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Children sing for other children in the world



Ta Pen celebrates more than 200 successful school leavers

Congratulations to the pupils of the 7th graduation ceremony at the Ta Pen rural school in Cambodia. They all passed their final junior high school exams and each received a bicycle to help with transport as they continue their education outside Ta Pen.

Today, a total of 210 pupils have obtained

their junior high school leaving certificate and, amazingly, 80% of them have gone on to senior high school or into a professional training course. This is all thanks to your generosity, to the incredible spirit of Ta Pen, and to the motivation of the pupils and students who worked hard to rise to the challenge.

Watch on YouTube: working towards a better learning environment



In the face of the extreme heat of Cambodia, where the temperature in our classrooms can reached 45C, four months ago, we started working to improve conditions for our 360 primary school pupils. A suspended ceiling was installed to provide heat protection. We also took advantage of the upheaval to repaint everything – which had last been done 15 years ago! The work is now finished. Teachers

and pupils are thrilled. And it's all thanks to a generous donor who financed this important initiative in favour of enhancing education in Ta Pen.

Use the QR code to watch the video ■



Ta Pen: new school books in English!

A month before our mission to Cambodia, we are delighted to share some exciting news: The Institut International de Lancy (IIL) has offered us an excellent selection of school books in English to enhance language learning in Ta Pen.

A huge thank you for a gift that will have a lasting effect! ■





Madagascar: community assistance

Societal instability linked to food insecurity and lack of water is rife in the South of Madagascar. At Andohasatra and its surroundings, in the Betioky district – where Don du Choeur built a school in 2016 – more than 1,500 people live together in mud houses often in unhygienic conditions and without access to water.

Thanks to the proceeds from our last concert, for almost two years, our local partner, SOS Villages d'Enfants, has been able to organize regular visits to these families to raise awareness on parenting, the protection of children, and women's rights. Some 245 people have already participated. In addition, 15 people have been trained as community-based links watching over the community in Andohasatra.



The first signs of improvement are already being seen, particularly regarding the protection of children...

Let's hope those effects will be long-lasting. ■

Mexico: individual practice rooms available soon

The extension work at the Santa Cecilia music school will soon be finished. Once some final work, such as painting and the placing of doors and windows, is done, the pupils will be able to use all of the individual practice rooms.

A huge step forward! ■





Christmas Markets in 2024: our goals attained, thanks to you!

A magnificent month of December saw the preparation of our end of year festivities at the Institut Florimont and at the Christmas markets in Cologny and Carouge. All the products on offer, made or grown in Cambodia, Madagascar and Mexico, were sold and the profits are being transformed little by little into school supplies, university scholarships or bicycles to facilitate travel to school. Huge thanks to all friends of Don du Choeur, to our partner La Banda de Musica and to the company Bontoux!

Concerts by Musique et Vie – an exceptional show of support

This summer, 39 unforgettable concerts were organized in the Old Town of Geneva by the association Musique et Vie. This, along with the generosity of the Geneva public, has contributed to supporting the Santa Cecilia music school in Mexico by financing, for 2025, our share of the teachers' salaries and of university scholarships for six music students. Profound thanks to all those who participated in this wonderful event. Together, we are helping to make music live and supporting the talent of tomorrow.



Make a difference ...

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