

REPORT ON GERMANY VISIT

Twenty year celebration of Thika Kenya Hilfe at St. Marien parish

It all started on 27th of June 2019, when the four Dominican missionary sisters left Kenya for Deutschland visit. These were Sr. Catherine Mulee working at Emmanuel Centre, Sr. Martha Chilambo incarge of St. James primary school, Sr.Sellah Ireri working in Tati and Sr. Bernadette Mwita incarge of St. Mulumba Hospital. What an excitement! This was my first time in this part of the world and I was full expectations. Oh, I expected to see snowman and I dressed myself properly with a full neck, heavy jersey, small blanket and I wore socks and closed shoe to face cold weather of Germany as I had imagined. What a surprise! Upon arrival on 28th morning hours, we were greeted by hot temperature which was above 38 degrees. In my heart I smiled and I knew good things were on my way. The welcome we received at the airport was just an extra ordinary. Thank you! Danke, to Dr. Paul Festl, Mr. Horse and the Geschwister-scholl-Realschule for the warm and hearty welcome we received, the smiling faces and the gift of the beautiful flowers once more thank you.



The journey to our beautiful home prepared by Dr. Paul together with his wife Monica and Elizabeth commenced. Upon arrival we were heartily welcomed with nice cake prepared for us and a cup of coffee or tea as you like it and immediately we felt at home.

We had a beautiful program prepared by Dr. Paul Festl. Thank you to St. Marien parish for the 20 Jahre Thika-Kenia-Hilfe and beautiful celebrations which we had with Christians. It is with grateful hearts that we remain to our dear brothers and sisters in Germany, our donors and friends. Our

prayers are with you always that the Lord may bless you in abundance that you may continue serving him. We felt very encouraged with a realization that we are not alone in our mission in Kenya which you have generously supported for 20 years and your willingness to continue supporting us.



Our various projects in Kenya were displayed on the parish walls and each project was well represented. It was very informative and this gave clear message to the parishioners and visitors on our various projects. We thank Dr Paul and team for all the preparations making pictures for display, cooking for us various tasty German dishes. Long live Dr Paul! you are great and wonderful in all you do for us may the Lord reward you abundantly for we cannot thank you enough.

We had great moments with the Prioress General S. Kamfwa Mutale and the Congregational Secretary Sr. Maureen Lombe who joined us from England. Moreover we had the Regional superior for Germany Sr. Astrid Hermes and the four junior sisters in strahfeld; Srs Constance Gwamure from Zimbabwe, Sr. Silen Kabwe from Zambia and Srs Caroline Mumo Muoka and Caroline Nelius Kuria from Kenya who joined us to color the celebration. We rejoiced in procession with our drums and African music on the occasion thanking God for the gift of our donors and friends in Germany who have supported our mission in Kenya for the past 20 years.



During our visit we had an opportunity to meet and have contact with our donors for the purpose of information sharing. We visited various donor agencies and met individual donors as well; In Aachen the Stern singer, Miserior and Missio Aachen. In Munich the Sternstunden, Missio Munich and others.



Every office we knocked was a great blessing to us, with open arms we were received and encouraged to ask for our needs without fear. That was very encouraging for us to hear and therefore we put forth further requests. There was willingness and interest from our donors to hear what we are doing in Kenya in all our projects the achievements as well as challenges. We remain grateful to God for the far He has brought us and for the many avenues He has opened to us through Dr Paul and our late sister Luise. Again we say Danke Danke Thank you.

Long live our donors!!!

With gratitude...Sr.Sellah op.

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