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OUR FOUNDERS IN GERMANY:

Our two founders Mimi and Charlie visited Germany from the end of July to the end of September. During this time we organized several CCU events where the two of them were able to report on their story and work in Uganda. The events in Düsseldorf, Cologne and Würzburg were a great opportunity to exchange ideas and make contacts with a wide variety of people. The events were also the first opportunity for us to sell products from our sewing project. The women's self-made products were absolutely eye-catching and met with great enthusiasm. Almost everyone who attended our events is now the owner of a CCU product :)



NEWS FROM UGANDA:

If you were not able to join one of the CCU events to purchase a product - don't worry! New items of clothing, bags and accessories will be available again from the end of November and there will be the option of buying them directly in Uganda and Germany. More detailed information will follow soon.



Our annual general meeting took place on August 28th in Würzburg. It was a wonderful opportunity to exchange ideas with the members, to report on the past and to present the goals for the next year. In addition, the board of directors was newly elected. Christina Scherbauer, Theresa Marschall and Matthias Engel were confirmed in their offices. Regina Döll is leaving as a treasurer. We are very grateful for your commitment over the past two years. Johannes Fischer will take over her position. We warmly welcome Johannes to CCU and look forward to working with him.

While our founders Mimi and Charlie were in Germany, of course the work in Uganda continued. We are very grateful and incredibly proud that we now have a team on site that sees itself as a family and works every day full of motivation and passion on our joint project. The Ugandan team was in constant contact with the two founders during their absence. In this way, all work steps could be coordinated and everything continued to run smoothly. Thank you, team! :)

HOME VISIT & RESETTLEMENT

Another great success story is the return of some of our beneficiaries to their families. Over the past few years, our team has always been in contact with the families or relatives of the boys.



Our goal is to talk about problems together, to overcome them and thus to strengthen the family relationship again. When our team is of the opinion that the relationship is strong enough and social circumstances allow it, the young people are returned to their families. Thus, four young people are now living in their family environment again. We will continue to support them there too, counsel where needed and engage them in educational programs and schools.

We are very happy that we were able to take in three new boys at the end of September. They had no problems integrating into the group at the St. Elisabeth Rehabilitation Center and are already growing together with the other children into a real family.



LOCKDOWN SITUATION

The new beneficiaries too should be able to get access to education as soon as possible. Although the lockdown and restrictions in Uganda have been eased, schools are still closed. The current status is that the elementary and secondary schools should open again from January. The professional colleagues / business schools open in November. Then all children and young people living in the rehabilitation center and the ones living in the communities should be able to return to school through the support of CCU.



WORKING WITH OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY

One of our main goals is to include and support the community around our rehabilitation center (located in Panyikworo, Bungatira) in our work.

At the start of this collaboration, we sat down with around 50 people from the village community. The team introduced itself and our work, same did the people. After this exchange, we held a workshop with the youth from the community to make liquid soap. This and other skills training will now take place on a regular base. We want to give people the opportunity to learn a skill with which they can later earn their own money.

In addition to the skills training, there is now a new soccer project in Bungatira. Our soccer coach Brian offers professional soccer training for two hours three times a week. This offer is taken up with great pleasure. Usually there are 20-25 participants per training.

The youth from Bungatira also have the opportunity to practice their traditional dances in our center. We bought all the materials for this, such as drums, wooden axes and clothing. Traditional dance brings the community together and helps to switch off from the often difficult everyday life. If people want to talk about their problems, they can do so with our team members. They always have an open ear and are available to advise. Especially after the skills training and sports activities, the young people are open to psychosocial counseling.



VISITORS IN UGANDA

At the beginning of October we had two volunteers in Uganda who visited our project for two weeks. Our board member Matthias Engel is in Uganda from October to mid-November and during this time works together with our Ugandan team on site. In this way we can connect our ways of working more and more and our Ugandan and German team is growing closer together. We are grateful about him being with us and for all the support.



WHAT'S NEXT

Not only are the workshops and activities being expanded, our rehabilitation center is also expanding in terms of space. In the meantime, our skill training hall has been built and painted. Only the inventory is still missing.

Further skills training courses will soon be able to take place there. Another sewing project is planned for young women / mothers from the community, handicraft courses and a basic workshop on using computers.

We are grateful for your support, which makes all of this possible!

Be blessed and see you soon,

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