

*September 2022*

*Dear friends,*

What a misery! I had already written three quarters of the newsletter, I made a wrong move and...everything gone! Then I couldn't find it anywhere. This is called "working thoroughly" In this case a little too thoroughly! Anyway, I've kept you waiting for news far too long and will now make every effort to finish this epistle tonight. Because a lot has happened in the past few months, and although you may regularly read some news via Facebook, nothing beats a real newsletter. Anyway, I hope you agree with me about that.

## *Sun*



now they are running, cycling and playing football again. It's a pleasure to watch them!

After several cold weeks - alternating with some warm weather - it now seems that spring/summer has finally arrived. You can't really speak of demarcated seasons here, because now it's suddenly sweltering hot again. By now you know what that means in your part of the world as well. But really, it's nice, some warmth. The houses here are absolutely not built for cold weather. In winter the wind from the South Pole howls through my house through all the cracks and holes in windows and doors. Fortunately, a thick sweater (or two) and a thick duvet with an extra blanket help me through. The children are also clearly happy that the sun is shining again. During the cold times you don't see any child playing outside, but

## *Animals*

We recently got two henhouses and one of them also has a number of ducks. The kids love them, especially the girls and the little ones. Micaela and Juan Daniel became the proud owners of two adorable bunnies.



Taking care of animals is a great way to teach children to be responsible.

## **School**

Last week the kids all went back to school, which is a huge relief for the aunts, because they had to follow all lessons with the children via “Zoom” in order to be able to help their children with homework. I always roll my eyes when I see what they have to do. Those kids have to make a bunch of hand-made projects! Something they really need help with. The aunts have their hands full with it too. Honestly, I wouldn't do their job for a million. They definitely need extra prayer for inventiveness, love and patience.



## **Wall**

Yes, and by now you must have become curious about how much has actually been done towards the building of the wall. We've made quite a bit of progress with that. The north wall is built up to and including the nursery, where our wall merges into the neighbor's. In the future we will undoubtedly build to the end on that side, but financially it works out well that the neighbor has already built his wall. The southern wall has been built except for 40 meters, only the money for those last meters on that side is still missing. But we trust that it will work out well. Then we have to start with the back wall, which will be 100 meters long. So we still need a few things for that. In total 100 + 40 meters, about € 15,000. However, we are very grateful that God has provided so wonderfully thus far and we are confident that everything else will turn out well. Because we definitely need this wall to protect the children.

## **Assistant aunt(s)**

What we really need is a new assistant aunt. One aunt per house is a bit little, because that means that, when this aunt has a day off, we have to place the children of 2 houses together under the care of 1 aunt. That's really not easy for her. We actually need an assistant for every house. Especially with such a large group of teenagers whose hormones are coursing through their bodies. Because with these are children from different backgrounds, with or without parents, you need eyes in front and behind.



We really want them to function in a real family situation, but due to lack of staff this is almost an impossible task. Many of you will remember that in the beginning we worked with couples. Unfortunately, this system is long gone. We see clearly becoming a reality what is written in Matthew 24:12: "Because the lawlessness abounds, the love of most will grow cold." Yet we know and hold fast to God's Word that love conquers all and God is faithful to his promises. "Even though I pass through a valley of deep darkness, I fear no evil. For Thou art with me." It is His work and right through all the problems we have always experienced this.

This is also true in my personal situation with regard to my health. It will soon become clear whether, and if so when, I will have surgery again. Pretty exciting, but I hope it can happen as soon as possible. If all goes well, Miranda, our second daughter, will come over from the USA to be with me during the first weeks of recovery. I'm really looking forward to that. And especially to that recovery! That I will be able to do everything normal again after so many months. But here too, "everything works together for good to those who love God". In the past period I have learned to exercise patience, which is a great asset.

In any case, I -or someone from the team of Misión Timoteo- will keep you informed of any developments that may happen.

I would also like to share a few thanks,- and prayerpoints with you so that you can sympathize and stand with us in everything.

1. Thank you for the tremendous progress in the construction of the wall.
2. Thank you that the pandemic is receding and the children can go back to school normally.
3. Thank God that none of the children have actually been covid patients.
4. Some aunts appear to have had some form of this disease after all, but all have recovered well, without ill effects.
5. Thank that we always have enough food, clothes, footwear and school fees for all children.
6. Thank you for never leaving a staff member without a paycheck.

Prayer Points:

1. A lot of wisdom for the staff with the approach / education of the children.
2. New assistant aunts, who really love children and are devoted.
3. Protection of the children in the schools.
4. Wisdom for the cook in the preparation of the food and the purchases for it.
5. Enthusiasm of the population for the work of Misión Timoteo.

Thank you all for your commitment to the children of Misión Timoteo. God bless you richly in all that you undertake.

Kind regards, much love,

Therèse



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Please, help us to build a wall to protect the Misión Timoteo children and staff. We need a *lot* of bricks to build this wall. Will you do your part? We would love your support. Any amount of money is welcome. When you transfer money, please mention the word 'Wall'. Bank account nr: see colophon.



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