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Für eine nachhaltige Entwicklung

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Dear friends and Sponsors

Did you have a good well? Every now and then I think the hectic days of the **the turn of the year 1962/1963.**

I had quit my interesting job at the Insurance company „Mobilar“ Thun at the end of 1962 after seven years of service in order to prepare myself for missionary service. I received great support in clearing and cleaning the small flat. Then, after paying the taxes, I could deregister at the residents' registration office. There was even some time left for a few farewell visits. On New Year's Eve came the final act: I parked my car at a garage and threw the key in the letterbox...

Paris: A few days later, the well-occupied night express train brought me to the French metropolis.

I found the language school without much trouble. The teachers were very eager to teach us the French language. My small attic room was close by, which I was grateful for. As it got colder and colder, I

discovered that there was no heating. The landlord gave me a gas rechaud, on which I could cook soup in the evening and warm the room a little. Then I heard about the „Seegfrörni“, when all the lakes froze in Switzerland so that you could walk over them and even drive with cars on them. At that time I saw my small room window slowly freezing over.



The days were filled with lessons, excursions, educational tours and theatre visits. Right after Easter, the final exams took place. We had learned a lot, and the graduation ceremony was a celebration of joy.

London: Again I took the night express train and reached London safely despite stormy weather. I found room and board with a dear old widow in North Finchley. To get to the

**God's ways are perfect,
The words of the LORD are refined.
He is a shield to all who trust in him.**

2 Sam 22:31

language school, I had to use the underground. The rush hour was a completely new experience.

The teaching team managed to prepare us for the final exam in three months in an intensive diploma course. And it had been worth it. With the all-important English diploma, but without a centime of money in my pocket, I travelled back to Switzerland via Paris.

Heiden: During the summer months I helped my parents on the farm and worked part-time in a screen printing shop.

Israel: It was already time to pack again to realise my long-cherished wish of working for a longer period in a kibbutz in Israel.

With a large group of young of young Swiss travelled by train via Milan-Rome to Naples. There, in the harbour, the MS Shalom Ship was waiting for us, which brought us safely to Haifa in glorious sunshine but also stormy seas. At Kibbutz Ashdot-Jaacov there was always plenty to do. We picked oranges, grapefruits, mandarins or loaded 4000-6000 chicken into a truck early in the morning.

I was very happy when I was allowed to take part in the six-month Hebrew course for immigrants with boys from Eastern Europe.

Turn of the year 2022/23 Groupe Scolaire Manji



Parents are also invited to the thanksgiving service at the end of a quarter or school year. They sing together and thank God for his protection and blessing.



During the 14 days of the Christmas holidays, urgent renovation and repair work is carried out.



With these two additional cooking kettles of 300 and 400 l capacity, it will be much easier to provide the 1700 pupils with a daily hot meal. This is where the vegetables grow!



Water supply

Unfortunately, the promise to install running water for us was not kept. Therefore, we bought more water tanks in Kigali to collect the precious rainwater.



Healthy, germ-free drinking water is now provided by a new filter system, which was installed and is also maintained by a company in Kigali.



The pupils are very happy that they can finally quench their thirst on the school grounds. The system is well secured at night.



Power supply

Joy reigns! Thanks to a sponsor and a miracle of God, a modern solar system is now in operation instead of the diesel generator. Now the teachers and secondary school students can work in good light until 21.30!!!

With the Headmaster's House under construction and the planned accommodation for the 62-member teaching team, Headmaster Seth, will stop the frustrating turnover of teachers. We look forward to completing these and necessary projects at other centres with your faithful support over the coming months.

With warmest regards
Alfred and Lucie



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