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AAA Meeting with Christine

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This picture doesn't need any explanation. It contains many things: a new beginning, confidence, joy, hope, relief, being deeply touched in your heart. Yes, all this goes hand in hand with the birth of a child and here in the picture even with a twin-birth. Feelings that our team here in Momella experiences again and again. In the presence of the supportive people who come to visit us, we encounter these touching experiences. Within Africa Amini Alama we had not only a twin birth during the last months, but it was the new beginning for many small and big projects.

OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE MOTHER-CHILD UNIT

The opening of the mother-child unit together with the Kucera-Sliutz family was probably the most memorable new beginning this summer. Long awaited, highly longed for and finally built so quickly. In July, the new maternity ward was officially opened and now women from all surrounding villages come to give birth to their children safely. Thanks to the help of Kerstin Jones, Franziska Fery and Nicole Einwaller, who brought in their knowledge as midwives, many Tanzanian birth processes could be brought into alignment with European standards. „But are we still following the Tanzanian rules? Will we have problems with the government?“ Each new beginning is also not always easy, but with technical support from the gynecological side, such as from Dr. Elisabeth Kucera-Sliutz and the fantastic teaching programs of Dr. Ulrike from the neonatological side, we will soon become a pilot project here in Momella. A center where women not only give birth to their children, but also experience respect, security and loving treatment.

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OUTREACH PROGRAMS IN REMOTE AREAS

Our outreach programs are also gaining importance. We are now invited to a different village every Wednesday. Up to 120 patients gather in front of the community building or in church to be examined and educated by our hospital team (nurse, health care worker, laboratory assistant, doctor and optometrist). It is about creating trust, filtering out the acute cases and linking them to our hospital.



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NEW SURGICAL OPERATION PROCEDURES

There is also a successful step to report in our surgical department. A new surgical technique was introduced at our hospital:

Our general surgeon Dr. Kombo was trained in Lübeck by Dr. Robert Keller in minimally invasive surgery for three weeks and then accompanied by him here in Momella for another two weeks. We operated patients from remote areas and after the 13th gall operation, during which Dr. Robert only had to look over the shoulder of our surgeon, it was quite clear to all of us. The project will continue. Dr. Kombo is now allowed to perform laparoscopic surgery on patients with certain indications. Only two other hospitals in northern Tanzania can do this.



Shortly afterwards, the first cleft lip and palate babies were operated in Momella. They can eat and be breast-fed normally again after this operation. Here, too, Dr. Kombo has acquired invaluable specialized knowledge from Dr. Hans Christian Jakobson, a friend and colleague of Dr. Norbert Guldner from Northern Germany, who again helped to build up the team for 6 weeks.



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DIANA WITH NEW DENTAL UNIT

Right next-door Diana is happy about her 4-month-old „baby“ in her small dental empire: the new dental clinic, where she can now also provide root canal treatments and scaling using the brand new dental chair. This is also a rarity for us, as the majority of our other instruments are usually well-functioning, valuable second-hand donations. Thanks to the German Dental Aid Association and „obstetrician“ Dr. Michaela Skrein our „dental baby“ is well and growing daily due to the increasing number of its patients.



SOWAT FILTER MACHINE FOR PURE DRINKING WATER IN OUR HOSPITAL

An inconspicuous birth, with far-reaching effects: our new filter system, sponsored by Sowat and installed with the help of Vöslauer in the entire hospital. In the operating area, the dental clinic, the laboratory and at the outpatient area - pure drinking water has been available since this birth. Our patients in the wards can take it free of charge at any time from special drinking water outlets. A contribution to hygiene and health. Inconspicuous, but for us a big step towards improving quality.



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4 STAR RATING

An evaluation of all that was already born? Where can such a thing be found? Like an APGAR score for our newborns. Here in Tanzania, every hospital unit has been rated with stars by the Ministry for several years. With four out of five maximum stars, we are among the best rated health facilities in the country. We are delighted to be on the right track, with or without stars. What counts are the numerous patients from the poorest social backgrounds who experience security, life-saving surgery and recovery here with us.

ENDELEA CAMPAIGN: CHAIN OF MERCY

For exactly these people, who would otherwise not receive any treatment, we are here and are launching a fundraising campaign that will begin in November: „the chain of mercy“. The website can be reached at endelea.africaamini.com.

You can help patients to get back into the life-process with a life-saving operation: Mothers can be with their children again, fathers can help to support their family again. Children may survive and do not have to be replaced by a new sibling, as was customary until now.

We have the capacity to perform one operation per month for 40 needy people at a cost of

300 Euro each (password: ENDELEA). Please become a part of this chain of mercy.

WORSEG VISION - CLASS 7 IS CELEBRATING GRADUATION

Birth outside the hospital? In Momella it is possible. Because also at our schools, especially the Worseg Vision, there is reason to celebrate. For the first time in the history of the Worseg Vision Academy, the seventh and last grade is graduating. With district authorities We celebrated our 25 graduating students and their parents. Many of them will be transferring to our Pamoja Secondary School. The final results of the state examinations will not be published until the end of October. Until then, we have to wait. But celebrations are already allowed. With a lot of singing, dancing and a joyful heart: the first seven school years have been successfully completed. September 12th, a big day on which our students' hand in their last written examination at this school. All godparents may be proud!

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PAMOJA SECONDARY SCHOOL WITH VALUABLE EXCHANGE

Also, in our Pamoja Secondary School there is always something new to report. This time there were new courses and events. Marcel Milde introduced our kids to the art of Taekwondo in addition to courses in entrepreneurship. Marcial Arts in combination with Maasai Art, an exciting mixture!



Marcel was accompanied by Fabian Vogel, a fantastic photographer, who not only portrayed our projects and our team sensitively, but also touchingly captured children and remarkable people from Meru- and Maasailand in his pictures.

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A highlight for the Pamoja School this summer was certainly the joint event where the United World College from Arusha and Moshi spent the weekend with our students. Students from 47 countries met at our school, stayed overnight, danced, celebrated around the campfire, shared the common boarding school building, helped plant new trees and build the new high school unit. An unforgettable event with 240 students!



The construction of the new boarding unit started this weekend. But more about it in our next newsletter.



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THE BIRTH OF ARTISTIC TALENTS

Our students have been busy being artsy again during the last months. Hobbies are being developed here, which are especially beneficial for those children who have never been allowed to express themselves within their families. During these hours they can let their creativity run freely. Real pieces of art are being created! Whether it's handcrafting the bracelets for your godparents (if you haven't received any by mail as a godparent yet, please contact Johanna), or designing your own environmentally friendly cloth bags in the children's villa or taking part in a painting course with Norbert Guldner at Pamoja.



Creativity not only through painting and handicrafts. Our helpers in the Kindervilla, came up with new ideas every weekend: Our kids had a lot of fun with dance teacher Ali, who rehearsed dances with them, taught them how to juggle and how to do reverse somersaults, as well as with an up-and-coming video expert, who taught the children how to fly drones.



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Lena, Julia, Julia in the Orphanage, Luki in the Computer School und Johanna in Fundi Center daily come up with new creative ideas for the children. A strong team!



CONTAINER YOUTH CLUB OPENED OFFICIALLY

Our kids in the children's villa were also allowed to take part in giving birth. The new container house was opened, in which the older children can now do their homework in a peaceful atmosphere, or have a quiet time reading or chatting with their peers. The Kindervilla Container Youth Club!



AFRICA AMINI ALAMA - INTERNATIONAL NGO IN TANZANIA

If I were to write now, Africa Amini Alama has also been reborn. Who would believe us? And yet it is true. After a sudden change of law, all organizations that were run under limited by guarantee and charitable had to take on a new legal form. Submissions, paper jungle and after 2 months of work: a new „birth certificate“ and the official status of an international NGO in Tanzania. There is no consequence to this change. It was a good opportunity to explore our administrative skills and demonstrate our patience with local authorities.

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FRIENDS OF AFRICA AMINI ALAMA USA

A registration with really far-reaching consequences should not go unmentioned here - the official registration as an independent aid organisation in the USA with 501 C3 deductibility status. Friends of Africa Amini Alama is the name of our new association.

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We were therefore all more than delighted that Denise Brown, founding member of the new association, spent time here on-site on the project.



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A NEW RESTAURANT AREA HAS OPENED AT MAASAI LODGE

With a warm karibu sana to visit our Maasai Lodge. With the new restaurant area and two more Bomas, the lodge has created new living-areas that offer our guests additional energetic places to linger and explore. After the successful Kili-Karibu fair, we opened these at the beginning of the season in June of this year.



A highlight in the lodge this September was the wedding of Franko and Bernadette. The blessing of the maasai elders was joined by a multitude of maasai that celebrated with them and their guests. The maasai lodge is inviting people from abroad to celebrate important life events and strengthen them with the blessing of the maasai.



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AT THE END ...

There were countless births in our Mother Child unit, lots of symbolic births for Africa Amini Alama and many birth attendants who accompanied these projects. We see again and again how people who get involved and contribute are touched by these authentic experiences and experience something within themselves that feels like a birth of a new spirit deep within. These are experiences that you don't forget easily and that enable you to get out of your everyday life to enrich it. To be privileged to participate in such a place fulfills me with joy and gratitude!



Every birth is a gift from God!

Cornelia Wallner-Frisee
Momella, September 2019

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