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Dear friends of the Mbingu Children's Village, here is the latest report from the Children's Village

1. Stays and visits in Mbingu





Volunteer Lucy (staying for 2 months until the end of November) and Nisha (staying for 6 months, from the beginning of September to the end of February 2027)



Christian Disch (24 October)





Sr. Sapientia, Andy with Sara, Anna, Romy, and the two volunteers, Lucy and Nisha

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Report by Andy Schneider (October 31, 2026)

At 10:00 a.m., we set off for the Mbingu Children's Village on two motorcycles—Sara and Anna with one driver, and Romy and I with Frodius. The journey took an hour and a half and was quite an arduous experience; the "shortcut" to Mbingu (which means "Heaven") turned out to be a ride through "mountains and valleys" on an exceptionally rough road. The children's village, run by the Sisters of Mahenge, was founded in 2003 by Beat Wandeler from Pfaffnau and the then-Superior, Sister Joyse Seki. Currently, 67 children—either half-orphans or full orphans—are housed across six homes, each overseen by "house mothers." The children range in age from just a few days old to adolescence. While the children are generally expected to return to their families at the age of six, there are, unfortunately, always some who no longer have any family, or who were abandoned as infants.

Sister Sapientia is the director in charge of the center. She is a kind-hearted and highly professional sister who carries out her significant and vital responsibilities with great commitment and dedication. I am always struck by her warmth and hospitality. She manages to produce a large portion of the food required to feed the children and the staff; they grow vegetables, rice, maize, and fruit, and raise fish, rabbits, ducks, chickens, cows, pigs, goats, and sheep. Through many innovative ideas, she continues to develop new areas of activity for the center. We were welcomed warmly and provided with an abundant meal—simply wonderful. Thank you so much for everything, Sister Sapientia.

Meeting the children and the sisters in Mbingu was a highlight. It leaves a deep impression every single time.



All students have returned home from school due to El Niño and will remain there until after the Christmas holidays

2. Reinfrida and Cecilia have completed preschool and will enter primary school in the new year







3. Renovation of the kitchen stove



4. Opening of the boys' house in the Children's Village (former school building)









Many thanks to everyone for your heartfelt goodwill toward the Children's Village and its residents

Kinderdorf Mbingu Association (Mbinguvillage) + Beat Wandeler + Sr. Sapientia