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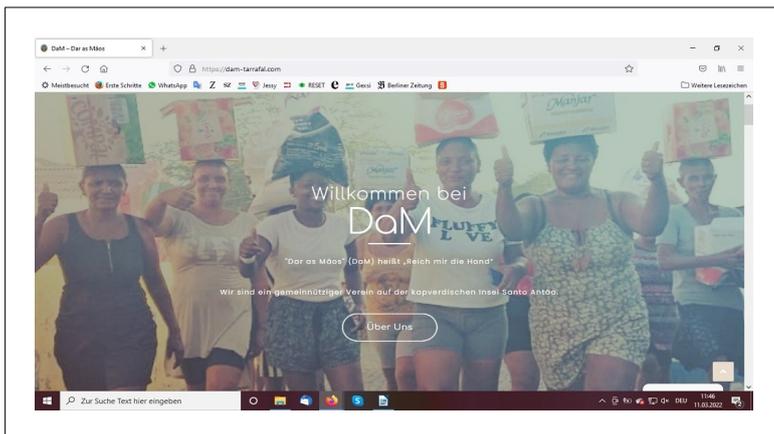
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Dear supporters and friends,
It's high time for a news update from 'Dar as Mãos' on Santo Antão:

To replace our www.damtarrafal.com website, which fell victim to hacking (!) in the summer of 2021 and could no longer be accessed after that, we have an entirely new Internet presence at:

www.dam-tarrafal.com

Please note that this is a new domain, which means a new web address!



The person we have to thank for the new web design, and by far the bulk of the work involved, is Jeanine of the Jeanine Vahldiek Band (<https://jeaninevahldiek.com>), who have long been our main sponsor. Her indefatigable commitment and hard work have taken us forward by leaps and bounds – thank you, Jeanine!

The English and Portuguese versions are currently in preparation – for which many thanks also go to our fantastic translators, Chris Richardson and Isabel Abreu!

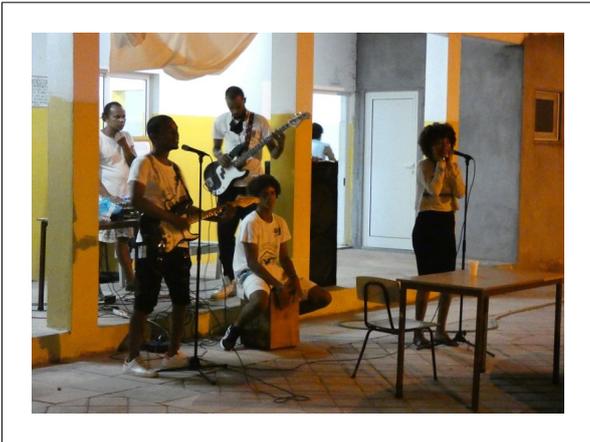
Another new aspect is that, going forward, our newsletter will be put together mainly from content on our website – specifically, from the 'News updates' section. From now on, anything newsworthy will be posted on the website first (and included in the newsletter afterwards). Let's hope we have much to report!

So let's get started:

The environment and music

The second weekend together with the Porto Novo-based organization Young Talent took place from 23 to 26 August 2021. As before, everything revolved around the issue of environmental protection, and as before, music played a major part in the proceedings.

Two speakers from Mindelo spent two evenings sharing information with the young participants from Tarrafal and Porto Novo about climate change and its consequences, and also chaired the subsequent debate.



However, the highlight this time was that the musicians from Young Talent took the composition they had written and presented when visiting Tarrafal a year earlier, and recorded it as a CD. To round off their time together, the youngsters again held a litter pick on the beach.

Because of Covid ...

At the end of 2021, all 158 families of primary- and secondary-school pupils from Tarrafal were grateful to receive a cesta basica (or 'basic basket') – the fourth we have organized.

On 29 December, we presented a member of each family with a sack or box containing a small non-cash contribution to the household budget: rice, pasta, olive oil and cooking oil, as well as – especially for the festive season – smoked sausages, biscuits and fruit juice. This was the third cesta basica donated by the Aachen-based association Pangea e.V., which supports children and young people in Asia and Africa. So, on behalf of everyone, we're sending out a big thank you!



Despite Covid ...

Jochen Hoeffgen of the Aachen-based organization Pangea e.V. paid us a visit in Tarrafal between 7 and 11 January 2022.



Since the summer of 2019 this non-profit association, which also supports young people in India and Nepal as well as on the African continent, has been assisting pupils and their families in Tarrafal. Its cooperation with DaM has, in the meantime, resulted in the creation of a school garden for our primary school, whose pupils have received school

supplies; our health centre has been given some new medical equipment as well. With families losing income due to the Covid pandemic, Pangea e.V. has funded several donations of food aid.

On his third visit to Tarrafal, the items Jochen brought with him (in addition to school resources) were, as before, chiefly medical equipment for our health centre: a stable stretcher and more than a dozen orthopaedic splints of various types. Our nurse Caetano Delgado and his assistant Jair Pires were delighted to take receipt of these items. Thank you, Jochen!



Another step forward

March 4th, 2022 saw Dietmar Schirge and Paul Blecker present our health centre with further equipment on behalf of Aachen-based charity Pangea e.V.; they topped up this donation with some self-funded pharmacy purchases.

The posto sanitário now has a septic-fluid suction pump that had been

requested by its nurse, Caetano Delgado.

And the inhalation device, which is past its prime, can also be replaced. A wide range of medical supplies including compresses, syringes and needles, masks and – last but not least – pain relief ointment – will now be available for a while. This represents another considerable step forward for our health centre in terms of resources for patient care – many a local hospital on the island can only dream of receiving such excellent support and having equipment like ours!



**A big THANK YOU to everyone
who helps and supports us!
This work is only possible with your involvement.**