

December 2020

Giving Joy

Dear Members and Sponsors of the Swiss Friends of Sethule Orphans' Trust,

Life is hard for the people of Zimbabwe. The Corona lockdown and its consequences have made it even more difficult. Some families only have enough food thanks to emergency aid packages. Public schools have been closed from 23 March to 7 November. This is a very long time for the children and young people, especially because home schooling did not work in the countryside due to lack of electricity, PC, radio, too slow internet etc. Many will probably have to repeat the year.

Sethule Orphans' Trust works with rural communities, but this was not possible during the lockdown. However, the team was soon given permission to go to the countryside to distribute food and to be involved in preventing the spread of the Corona virus. This enabled them to re-establish the very important contacts with the children.

However, the population in Zimbabwe is not giving up. The people are fighting, albeit quietly. They too are surely looking forward to Christmas and the start of the new school year in January. We would like to bring them some Christmas joy by means of small presents. Therefore, we suggest the following ideas for gifts:

A school kit for the start of the new school year

with exercise books and writing materials, school clothes, a pair of shoes and some shoe polish

so that the start of school is a success.

costs only 75 francs





A food basket

with oil, flour, rice, beans, canned tomatoes, soups, sugar, salt, soya, detergent and Vaseline,

so that a family of four is fed for a month

costs only 35 francs

A hygiene bag

with body milk, shower gel, shampoo, sanitary towels, hair-comb and underwear

helps young ladies through their days.

costs only 25 francs



A pair of school shoes

so that their feet do not hurt when running and playing.

costs only 20 francs

A bicycle (rented)

so that the long path to school does not absorb all their energy.

costs only 120 francs



Please provide an orphan in Zimbabwe with one of these items for Christmas or a family with an emergency aid package by making a donation via our bank account:

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Pay to: Swiss Friends of Sethule Orphans' Trust, Route de Veyges 32, 1854 Leysin
(payment slip enclosed)

I thank you from the bottom of my heart, stay healthy - and stay loyal to us!



Anne-Marie Saxer-Steinlin

Anne-Marie Saxer-Steinlin, President of the Association

PS: All tasks in our association are carried out voluntarily and most material expenses are sponsored. In 2019 we had only 3,6 % administration costs!