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Herrnhuter Missionshilfe provides Emergency Aid in Zambia



The first cases of cholera were registered in the region around Lusaka in Zambia back in October 2023. There are now more than 10,000 infected people across the country, and the current situation can be categorised as critical. The Moravian Church is also affected by the epidemic. Herrnhuter Missionshilfe has therefore decided to provide emergency aid through the HMH Emergency Aid Fund.

Together with the *i4Life* clinic in Lusaka, with which HMH has also planned the implementation of a nutritional programme, immediate measures are being implemented to improve the situation. In addition to the necessary medical care, the focus is also on preventing the disease. Donations to the HMH Emergency Aid Fund can be made by bank transfer to DE25 5206 0410 0000 4151 03 (keyword: Cholera Emergency Aid Zambia) or [here](#).

Start of the tree project at the "Walani" women's project



Several lorries full of trees and seedlings arrived at the *Atsikana Walani* women's project in Malawi at the beginning of February. Together with the local project team, numerous large planting holes were dug in and around the school grounds. The young women put in a lot of effort and energy, but also had a lot of fun, and the first trees were planted and watered by lunchtime. At the same time, the trainees as well

as the teachers and staff were taught about the importance of trees in adapting to

climate change, their benefits for the environment, for the supply of fruit and also as a source of shadow. The care of the newly planted trees was also explained in detail. Especially in the very barren terrain around the school, where wind, sun and above all heavy rainfall during the rainy season lead to serious soil erosion, trees are essential to protect the soil from erosion and leaching. Many of the seedlings come from one of the two tree nurseries that have been operating in two communities at the Dzaleka refugee camp for almost two years. Over 250 trees and seedlings (of various species) can now grow well during the rainy season and may already bear their first fruit in autumn. All in all, the tree planting campaign was a complete success that will be visible for a long time to come!

Star Mountain holds talks with ten municipalities in the surrounding area



In ten Palestinian towns and villages in the Ramallah and Al Birah districts, talks were recently held with local representatives at the initiative of the *Star Mountain Rehabilitation Center* of the worldwide Moravian Church near Ramallah. The aim of these talks was to cooperate in the implementation of the project *Promoting Inclusive Communities through Good Citizenship*. On behalf of *Star Mountain*, these

discussions were conducted by employees from the Disability Rights Department and the Environment and Development Department. Initial plans were made and concrete agreements have already been reached. The *Star Mountain* has been leading the way for years in asserting the rights of people with disabilities in Palestinian society and is held in high esteem by many sides (children and young people, parents, neighbourhoods, politicians, cooperation partners). Pictures from Beit Liqya near Ramallah [here](#). Pictures of further encounters [here](#). The talks were sponsored by the german *Gesellschaft für internationale Zusammenarbeit* (GIZ).

From professional development and training on the Star Mountain

After years of support in kindergarten and special schools, the *Star Mountain Rehabilitation Center* SMRC in Palestine is constantly faced with the challenge of organising the subsequent professional development of its protégés. In this



context, the Star Mountain recently expressed its thanks and appreciation to the *Reef Restaurant* in Ramallah for Hassan Qindah's training in the kitchen area. Those responsible praised the social responsibility demonstrated by the restaurant, which led to the young man being given a chance on the primary labour market despite his disability. Photos of Hassan

[here](#). Issam Abdelaziz, another youngster, gets his chance at the *Arab-Palestinian shopping centre* in Ramallah, where he works in customer support. Photos of Issam [here](#). The support centre also expressed its thanks and appreciation to this company. The Waldensian Church in Italy, specifically the *Otto per Mille-Fonds*, is covering the costs of this training programme.

From the "Sikonge Mission Hospital" in Tanzania



Mia and Michael Toldam-Korsgård (DK) report from the Moravian Church's *Sikonge Mission Hospital* in Tanzania (Western Province): "Our health seminars are aimed at vulnerable groups. Every month, women from the Moravian Church go with a team from the hospital to remote villages, where they organise a church service with seminar with the aim of providing

information about basic health and rights, especially for children and women. We also had guests from our Danish partner hospital, Holbæk Hospital. From there, 20 doctors, nurses and midwives visited us. They were here for eight days to tell us about themselves and to learn from the local healthcare staff. Another large water tank was built, new pipes were laid to supply water to the collection tanks and foundations were poured for the first water tower, which will bring running water to the operating theatre."

Resolutions and declarations of the 44th Unity Synod 2023 published

The Unity Board Administrator Jørgen Bøytler (DK) recently published the resolutions and declarations of the 44th Unity Synod from 4 to 10 September 2023 in Cape Town after prior consultation with the Synodal Presidium. The 44



synod resolutions and declarations are printed in full in English. At the end there is a list of 30 plus 2 reports from around the world that were submitted to the Synod members and which provide a nice overview of the current situation of the worldwide Moravian Church and its provinces (with statistics!). The resolutions concern structural issues (e.g. five new *Mission*

Provinces or Prospective Mission Areas, new committees), personnel issues (e.g. elections to various committees) and, of course, financial and theological-political issues. Various threats to the unity of the worldwide Moravian Church are also discussed. Several resolutions also deal with matters of mission (e.g. official adoption of the *Unity Mission Agreement* of 2018). Download the resolutions and declarations [here](#).

Organic planting campaign at the "John Monkou School" in Leyldorp, Suriname



The *John-Monkou-School* (400 children) in Leyldorp, a village 18 kilometres south of Paramaribo in the Wanica district, which has come under the umbrella of the Moravian Church's school foundation in Suriname, recently received a visit from employees of the *Tiny Gardens Suriname* from the capital Paramaribo. The foundation is committed to promoting organic agriculture and horticulture.

Its slogans are, for example: "Grow more with less. | Harvest organic vegetables from your own garden. | Gardens and children need the same things: patience, love and someone who never gives up. | Together for a climate-resilient society in Suriname. | We empower ethnic minorities in the climate crisis." A post from Leyldorp read: "Thank you for being with us at the John Monkou School. Children learn best through their everyday experiences with people they love and trust, and when learning is fun. And the best place for these experiences is outside, in nature." Video from the foundation [here](#). A picture from the visit to Leyldorp [here](#).

Special exhibition and special tours on the World Day of Prayer country 2025

On Sunday 28 January at 3 p.m., there was a



public guided tour at the *Völkerkunde Museum Herrnhut* of the exhibition "Talanoa – Zusammenkommen. Das Netzwerk Herrnhut, James Cook und die Ahnengötter Ozeaniens" with Silke Piwko, the Herrnhut site manager. In December 2023, the museum opened a kind of viewing window into the concept of the new permanent exhibition "Talanoa –

Zusammenkommen" with the presentation of artefacts from James Cook and his ship's officer James Burney. The exhibition is of missionary relevance because the Cook Islands are at the centre of the World Day of Prayer 2025. Official theme poster with the title *Wonderfully Made* by the two artists Tarani Napa and Tevairangi Napa [here](#). Description of the image, which was created with reference to Psalm 139:14, also at the location indicated.

Correction Mission Province South Asia

Due to carelessness in researching and translating, the editor of the Herrnhuter Missionshilfe mission reports unfortunately made two serious errors. The editor apologises for this. The correct wording in the recent news item From the *constituent synod of the new South Asia Mission Province* should read:

(1) Sr Kameleshwori Pradhan was the deputy president of the synod (not: is the deputy president of the church leadership. Sister Kameleshwori Pradhan is NOT a member of the new church leadership).

(2) Sister Suaihiamlu Pamei is the first female pastor of the Moravian Church in India (not: in Asia). In Asia, the Moravian Church already had a female pastor before with Sister Vani Pradhan from Nepal.

News in Brief

1. From 26 to 28 January 2024, an *Evangelical Conference* was held at the premises of the City Mission of the Moravian Church in Paramaribo, Suriname, in the evenings from 6 pm to 9 pm. The theme was: The Gospel in *Word and Deed and Power*. Speakers were the brothers Desire Peerwijk (President of the Moravian Church in Suriname), Davy Pawironadi (Deputy President) and Carl Breeveld. See [here](#).
2. In November 2023, Tanzanian President Samia Suluhu Hassan signed the law

- passed by parliament on the introduction of *universal health insurance* in Tanzania. In order to ensure that those who cannot afford such insurance can also obtain insurance cover, the income from a share fund is to be used, which is fed by taxes on alcoholic beverages, soft drinks, cosmetic products, PC games and other products (source: Tanzania News from Mission EineWelt, January 2024).
3. The mission organisation of the Moravian Church in Denmark has scheduled this year's mission festival. It will take place on Sunday, 5 May 2024, from 1 pm to around 4.30 pm in Christiansfeld. It will end with the annual general meeting. Click here for the exact programme: <https://bdm-dk.dk/missionsfest2024/>.
 4. *Brødremenighedens Danske Missions Unge*, the youth organisation of the Moravian Mission in Denmark, held its general meeting in Aarhus on 25 January 2024 at 6 pm. The message beforehand was: "Join us for an enjoyable evening and hear more about the work of BDMU". Signe Kruse, BDMU's Youth Secretary, a globetrotter with a high level of intercultural expertise, also gave a report at the meeting. She is also the one who prepares the young volunteers from Denmark for their assignments for the Moravian Church in Tanzania and accompanies them there. See [here](#).
 5. On Sunday, 7 January 2024, a new, still small children's choir of the Moravian Church in Suriname called *Children in Christ Choir* opened the New Year with a beautiful musical contribution in the Great City Church in Paramaribo, the large wooden mother church of the Moravian Church in Suriname. He wished God's blessing on everyone present at the service: for young and old, for parishioners and employees of the church and its many organisations in Suriname. A short video [here](#).
 6. The *Board of World Mission*, the sister organisation of Herrnhuter Missionshilfe in North America, has published its Winter 2024 newsletter. See [here](#). Topics include: Realisation of the drinking water project in Honduras, announcement of the Moravian Day of Giving 2024 on 13 February 2024, scheduling of the special monthly intercession days for partner provinces.
 7. The Theological Commission of the European-Continental Province, appointed by the Synod, met in Doorn (NL) from 16 to 18 January 2024. In addition to a report from the Unity Synod in September 2023, the theological handling of the history of slavery in several Unity provinces was an important item on the agenda. It became clear that this work urgently needs to continue.
 8. On 20 February 2024, Pia and Christian Moser (CH) will travel to Tanzania for another six months. There, Pia Moser will once again be a lecturer at the Faculty of Theology at *Teofilo Kisanji University* of the Moravian Church in Mbeya.
 9. In January 2024, the Moravian Church in Basel took up a collection for the

theological training of the Moravian Church in Tanzania. 282 Swiss francs were collected. Thank you!

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