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“For just as we have many members in one body and all the members do not have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.”

Romans 12:4-5

Dear friends and partners,

Thank you for your patience waiting for this report. This last month many people have received training and learned new skills in different areas. We are thankful for the spirit of unity and the willingness to serve and to share even in sometimes difficult circumstances. Please find below a summary of the different activities of the German team.



It was a busy time in the guesthouse and at the same time a place to fellowship and retreat after a day of hard work.

Ann Christin, studying to be a baker, came to help in the kitchen and to assist her mother with the sewing course.

Practical trainings— hygiene and cleaning



Hannelore trained cleaning personnel both in the new office building in Niamey, at the clinic in Kollo and at the Guest House. Her teaching on hygiene was very practical with illustrations and people understood the importance of cleaning. Everybody got new cleaning supplies and learned how to use them.

Maintenance and repairs training by different engineers



One of their first tasks was to move the tool container from the old office to the new building. The operation was successful.



In extreme heat and dust Gunther, Rainer and David worked in Kollo at the Clinic together with local handy men to put up a shelter for the containers used as storage and a repair place.



Carpenting and welding

Martin and Mahamadou used the pallets that come in the containers to make benches that will be used in different places. At the same time, he used his welding skills on the shelter in Kollo.



Car repairs and maintenance



Jan and Marcus, the twin brothers who are also both engineers in car mechanic, repaired some old and broken cars. They trained two drivers and two mechanics on car maintenance in Niamey and Kollo. They developed a log for all the drivers and mechanics to follow up even after they are gone. Sometimes they also helped out in other areas of work.



Well drilling



Women in Pepichanga were walking 6 km every day to get a bucket of dirty water (see picture of that water in the blue bucket on the left). They were the most interested to check daily on the development of this well. In a joint effort Liviu, the local well drilling team and the villagers worked hard for a whole week before they saw water coming out. They had to drill through more than 50 m of rock, which made the process difficult and long.

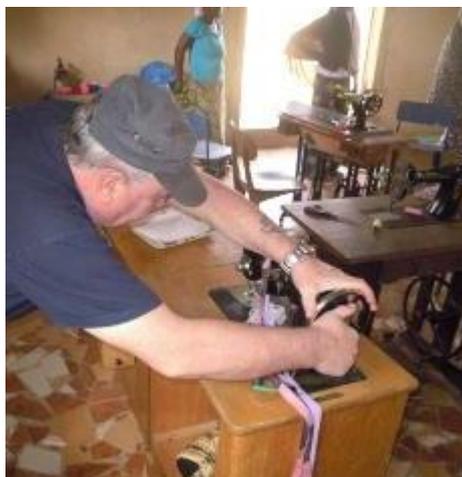


Sewing, machine repairs and literacy

Anette taught trainers who will teach others in different sewing centers in Niamey, Sarando, Maradi and Madoua. They were able to learn how to make different styles of bags and pillowcases to generate income for their centers. The woodabe women were encouraged to make quality embroideries that can be used as decoration on the bags and at the same time promote their craft and help their families.



Christian, a professional in sewing machine repair, trained the women how to service and repair. He was able to check and repair all the machines that arrived in the last container and made them ready for use in the different centers. The newly started gourmanche center in Niamey received two sewing machines and training.



Many women in these sewing centers are illiterate. Two women, one from Maradi and one from Madaoua, received initial training by Anne-Lise from Norway, so they will be able to teach others to read and write.



Praise report

- It is a big answer to prayer that the Kollo clinic has received an ambulance. We are grateful to Humedica for giving and shipping this to Niger.
- For the safety, good health and accomplishment of most of the planned activities for the whole team visiting.
- For peace and stability in the country.



Prayer requests

- For those who attended the different trainings that they will make use of their new skills and train others
- For equipment and trained personnel for the TV-station.
- As the Lord is opening doors we are in urgent need of more long term and short term trainers and workers in the different areas of ministry as administration, finances, logistics and church work (youth and children work)
- For the future plans, development and funding for the clinic in Kollo

We would like to thank all the partners of HIS for your faithful support and for your persistence in prayer.

Together we can share the Love of God in Niger!

May God continue to bless you!

Hosanna team in Niger



Marriage ceremony of Tanja and Jean in the Hosanna Niamey church!



".....May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Romans 15:5-6