

# Müllstadtkinder Kairo e.V.: 10 years of work for children in the garbage areas of Cairo

In the winter of 2003 everything started: A group of people from the Marktoberdorfer St. John- Church traveled to the orphanage "The Good Samaritan" in Moqqatam Cairo. They give children, who came from the garbage areas of Cairo, a new home. Six



The playground we built up in the orphanage 2003/2004

orphans were "adopted" a large room get ready, fully prepared and equipped - and a great playground was built - even with a flower and tree garden. Later a daycare center was established, that we also subsidized.

Year after year, the work grew and new fields were discovered and developed. To coordinate all this, we had to employ an own manager and social

worker, who coordinates and controls the work by himself and is continuous communication with the board in Germany.



Ehab Ezzat our first manager explaining to a group of German the situation in the garbage area on "15 of May"



Refka Atta, she has to do a lot of work by phone

Lucky circumstances brought us to a relationship with a Christian Education Association in Cairo, called "Living Water", a good and reliable partner.



Karin Schmidt a German lady visiting her godchild Yasmin in 15. of May

Always new sponsorships could be built up - some of these children were already even in their guest families in Germany or the godparents came to visit them in Cairo. 20 Euro per month are often enough to open a child a new and better perspective.

From 2006, our association "Müllstadtkinder Kairo e.V. engaged in a small but very poor garbage area south of

Cairo called: "15 May", it is named after the satellite town beside. The construction of a youth- and education center was co-financed and we take over the complete payment for the teachers coming to this place to give the children lessons in English, Math and Arabic, to open them better conditions for their future.



Christian kid playing in the garbage



Some houses in "15. of May", with garbage workers



Private lessons in the new education room

For recreation we finance for the children of the garbage area each year a Christian Conference in Alexandria for one week, also we arrange trips in the area, with a great leisure program, having fun and good human encounters. Many of our volunteer members are working engaged in these projects.



Holydays with six godchildren in the oasis Bahreya, together with our manager Refka and Corinna



Bed in the garbage area of 15. of Mai

work animals for families who could not afford the price. In some cases, we even paid the building of a "house", when the breadwinner failed and the family would have to live in unacceptable conditions.

In addition we finance operations and buy prostheses for destitute residents. Beds, blankets, clothes, goats, and if necessary also foods we provide for the most needy people. The association bought donkeys as



We could change it...

A new prostheses for this father, now he can work again



A donkey for a family, who just settled down in this area before some days



The crane brought the Container on its place in April 2013

Our last and biggest project - finished April 2013 - was a first-aid container, that we could produce in western standard, and which is today the only medical center is in the whole garbage area, where people receive help in case of illness. A nurse is available around the clock. Doctors are coming as needed.



Inside the clinic



Dr. Kerstin Luhmann working in our clinic-container

Finally, we were able to buy the long-awaited car for our association which we urgently needed for the work ... even if it is only a Lada!

A new goal for this anniversary year is a playground inside the garbage area of "15 of Mai" where 800 children live

without any equipment. As far stacked up garbage bags are used by the children as slides - a game with a high risk of injury and full of pathogens.

Also we got since Nov. 2013 a new manager:



Mr. George Boshra



Our German pastor and his wife with Frank and our manager



In the moment the children are paying just in the garbage and use the bags as a slide

190 000 €, our association could provide in those 10 years for aids to fund all, what is described here. Not less than € 7,000 we need for current, non-discretionary expenditures. We are only a small association, with a lot of very dedicated volunteers! So we are happy about everyone who is helping us by praying, by donations or by working with us in the garbage areas of Cairo! These kids are worth to invest ourselves - we will give them a future!



Sosanna and her brother saying goodbye at the last day before we have to leave