

News of the Nehemiah Gateway Group

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Dear friends of Nehemiah Gateway,

with this newsletter we would like to share the latest information with you again. It is always a pleasure to see how our organization develops, the progress made and how we could help. At this point, we would like to mention again how very happy we are with your all help and support, without which none of this would be possible.

Cooperation with German universities

In the future, Nehemiah Gateway University will be closely cooperating with the Berufsakademie (BA) für Wirtschaft und IT in Oldenburg and the SRH Hochschule Berlin – The International Management University. When signing the agreement on 17 and 21 January, the representatives of these two educational institutions and N.G. University were clearly excited about this project.

The cooperation primarily involves exchange programs for students and teaching staff, the joint use of teaching materials and mutual help in contacting guest lecturers and other people within each institution's network. Practical training and placements at companies in the respective other country are additionally planned, and the N.G. Group is further providing internships. Another goal of the partnership is to promote intercultural understanding. Further joint projects may also be included in the future, subject to agreement between the institutions involved.

Concrete examples of this cooperation can be seen, for example, in SRH Berlin's invitation to N.G. University to take part in their Career Day on April 17 and the seminar "Business & Ethics" to be held by Dr. Ahmed Bugri (N.G. University) at the BA Oldenburg in the fall of 2013.

Construction work on the clinic premises in Yei

Here is a little report on the progress of the construction of the antenatal building on the premises of the EPC Clinic in Yei, South Sudan, which has been made possible and primarily funded by a donation given to Nehemiah Gateway. In January, a group of construction workers started with the interior and exterior plastering work. The windows have already been inserted and soon the floors and ceilings will be done. In Africa, predictions are often hard to make, but we hope that the work will be finished in March or April. The local staff is already looking forward to improved working conditions.



New antenatal building



New books at elementary schools in Nicaragua

There is significant progress to be reported from our educational projects in Nicaragua:

Within the context of a school project, Dr. Mechthild Nienhaus-Wasem presented her textbooks "Aprender y Jugar" (Learning and Playing) at the Colegio Cristiano Nehemia in Santa Teresa. These represent a new teaching method that is to help the teachers significantly improve the performance of the children and implement new ideas with simple resources, without any additional expenses. The teaching staff at the school was absolutely delighted by the educational potential of the books. Founded by NEHEMIA in Nidda in 1999 and supported by them ever since, the school currently has more than 500 pupils.

The Colegio Cristiano Nehemias in Masatepe, which is attended by about 600 pupils and is also involved in our projects, will likewise be using Dr. Nienhaus-Wasem's books and teaching methods in the future.

Help for little Gabrielle

Little Gabrielle, from Ghana, was born with abnormal heart sounds. The diagnosis was a stenosis of the pulmonary artery. Unfortunately, this cannot be treated in Ghana.

Eventually, the 6-month-old girl and her parents found help in Freiburg, in the pediatric and juvenile medical center where she was treated with balloon valvuloplasty. Eight days after the surgery there was an important follow-up examination. Nehemiah Gateway organized and financed the accommodation in a hotel near the hospital for the small family during this time.

In the meantime, the little girl and her parents have returned to Ghana and little Gabrielle is happy and healthy. The parents were very touched by all the care and support they received, and offered their sincere thanks to everybody involved.

I hope you liked the little insight into our work.

Take care until the next time,

your Nehemiah Gateway Team and Anja Zwicknagl



Dr. Mechthild Nienhaus-Wasem
presenting her new books



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