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Dear friends and sponsors of Yaoui e.V.,

with our last newsletter for this year, shortly before the Christmas holidays, we report to you the latest developments about the association and Yaoui, with these topics:

1. Pützchens Markt 2023
2. The upcoming trip to Benin in January 2024
3. Targeted support by financing additional teaching positions in Yaoui
4. Further concepts to support the school
5. Is it Christmas yet? You can also find last-minute gifts with us!
6. Games for Yaoui

1. Pützchens Markt 2023

In September 2023, the large funfair Pützchens Markt took place in Bonn-Beuel. Members of the Yaoui e.V. association volunteered to help with the food truck of the Nommensen community. Also this year, part of the proceeds was donated to our association, so we would like to thank the municipality for the donated amount of 2,000.00 euros.

We would be happy if in the coming year there are also club members who help and would like to support the community on the food truck.

2. Trip to Benin

In January 2024 the time has come: Matthias Sorsoli and Markus Brinkmann will represent our association on their trip to Benin after ten years and visit the village of Yaoui and the local school. They will maintain existing contacts and find new, reliable contacts to work with the association. The flights have been booked, the final travel preparations are underway and the very tightly timed itinerary from 20 to 27 January has been planned. Of course, you will receive a detailed travel report after the trip. The projects that are pending in the future will also be discussed at the upcoming general meeting. What exactly these could be, will be discussed personally with our contacts in Yaoui during the trip. The necessary measures for support vary from year to year, but the main focus of our association is still on the financing of local teaching positions. We are pleased that a visit by members of the association is finally possible, because the direct exchange with those responsible on site is very important. At the same time, the school and the contact persons in Yaoui are looking forward to presenting the measures that could be implemented through the support of the association , now "live".

3. Financing teachers' salaries – more important than ever

We were informed some time ago, two teaching positions in the school in Yaoui, which had become vacant due to retirement and change of school, were not filled by the state, so that two teachers are missing in the school. After reviewing the finances, the association's board of directors has voted positively that we can also cover the costs for the salaries of the two missing teachers until summer 2024. Whether the financing of the salaries can be continued beyond that, will depend, among other things, on the future donations to the association.

4. Possible further projects in Yaoui

Even though the main focus for the association is still on the financing of teachers' salaries, the following additional projects have been proposed by the local parties for the future:

1. burglary protection of the library, which was financed and helped to built by Yaoui e.V., by bars in front of the windows,
2. ceiling windows in the library that can be opened as heat dissipation in the dry season,

3. Solar panels for the operation of an IT lab and the development of the library's book stock

The extent to which we, as an association, will support which additional projects of the school in the future, will be discussed together with the contact persons on site during the trip (an opportunity for active exchange, which we are very happy looking forward to) and presented and voted on in the general meeting!

5. Yaoui – merchandise, the perfect Christmas gift

You want to give joy and support a project at the same time? Both are possible with our key rings and practical fridge magnets with bottle opener! For a donation, these are available through our association. Just get in touch if you are interested in one or the other or both!



6. Giveaways for Yaoui

In the course of the travel preparations, we had asked the responsible people in Yaoui with which "giveaways" we could make the children in Yaoui extra happy, things which we could easily transport. In addition to pens and books, we would like to take some games to Yaoui. Games that are generally understandable and possibly even rebuildable on site.

If you would like to support us and donate old or new games, you can hand them in at the "office" Grünstraße 40b in 40723 Hilden or send them by post until January 13th. Please make sure that the game is complete and that there is an instruction manual in English and / or French.

A detailed arrangement on the submission can be made in advance by e-mail at:
sorsoli@yaoui.de

There is no beauty but the beauty of action

(from Morocco)

With these words we would like to wish you a „Guten Rutsch“ into the new year and thank you very much for your support. Even if good thoughts and kind words may help, it will be our actions that can change the world in a positive way.

**We wish you a merry and blessed holiday season and
a happy new year 2024.**



Matthias Sorsoli, Juliane Steinmann, Martina Noske und Markus Brinkmann

The Board of Directors