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LETTER TO FRIENDS OF SISTER EMMANUELLE

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« I've noticed that the noose of emptiness has loosened each time my life was driven by the meaning of dedication to others and a sense of sharing. »

Dear Friends,

On January 24, I had the pleasure of participating in **a meeting of Sister Emmanuelle associations** at the headquarters of ASMAE Sister Emmanuelle in Paris.

In addition to Adrien Sallez, the Director of ASMAE, were present Christophe Etien, the Director of Sœur Emmanuelle Belgium as well as the Directors of Opération Orange de Sœur Emmanuelle and of Hilfswerk Schwester Emmanuelle, our long-standing French and Austrian partners, who were accompanied by members of their associations.

This meeting, which was very positive, allowed us to get to know each other better and to initiate (or renew, depending on the case) links to exchange our experiences and possibly consider joint actions on projects. We agreed to meet regularly.

In February, **at Education Cannot Wait's "High-Level Financing Conference"** at the International Conference Center (CICG) in Geneva, I was able to (briefly) meet the South Sudanese delegation, including **the Minister of Education**, whom I hope to meet again on my next visit in Juba.

During his assessment mission in January in South Sudan, Mr. Philbet from **Pharmacists Without Borders Switzerland** noted the good resumption of the activity of the Saint Vincent Health Care Center, which was renovated last year. He followed up on the e-training specifically designed to strengthen the skills of medical personnel, particularly regarding the management of the medication circuit.

The Pope's apostolic trip to Juba at the beginning of February (less than 48 hours) gave some visibility to this country which is rarely highlighted in the media. Our local partner, the Saint-Vincent-de-Paul Society, Juba (SVDP), mobilized to participate in the reception of the supreme pontiff. A health training team and the ambulance were made available to the Organizing Committee to



provide medical assistance in case of any problem during the various events (see photo).

On the occasion of this important event for the population, a BBC team visited the Lologo Vocational

Training Center and the home for street children in Rajaf, where they interviewed some boys and the management team. They also visited the Babies Feeding Center.

The seven teachers from the Lologo Vocational Training Center, who underwent **a three-week training at the Nakawa VTC Institute in Uganda**, were very satisfied.

After Easter, the graduation ceremony will take place. Nearly **three-quarters of the 357 graduates of the 7 training courses delivered in 2022 will receive tool kits!** Well done SVDP!

By the end of the year, thanks in large part to the financial support of the Relais Anjou from Opération Orange de Sœur Emmanuelle, SVDP will engage in **the construction of a new poultry production unit on the land of the farm in Nyarjwa**.

This unit for rearing laying hens on the ground will enable obvious synergies between these two income-generating programs intended to strengthen SVDP's development programs viability.

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Under the yoke of armed gangs that control all cities, Haiti continues to sink into anarchy: violence of all kinds, around sixty kidnappings every day, total impunity, scarcity of energy products, rampant inflation, depreciation of the gourde, serious food insecurity, fresh outbreak of cholera...

According to Jean Claude François, the supervisor of the programs we support in the Central Plateau, *"the police are powerless. On March 3, the number 2 of the National Police was even kidnapped with his daughter. After murdering clerics, lawyers, doctors and shopkeepers, the gangs are attacking teachers. Primary schools in Port-au-Prince are closed for security reasons. Residents of several neighborhoods are sleeping on the sidewalks after their houses have been set on fire or sold by strangers. Even the neighborhoods of the wealthy are emptying despite the high protection they enjoy from private security guards."*

Fortunately, our programs in Hinche have not suffered any damage, and they are working well. The local staff are keeping their spirits up.

65 teachers are involved in **the Educational program**.

135 street children attend our primary school, 325 children attend secondary school, 20 young people attend the technical school and 323 students are attending the Jean Price Mars University.

56 people are employed on **the Health program**.

Last year, the Phyto-Cosmos laboratory produced 4,800 herbal treatments for third parties and 2,350 for the 24 dispensaries which gave almost 16,000 consultations.



Herbal medicines production

Dear Friends, we know it, we are not the only ones to solicit your generosity, and the inflationary period affects everyone's possibilities. We are all the more grateful to you for your donation to our programs which, as you know, are long-lasting ones!

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To each of you, we warmly wish a very happy Easter!

**Patrick Bittar
Director**