

Partnership Botswana ELCB - northern church district and Church District at Lahn and Dill 1983 – 2021

Our partnership with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Botswana began as a result of an initiative of the synod in 1983, which at the suggestion of the UEM was looking for international partners and was thereupon referred to Botswana.

Much has happened since then! Especially the many encounter trips, including five youth encounters and just as many delegation trips to Botswana and the corresponding return visits to our church district in Germany.

Together we built a kindergarten, a counseling center for AIDS issues, inaugurated a new church in Maun and launched a chicken farm that now provides important income for our partners.

Of course, we should also mention the many musical projects that we developed together with young adults from Botswana, Germany and Namibia and performed in many communities in Africa and in our country.

Particularly noteworthy here is the musical "live my life" which brought us the first prize of innovative partnership projects of our regional church in 2017.

Of course, other issues are on the agenda at the moment! Corona has Botswana firmly in its grip, although the vaccination rate is now rising steeply at just under 30 percent.

Our partners offer counseling and guidance, especially to young people, and have already achieved a lot with the "faith against fear" campaign.

People are slowly overcoming their fear of encounters and are coming back to the communities with masks and distance.

For the future we hope of course for more encounters and are looking forward to the partnership consultation here in our church district for which these pages should whet your appetite.

Until then, we will stay in touch via e-mail, WhatsApp and Zoom, because our partners are now very well equipped with technology and so we are regularly in contact and mutually well informed.

Our Botswana committee currently consists of 8 people, but can still tolerate growth, so whoever is interested in this beneficial international partnership and would like to work together, please contact us.

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Photo 1: Counseling center formerly Aids- now Corona counseling

Photo 2: Partnership agreement 2011 – 2021

Photo 3: Youth encounter 2017