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Unbelievable performance: Pupils of Steinweiler Primary School earned more than 3,300 Euros by running in favour of Kwa Moyo

Steinweiler – They are still very young themselves, but they ran and ran - one round after the other for children in Uganda to have a better chance in life.

The Primary School of Steinweiler had started a charity run in favour of „Kwa Moyo – Hilfe mit Herz für Kinder in Uganda“ in April. The founder and first Chairperson Mara Bossert from Steinweiler is also working for the International Children´s Fund „Plan International“ and has been elected the representative for Rhineland - Palatine to the General Meeting of Plan Germany about two years ago.

Mara Bossert had visited the children previous to the charity run showing them pictures of the living circumstances of their contemporaries in Uganda. Obviously, she had left a lasting impression because the commitment for the charity run was superior.

The children searched for a sponsor for each single round they would be running by asking people in the village and their family and friends, noting down each donor in their "Charity Run Book".

On the day of the event the Steinweiler sports field was abound with little athletes from first grade to fourth grade willing to run who activated themselves over and over again to run another round. 61 children participated and 16 of them ran for more than two hours which meant - depending on the running speed - up to 50 rounds around the Steinweiler sports field.

To avoid wrongful counting each child got an elastic band after each round.

Surprisingly high amount

On April 30th the big day had come: In a class room the school´s principal Miss Bärbel Heppenheim disclosed the secret of how many

Euros of donated funds had been raised front of the children and Mara Bossert .

The tension was mounting when the principal referred that not only 1,000, not only 2, 000 – no, believe it or not more than 3, 000 Euros had been raised. Very slowly Bärbel

Heppenheimer revealed the sum of 3,362.50 Euros which had been covered by tape before.



Surprised looks by the children and by Mara Bossert who could not hold back the tears: „We are very moved by the children´s motivation and we are very happy about the Steinweiler children advocating for their contemporaries in Uganda in such a great manner! The performance of each single child is just gorgeous.“

The principal also underlined that each child has contributed its share to help Ugandan children regardless of the rounds run.

Jonas was the biggest fund-raiser

However there was one boy who ran more than all the others did. Little Jonas became the hero of the charity run.

With great diligence he pounded the shops and found sponsors already previous to the event. His running performance was nearly inexhaustible and in the end he alone was able to contribute 869 Euros due to his commitment.

„The money will be used for building a complete class room at the „Kwa Moyo Children´s Village & Education Center“ in Mbale“, Mara Bossert happily stated.

The young athletes may choose a name for it by themselves – as a connection with and referring to the Steinweiler Primary School.hey are still very young themselves, but they ran and ran - one round after the other for children in Uganda to have a better chance in life.