

Change in our administration

We are grateful for our previous, valued administrative staff member Carl-Emmanuel Fischer and are blessed that our administrative work is currently being carried out by students from SMD Kassel (Student Mission in Germany). In his place Mirjam Scharr will now continue the tasks. We wish him God's blessing for his future and look forward to another new good cooperation.

"With great regret, I will resign from my position as administrative assistant in the association. I was always very happy and motivated when it came to helping people in need in Rwanda. Even if my practical work was only indirectly related to the implementation on the ground, I could still feel how my administrative work contributed to positive results in Rwanda. Although I am moving to Münster because of my studies, I would like to stay with the association as a friend and donor and wish all the staff and especially the board all the best and God's blessing for all future projects to be tackled. I also wish Mirjam Scharr much strength and God's blessing for the continuation of my activities. - Carl-Emmanuel Fischer

"As the successor to Carl-Emmanuel Fischer, I would like to introduce myself briefly: My name is Mirjam Scharr, born and raised in Pforzheim. Last year I moved to Kassel for my master studies in "Social Law and Economics". Already as a child I decided for the faith in Jesus Christ and I like to carry it to my fellow men. In my former home church I had already been involved in refugee work among children and young people and was able to experience that the healing and reconciliation ministry is an important support for traumatized people. Now I am looking forward to being involved in the work as an administrator. I look forward to our collaboration together. Best regards and God's blessing" - Mirjam Scharr



Mirjam Scharr

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„ When the people saw the sign that he had done, they said:
“This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!” (Johannes 6:14)“

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Newsletter

Foreword

In this newsletter, we will focus on three new projects that Matthias Schaffrath visited on his trip to Rwanda in May 2021, on behalf of the association, and actively worked on the development on site. Based on his journey, these projects, which are particularly close to his and our association's heart, will be presented. In this sense, the current foreword also comes from Matthias Schaffrath:

Dear friends,

A trip to Rwanda is always a change of focus when you come from Germany, but what about in our everyday life? Do we still see the wonders around us in front of Corona? What are we focused on? On the problems or on the miracles of God? In John 6:1-14 we read about the miracle of the feeding of the five thousand, but do we also see the other three miracles? Many of the widows of Iriba Shalom in Mukoma see and experience the daily miracles and can only give thanks.

Matthias Schaffrath,
Friend of Iriba Shalom and engineer on behalf of our association

"With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation." (Isaiah 12:3)

A prosthesis for Consolée

Consolée Rukundo was a toddler when her parents and siblings, uncles, aunts, grandparents, were murdered during the Shangi genocide and her arm was cut off. "Incredible to see this young woman lovingly visit old widows or visit with me at the Memorial where all her relatives were murdered. The story is moving - her warmth even more so. During all our visits she showed how much love she has for the victims of the genocide, although she herself has experienced so much suffering." (Matthias Schaffrath). Consolée was Teakwondo Africa and World Champion. She passes on her courage and passion to Iriba Shalom Rwanda and its members.



Consolée Rukundo, May 2021

Consolée has a heart for those affected but needs help herself in the form of a prosthesis. Through an electric prosthesis, she would like not only to be able to shape her own everyday life, but also to help widows and young people and give them courage with her story. For the myo-electric prosthesis, instead of the 45,000€ it would cost in Germany, only a total of about 20,000 € is needed by manufacturing it in Kenya (including about 4,000 € travel and accommodation costs for the 4-week fitting in Nairobi). We ask for your donations. The current donation status and further information can be found at:

www.iriba-shalom-international.org/consolee



Consolée with a widow in Mukoma

A future retirement home in Mukoma

The visits to the widows have shown how urgently a center is needed where these traumatized widows, who can no longer care for themselves, can be cared for with dignity. We must accompany them in the last meters of their earthly life so that they do not die in sorrow. Look at the pictures...

Martha, who is so cheerful and grateful to God, even though she has not been able to move out of bed since the genocide against the Tutsi, when her family was murdered and many bones were broken. This strong and happy senior is just one example of many seniors at Iriba Shalom Rwanda. We were miraculously blessed to acquire land above the center of Iriba Shalom in Mukoma. The view from the planned meeting room goes directly to the beloved Lake Kivu.



Consolée and Flora visiting Martha (middle) at home



View from the plot to Lake Kivu

Safety, security, care, but also the well-being elements have a high priority for us. Based on the plans that Matthias Schaffrath drew on site, we would like to start soon and realize the retirement home. For this we need your support! If this project is particularly close to your heart, please indicate the word "senior citizens' home" in the purpose of use.



The new plot for the retirement home

A Boysmemorial for the memorial in Mukoma



The Memorialplace today

This is a place of horror!

Over 73 boys (babies and toddlers) were murdered here within a few hours. Often their mothers were forced to slaughter their own children. Take a look at the place where we commemorate the dead with the affected widows and how desolate it looks! We would like to create a place of meditation, prayer, remembrance but also of testimony at this place. Here, affected widows should be able to report how they have experienced the process of inner healing and can pass on forgiveness.

High government officials up to ministers were positively surprised what this kind of memorial can mean. It could become a model for many. No matter what possibilities arise, Matthias Schaffrath in conjunction with Iriba Shalom would like to realize this memorial as a sign of sympathy locally. With this we set a sign of hope as you can hardly imagine.

If you want to be part of this project, please contact us or donate with the word "Boysmemorial" in the purpose of use.



Mothers remembering their boys at the memorial

Health insurance

Not a new project, but a constant and particularly important one, is our sponsored health insurance for needy families.

Especially in times of Corona, a good health insurance is of high value. But at the same time many families have lost the income sources to pay the costs of about 5€ per year for an insured person. For us 5€ are little, but in Rwanda these 5€ can mean the adequate treatment in case of illness for a whole year! With your contribution you enable us to distribute as many health insurance policies as possible and give a lot of security with only a small donation. Just use the word "health insurance" in the purpose of your donation.