

## **WE ARE CHANGING OUR NAME BUT NOT OUR VALUES**

„Chinas vergessene Waisen“

is changing its name to

„TASNA Association“ Supporting Children in Asia



As we already announced at Circus Conelli in November 2017, we have decided to help children in Asia beyond the borders of China. Our goals remain the same: to enable children in severe need to receive a good education, a balanced diet and basic medical care.

„TASNA Association“ is the next generation of „Chinas Vergessene Waisen“, an organization founded in 1998, which has been working on behalf of underprivileged children in China for 20 years. The name TASNA derives from Piz Tasna, a mountain located at the end of the Tasna Valley in the canton of Grisons in Switzerland. The name symbolizes the strength and dependability of our organization as well as the arduous road faced by many orphans. Only with access to health and education do these destitute children have a chance to reach the mountain`s summit and the utterly novel perspectives it provides.

## **CHARITY EVENT SAVE THE DATE**

This year, our annual charity event at Circus Conelli will take place

**on November 25, 2018 at 1 pm**

on the Bauschänzli in Zurich.



We are grateful for your continued support and invite you to bring along friends, relatives and colleagues. It is our goal to fill the 850 seats of the circus tent and thereby raise the money so desperately needed by the many children we support. We continue to stand by our promise:

**100% of the proceeds will go directly to projects for the children!**

### HELP WITH A CONTRIBUTION ...

...by becoming a member of „TASNA Association“

Individuals:	CHF 50.- per year
Families:	CHF 80.- per year
Companies:	CHF 100.- per year

...by buying tickets to Circus Conelli on November 25, 2018

...by financing a university scholarship in Laos

The cost of a scholarship is CHF 670.- per year. This year we are sponsoring 37 students and are working closely together with the Swiss organization “Lotus for Laos” as well as the local organization “Supportlaoschildren” run by the Australian Andrew Brown. In addition to looking after a total of 260 scholarship students locally, Andrew manages the allocation of Swiss donations. It is our goal to provide as many indigent children as possible with a chance to receive a higher education, so that they might lead an autonomous life in the future, no longer dependent upon financial assistance.

...by financing an operation in Yantai in 2019

...by making a donation to the orphanages in China or Laos

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**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**



## **TRIPS TO CHINA AND LAOS**

**WE TRAVEL, DOCUMENT, CHALLENGE AND GET AN IMPRESSION  
LOCALLY OF CULTURES, MENTALITIES AND NEEDS**

In March 2018, Board members Annika Gartenmann and Nina Mueller traveled with their daughters Franzisca and Johanna to Laos via Yantai/China. In October 2018, they will be back in China.

In April 2018, Regula Hwang Ma, a Swiss national and our trusted representative for many years, visited the two homes in Xianxiang in Henan Province for the second time this year.



**All of our trips and the associated costs are paid exclusively by us  
privately.**



**Sunshine Village in Xinxiang, Henan Province / China**

Currently 26 children, all from extremely poor families and difficult circumstances, live in Sunshine Village. Some are half-orphans, others are mentally or physically handicapped or have parents in prison. Taking care of these children is the life work of the orphanage's director Mrs. Ding, who with great dedication, has been mastering this task for many years.



Regula with the children of the Sunshine Village



Chenxiangru, 13,  
demonstrating poses



Duang Xiaoman, 7, and Liu Fengshuo, 5, arrived in the home in June 2018, after their 56-year-old father had died of a stroke in April. Their mother is mentally handicapped and cannot take care of the children. Both children do not speak and urgently require psychological and speech therapy.

**Sun Village in Xinxiang, Henan Province/ China**



Currently there are 77, in some cases heavily traumatized, children of prison inmates living in Sun Village under the direction of Mrs. Wang, a retired prison manager. The group home provides them with a great opportunity to have a structured life and good education and thereby the possibility of university studies or vocational training in the future.



For many years our association has been financing the costs of schooling and further education, as well as the children's trips to visit their parents in prison.



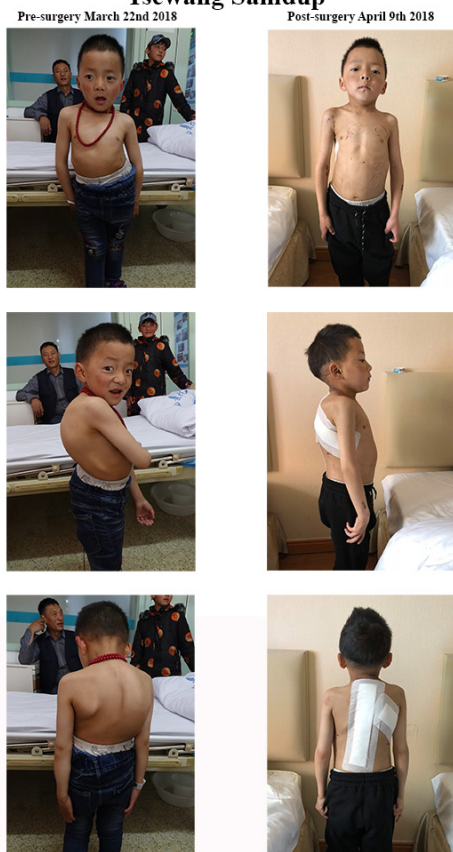
## Hospital in Yantai, Shandong Province/ China

In March 2018 and for the second time already, we helped the English organization “Glow Fund” ([www.glowfund.org](http://www.glowfund.org)) to finance complex orthopedic operations. Children from different regions of China traveled to Yantai and were operated on by a highly specialized team of surgeons from the Stanford Medical Center. Over the course of one week, the doctors performed 16 operations with great dedication, some operations taking up to 13 hours. The most difficult cases were children with severe scoliosis such as Resay Dede and Tsewang Samdup.

**Resay Dede**



**Tsewang Samdup**



## ORPHANAGE IN LUANG PRABANG/LAOS

The state-run orphanage in Luang Prabang currently houses 600 children between the ages of 11 and 17, cared for by only a few adults. The older children help to take care of the younger ones, and all of them attend school at the home. Behind the buildings they cultivate fields and grow vegetables, some of which they sell to the school's kitchen.



Thanks to the amazing support of friends from Malaysia, we have constructed an aquaponic farm in the orphanage of Luang Prabang, which the children will later be able to operate themselves. Not only will they be able to have access to vegetables all year round, but the children will also be able to breed fish, which they can either sell or eat themselves.





**Time spent with the children remains the main focus of all our trips.**

Since 2017 our association has been working closely with Franzisca Gartenmann's organization "Lotus for Laos," which has been running a scholarship program for orphans in the region surrounding Luang Prabang.



### **ORPHANAGE IN NAMBAK / LAOS**

The Nambak orphanage, which houses approximately 600 children, is located 2.5 hours north of Luang Prabang. Here we were able to attend the presentation of our project leader Andrew Brown, during which he informed students of the graduating class about the possibility of a scholarship to the university. The classroom was utterly silent as the students listened with rapt attention, and during the break every single one wanted to apply for a scholarship. A few of the students were able to speak English and translated our many questions.



### **VILLAGES IN LUANG PRABANG PROVINCE / LAOS**

After crossing the Mekong river and traveling for circa two hours on a newly completed gravel road, we reached a village which until recently had been virtually inaccessible. A lack of infrastructure is a significant problem in Laos, and during the rainy season countless villages are completely cut off.





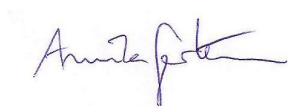
We learned that approximately 200 children live here together with 400 adults, that there is a shortage of food and medicine and that only by walking for several hours, can the children reach the public elementary school. A school bus would significantly change the prospects for these bright children. As a result, we are planning a new project here in collaboration with Andrew Brown, in order to provide these children with an education, as well as better nutrition and adequate medical care.



Please feel free to contact us at any time if you have questions about individual projects or want to become a member of our association. Please also let us know if you would like to be removed from our mailing list, which we would of course greatly regret.

Email is still: [info@chinaswaisen.ch](mailto:info@chinaswaisen.ch)

Warm regards



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