



## Dear Friends and Supporters!

With the life stories of disabled persons from Ethiopia (see attachment), I would like to thank you all once more for your support and encouragement. This way, disabled street beggars receive mobility aids, necessary operations, mobility, possibilities of work and a new future perspective. They receive appreciation and dignity within the Emmanuel community, and a new outlook on life. Thank you so much – and enjoy reading the articles!

Rahel Röthlisberger and the members of Emmanuel in Ethiopia

PS: Due to the corona pandemic, the Project Emmanuel benefit party will be postponed—see below!  
The Verein Emmanuel annual general meeting is currently planned for June 9 (short-term changes possible).



## News from Project Emmanuel, Soddo

Despite the corona pandemic, work continues as usual in the men's and women's workshops as well as for the shoe shiners. Intensive discussions have taken place to create the new orthopedics workshop. Now the basic concept has been set: Integration of prostheses and leg brace production into the existing mobility aid workshop, management by a trained professional orthopedics technician, Dawit; members of the Emmanuel men's workshop will also be working there; weekly coaching and quality control by Duane Anderson (Orthopedic surgeon, SCH Hospital, Soddo) has been confirmed. Verein Emmanuel Switzerland will fund the machines for the manufacture of prostheses and braces. Ato Abraham, lawyer at the SCH Hospital, will set up a contract (to regulate the responsibilities as well as rights of use and ownership). We would like to thank

everyone who is participating for the good cooperation and their commitment. And thanks to all of the contributors for your financial support. More news to come!

Corona Update: Thanks to God that Ethiopia purportedly has not been affected very much by the corona virus, at least regarding the cases of people getting ill or the number of deaths. But the measures ordered by the government have a particularly harsh effect on the poorest of the poor. In the street children’s project that we deal with, the children are starving. Due to the schools being closed, many of the children attending the schools do not receive their one and only proper meal of the day! The water supply in the slums has collapsed because of the frequent handwashing and lack of delivery of sufficient water...

The municipal authorities made a few inspections at Project Emmanuel in Soddo and distributed soap. Schools are also closed in Soddo, but the workshop is still active and community life continues. Thank you for all your prayers for protection and safety.

I will gladly transmit extraordinary emergency relief donations to charities taking care of persons affected by corona. Please simply contact me ([rahel\\_medizin@gmx.ch](mailto:rahel_medizin@gmx.ch) / +41-78 900 62 15)



Photos above:

Top left: mobility aid workshop – r.: the management team of the new Ortho workshop, l. to r.: Bereket (Assistant & Secretary Emmanuel), Melese (Manager Emmanuel), Duane Anderson (Orthopedic surgeon SCH), Dawit (Orthopedic Professional)

Bottom: Corona training by the municipal authorities (at the Emmanuel men’s workshop)

## News from Verein Emmanuel, Switzerland

Once again, we would like to thank you all for your support—in the attachment fresh off the press you can read what this means for individual disabled persons and rejoice with them 😊!

Kind regards, stay safe, blessings! Rahel Röthlisberger, President Verein Emmanuel Schweiz

REMINDER & information about events in 2020: changes possible due to the corona situation!

### SAVE THE DATE:

**BENEFIT-PARTY postponed 😊: to Saturday June 27 as from 17:00hrs (Alternate date September 26, 2020 depending on corona situation) with exhibition of paintings and sales to benefit Project Emmanuel at Foyer Casappella, come and snack, chat, sing, play... 😊!**

In 2020, Project Emmanuel is celebrating its 5-year anniversary 😊 (and I myself will be celebrating a multiple of 5 years 😊). Friends of Project Emmanuel and interested persons are cordially invited!

Saturday June 27, 2020 as from 17:00hrs / Casappella, Längackerweg 14, 3084 Worblaufen  
Sign up by June 20, 2020 with Rahel Röthlisberger: rahel\_medizin@gmx.ch // 078 900 62 15

### Tuesday June 9, 2020 Verein Emmanuel Switzerland Annual General Meeting

Tuesday June 9, 2020 at 19:00hrs at Esther Schaller's home, Rebhaldeweg 4, 3472 Wynigen – Association members and further interested persons are cordially invited. Invitation will follow.

### Painting exhibition & sale of paintings to benefit Project Emmanuel – March to June 2020 – Foyer Casappella, Längackerweg 14, 3084 Worblaufen – due to the corona virus situation, the exhibition can only take place as a mini-version on paper: see the attachment. All benefits from the sale of these paintings will be donated directly to Project Emmanuel, the buyer determines the price. Please order your painting by sending the painting's number to: rahel\_medizin@gmx.ch

**Sale of charity mountain cheese to benefit Emmanuel:** Please place your orders with me (Rahel Röthlisberger)

Emmanuel Website – [www.projekt-emmanuel.ch](http://www.projekt-emmanuel.ch)

**Donations to Emmanuel:** Payment slip in the attachment—many thanks for all of your support!  
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