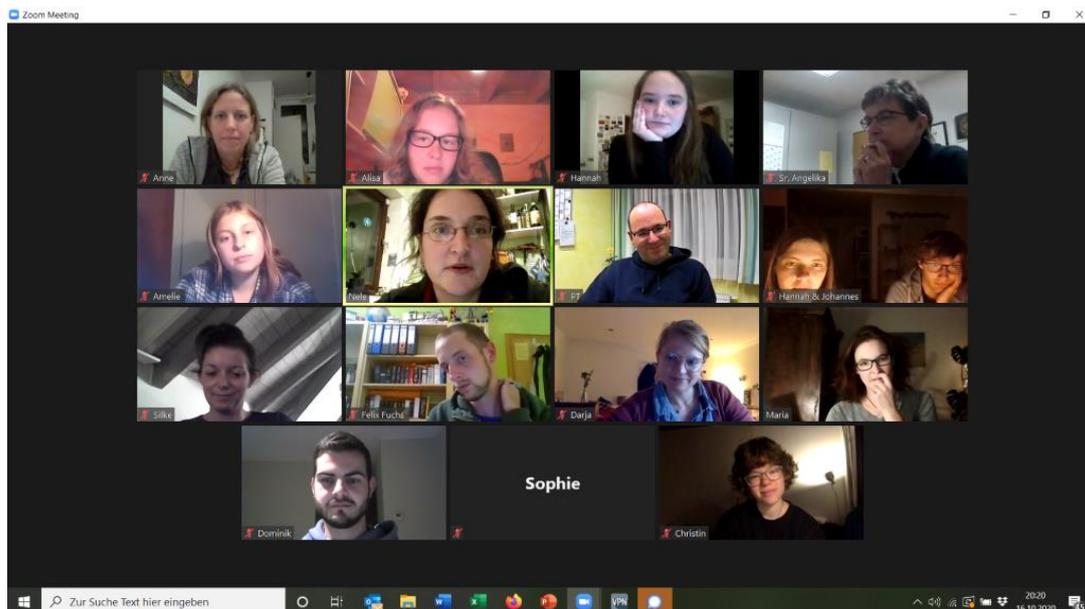


Dear partners!

Two weeks ago, we had a meeting with the annual MaZ team. It is an event where all former volunteers come together who also want to work for MaZ after their return. This gives us the opportunity to exchange views on all current issues related to volunteering and to participate actively in the future of MaZ. The idea arose, among other things, of regular circulars or letters, to write a kind of newsletter for our partners in the countries of use. During our missions you (probably) noticed that we have sent circular letters to people in Germany in regular intervals, who are important to us. Now we want to reverse the principle and write to you. After all, for many of us, you had become a second home for MaZ and we do not want to lose contact, while currently, there are no new volunteers able to come to you.

In the newsletters, we would like to share what is affecting us and what is happening at MaZ. At the same time, of course, we are also happy to hear/read what is going on with you.



MaZ-Meeting on 16th October 2020: Anne, Alisa, Hannah, Sr. Angelika, Amelie, Nele, P. Thomas, Hannah, Johannes, Silke, Felix, Darja, Maria, Dominik, Sophie und Christin

At the MaZ-meeting, there were a number of other topics. One of the three most important ones was the promotion of new MaZ, which should be done both in schools and through social media channels. Unfortunately, the first weekend of information for young people, who are interested in MaZ, could not take place due to Covid-19 issues. Instead some phone calls were made with interested parties. The new volunteers are scheduled to be established by the end of January.

Furthermore, discussions were held about what preparation means, what content is involved and whether seminars are planned and should take place online due to the

situation. The Corona virus is a major concern to us in this regard and there is currently no certainty regarding impending departure. This also depends on the decisions of the Federal Foreign Office.

Seminar for returnees

Due to the corona pandemic in mid-March 2020, all MaZ had to return to Germany from their countries of deployment. Within two weeks Amelie, Anne S. , Anne W. Debora, Elias, Johanna, Jule, Lara, Lennart and Sabina had to pack their suitcases, say goodbye and some of them flew back home with official return transports. Shortly before Easter, a three-day virtual return seminar took place.

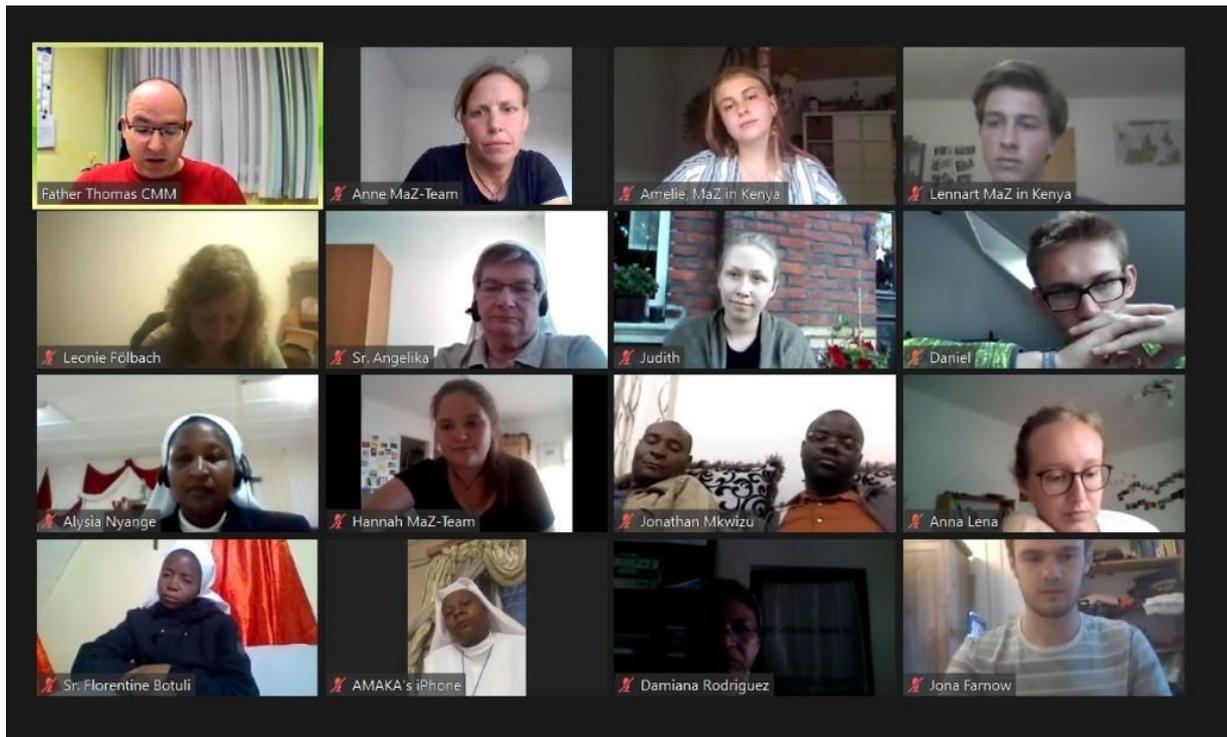
Within this seminar, the ten MaZ were able to reflect on the sudden departure, to evaluate and to make plans how things could continue now. At the beginning of October we met in presence and spent another three days in a seminar to see how the MaZ are doing now, how the last six months have been being in Germany and what their future plans look like. As a special highlight, an international culinary evening took place on Saturday evening and there were many delicious dishes from Bolivia, Kenya and Tanzania.



Seminar for returnees (from left): Jule, Jana, Anne W., Hannah, Lennart, Lara, Elias, Amelie, Johanna, Anne, Rebecca

Virtual sofa

In addition to the circular letters that you will receive in the future, our virtual sofa with partners has already taken place twice. (The virtual sofa is an online meeting that was initiated by MaZ returnees and takes place regularly on Tuesdays. Whoever has time and desires comes by to chat, to do a thematic exchange, play, pray together or what is currently on the agenda.)



First virtual sofa with partners on 21st July 2020: P. Thomas (CMM Deutschland), Anne (MaZ-Team), Amelie (MaZ Kenya), Lennart (MaZ Kenya), Leonie (MaZ Bolivia), Sr. Angelika (CPS Germany), Judith (MaZ Tanzania), Daniel (MaZ Kenya), Sr. Aloysia (CPS Tanzania), Hannah (MaZ-Team + MaZ Ghana), Fr. Deo + Fr. Jonathan (Cssp Tanzania), Anna-Lena (MaZ Tanzania), Sr. Florentine (CPS Kenya), Sr. Amaka (IHM Ghana), Hna Damiana (Josef Sisters Bolivia) und Jona (MaZ Kenya)

One Tuesday in July and one in September we also met with you. This worked well more or less, because technology does not always work as it should. But nevertheless we would like to continue to meet virtually and would be happy if you would join us in the future! The next virtual sofa is scheduled for the 08. December 2020. This is a friendly invitation to all of you!

We hope you are well and will include you in our prayers!

Best wishes!