



# HOSANNA INSTITUTE OF THE SAHEL

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*"And we know that God causes ALL things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose."* *Rom. 8:28*

## Dear friends and partners,

In spite of many difficulties and various challenges, the Lord has proven to give us again new strength and courage to go on. We know all this is only possible because of His unchanging love towards all of us and because of your willingness to help.

One of the highlights this month was the celebration at the clinic in Kollo!

## Kollo clinic

Several years ago, driving up to Kollo all there was to see at the entrance of the city were vast sandy lands. Through a common desire to help the population, Hosanna and Humedica decided to build a clinic to help the most needy women and children in this area of Niger. After the government's approval for construction, the clinic was build and inaugurated in 2009, opening its doors for the population.

Since then more partners like: Operation Blessing International, Helfende Hände, Alpensolar, the German government, USAID, Hands of Hope, several teams and individuals and the clinic staff have contributed to the success of this clinic. Over the period of 5 years there were 58 963 medical consultations, 63 322 laboratory tests and 860 birth at the maternity. **At this time everybody agreed it is time to celebrate and be thankful!**



## Fifth year anniversary

With the participation of local authorities, the Hosanna multi-ethnic choir and the clinic staff, this anniversary turned out to be a joyful and thankful celebration of all the work that has been accomplished over the past five years. We are thankful today that the clinic can provide services as maternity, laboratory, ambulance, consultations and excellent medical treatments. The local authorities expressed their gratitude for the existing clinic and the quality of services. They especially mentioned how the people from far and near feel welcomed and that they receive good treatment.



To honor the authorities, the visitors and the staff, food was certainly a part of the celebration!



Led by Miriam - the clinic coordinator, all authorities and visitors could visit the different areas of the clinic. They were especially amazed at the new ambulance and its equipment that came from Humedica, Germany.

## Agriculture and Food banks



Dry season gardening is an approach to supply the Niger population with fresh product during this challenging season. Hosanna and its partners are encouraging women who are willing to do agriculture, with seeds and support to be able to grow these products and help their families with food. The plants have to be regularly watered. Water is a high commodity in Niger, it is still not available in many places.



Over the years Hosanna and its partners; Operation Blessing International, Alpensolar and Helfende Hände have been able to establish 54 food banks in rural areas for people to have access to grains during the dry season. This year, because of lack of rain in several places in Niger, people appreciate the food banks that are opening this time to help the population with grains.

## Halima



Before giving birth to twins in 2004, **Halima**, a touareg lady from Agadez living in Niamey, accepted Jesus as her Lord. After this decision, her husband divorced her and she was left responsible to raise her children. Through the generous support and prayers of partners and friends, the children were able to go to school and Halima was encouraged to learn to trust the Lord. During difficult times of persecution, Halima was willing to reach out and teach Hygiene, Nutrition and the Bible to the Woodabe women in the Hosanna church. This service was very much appreciated. Recently Halima found a well paying job with an US organization that works in the desert that helps women and children. Halima now is a leader and able to reach out to her own people, in her home town and surrounding area. Please continue to pray for her.

## Praise report

- We are grateful for faithful partners and friends that share the same vision for the people of Niger
- New believers in the Hosanna church in Niamey
- Progress with the lessons on sewing patterns in the Maradi sewing center, and with Razac in Niamey.
- Informative workshop with Meredith from Belgium for further development of the clinic in Kollo and capacity building for HIS Niger (see picture on the right)



## Prayer requests

- For more partners to support the operating cost and the further development of the clinic. The plans are for the clinic to be specialized in mother and child care.
  - Paramedic trainer for the new ambulance
- Partners and trainers for the media department
- For long and short term workers who are able to train and help build local capacity for advancing the work in Niger
- For funding of a good location for the Hosanna church center in Niamey



**We are thankful to God and all of you for everything that could be accomplished so far to reach out and touch the people of Niger with His love.**

**May God continue to bless and keep you!**

The Hosanna team in Niger

***“Yet those who wait for the LORD Will gain new strength; They will mount up with wings like eagles, They will run and not get tired, They will walk and not become weary. “ Is. 40:31***



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