



Newsletter 60

Hilden, August 2024

Dear friends and supporters of Yaoui e.V.,

Today you will receive the “Summer” newsletter from the Yaoui e.V. association, with which we would like to send you the latest information about the association.

Summer has already progressed and Pützchen's market will soon be just around the corner. But more on that later.

In this newsletter we would like to prepare the following topics for you in more detail:

1. Report on the current status of the projects managed by the association
2. Information about PüMa (Pützchen's Market)
3. Merchandising -> calendar here
4. A new fundraiser -> books for school
5. Minutes of the 2024 general meeting (appendix)

1. Report on the current status of the projects managed by the association

As decided at the last general meeting, the focus continues to be on financing teacher salaries, whereby in addition to the two teacher salaries we have covered so far, we are to finance two more teacher salaries in the 2024 to 2026 time window.

The large project to expand the recreation center, which was also agreed at the last general meeting, is progressing quickly.

The focus here is on installing a solar system and purchasing a computer including a printer. This will give the school its own, reliable power source for the first time, and at the same time the opportunity to create and reproduce learning materials itself. We divided the project into two steps: This year the building will be renovated, and next year the equipment will be purchased. The first step has already been largely implemented: We transferred the funds at the beginning of May, and local craftsmen started work in May. They are strengthening the roof to support the solar system and securing the building against break-ins.

The following pictures show the progress of both construction projects:



Ceiling new



Securing the windows

We will keep you updated on the next steps.

2. Information about PüMa (Pützchens Market)

This year, the Pützchens Market fair in Bonn-Beuel, will take place from September 6th to Tuesday September 10th. This year, too, members of the association will be supporting the work of the parish on a voluntary basis on the snack truck of the Nommensen Church, Evangelical Parish of Beuel.

In the courtyard of the church grounds, seating invites you to take a break away from the cheerful hustle and bustle of the fair and enjoy the home-made waffles and meals prepared

on the food truck. We look forward to your visit. The proceeds are donated by the parish to various projects, for example in the past to the Yaoui e.V. association.

3. Merchandising -> here calendar

As already discussed in the last general meeting, a calendar is to be designed this year that brings us closer to life and the school in Yaoui. Matthias and Markus brought back many photos and impressions from their trip to Yaoui, which will be incorporated into the design of the calendar. A small team of creative minds has come together and has been working on the design of the calendar over the last few weeks. We are pleased to be able to tell you that a calendar for 2025 will be available from us from autumn. The association would be happy to receive a donation, which in turn will support the school in Yaoui. The pictures painted by the students in Yaoui in January were included in the design of the calendar. It is a so-called postcard-calendar, the monthly motifs can be sent individually as a postcard. You will soon find more information about the calendar on our homepage www.yaoui.de. We are particularly pleased to be able to present the calendar at Pützchens Market, please feel free to speak to us about it on site.

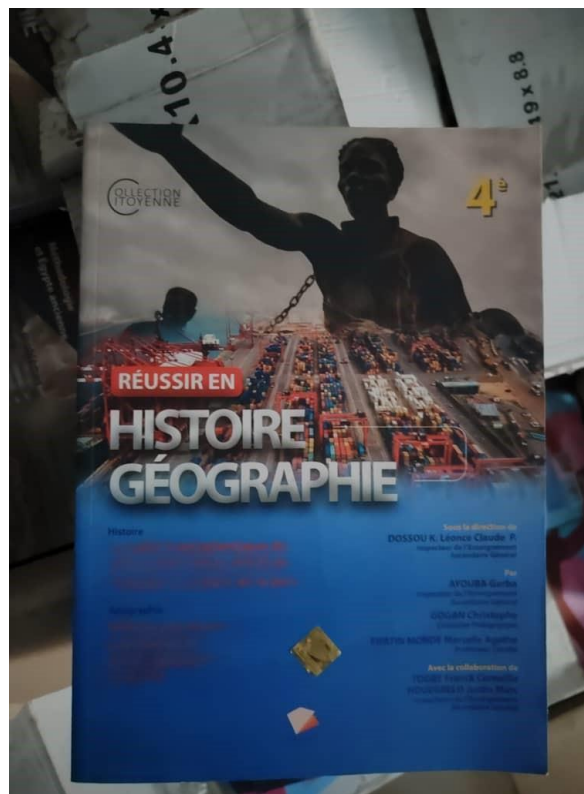
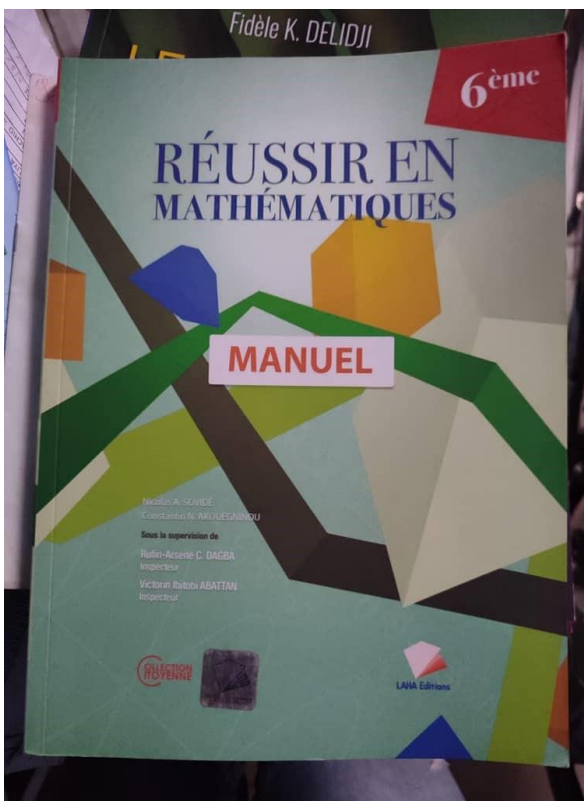
4. A new fundraising campaign, books for the school

On the trip to Yaoui, Matthias and Markus were able to see for themselves how well the school has developed. However, there is still a problem with the school not being adequately supplied with textbooks. We started building a library a few years ago, but there are simply not enough books in it for the students to be able to use them effectively for learning. On the one hand, not all learning areas and school years are covered, and on the other hand, there are not enough copies of each book.

We would like to change this, but our club budget is already being used to support the teachers, as well as the solar system and computer/printer project. We therefore agreed at the general meeting that we would like to hold another fundraising campaign. Each donor can donate a book package worth 25 euros (of course multiple times). This means that 4-7 books can be bought locally and made available in the library.

Each book is stamped with the donor's name in the book. The books cover a whole range of subject areas and are suitable for the different grades. For example, at the entry level there are schoolbooks on the French language, mathematics and a combination of natural and social sciences and art. In the more advanced copies these school subjects are then covered in much more depth. The focus remains on the French language, but there will also be books on English, Spanish and even German. There will be mathematics, natural sciences and an introduction to using computers, as well as history and geography.

The attached pictures show a small selection of the books used / required:





We hope for lots of donations to further improve the education of the children in Yaoui! In order to be able to sort the donations correctly, we ask that you name the transfer with "book donation" in the subject line.

We wish you a wonderful summer 2024.

Matthias Sorsoli, Yanic Sorsoli, Martina Noske und Markus Brinkmann

Der Vorstand

"Many small people, in many small places, doing many small things,
can change the face of this world."

(*Spruchwort der Xhosa*)