

Newsletter May 2019

Dear Friends of Junge Menschen für Afrika,

„Alles freut sich und hoffet, wenn der Frühling sich erneut“,
("All is full of joy and hope when spring time is coming"),
these are lines of Friedrich Schiller. In accordance with these
lines we are glad to present you our spring newsletter:



In our Liane Stähle Kindergarten in Kirinda we were happy to welcome 140 pupils for the new schoolyear; they are split up into 50 children for the babyclass, 59 children for the middle class and 31 children for the upper class. Six teachers (Dinah, Rahab, Francoise, Vestine, Brenda und Caussam) have an employment and every two of them are responsible for one class. In the second quarter (which is running at the moment) they will attend a further education training in Muhanga. Last month members of the Early Childhood Development Center were visiting Kigali. They all agreed that the kindergarten is worth the attribute "High Standard". Maria, a young German woman studying Early Childhood Education at PH Ludwigsburg, is going to pass an official internship in Kindergarten and primary school from April to July 2019.



There was some more German atmosphere this February when Nico, a member of Engineers without Borders Vienna, visited Rwanda to get first impressions for the construction of the girls' dormitory at the IPK. He met representatives of the University of Technology Kigali, the representative of the Department of Building Inspection Rheinland.Pfalz, Pastor Prince, as well as teachers and students of our Construction Department to get them familiarized with the new project. Directly after receipt of the revised budget plan the next step will be to contact a choice of foundations to ask for financial support.



In the meantime the library could finish the first part of the schoolyear with a positive response. Ferdinand, responsible for the library, reported that those students who had been visiting the library regularly passed their first quarter exams much more successful than the other students. Moreover, we could provide more than 40 new books. To have the books in good condition for a long time Ferdinand is undergoing a training about how to repair and restore books.

The English Clubs are greatly appreciated. At IPK English Club 45 members are studying under Boniface Nzabonimpaye's guidance. Minani Olivier is responsible for the GKS English Club which had 30 members at the beginning of the year. Languages are important as well in the Kindergarten where Brenda and Caussam are teaching English and French.

The agricultural projects are running at full speed. Last month there was a training for people from Ruhare and Kirinda with the topics intensive organic agriculture, organic fertilizers, and the cultivation of bananas. At the beginning of 2019 new bananas had been planted. According to Francine the climate change does affect Rwanda as well. Although 405 kg of beans could be harvested during the last season the result was much lower than expected caused by strong insolation. At the beginning of this season corn has been sown on the fields. With the help of fertilizers and lucky weather Francine is hoping for a successful corn crop.



The sewing club has started a new schoolyear as well with 12 young women enjoying their training. There has been a huge demand but at the moment there is only a capacity for 12 members. The first period started with the setting and function of the sewing machine, the production of different shirts and skirts and the sewing of small bags. Besides the making of fine clothes the young women get training in sports, religion and hygiene. In February the last year's graduates got their certificates and their sewing machines during an official ceremony. As an extra bonus they got beforehand materials and cloth to create their own ceremony dresses. They all expressed their thanks for the support.



We are looking forward to further successful JMfA projects. Thank you all for your support and have a nice time.