and write in the afternoons while they continue to attend other schools in the morning. We appreciate everyone who has made this possible with a one-off donation for a child. *Thank you very much!*



## USA

*At the end of March, we will be travelling to the USA as a family. In Orlando, we want to take part in a 5-month training programme with the mission organisation 'Youth With A Mission' (YWAM).*



In addition to Globe Mission, we cooperate with YWAM on a regular basis and have already been to South Africa, Switzerland and Amsterdam with them. This time it's about growing and learning as leaders, but also making contacts and spreading the word about our work in Nigeria.

We have realised that our current contacts are not sufficient to reach our goals. We need more partner churches in which people sponsor children in Nigeria, as well as more companies and foundations that are willing to make large donations of money or goods.

We also need experts in various fields to provide us with advice and support. Our aim is to continue building and developing Kids of Hope. We want all Kids of Hope students to have the opportunity to finish school with a high school diploma and do an apprenticeship in one of various fields. *We believe that God has prepared something for us in Florida to further this goal and are excited to see what He will do.*



## PRAYER REQUESTS

*We thank God for...*

1. a successful time in Germany
2. new sponsors for children in Nigeria
3. our visa for the USA

*Please pray for...*

1. a good transition from Germany
2. friends, contacts and wisdom in the USA
3. wisdom and strength for our leadership team in Nigeria
4. funds for a new 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!*

## WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

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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.*