

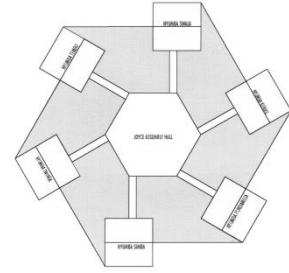
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House mothers and workers in Mbingu

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Dear Friends of Mbingu Children's Village

The year 2023 marked the 20th anniversary of the start of construction of Mbingu Children's Village, and 2025 will mark the 20th anniversary of the Children's Village Mbingu Support Association.

How did the association come about?

Up until 2001, after more than seven years of involvement as Baba Mlezi (home father, sponsor of the home) at the Ukwama children's home in Kwiros Mahenge, Tanzania, the local help was provided on a personal basis, building relationships and a friendly network without the structure of an association. Living expenses, renovations, and a new building for the older children were the priorities for a small home that initially housed over 50 children in a single small building. The main task of care was essentially to provide the children with food and shelter. Plans were made to build individual family homes, each managed by a house mother, to offer more for the children's development. However, this was not desired by the local private home management. An English organization with a local coordinator endeavored to predestinate the Ukwama children's home as a development project in England.

After these events, I tried to discuss the situation with the then Superior of the Mahenge Sisters, Sr Joyce Seki, and to realize the plans for a children's village with smaller living units and house mothers elsewhere. The willingness to let freely use land in Mbingu and to recruit Sisters as local directors was ideal. The infrastructure in connection with the monastery and spiritual center and the proximity of a small local hospital was ideal. Thus, after a planning phase, construction of the first home for children in need in Mbingu began in 2003, together with an exchange of volunteers. To meet these challenges, our support association was founded two years later, in 2005.

What are the general goals of the association?

I would like to stress two of the most important points of the association's statutes here:

- To provide assistance to abandoned and needy children in the Mbingu Children's Village in Tanzania (East Africa) (purpose of the association).
- The association operates selflessly and is non-profit.

Mbingu Children's Village Association

Beat Wandeler with board members Laura Thrier, Hugo Vogel, and Christian Disch

Growth, life in the village and special events

In Mbingu there are 63 children in total, including those who go to school away from home

In the children's village live

Three Sisters, 8 moms and 5 male workers

- a) Shaban and his wife (responsible for cow and goat stable)
- b) Simon Chiguguma (driver)
- c) Michael (water, electricity and environmental work)
- d) Zakaria (pigs and pigsty)
- e) Mama Simon (kitchen for the children)
- f) Justine (chickens, turkeys, ducks)

There are 14 workers in the children's village, plus a Sister and Melchiades (financial control and auditing).

So the Mbingu community consists of $63 + 16 = 79$ people.

We have 30 pupils and students in Mbingu

Higher education

Angela Jordan University, Diana vocational training

Secondary students

Elda Form 3 St Martin, Witness Form 3 Alpha Germs Secondary, Deotila Form 2 Mbingu Secondary, Sophia Form 2 Mlimba Secondary, Diana Kinyeye Form 2 Ikule Secondary, Kelvin Mgendi Form 1 Kilam Secondary, Christina Form 2 St Martin

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kindergarten St Martin	10
Primary school students	7

New challenge Employment contracts and national pension schemes (NSSF)

All workers must now have a social security employment contract. Mbingu will start with 5 full-time employees. The wage costs are around CHF 60 per month with social costs. However, some are employed part-time in Mbingu. Of course, this will put more strain on the budget.

Start of school 2024 for pre unit and primary school) and St Martin kindergarten



Accompanying the small children to preschool in the green environment in the exceptionally heavy rainy season!



Mbingu primary school students attending Mlimba Primary School



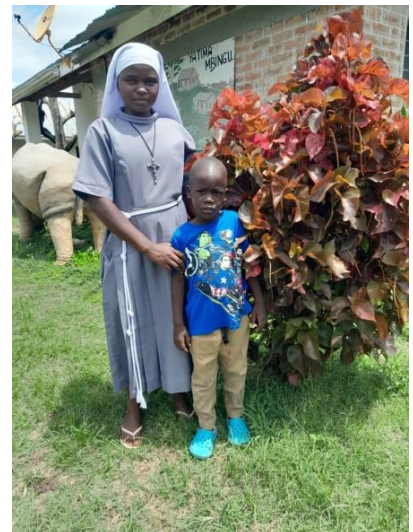
Some children are back in their original families



Jenipher Malinguja and Enesiana Kidasi



Fadhili Mohamed



Keneth Keneth



Petro, Elisha, Eliya



Husna and Hussein (twins, 6 years old) are brought back to their family

Recording of Baraka John in the children's village. His mother was unable to support him due to health problems.



Farewell from Christina Christophina, leaving for good



Arrival of Sukuma twins Kosma and Damian from Mikocheni and twins from Ihenga after their mothers died during birth. The Sukuma live in remote areas and give birth at home.



May 1st - Labor Day, an opportunity to honor and celebrate the work of employees



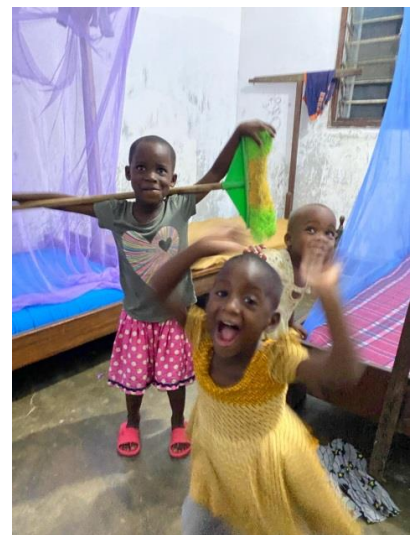
Community is the best entertainment!



Play with fun and kitchen work



Life is a celebration, especially when it comes to going to sleep in the evening!



The dress seamstress was visiting. Doesn't help with calming either. Lorena with her "sisters".



The beautiful Easter celebration with the baptism of Fransiska, Jimson and Yeremia



Confirmation of Francis - the celebration



Sr Yusta has been helping in the children's village for a few weeks, cooking together with Lorena



Sr Editha and Sr Anjelina have new commitments - farewell dinner



Big celebration on St Elisabeth's Day (patroness of Mbinguvillage, November 5th)



The primary school students from the boarding school in Mlimba are also back home. Verena Haggemüller and Amos are also back “at home”.



Patrick Mbombwe has just successfully completed Form IV. We are very proud of him.



Presence and visits of volunteers and guests and provision of milk powder

A warm welcome to Lorena Knobel as a new volunteer at the Mbingu Children's Village. Lorena had accompanied the children in Mbingu for the five months.



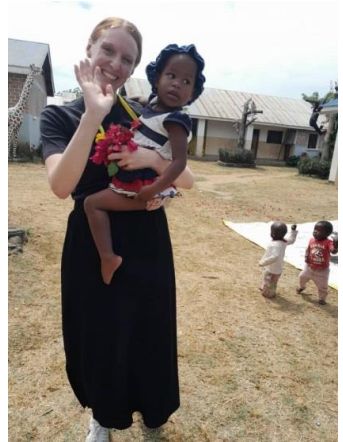
Volunteer work

Life and employment of Lorena Knobel in Mbingu



Lorena Knobel, Esther Biedermann, Verena Haggemüller - a strong trio of volunteers who belong to the Mbingu family. Thank you very much for your great commitment to the children in Mbingu!





Agricultural activities for self-sufficiency

Learning projects: Planting trees during the holidays



Luckily things are looking a little drier in the new cowshed during the rain season!



Rosella harvest (for fruit juice or tea)



Agricultural working day in Mbingu



The Mbingu children's village has a new loading vehicle for agricultural tasks and a new shredder. These devices make the numerous self-sufficiency tasks easier.



Village Improvements

The new vehicle for the children's village has arrived in Mbingu. Many thanks to the numerous generous donors and everyone who believed in the realization of this project, especially to the help of the organizations MIVA and BEGECA, who covered half of the cost of the vehicle and organized delivery.



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Beratung, Beschaffung, Logistik



Baby incubator procurement for the neighboring St Jude Thaddheus Health Center through the generous support of the Women's Lions Club Basel Kunsthalle and the mediation of Esther Biedermann.



CTMED Infant incubator



The location of St Jude Thaddheus Health Center

The development of the construction of the sewing and training studio continues.



St Martin's Pre- & Primary School



St Martin's Pre- & Primary School near Mbinguvillage will be opening its classrooms for our children in 2025



From 2025, 70 school children will learn in 4 classrooms

The initiative for the school goes back to the teacher Lina Bertzbach, who lived and worked as a volunteer in Mbingu in 2016/17. Support was received from the Rotary Club Friesoythe-Artland-Cloppenburg (RC FAC) and through the fundraising campaign of the Münsterland daily newspaper MT.

Support Activities

Easter campaign

Project for a children's educational garden

Creation of a species-rich school garden with raised beds, vegetable garden, educational program and documentation. The children learn to plant vegetables at eye level and understandably, to look after the beds and at the end they have something for the kitchen and for eating.

The construction of a species-rich school garden with raised beds and fencing has now been completed. Many thanks to the first communicants of Pfaffnau who wanted this support for the children in Mbingu.

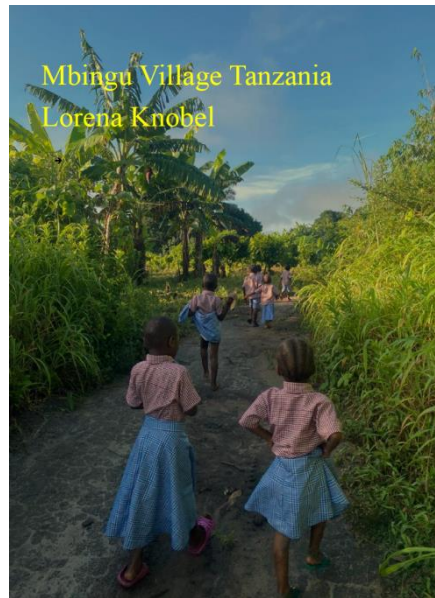


Premiers communiantes de Pfaffnau



First communicants of Pfaffnau

Impressions of the Mbingu Day 23/11/2024
Report from Lorena Knobel's voluntary work.



Renovations and goals in the new year

Situation in the houses (broken ceilings, broken sanitary facilities,...)



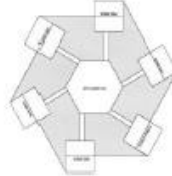
Possible priorities for Mbingu in the new year

The people who were recently in Mbingu or who had a current insight into the situation on site through close contact state the following tasks that need to be specified and that could be considered priorities in the new financial year 2025:

- a. The monthly wages of house mothers should definitely be Tsh 150,000 (~ chf /eur 60). This helps the house mothers and puts very little strain on the household budget compared to other items such as vehicles, machines and hospital stays. In comparison, male workers receive Tsh 250,000 (~ chf/eur 100) on full wages.
- b. Urgent renovation work needs to be carried out on the 6 residential buildings. Roofs should be sealed, floorboards have partially rotted due to the moisture, basins in the bathrooms have broken and parts of the cement floors have come loose and are therefore difficult to clean. Some amounts for this are now available and can be included in the new household budget.
- c. One of the two washing machines needs repair. An introduction to the use and a concept for the use for the houses should be made. So far, washing has been done by hand, which takes a lot of time, is less gentle on the laundry but is also less hygienic because it is rinsed less.
- d. The administration of the children's village needs a new computer because the old one no longer works. In the current sense, it is a sensible and necessary purchase for a professional tool.
- e. Construction of the new sewing school. The association could support the new sewing school in Mbingu with some mechanical or electric sewing machines through a contribution. The aim would be not to create competition with those already in the nearby village. It would be ideal to have cooperation, professional collaboration on orders and training with these companies.
- f. The concept for the children's village consists of 6 houses for children, with 5 houses currently occupied by the children and house mothers and one house by 2 Sisters.

The idea is to convert the current sixth house, where Sr. Sapientia and her fellow Sisters currently live, into a women's and girls' home once the new Sisters' house is finished. This could be used by the older girls and women graduating from Mbingu, as well as the young women who come to Yatima during their high school and university breaks. In this way, we'll gain two houses at once. This house could otherwise be used for the younger children when the older girls aren't there, so there's a bit more space everywhere. This sixth house is planned for and donated to the children's village anyway.

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**CALENDAR
2025**



For every help received, we thank with all our heart

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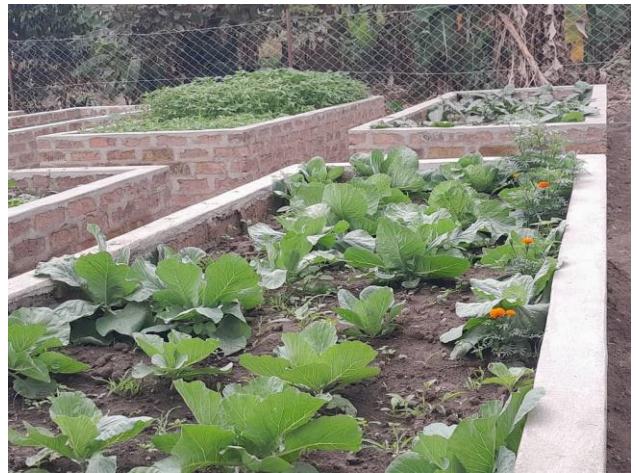
July



August



September



October



November



December

Structure of the Association

Members of board

Dr. Hugo Vogel	Vicepresident
Laura Thrier	Actuary, Contact for Volunteering
Christian Disch	Project coordination in Tanzania
Beat Wandeler	President, daily care

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Revisionsbericht

Kinderdorf Mbingu

Wir haben die Jahresrechnung 2024 geprüft und bestätigen, dass die Buchhaltung korrekt geführt wurde. Wir haben unsere Prüfung aufgrund von Stichproben vorgenommen und können bestätigen, dass sowohl die Bilanz wie auch die Erfolgsrechnung mit den vorgelegten Belegen übereinstimmen.

Bei Einnahmen von CHF 72'864.25 und Ausgaben von CHF 42'183.96 schliesst die Rechnung mit einem Gewinn von CHF 30'680.29 ab. Das Vereinsvermögen per 31. Dezember 2024 beträgt somit CHF 185'982.30.

Wir beantragen der Generalversammlung

- die Erfolgsrechnung vom 1. Januar – 31. Dezember 2024 sowie die Bilanz per 31. Dezember 2024 zu genehmigen
- den Vorstand mit dem besten Dank für die geleistete Arbeit zu entlasten

Sursee, 31. März 2025

Die Rechnungsrevisoren:



Josef Meier



Silvano Moretti

Summary

Assets	185'982.30 CHF (budget amount for the next 5 years)
Revenu 2023	72'864.25 CHF
Expenses (Mbingu household etc.)	-42'183.96 CHF
Profit	30'680.29 CHF
(of which the amount of 1080 CHF for school fees etc. and internal audit)	