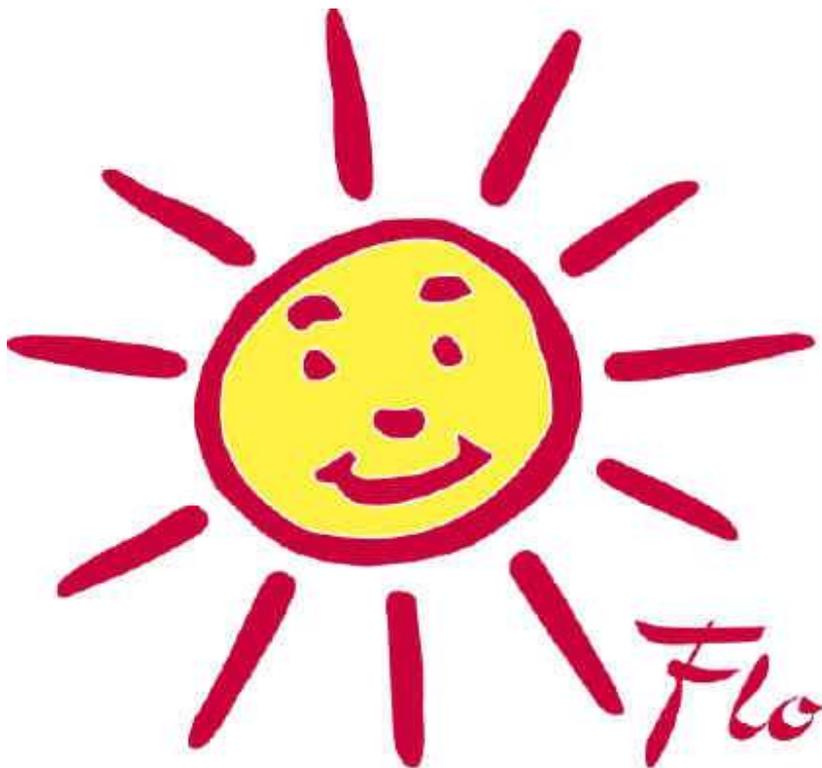


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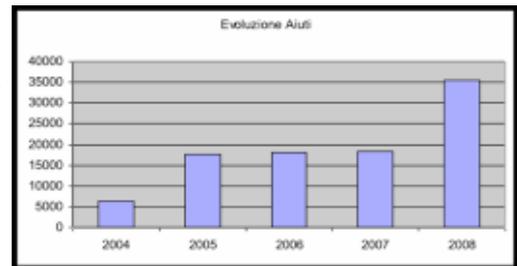


Dear members and friends of Memorial Flavia

Another year has passed... It has been a very intense year, which brought a number of novel and ambitious projects.

Since the founding days, the association has benefited from your loyalty and generosity. As you can see on the chart, in 2008 the sums dedicated to our projects have doubled compared to the preceding years.

This proof of trust, for which we are deeply thankful, gives us the motivation and will to continue and still improve our social activities, while benefiting from the experience and know-how gained during the first five years.



The new brochure illustrates – with beautiful pictures and informative texts – all our current projects and documents what is being done with your contributions. We would like to point out that all expenses for administration and management, which are very low, are fully covered using a small part of the returns of events organized by us. This means that we can guarantee that all the obtained revenues such as membership fees and donations are used in full to support children in need.

To get to know us better we recommend you visit our updated website (www.memorailflavia.ch) where you can find information on various subjects: the articles of the association, help provided in the past, current projects, a lovely picture gallery, upcoming events and much more.

The Christmas market in Cureglia, the parties and other events offer incomparable opportunities to meet, discuss, get to know each other and share wonderful moments together. Please come and see us the next time!

We wholeheartedly wish to count on your continuing support (minimal membership fee 30.- Swiss Francs): it is moving to share the joy of making children smile.

The family and the management of the association would like to thank you for your generous support, your trust and faithfulness.

ASSOCIAZIONE MEMORIAL FLAVIA (FLO)
Peter Moroni, President

Camignolo, November 2008

PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES



THAILAND – Bansokpara school

The Association Memorial Flavia has decided to help the community of Sokpara (in the Borabue district, province of Maha Sakarham in the northeastern part of Thailand) to improve the school conditions. This is one of provinces with the most modest average incomes of Thailand, in which the population, which mostly consists of landowners, live on farming, in particular on rice cultivation.



In spite of economic difficulties, 96% of the children in this province attend the primary school, which is an equivalent to our middle school.

The school of Sokpara which is made up of a primary school and a kindergarten is a public government school and has pupils coming from 9 adjoining communities, a total of 213 children, 103 boys and 110 girls.

The public funds at disposition to the school of Bansokpara, don't allow making some necessary improvements to the infrastructure. Although the school can guarantee a general primary school education, it cannot offer acceptable hygienic conditions. It doesn't have enough drinking water anymore and has only two toilets at disposition for all of the pupils.

As a result the children were particularly susceptible to infectious diseases due to the low hygienic infrastructure. Especially girls—mostly at puberty – miss the possibility of obtaining a proper education for the said reasons. This problem is so urgent that the UNO had declared 2008 as the international year of sanitary primary care, in order to highlight the problem.



Memorial Flavia has decided to help by financing purifying the rain water and reconstructing the toilets of the Bansokpara School.

For generations most of the families in this region of Thailand collect the rainwater in big cisterns and use it mostly for drinking and cooking. The rainwater is chosen over the ground water because the ground water in this particular area is very salted.

The quality of the collected water in the cisterns depends very strongly on how the collecting and storage system is designed, implemented and maintained. If a few simple precautions are taken, the water can be of very good quality. Recently, the World Health Organization added the collecting of rainwater to the "guidelines for good drinking water".



From July to August 2008 we renovated the first of a total of three buildings of the school: the roof was covered with suitable material for collecting water, roof gutters and pipe connections were replaced, and four cisterns with a capacity of 5000 liters each and matching filters were put into operation. Even before the end of the rain season in October the cisterns could be filled and the children now have drinking water at their disposal and can focus fully on learning and education.



The collaboration with the commune of Sokpara was optimal, due to direct personal contacts. Many thanks to our intermediary Thiva Donnicola from the Thai Center Caslano.

In 2009 we plan to continue our work by realizing new toilets and showers.



Bolivia Support and help for the Guarani' people in Chaco

One of the fundamental rights of any citizen is the own identity acknowledged by the government. In the Guarani region of Hika Guaso in Bolivia more than 50% of the children between 0 and 12 are not registered in the civil registry of the country and have therefore no other legal document besides their birth certificate. This is especially due to the fact that until recently the process of obtaining an identification was connected with considerable costs for the family, which therefore renounces to have such a legal document, also because they are not aware of its importance. With our project we want to offer legal and logistic help for obtaining an identification card.

Thanks to your valuable help these children will become fully entitled Bolivian citizens, acknowledged by the government, with the right to go to school, among others.



In the future these children will be able to participate in the social life of their country, to exercise their own civic and individual rights and overall profit of a bigger chance of equity. For example, they can move freely in and outside of their country and enroll in higher schools.

The project started in September 2007. The lawyer Alba Torrez has been hired as legal person in charge on site. The responsible person for education of the E.A.P.G. has systematically counted all children under 12 in the region that registered a total of 542, which come from 14 different villages. Of these children only 90 have the correct legal documents. For 112 children the necessary procedures have been initiated in order to correct smaller mistakes. With 79 children the mistakes in the documents were such that they had to be corrected by a legal procedure. The remaining 261 were not registered at all and for them the registration procedure has been initiated.

The people are very proud and happy and the importance of the project has been fully understood. The meetings for registration could also be used to explain and stress the importance of owning an identification card to a citizen.

At the beginning the duration of this project was set to one year. This deadline will be hard to fulfill, due to the time all the procedures take up: a certain lag developed right at the beginning because it was difficult to find a competent lawyer who was willing to work in a rural area with the Guarani people.

Thanks to the regular reports of Renan Sanchez, the responsible E.A.P.G., our local partner, we are continuously updated on the progress of the project.



Bolivia Sister Maria Bettinsoli

Until a few months ago sister Maria Bettisoli was working in the day center Villamontes in the province of Santa Cruz. Now she has been transferred to the region of Caimiri, which is very big and consists of seven communes, of which one alone has the size of 74000 square meters.

In this region she has taken over the task of a director and administrates 10 hospitals and 65 medical offices. The distances between the various places are huge and the local government doesn't pay her anything for transportation so that she can meet the demands of all the projects. Sometimes she has to travel more than 500 km on remote and difficult roads to visit a location. Memorial Flavia supports sister Maria by helping to cover the costs for gas so that she can visit and manage all the medical offices without financial worries. We regularly receive information from sister Maria on her work and we are waiting for a good moment to set up a long- to mid-term project together.

To give you a better impression of the difficult circumstances in which sister Maria has to work, we've printed parts of her emails.

Email from August 31 2008:

"...Politically there is quite a commotion, the President has been accredited, but the opposition does everything possible to set traps, in December we will vote weather to accept or refuse the constitution,..., during the last 15 days the zone of the Chaco was blocked. In order to get to Santa Cruz, to fetch vaccine, we had to take indescribable roads and cross the river, thanks to God it doesn't have high-water at this time of the year. To be able to get home, I had to ask the militaries for permission."



Email from September 5 2008:

"... Yesterday we visited a village to attend a meeting in which we planned to talk about the regard towards handicapped grown-ups and adolescents. The road was blocked by the military so we decided to cross the river and take a back road, I send you some photos so that you can picture it better."



Bolivia Mission Villamontes

Since the beginning we have been supporting the Mission Villamontes: 2004 and 2005 we offered a contribution to complement the meals of the primary school children with bread, milk and whole wheat products.



Thanks to your generous donations we could finance the opening of the day care center for malnourished children from 0-5 throughout the whole year and furnish the home with the most necessary material (cribs, beds, prams, tables, chairs and to the delight of the children also a playground).

Thanks to the extended cooperation with the day care center, in which 32 children are placed thanks to our sponsorships, in 2008 we could allow 4 of the mission sisters to mainly concentrate on the poorest of the families whose children live in the home. The mission could even buy plots of

land from the commune, in order to start with the construction of flats for the families who are living in emergency accommodations. The parents of the children, who are unemployed, have been hired as workers to realize the construction of these buildings.



The children at the home are all doing well. The sisters are telling us, that even children whose bodies showed signs of malnutrition (malnutrition over a longer period of time can lead to amyotrophia and a few of the children are already in treatment at the clinic Juan Pablo II), are recovering well and that their state of health has improved considerably and is almost back to normal.

During 2008 five new children could enter the home, three of which already have found a sponsor, the other two are still waiting to be sponsored. In 2009 further children will be arriving.

Support one of our children: with SFr. 280.- per year you can enable that he or she is supervised by an educator who is specialized in the rehabilitation of malnourished children, and you guarantee them all necessary treatments, that they are fed every day, and are washed, clothed and vaccinated. You can provide a child the security that the next day is worthwhile living. For further information you can contact us.

Help us bring the sun into these kids life and give them back their dignity.



Nicaragua Pajarito Azul Home

The Pajarito Azul was founded 1994 due to the necessity to help disadvantaged children and adolescents. The home accommodates 201 children from all parts of Nicaragua, who come from difficult homes and have either been abused or abandoned. In the Pajarito Azul they get an education, rehabilitation, repose, preparation for social reintegration, special treatment, human warmth, understanding and affection.



For these abandoned children it is important to know, that there is someone, who cares for them.

For 5 years we have been supporting the Pajarito Azul by buying neurological medicines. This home is very dear to us and so we have decided to expand our support by taking care of five children from a distance.

This way, we guarantee the supervision by specialized educators, food, clothes and the necessary for personal hygiene. For children who can go to school, we also provide the rates for the boarding school, meals and school material. The children on the photos are only five of many, who have been born with a strong disadvantage and are depending on help.

If one of you would like to support one of the 201 kids as well, you can contact one of the members of our board or transfer 280.- by using the enclosed pay-in slip and the comment "Pajarito Azul". Afterwards we will send you information on a child, reporting his or her condition and health.



OTHER ACTIVITIES

Here is a short summary of our solidary help, which we renew every year:



...in the north of India, together with Eco Himal Ticino we help sponsor Nyama, Tsering and Rigzen, so that they can go to school and live at the New Millenium boarding school and receive an education. Every year we receive letters from them with drawings and their grades. They are doing well at school and are very motivated.



... in Kenya, together with Atkye Ticino, we sponsor three children. Pempe, who is supposed to be in the 8th grade, but unfortunately was not promoted, is now repeating the 7th grade. The teachers assure us that Pempe will surely be able to finish school and have a primary education for starting an apprenticeship in 2010, which is what we hope for. The two girls, Mercy and Lilian, 5th and 6th grade are very studious and very good at school.

DO RE MI FA SOL....idarity



On November 16th 2008 the event Do Re Mi Fa Solidarity has been took place for the first time.

It's a concert of five children choirs from the Tessin which from now on will take place every two years in November. It has been organized by the four NGO's Telethon, Memorial Flavia, Amici per Burundi and SOS Soldidarity and there is a CD in planning.

Grill and Music

Flavia always enjoyed going to parties and helping organize. It's safe to say that September 13th was a event to her liking, fun and lively.

The Grill and Music started with a program for the kids in the afternoon, keeping them busy with a magician, a theater and some cake and juice which they very much enjoyed. An apéro and dinner ensured a great atmosphere among the grown-ups in the evening. Two concerts by "Duo Matteo & Angi" and the popular "Vasco Jam" ...



This has been the second very successful edition of our Grill and Music, which we will continue to organize in order to earn a big part of our financing. The photos of the evening are on our webpage.



Christmas Market in Cureglia



This Christmas market, which takes place on every first Sunday of December has become a joyful habit. The "nocino" (a liqueur made of nuts), jams and "guzi" (biscuits) as well as other homemade products are a big success. Our stand is a popular spot to stop by or meet up with friends.





FLO AND SPORTS

Campo Blenio

Flavia was one of the organizers of the children ski race "Foletti e Animation Ski Team" (www.gpfoletti.ch). Each year there is a night race with entertainment for the kids and fireworks on the lit slopes. Kids who would like to participate can register on the homepage of the team.



JOINING AND DONATIONS

With a contribution of SFr. 30.- you can become a member of our association, each year in the begging of December you will receive our brochure and the in-pay slip. Larger contributions and donations are highly appreciated and helpful to our cause.

Our association realizes different projects and works together with local people who we know. This way we can guarantee a 100% that the donations are placed justly in the different countries.

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You have the possibility to contribute to one specific project, by making a reference to the project you would like to support on the payment.

Further, you can support children in either in Villamontes in Bolivia or in the Pajarito Azul in Nicaragua by becoming a sponsor and donating SFr. 280.- per year.

We would like to remind you, that any charity donation is tax deductible by enclosing the receipt of the payment.

For questions about sponsorships or our projects feel free to contact us.

A great thank you to all of you, who trust us, for the small and big donations, which are made with a lot of love and give hope, even where it seems impossible.