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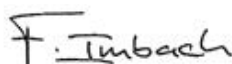
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Fabian Imbach

WORD OF THE PRESIDENT



After two difficult Corona-Years, finally our partner school Milele Elimu Centre has some normality ahead of them. The Kenyan government managed to make up the lost school time during the Corona-Pandemic. After the last two very stressful years, the curriculum is back to normal and the children can focus on the essential: studying for a better future.

Our students already have several role models, as seven of our former primary students were accepted to Kenyan Universities and we are able to support them financially. This is also known in the village and the families are extremely proud of what their children have accomplished. We do hope that some of our next secondary graduates score high enough grades to be continuing to a University. We are on a very good track on improving the educational level in the neighbouring Slums.

A highlight of last year was certainly the trip to Kenya. Half of the associate members including some friends were part of the group. For some among the group it was the first time to Kenya and they were delighted with the many different impressions. The complete group visited our partner schools. The program was packed from an association perspective: a personal exchange with the supported secondary- and university students, a full-day workshop with the employees of the Milele Elimu Centre as well as the visit of the new parcel of land. We want to advance the efforts in building our new school in 2023. Smaller works which do not require an official concession are currently in planning and will be started in 2023. For the construction of the main building we still need the official concession as well as to secure the funding. Even though we already have received a lot of funds dedicated to the construction of the building, we still lack around half of the budgeted amount. We are grateful for every little support!

With a great amount of appreciation and eternal gratitude on behalf of Forever Kids Kenya as well as our partner school Milele Elimu Centre, we wish you all the best and good health for your year 2023!

NADJA KAUFMANN
PRESIDENT



February: School can be fun

The new curriculum, which was introduced in Kenya, brings diversity and a lot of new things into the daily routine. An example: They are learning the details about various cultural happenings, which most of the students will attend throughout their lives. Our third graders are currently looking at Wedding ceremonies. As the new system has the goal to bring more practical experience into the classes, the children practiced this example during class. The acted Wedding ceremony was a success and all the participants had a lot of fun.

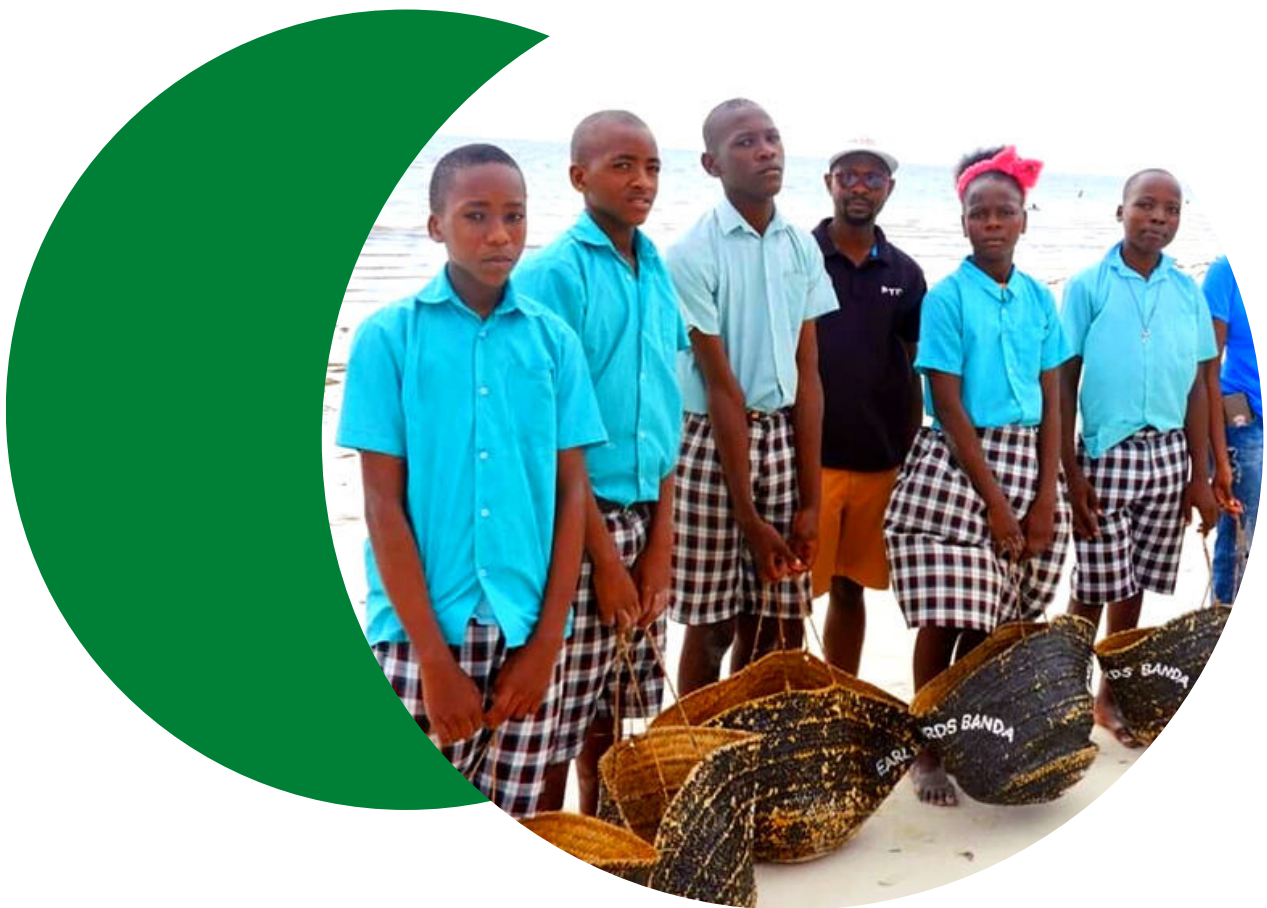


February: Partnership with Alunir

We are very excited to announce that we are now part of Alunir's selected Partner organisations. When purchasing one of their beautiful jewellery pieces, Alunir donates 1.00CHF of each purchase. A big thank you to Alunir for their trust in us! Check out their Website: www.alunir.ch

About Alunir: «We are a small swiss jewellery brand. Our pieces are designed and also produced mostly at our Atelier in eastern Switzerland. Our personal values are also the basis of the values of our company. A share of revenue of every order is donated to one of our partner organisations. We are in regular contact with our partner organisation and producers, which were carefully selected.»





March: Beach Clean-Up

The organisation of community events, which can be integrated into daily school routine, is also part of the concept of our Partner School Milele Elimu Centre. The idea behind this is to be able to give something back to the community and for the children to apply their skills learnt during classes. They can reinforce and further develop their skills through the participation in a productive work.

The primary students of 7th grade did a great job in cleaning up Nyali Beach.



March: Partnering with boldmatters and visit in Mombasa

We have established a new partnership with boldmatters! In the photo below you can see two of us in the very stylish T-Shirts, which are available online at boldmatters.ch. With each of these T-Shirts sold, 10CHF of the revenues are donated to our organisation. We are very excited about the two designs, the Ascona version as well as the boldmatters Shirts, and proudly wear them regularly.

Thomas of boldmatters even went as far as to visit our Partner School in Mombasa in person. He brought many different balls with him as a gift from Switzerland. They joy was immense among the kids as you can see in the picture.

Thanks a lot boldmatters, we are very excited and happy about this great collaboration!

In case you want to convince yourself and get yourself a T-shirt, visit their webpage www.boldmatters.ch



April: Personal exchange with the sponsored secondary students

Vacation period is the time where former students gather again as family at the Milele Elimu Centre. The reunion is always joyful, as most attend a boarding school spread across the country. Our main focus is to keep in touch with them, but the exchange among the students is also important. Personal wellbeing as well as their struggles and achievements are discussed. Fun is however also central, which is why plays among all age classes are also popular. And of course, good food is not to be missed out with a delicious meal at the end.





May: Visit of some members of Forever Kids Kenya in Mombasa

After a long waiting period during the Corona pandemic, we are finally able to visit the Milele Elimu Centre in Mombasa again. Some of our friends joined and wanted to visit the kids. The children as well as the employees missed us a lot and we were thus welcomed and spoilt with stunning shows and delicious meals. Spending time locally always reminds us why our work with Forever Kids Kenya is important. It was a great source of joy for everyone involved and some memories will stay with us forever.

May: Workshop in Mombasa

We hold regular workshops with our employees of the Milele Elimu Centre. The goal is to get to know each other better, but also the understanding of their difficulties and point of views of the daily routine at school. We discussed many topics and worked on the design of our new school building.



May: University visit

At Forever Kids Kenya we do not only financially support the continuing education of our students, we accompany them along their studies. It was a pleasure to visit two of our students at the Kenyatta University in Nairobi. They proudly showed us around and told us about their daily routine.



May: Visit of the purchased parcel of land

As some of the members of the association are on place, the visit of the purchased parcel of land is on the to-do list as well. Construction works are progressing, the land was cleared-up and the surrounding walls including the entrance gate are already finished. This is required in order to mark the borders to our land. We can already see our school there, the area is quiet and not too crowded. A perfect place for our future school to educate our children.



Mai: myball.ch

Once again, myball.ch has provided us with balls that we took and distributed upon visiting the school. We were given over 300 balls, ensuring that each child received their own ball. Both the younger and older students were full of joy with the new balls and proudly took them home. Growing up in the slums, our children often have few or sometimes only homemade toys to play with, so these yellow balls were very much welcomed!

A big thank you to myball.ch for making this possible for our children!



June: Forever Kids Kenya goes Wild & Solivo

For the first time, this joint summer event was organized in collaboration with Wild & Solivo, and it was a great success! It was a hot summer day filled with various children's activities: in the morning, they crafted different things with the Holzmänn (woodman) Heiko, and in the afternoon, Franzine and her dog Titien entertained the children by telling them stories about our children in Kenya. Additionally, there was a competition for passers-by, we distributed drinks and cakes, and to top it all off, Wild & Solivo donated 10% of their daily sales to us.

A big thank you to Wild & Solivo, to Heiko (Project Workshop-Holzmänn), and to Franzine & Titien for making this day possible and unforgettable.



August: Triebguet, Baden

2022 has given us many new opportunities to collaborate with local businesses. In August, we had the privilege of spoiling the guests at Triebguet with a delicious Kenyan meal. The menu consisted of Kachumbari (tomato/onion salad), grilled skewers marinated with African spices (chicken or vegetarian), Maharagwe (beans in coconut milk), and Chapati.

The entire profit from the sold dishes and merchandise went to benefit our partner school, Milele Elimu Centre.

A huge thank you to Triebguet for allowing us to host this event at their venue and to everyone who generously supported us with the ingredients.



August: Fleamarket in Baden

Countless times, we have set up a flea market stall with our banner at Theaterplatz in Baden, and yet we always experienced something new each time. We make new acquaintances, long-time supporters visit us, and sometimes new potential partnerships with our organization arise through the encounters and conversations at the flea market. However, this year, we have made the difficult decision to temporarily suspend these flea markets for logistical reasons. Nevertheless, you can still find us in a smaller format on the following dates at the weekly market in Baden, in front of Subway, offering small goodies:

Saturday, 24. June 2023

Saturday, 16. September 2023





September: Wedding donation

Seraina and David Ehrler exchanged vows on September 2, 2022. Generously, on their special day, they decided to collect the church offering for the benefit of our organization. With the addition of a personal contribution, a significant amount was raised.

We thank both of you for remembering us and wish you a lot of happiness and love on your journey together in life!

September: Laboratory works during classes

According to the Kenyan education system, various laboratory works are introduced in primary schools under the subject "Science." Many scientific theories are difficult to explain directly from textbooks but are easier to understand through examples and experiments in practice. The absence of a laboratory space and the corresponding materials is not an obstacle for our school. As has often been the case, improvisation becomes necessary. This is where the creative ideas of the teachers come into play, and they have been well-received by the students.



September:
Kenyan tradition during classes

African traditions are expressed in many different forms, such as music, dance, art, sculpture, and glass bead embroidery. Glass bead embroidery in particular, is highly popular among people of all ages. It is used to create various accessories, especially bracelets. From a young age, most children learn this craft through their circle of friends. In school, the bracelets are now complemented with additional materials like leather. The children proudly show us their new self-made bracelets!



Oktober: On the path to become a pro-swimmer

Caleb joined Milele Elimu Centre in its founding year of 2013, starting in the Baby Class. By 2022, he had reached the 8th grade and completed his primary school education in the same year. Caleb always enjoyed swimming lessons, and experts even believe that he has great talent in this domain. He has already won gold medals in several local swimming competitions. We will support him in any way we can and are excited to see what the future holds for him!



November: Kenia jasst III

We were able to organize this highly successful event for the third time already. We now even have regular participants who join us every time. We always receive wonderful feedback from our attendees, mentioning the family-like atmosphere and the great fun they have. Our cooked risotto as well as the snack and cake stand are also very popular. In addition to the card tournament, we always hold our traditional raffle and distribute cool prizes. We would like to once again congratulate the winners of the card tournament as well as the winner of the raffle grand prize!

We are very delighted to have loyal participants as well as new participants who joined us this year. A big thank you to all the volunteers and sponsors involved!





December:
Yearly getaway of the employees

Our employees work hard throughout the year to provide the best possible education to our children. The goals are set high, and we are on the right track. We want to reward the motivation of our employees and give them a small time off at the end of the year. The two-day getaway from everyday life is always a highlight for all employees, where they can relax, have fun, and also enjoy each other's company.



December: Christmas at the Milele Elimu Centre

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the school was unable to hold a Christmas celebration for the past two years, as large gatherings were not allowed. But finally, the time had come, and the children, their parents, and even half the village were able to celebrate together at the school's Christmas event. In addition to a generous feast as always, entertainment was also provided. It is always a great joy for us to see how much they enjoy coming together for this celebration.



Meet the team

THE PEOPLE BEHIND FOREVER KIDS KENYA



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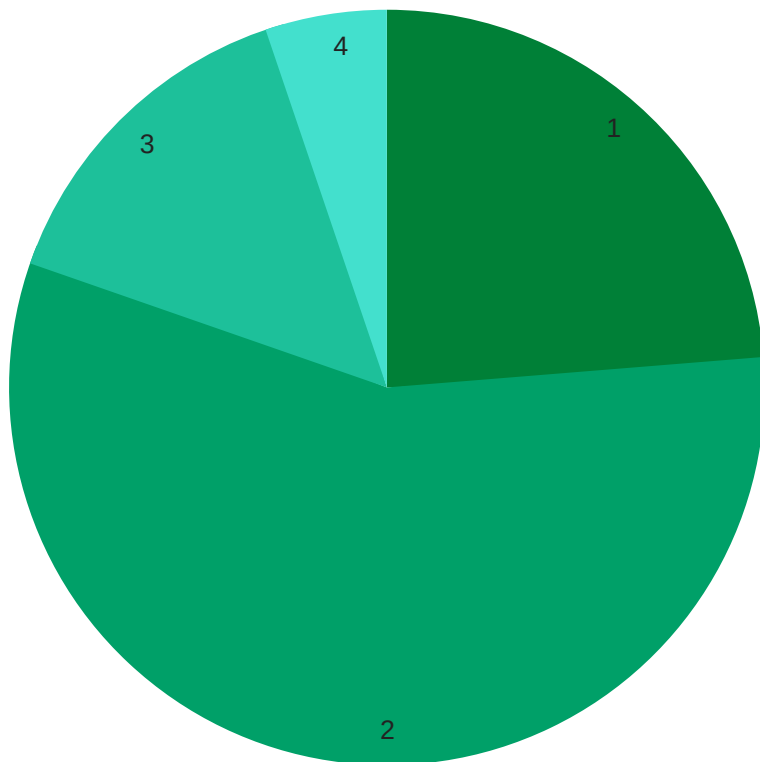


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FINANCIAL STATISTICS 2022

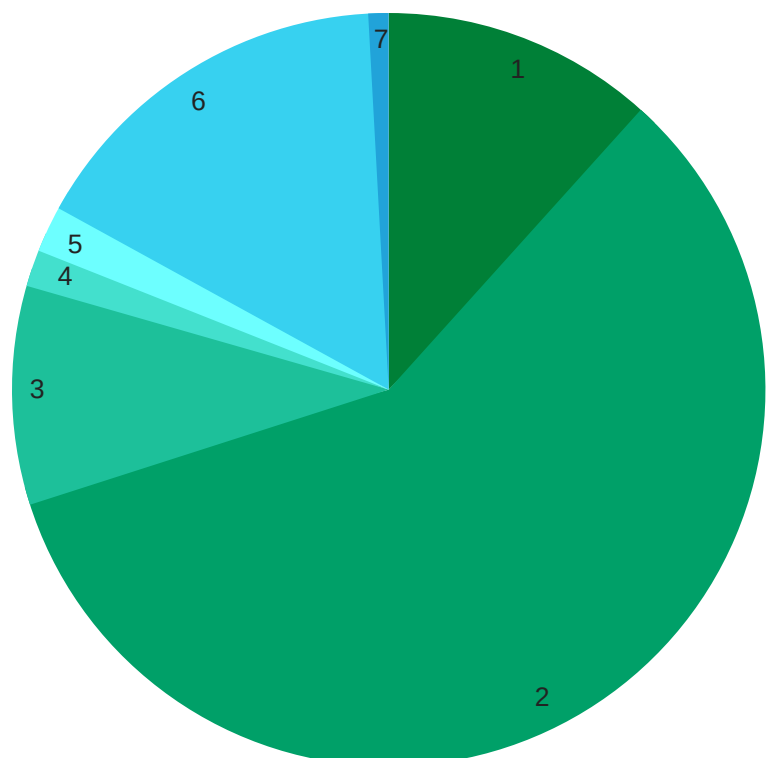


Income 2022 in CHF Total 62'250.48

1. Monthly donors:	14'762.00
2. One-time donations:	35'241.99
3. Own events:	9'008.00
4. Christmas campaign:	3'238.49

Expences 2022 in CHF Total 45'640.15

1. Rent schoolbuilding:	5'325.39
2. Employee expenses Kenya:	26'648.66
3. Scholarship secondary school:	4'284.31
4. University:	716.29
5. Financing various projects:	904.76
6. Land costs:	7'363.91
7. Transaction fees / ex- change rate fluctuations:	396.83



Comments on finances:

Own Events:

The transfer of third-party funds from the card game event in November 2021 was slightly delayed and only deposited to our bank account in January 2022. In June, the earnings from the summer event with Wild & Solivo, as well as a flea market event, are visible. The earnings in August result from another joint event at the outdoor bar Triebguet. In October, the amounts from two additional flea market events were deposited, and in November, the proceeds from our card game event were credited.

Christmas Campaign:

A total of CHF 3,238.49 has been raised through our Christmas campaign for the construction of our school building. Two donors have already transferred a sum of CHF 60.00 for the Christmas campaign during the year.

Personnel Costs in Kenya:

As of the end of December 2022, the funded staff includes a school principal, 2 kindergarten teachers, 13 primary school teachers, 2 cooks, a facility manager, and a secretary. Throughout the year, various interns were hired, who are university students but found temporary employment with us during their long semester breaks or before starting their studies. For example, our secondary school graduates were employed by us, gaining work experience and earning some money before going to university.

Financing Various Projects:

After a two-year pause, a Christmas celebration for the entire school was organized once again. The funding covered the festive meal, including drinks and fruits, for 600 people, including the students, their families, and the immediate neighbourhood. Additionally, the annual staff Christmas event, including an overnight stay at a beachfront hotel in the nearby area, was financed.

Land Costs:

In October, Phase 1 of the construction project was funded, which included the foundation wall around the property and a large entrance gate. In December, Phase 2 was funded and completed, which involved the construction of a small building as an "Administrative Block."

Transfer and/or Bank Fees:

The fees for the monthly transfer to Kenya vary depending on the amount to be transferred: the higher the amount, the higher the fee. In December, there are also the annual fees for account management and cash deposits from our Swiss bank.