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Moving insights from Momella and the Maasai land

Even though we move forward every day, we like to look back... because the steps of the last few months are the building blocks for tomorrow.

And what better way to take you along on this journey than with moving images from the projects. Thanks to the videos that Christoph Franke recorded during his three-month stay in Momella, you can be part of it. Snapshots of six important projects straight to your home. Simply click on the link and enter our world here.



Let yourself be carried away...

... and Merry Christmas with our Africa Amini Christmas tree from our southern homeland!

All the best Cornelia & Christine



KILIMO AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL: LEARNING, PLANTING, HARVESTING...



Our first maize harvest at Kilimo Secondary School. We started teaching at this school for regenerative agriculture in January. We planted for the first time in March. In the beginning, we were denied water. Plants that are not sprayed with chemicals cannot survive, so it is also a waste of water to send the precious irrigation water there. Intervention of the principal, negotiation: Give us a chance to show that it can be done. We will use less water, keep the moisture with the help of cover plants, but we can't do without it completely. A compromise is found. Curious neighboring farmers observe how our students can use new methods to keep pests away from the plants. The joy is all the greater when we are able to harvest the first crop at the end of August. And it works!

And this is just the beginning. In January, we will be taking on the next 40 pupils, who will be taught regenerative agriculture and secondary education. We are at the beginning. At the beginning of a new school, a pilot project in the form of a secondary school with integrative vocational training and regenerative agriculture, an education that has never existed in this Maasai region before. And we are aware of the importance for the health of the soil, the change in the microclimate and the health of the people.

Movie Kilimo Secondary School: https://youtu.be/VHoEB_ad3jw



LENDROIYA PRIMARY SCHOOL: THESE CHILDREN COME FROM THE POOREST FARMERS



Just three years ago, the school in Lendoyia was one of the most neglected elementary school in our area. Run by the state as a Swaheli school, we sometimes brought food to the children so that they didn't have to go home at lunchtime for lack of food. Because even there, in their families, there is often a lack of the most basic necessities. A motivated parents' committee, state teachers who are willing to learn English and inquisitive children. We help with food, additional teachers, school books, new classrooms... and the children start to speak English.

After Africa Amini pledged its support, the school was re-registered as an English Medium and after a few years these children will also have the opportunity to complete the state examinations with good grades. This will open the door for them to attend one of our secondary schools. And most importantly: with full bellies, learning is now much more fun and engaging.

Movie Lendoyia School: <https://youtu.be/IYlaeDfDYV8>



AFRICA AMINI TOURISM SCHOOL IN COOKING FEVER



Ten years ago, they were still shy children in the Montessori class. Today they cook in the school kitchen full of enthusiasm and self-confidence: our secondary school pupils from the Africa Amini Tourism Secondary School. An insight into a world full of creativity, joie de vivre, creativity and hope. After two years of intensive lessons, these Maasai children are no longer children. Soon they will be fully-fledged partners, ready to stand their ground (or wife) on an equal footing in the job market. We are particularly proud of our girls, who are standing on their own two feet in life instead of being at the mercy of some Maasai women who have to deal with eight cows. The joy of this new generation is infectious and the food makes you want to get on the plane and try it for yourself. Anything is possible... we're only 8 hours away by plane!

Movie Africa Amini Secondary School: <https://youtu.be/V0wzzOiXB9A>

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MUKURU SCHOOL: A NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BY AFRICA AMINI HELPS 250 MAASAI CHILDREN



Be part of a traditional Maasai festival once in your life. This film invites you to immerse yourself in the world of the Maasai, learn about their traditions and experience the joy of seeing their children receive an education in the future. For many years, Mukuru Primary School was the worst and most neglected school in the district. However, the Maasai in particular need help to find solutions to their cultural problems in the upcoming generation: Overgrazing, female circumcision, lack of future prospects.

A celebration of hope in one of our most remote schools, where over 250 children now also receive a good English education. And above all: a hot meal a day!

Movie Mukuru Opening: <https://youtu.be/sFBiYs76DBg>



AFRICA AMINI HEALING CLINIC: WE CARE ABOUT OUR PATIENTS



Sometimes the only thing that helps is to let go and trust. We have held on to our vision of helping people here preventively and in various medical emergencies. After the hospital was handed over, opportunities arose and now our clinic and the many people seeking help are once again the focus of our projects. The Africa Amini Natural Healing Clinic at the foot of Mount Meru.

Whether in the eye clinic, gynecological prevention, dental treatment, wound healing, naturopathy or physiotherapy: the focus is on people with all their worries and problems and they are listened to. And for all those who don't have the courage to come, we set out to do educational work in the villages and schools. And the cooperation with our former hospital for operations, birth packages and cataract eye surgery is also part of a positive development.

One of our main focuses in recent months has been women's health. We have already been able to help many women with numerous gynecological examinations and pap smears!

In cooperation with the former hospital and in the presence of the Herzog family, we were once again able to carry out cataract operations and outreaches in numerous communities to clarify eye diseases this October.

Movie Healing Clinic: https://youtu.be/MPP_KK1c_S0

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**WORSEG VISION CHILDREN CELEBRATE THEIR GRADUATION.
WE ARE HAPPY FOR THEM.**



We have made it! What joy for the pupils in the seventh year of primary school and what pride in the eyes of their parents. They have passed their final exams and will soon be able to continue their school career at one of our secondary schools. But today we are not thinking about the future. We are celebrating! And each schoolchild receives a small wood-burning stove as a gift. They thank their sponsors from the bottom of their hearts. Without their financial support, this English-language school education would not have been possible. We make room for the many children who will be waiting for a school place next year.

Movie Worseg Vision: <https://youtu.be/NTNTFYxKxTU>



A BIG CONTRIBUTION OF OUR VOLUNTEERS

In this end-of-year newsletter, however, I don't just want to report on our children. From September to December, we were delighted to welcome many volunteers. Up to eleven hard-working helpers were present at any one time during this period and brought a valuable dynamic to Momella and Maasailand.

Xaver, our community service volunteer, will fortunately be with us for a while longer. It's unbelievable how he became part of the big family in just a few days and whenever I met someone and asked about Xaver, a big smile came back. Not only loved by everyone, but also „exploited“ by everyone (I'm not excluding myself here), he is always actively involved not only in the Fundi Center, but also in German lessons and writing project descriptions. He also has a permanent place in the Africa Amini soccer team!

In the Kindervilla, Rosa, Jonathan and Sophia, as Kaka (brother) and Dadas (sisters), were the daily contacts for our Kindervilla Kids in the afternoons and weekends. Excursions, playing table tennis with our new table tennis table, soccer, haircuts, cooking... With volunteers from afar, even normal everyday life becomes a special experience.

Without Dr. Ursula's commitment to Sakita, this boy would probably no longer be with us. With his type I diabetes, she has accompanied him for years via WhatsApp and sensor. So we were all the more pleased that she was back with us live for a few weeks this time. Her enthusiasm was contagious: we organized first aid courses in ALL of our schools and provided first aid kits for emergencies.

As a dentist, Dr. Selina has often helped to find children who needed dental treatment in parallel to these seminars in all the schools. Many of them were then brought from the schools to our clinic to receive the necessary treatment. Another important task of the dental team was to educate the children at school about proper dental care.

Our physio team received loving support from Nina. For three months, she not only helped with the weekly yoga sessions, but also looked after the patients. There was never a dull moment at the weekends either: fermenting sauerkraut, learning to carry plates, first aid courses at the tourism school.

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Sometimes it only takes a few hours to feel at home again in Momella. Welcome to Africa, dear Lena, Karibu Lena it said. Our hearts sank when Lena moved into the small room in the children's villa for 3 weeks (it was the only free room and Lena wanted to live as close to the children as possible). Just in time for contract preparation, she helped prepare 280 contracts and was still smiling with the children in the evenings after this mammoth task.

I still remember my first conversation with Jürgen before I went to Momella. Where could I help you as a technician? With a children's electrical construction kit... and he started our first electrician course at the vocational school. With a lot of patience, he was like a father figure for some of our trainees during those two months, which is often missing in their lives.

Mathias from Kick for Life was not only a soccer star this time, but also helped a family in Sinai to have a roof over their heads again by financing a house. Just in time for Christmas!

Meanwhile, in faraway Maasailand, two teachers, Miriam and Franziska, were teaching the Simba Vision team. This school in deepest Maasailand has never had volunteers who also stay overnight. A first attempt. A complete success! Suddenly there were movie nights and group work in the classes. A little anecdote that made me smile. Here, in the patriarchal social structure of the Maasai, these two young female teachers came from Austria and experienced how the morning tea and lunch were served daily in the staff room by the female teachers for the whole team. There were heated discussions, which ended with a vote on whether the male teachers should or should be allowed to take turns with their female colleagues in serving the food. The vote was anonymous and since mid-November, Simba Vision is probably the first school in Tanzania where teachers serve tea. Small steps with a big impact. Because these teachers are role models for the next generation they teach.

Many thanks to all those who have achieved so much for the children here despite African waiting times (for a car, for someone who was not quite on time according to African time)!

But now a few pictures from this eventful everyday life...

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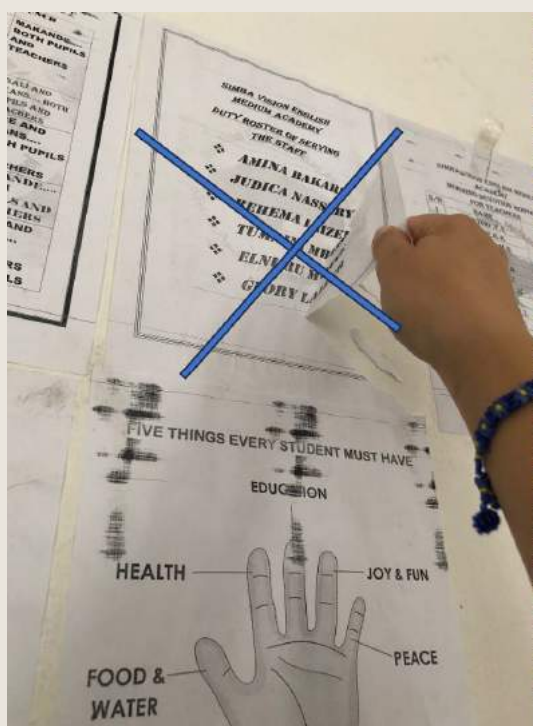
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I would also like to mention the sponsorship trip of Mrs. Reinhild Wendl, during which the guests were also able to celebrate the handover of certificates to the seamstresses. In addition, our first AAA trip under the motto „Tanzania through the eyes of our children“. A colorful group of adventurous sponsors, supporters and guests immersed themselves in everyday life. Whether it was shopping and distributing the goats, having dinner with the Kindervilla kids, handing over school reports or interacting with the children in the Montessori class. We all had a lot of fun together and many moving shared experiences. The next trip in March is already fully booked, [but next year, same place, same time, there are still places available!](#)



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A new era of gender equality in Maasailand!

And those who feel weak and tired after a busy year... The Oxo Clinic soccer team won the first place trophy at this year's 2023 Africa Amini Football Cup. Team captain Dr. Baraka can pass on some of his joy and vitality!



We wish you a powerful start to the New Year!

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