

Welcome to CM-Missio!

You have either requested this information directly from us or have received it from a friend. It takes a hand movement to throw away, but only 5 minutes to read through, and a little longer to think about getting involved (see possibilities at end of the introduction). That's how it started with all of us and now it's become a rewarding adventure! It's exciting to see how a little help goes a long way. More information can be found in our quarterly newsletter "Doppel:punkt". We hope that reading the following paragraphs will rouse your interest in CM-Missio's work!

More than a drop in the ocean – an introduction to the work of CM-Missio Raisdorf e.V.

Since the establishment of CM-Missio in 1990, our aim has been "the spreading of the gospel of Jesus Christ through the support of missionary and social ministries at home and abroad". This goal has led to several concrete projects.

Our partner organisation CM-Kenya has also existed since 1990. All team members are Kenyan. The work of CM is focused in the remote rural areas where 80% of the African population lives. To help the rural population means to prevent further rural exodus into the slums of the big cities. Currently, there are six new Christian congregations to care for. In addition, diverse self-help groups and village communities are being taught how to help themselves through the establishment of rice fields and tree cultivation plots, as well as by the production of useful items that can be sold at native and foreign markets. Illness is also being fought with the installation of village pharmacies and vaccination programs. Additionally we are also educating village communities and other people about AIDS-prevention. Water wells were drilled in four villages, which now supply clean water for about 20,000 people. Before the wells were drilled, the village communities were instructed so that they would be able to care for the wells themselves. A river control and irrigation system has ensured the timely water supply for the fields of two villages which has helped 7000 people. Also for this project, CM-Missio helped the community to build a structure in advance so that the projects and any future problems could be taken care of by the villagers themselves. About 70 orphan children have been sponsored, which provides each with schooling and allows them to stay within a socially respected family setting. Huts were built for 25 of these children and their foster families. Altogether, in the first 10 years of existence, CM-Missio has given 35,000 people new hope for their own lives and the life of their village, as well as helped them to help themselves.

There are tough challenges in this project: poverty, malaria, cholera, corruption, AIDS, high mortality rates, climate change from exploitation of natural resources, erosion, water shortage, loss of human dignity, and hopelessness. With these problems, neither pious preaching alone nor the standard programs from western experts that have been applied for decades can help. CM-Kenya has had positive experiences with practicing "pure evangelism": giving people hope with the message that God loves each one of us, and giving them work and ideas, so that in this way the love of God becomes concrete for them.

Organisation: The work in Kenya is done in partnership and cooperation with CM-Missio in Germany. Financial and non-financial help is organised in Germany. Additionally, both partner organisations meet either in Kenya or Germany and discuss the feasibility of specific projects. To meet these tasks the CM committee in Germany is divided into the following areas: administration, finances, technical projects, agricultural projects, child sponsoring, contact with public authorities, and overall coordination. There is usually one team member assigned to be responsible for each of these areas.

A corresponding committee exists in Kenya. The Kenyan CM committee is responsible for annual planning and preparing the budget and also independently makes decisions concerning the realisation of the plans. Both CM committees are made up of volunteers. For the ministries in Kenya however, there are three full-time employees financed through sponsorship. This means that 100% of every donation will be used for the projects in Kenya. Since 1992, CM-Missio Raisdorf e.V. has been recognised by the German state as a Christian aid organisation and is able to issue tax deductible receipts for any donations.

There are different ways to get involved in the work of CM-Missio: everyone can become a **member** who is willing to support the goal of CM with his/her gifts and abilities. One can become a "**godparent**" when one is prepared to offer a fixed monthly donation for either a child or a team member. There is also the possibility to pursue personal contact through letters with a sponsored child. As a **friend**, one can choose to be kept informed of projects and may from time to time also offer gifts of time, money, or other means. **Cooperative help** means that associations, institutions or churches support a specific project. This could be a tennis club that organizes a fund-raiser for a well in Africa at a tournament (playing tennis usually makes one thirsty), churches that give a Sunday offering for the work of CM, and the like. For cooperative help, please provide the name of a contact person.

Oh, and one more thing, CM stands for Compassion Ministries = ministries of compassion and mercy - which is how we and our partners in Kenya perceive our work.

Interested? Need more information? Willing to give a donation? Please see our Information Sheet on the following page.

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in **membership** in **sponsoring** a child/ a team member/ a project

in becoming a **friend** of CM organising **cooperative help** (please name institution)

I would like to receive information about the work of CM-Missio on a regular basis. I am especially interested in information about the following areas:

I will transfer a donation in the next couple of days to the CM-Missio Raisdorf e.V. Account number: 5000 54, BLZ (routing number): 210 602 37, bank: Evangelische Darlehensgenossenschaft eG), IBAN DE 6521 0602 3700 00 500054. This is a general donation / should be used as a special donation for the following project (please name):

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