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CHILDREN'S CARE Emmaus



Active since 1971

Children's Care Emmaus started its work with first child sponsorships in 1971 under the name «Drawings and Sponsorships Emmaus». Our main concern is to stand by suffering children and families in developing countries and to work with them to alleviate the causes of their hardship. Our activities are inspired by the guiding principle of the Emmaus movement: «Serve the most needy first».

Children's Care Emmaus is an association under Swiss law that is tax-exempt in its capacity as a relief organisation. The executive secretary and his assistant are paid; they work with about 30 volunteers. The assistance offered by our cross-denominational organisation is provided to those in need regardless of race, origin or religion. By sharing the concerns, fears and hopes of these people and allowing them in return to participate in our lives, our ideas and our visions, we become partners in the struggle for a more just world. Together with the sick and needy, the

handicapped and infirm, orphans and disaster victims, children, young people and adults, we attempt to put the conditions in place to allow all people to live a dignified life. The activities of Children's Care Emmaus encompass personal child sponsorships, family aid and community aid.

Our history

Theres Farine holds a special place in our history as the founder, long-serving president and later advisor to our aid organisation. In 1979, our institution became an independent member of the Federation Emmaus-Switzerland, which today encompasses four further Emmaus groups and six Emmaus communities. Children's Care Emmaus was given its current name in 2007. Thanks to the financial generosity of the Friends of Emmaus Zurich, Fairmed (formerly known as Leprosy

Relief Emmaus Switzerland) and private well-wishers, our offices were renovated in 2009 and computerized in 2010. The restructuring of the operating environment will be concluded in 2014. Since it was set up, Children's Care Emmaus has supported 120 development projects in 11 countries. During this time, 10,624 sponsored children, tens of thousands of schoolchildren and thousands of families have received lasting help.

Theres Farine (left) with a volunteer worker in the old offices.



Our aims

- To impart education and training
- To create critical awareness and conscience
- To encourage and enrich self-help programmes
- To create jobs
- To promote the development of women
- To initiate programmes that strengthen families
- To promote self-help groups and cooperatives
- To promote agricultural development
- To plan and execute assistance and rehabilitation programmes
- To support groups and institutions that promote public welfare
- To promote community health

Our activities

- Supporting kindergartens, nurseries, schools, training workshops, homes
- Job creation (cows, sewing machines, hand mills, school materials, shops, small workshops and light industry, etc.)
- Improving living conditions
- Cultivating vegetables
- Planting trees
- Supporting and assisting women's groups and cooperatives
- Promoting adult education
- Granting small loans
- Providing medical care
- Constructing wells, schoolrooms and homes



Worldwide activities

The world has become a village in this electronic age. What is needed in the field of development assistance is comprehensive, sustainable cooperation between industrialized and newly industrializing countries. The most effective kind of development assistance is development cooperation. The support provided by rich countries to poor countries must not be solely financial; it also needs to include cultural exchange and help people to help themselves.

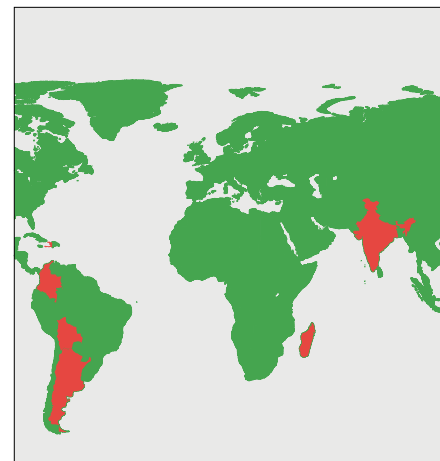
The lives of suffering people in the Third World are shaped by extreme poverty, by hunger and disease, by illiteracy, unemployment and servitude. Millions of children cannot go to school because they have to work at home. Millions of street children survive by begging and stealing. Children's Care Emmaus encourages these people to improve their circumstances themselves in all areas of life; it stands by them with advice and financial support.

Our approach of helping people to help themselves is built on the principle of partnership: we work closely with our partners in Switzerland and the Third World. Both here and in these countries, public authorities, relief agencies, the target groups and the local population are mobilised to do what they can. The management and execution of the projects are left in the hands of locals as they know the conditions on the ground best.

Our projects

The worldwide support provided by Children's Care Emmaus currently encompasses 35 development projects. They are located in India, Madagascar, Haiti, Brazil, Colombia, Bolivia and Argentina.

The partner institutions presently cover 1,030 sponsored children who are supported by 587 sponsors in Switzerland.



- India: 28 projects*
- Madagascar: 1 project*
- Haiti: 1 project*
- Brazil: 1 project*
- Colombia: 3 projects*
- Bolivia: 1 project*
- Argentina: 1 project*



Sustainable aid

Our concrete aid is not a drop in the ocean; it offers the chance of a new, dignified life for many people. The handicapped or unemployed man, the widow who turns to prostitution to feed her children, the girl in the orphanage or the street urchin who survives by stealing: our support built on partnership gives them a real opportunity.

CHF 1.65 per day	is needed to care for and educate a needy child.
CHF 150	is the cost of a sewing machine that a mother or adult daughter can use to earn a living.
CHF 300 to 500	is the price of a small or large cow that a family can put to work to earn them a small yet regular income.
CHF 300 to 2,500	is required by a family to repair their hut if it has been damaged or destroyed by fire or storm, or replace it with a weatherproof dwelling (the cost varies as the state does not always provide assistance)
CHF 500	is the cost of a shop offering healthy food for a widow or handicapped person.
CHF 2,000 to 4,000	is needed to build a well to irrigate the land used by several families so that they can also grow crops during the dry season.
CHF 5,000 to 8,000	is what it takes to build a classroom, which is essential if many rural children are to receive a decent education.

Where we have helped

Without the energy and drive of many volunteers, sponsors and donors, we would not have been able to support innumerable projects in Asia, Africa and South America since 1971 alongside our sponsorships. Here are some examples:

1976: View into the knitting studio in the San Francisco de Asis Community Centre in Medellin, Colombia, where girls are trained so that they can earn their own living later. From 1972–2007 we supported a total of 67 sponsored children in this institution and provided immediate, emergency and building aid to numerous destitute families.

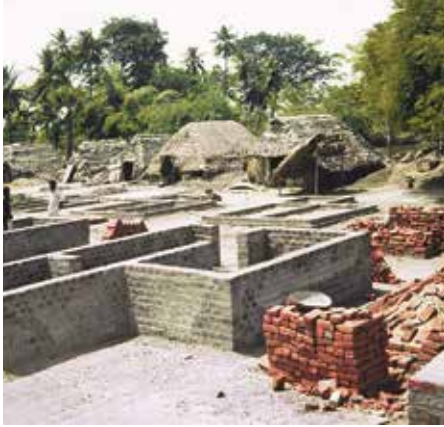


1983: A classroom in the Tollygunge orphanage in Kolkata, India. Our collaboration started in 1974 and has continued to this very day. In 1975 and 1976, we provided financial support for the construction of the new building. Around 70 children live permanently in the institution and more than 400 children are day pupils who sleep at home. So far we have supported 176 sponsored children.



1991: We built a secondary school with a large well in Pavithiram, India. Thousands of schoolchildren and people living nearby benefit from the water.





1992: We funded the construction of 25 brick houses in the village of Canoor, India. The dilapidated old mud huts with leaky straw roofs can be seen in the background.



2002: IT is one of the subjects taught in the Hogares del Espíritu Santo children's home in Buenos Aires, Argentina. We have supported 626 sponsored children since 1975.



2006: Mr and Mrs Janandicam in Ariyur, India, were given two goats, the milk from which they sell on the market. This gives the couple an income.



2008: We financed the opening of a sewing workshop in Loutulim, India, where girls and women are trained. We also paid for the sewing machines.



2010: The Mima Vao Association, a relief organisation in Antananarivo, Madagascar, runs a children's home where we have supported 54 sponsored children to date. We built a chicken farm with 400 birds. Although most of the meat is sold, enough is kept to improve the children's meals which would otherwise be too one-sided.



2011: 700 schoolchildren receive food in the St. Joseph Community Centre in Gonaives, Haiti. They are given a hot meal at lunchtime, a prerequisite for healthy growth.

Volunteer work



The poet Erich Kästner wrote: «There is no good unless one does it!» This could be the motto of our volunteers. Alongside the executive secretary and his assistant, about 30 volunteers currently work for Children's Care Emmaus. Their tireless efforts connect people – transcending distance and borders. This is something that warms the heart and changes the world.

Children's Care Emmaus campaigns for disadvantaged children and families around the world. We consider it one of our tasks to offer people in the Third World and Switzerland opportunities to show solidarity and get involved. This is done by providing information and working at grass-roots level. As we are politically and denominationally neutral, we try to involve people from all social strata in our activities, both here at home and in the developing countries. Thus in Switzerland we employ many volunteer workers, who make their leisure time and experience available to Children's Care Emmaus free of charge. Our offices

often resemble a humming beehive, in which the volunteers go about their various chores. Like busy bees, they regularly or sporadically do administrative and accounting work, translations, organisational tasks and much more besides. Working together on a voluntary basis leads to uplifting encounters. In addition, the commitment expands people's horizons for the problems in the Third World and arouses feelings, concerns and understanding of foreign cultures.

The management team



Sitting, from left to right:

*Barbara Streit-Stettler (Vice-President)
Nicole Renaud (President)
Carmen Bohren (Vice President, HR and Legal Affairs).*

Standing, from left to right:

*Werner Brügger (IT)
Yvonne Heussi
Daniel Steiner (Finance)
Liviana Sommavilla (Assistant)
Pierre Farine (Executive Secretary)*



Volunteer helper Gertrud Thommen

writes letters of thanks for sponsorships and donations.

SPONSORSHIPS



Friends for life

The personal sponsorships arranged by Children's Care Emmaus (CHF 50.– per child per month) make it possible for boys and girls in the Third World to go to school and learn a trade. Diet, training and education serve to promote the children's all-round development, enabling them to cope with later life on their own.

Children are the defenceless victims of hardship. Many cannot go to school because they have to help their parents at work. Many do not have a home and are forced to live rough in the slums. They survive by begging. From there, it's just a short step into crime. Personal sponsorships are an

effective way of prising the children from their hardship and preparing them for a self-determined life later. They attend school and learn a trade. This means that sponsorships have an impact well into the future.

The natives of the Gowli tribe in Dandeli, India, lived in indescribable hardship. We set up sponsorships for their children. Just one year later, most of them were attending the local school.



Sponsorships are friendships. The letters that girls and boys exchange with their sponsors, which they always do on a voluntary basis, reinforce their sense of self-worth. The in many cases richly illustrated children's letters to their sponsors are affectionate, poetic and full of hope. They are testimony to a fondness that overcomes distance and tears down barriers. The sponsored children are encouraged to take an active role in improving their own situation. In one such campaign, they do drawings that we

stick to cards and sell for CHF 5.– each in Switzerland. Every card is an original. The proceeds go to needy children and families.

In rural areas, we help to build schools and homes so that the local children can receive an education. Street kids and orphans are given various different types of support in homes, to empower them to earn their own living one day.



«I love you!»

The thank-you letters that the girls and boys write to their sponsors are mostly honest and direct. In clear, simple words, they reveal the hard lot in life of the children who, thanks to a sponsorship, find the way out of their misery. In many cases richly illustrated, the letters are a heartfelt testimony of friendship. Here are two examples from recent years:



Sharmi Banfiliya S., aged 17, from Mangadu, India:

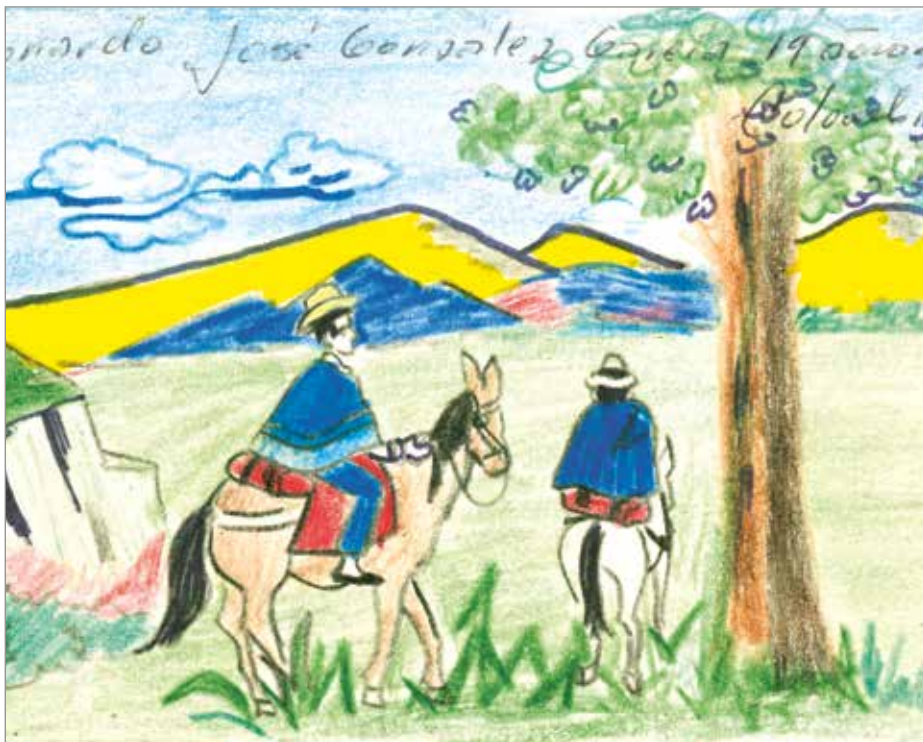
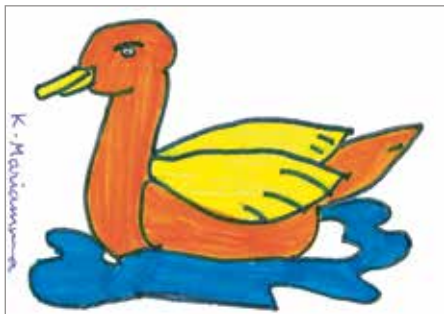
«Dear sponsor, How are you? I would like to share some good news with you. Our school organised a sports day. I won two medals, for which I have you to thank because you support me. You are an example for me to really make an effort. Because you save money to help me. This is something I will never forget. 'Friendship is like a bird: if you catch it by force, it dies; if you catch it without paying any attention, it escapes; if you catch it with love, it will stay with you forever.' I will always be devoted to you. With my love.»

Abel Huanca C., aged 11, from La Paz, Bolivia:

«Dear sponsor, This is the night of San Juan and we celebrate it with fireworks. I play with sparklers. The boys and adults let off bangers. A fire burns in every house, people warm themselves, drink strong coffee and eat sausages. I am in class 5B and am eleven years old. Dear sponsor, thank you so much for your support. I love you and hope that you will come to visit me! With all my love.»

Every card an original

The girls and boys on the sponsorship programme run by Children's Care Emmaus do drawings that volunteers in Switzerland stick to cards for sale at CHF 5.- each. Every single card is a small work of art, created with loving care. The proceeds from these cards featuring original drawings are used to help needy children and families.



Surprise your friends, relatives or business partners with cards from Children's Care Emmaus. Your greetings and wishes are combined with a gesture of solidarity with suffering people. We would be happy to grant a discount for anyone ordering larger quantities – private individuals, school classes, firms or institutions.

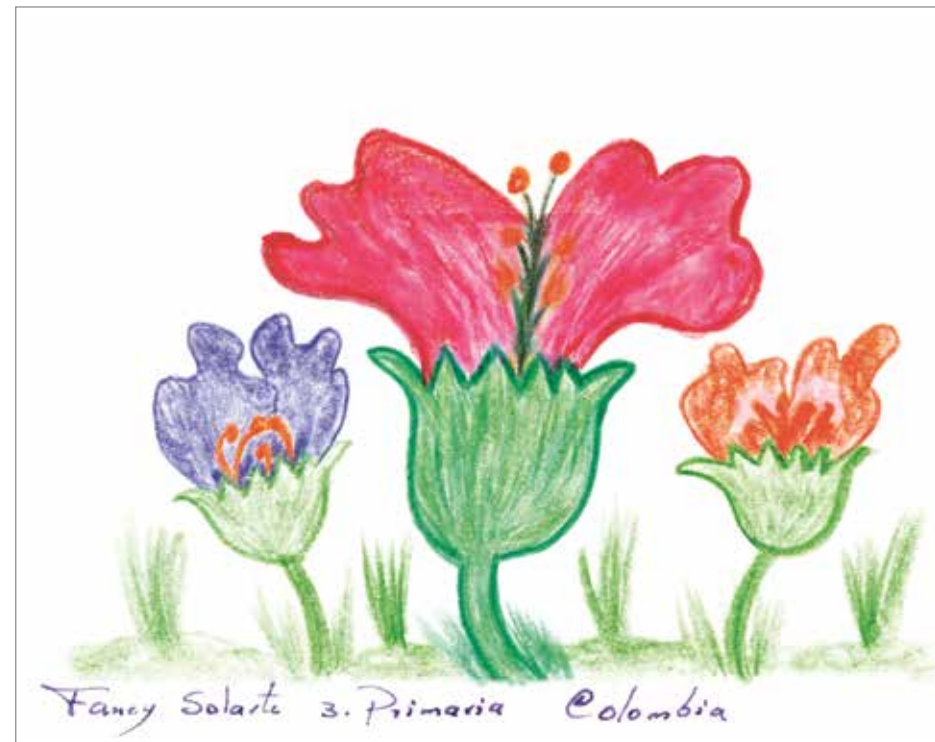
The 130 x 186 mm cards (portrait or landscape) are available in the pastel tones of red, blue, yellow and green, and come complete with neutral insert sheets and matching envelopes.

Price per card and envelope: CHF 5.-.
Price per card set (consisting of four cards with different designs and neutral envelopes): CHF 20.-.

Ordering cards

Simply contact us if you wish to order cards featuring original children's drawings. We would be happy to send them to you complete with payment slip.

Thank you.



FAMILY AID



Happy together

It's in the family fold that children are equipped to live their later lives. Children's Care Emmaus supports at risk families so that they do not break apart. We restore the parents to health and work – and give the family a home where they can live protected from the wind, rain and cold.

Assisting families means more than just that we support individual families; all the initiatives and projects we undertake ultimately serve to strengthen the family. The assistance we give families is intended to help them help themselves; it is meant to encourage father, mother and children to take new courage, rediscover their self-esteem and hold together. Wherever possible, we expect the family members to become actively involved:

- We supply needy families with a milk cow, a sewing machine, a hand mill and the like, so that they can generate a small income.
- We help out in family emergencies (hygiene and health education, family planning, social work), so that the people affected are enabled to resolve the immediate problems themselves.
- We grant small, interest-free loans to create jobs (opening a shop or workshop, and so on) to be repaid in small instalments as and when possible.
- We procure building materials and tools, seed and fertilizer, but someone still has to build the brick house and tend the vegetable garden.
- We devote ourselves to caring for the sick and cover the cost of medical care (notably treatment, operations, medication, artificial limbs and crutches).



Families need help

Alongside its worldwide sponsorship programmes, Children's Care Emmaus supports at-risk families in various ways with a view to releasing them from the spiral of poverty. Here are a few examples of how we assist, relieve and strengthen families. We are also reliant upon your solidarity for our family aid. Help us make a difference!



The father of the girl Monisha (next to her father) in Vandavasi, India, was given a bicycle that he can use to ride to work.



We bought ten beehives for each of three destitute families in Thadikudi, India, allowing them to earn a regular income.

We obtained a sewing machine for the former sponsored child Shanti in Kodaikanal, India, following a two-year dress-maker training programme.



We bought a milk cow for a widow called Arockiammal in Kodaikanal, India. Selling the milk provides an income for her and her children.



The mother of the sponsored child Samuel in Piduguralla, India, died of AIDS. We funded the construction of a toilet for Samuel and his father.



This impoverished young woman (at back) in Gonaives, Haiti, received a small food shop. Now she can provide adequately for her family.



We funded the construction of a small prefabricated house for the former sponsored child Edwin Miguel and his mother Eulalia in Bogotá, Colombia.



COMMUNITY AID



One world for all

Needy children and families live in villages or urban slums. They are part of a wider community. For individuals to be helped, it is also essential to promote village, district, city and regional infrastructure. Children's Care Emmaus supports these communities with concrete projects that are realised in conjunction with the local people and the relevant authorities.

Many people in the developing world are illiterate, live in shanty towns and have access to poor sanitary facilities if any at all. Their diet is meagre and one-sided, education about hygiene and family planning patchy. The adults rarely have the chance to pursue regular employment, and the children do not go to school as they have to beg or help out in the fields. The hopeless situation breeds problems like alcoholism, prostitution and crime. We combat the privation suffered by these people at both individual and communal level. Our community aid encompasses projects for the benefit of all:

- Construction of wells, sewers, school buildings and homes
- Building of roads
- Funding of small workshops and industries (production of clothes, soap, cleaning materials, candles, jams, juices, and so on)
- Building of community centres
- Installation of public toilets
- Education and training programmes
- Support for women's groups
- Health education (clean environment, varied diet, personal hygiene, disease prevention, and so on)
- Mother and child support (advice and care)
- Vaccination and vitamin programmes
- Medical check-ups and emergency care



Project sponsorships

If you do not wish to take on a personal child sponsorship (CHF 50.– per child per month) but still support us regularly, we offer what are known as project sponsorships. You determine your regular donation, the method and timing of payment, and we employ your contributions where they are most urgently needed. Here are a few of the successful projects completed under our Community Aid programme in recent years:



Construction of a well for several farmers in Dandeli, India, enabling them to irrigate their land.



Construction of a new roof over the primary school, kindergarten, nursery and dormitories of the Hogares del Espíritu Santo children's home in Buenos Aires, Argentina.



Formation of the Women's Organisation for Rights & Development in Kodaikanal, India, which has set up a kindergarten and a food store.



Reconstruction of the heavily damaged dining and study room at St. John's Orphanage in Borrampalem, India.



Renovation of a play centre and purchase of new toys for children in the La Belleza district of Bogotá, Colombia.



Formation of a small enterprise in Kodaikanal, India, to turn old tin cans that have been collected into new containers and sell them to a paint shop.



Construction of 70 brick houses in the village of Sembarai, India, which was completely destroyed by fire.

BEQUESTS and Legacies



A light in the dark

By making a bequest or a legacy today, you are preparing to assist tomorrow. Your present commitment will not end overnight; it will evolve and help shape the future. So why not set up an endowment in favour of Children's Care Emmaus or bequeath part of your estate to us. These are effective ways of alleviating suffering around the world and a powerful demonstration of human kindness.

Children's Care Emmaus acts on behalf of people in need, without reference to politics, race or religion. Our aid is direct and sustainable. Since we only hold small reserves, we do not place any donations on the stock exchange. Sponsorships, donations and endowments enable us to quickly alleviate the suffering of many children and families in the Third World and seek longterm solutions. Bequests and legacies are particularly effective ways of supporting our work. You can offer new hope to people who have no hope by including our relief organisation in your will. With a bequest, you will save lives even after your own death.

There are two types of will: a handwritten will and a public (notarised) will. For your handwritten will to be legally valid, it must be written entirely by hand and include your signature plus the date and place of signing. A public will is prepared by a notary in accordance with your wishes and witnessed by the notary. There are various ways in which you can support Children's Care Emmaus after your death:

- You can name Children's Care Emmaus as an heir.
- You can leave a bequest to Children's Care Emmaus.
- You can name Children's Care Emmaus as the beneficiary of a life insurance policy.
- You can ask the people attending your funeral to make donations to Children's Care Emmaus.

In the Canton of Berne, spouses and descendants as well as relief organisations like ours are exempt from inheritance tax. If you bequeath part of your estate to us, you are of course welcome to specify a specific purpose. We would ask you, however, not to make the formulation too restricting. If you allow us to make free use of the funds, you can be sure that the money will always be employed where help is most urgently needed.

We would sincerely like to thank everyone who helps us in the struggle for a more just world.



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