

Dear all,

It's our tradition to support a good cause in the run-up to the Christmas reception. And this year too there is a collection box at the MTM secretariat where all donations are welcome.

This year we choose to help the <u>Child Aid Foundation</u>, that consists of an enthusiastic group of Dutch and Belgian volunteers of which our colleague Joris Van Dyck is a member.

Child Aid aims at the maintenance and construction of small scale orphanages in South America, and in the future the care of many orphans.

A first house was purchased in Brazil in 2001, later two houses were bought in Bolivia and pieces of land were obtained in Argentina and Chile.

Several volunteers have been active in Brazil and Bolivia in recent years. In both countries people from the local population are involved in the construction and maintenance of the sites and buildings.

They also support local activities such as workshops and courses for the local population.





Within Child Aid, the <u>Timmerwerk</u> music band was established. This group makes and plays on musical instruments made from waste and discarded material.

Timmerwerk consists of the same Dutch and Belgian volunteers who also work for the Child Aid foundation.

Workshops and performances are only organized in order to collect funds for

charity: Child Aid Foundation.

Three volunteers will leave for Brazil and one to Bolivia to continue the construction activities. That is why Child Aid is looking for a new budget with which building materials and tools can be paid.

On the other hand, we are looking for a budget to buy a washing machine, refrigerator, gas stove and mattresses.

Thanks to your support in the collection box, orphans can look forward to better times. All gifts large or small are certainly welcome.

Do not hesitate to view the websites of <u>Child Aid</u> and <u>Timmerwerk</u>, and 'like' the <u>facebook page</u>.

Click on our own MTM website (on the right 'In the spotlight') for a short video report about a Timmerwerk workshop at KULeuven (Pangea).

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