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Passing on leadership – focus remains:
The people of Afghanistan and Kurdistan

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What a celebration!

Farewell to Udo Stolte - Shelter family celebrates over 40 years of Shelter Now

300 people came to Braunschweig on March 23rd to give Udo a proper farewell from his work as Director of Shelter Now Germany e.V..

The event was hosted by the Christuszentrum in Braunschweig, which played a major role in ensuring that many people will remember this day for a long time to come, thanks to its many volunteers and a fantastic buffet. Friends, partners, long-time companions and supporters from Shelter Now's 40 years of work were present and for many there were many - sometimes surprising - reunions.

The former regional bishop Christian Krause held a devotional entitled "Shelter Now daily motto". He reported on his meeting with Udo, who had to manage the huge public interest in the hostage-taking of Shelter Now employees in 2001. He himself had experience abroad in refugee camps in East Africa and had extensive contacts which, in addition to his fatherly advice, were an unforgettable help to Udo during this difficult time.

In a joint interview, Georg Taubmann and Udo talked about the beginnings and development of the work.



Clearly moved, Udo Stolte handed over the mantle, which he himself had once received as a gift in Afghanistan, and with it the responsibility to his successor Matthias Stechert. This mantle symbolizes God's blessing, which was prayed for afterwards.

Udo commented: *"I am glad that the work of Shelter Now Germany is being passed on so smoothly to the next generation. Matthias is a person of great integrity and has a big heart for our work. I am convinced that he will continue it in the best interests of the people in Afghanistan and Kurdistan."*

Matthias on his new role at Shelter Now:

"My aspiration is that we as the Shelter family will continue to serve people in need, especially in Afghanistan and Kurdistan, and give them hope and confidence. In order to ensure that we continue to realize our vision, I would like to focus the work of Shelter Now Germany e.V. on the future for the coming decades."

At this stage of my induction, however, I am primarily concerned with continuity. Our team is a huge support to me in this. It initially consists of our employees Johannes Nielen (project management) and Gertraud Kretschmer (accounting and administration), as well as our recent student intern David Baum. As well as many other people and volunteers, including Udo and Sigi Solte (now both in "short-time jobs"), Gabriel Schreyer (IT), Anke Benecke (graphics), Rita and Petra Fischer (saffron)."



Afghanistan:

The school in Kabul is growing

There is good news from the elementary school we support in Kabul.

Many organizations in the country have been asked by the government to hand back the management of their schools. Shelter Now, on the other hand, has not only been allowed to continue teaching, we have even been asked to expand the curriculum to include Years 5 and 6! This school is one of the few in Kabul that also offers classes for girls. They now have the opportunity to be taught for another two years. We are grateful for this opportunity to give girls access to a six-year school education. The teachers, who are trained in Montessori education, specifically encourage initiative, interest and self-confidence in the children - things that will benefit them for the rest of their lives.

Due to the high demand for school places for girls, our school management has decided to focus on accepting girls in the future.



There are significantly more opportunities for boys to attend school.

As in Germany, working with parents is very important to our teachers, in addition to the actual teaching. It is often the mothers who wait for their children in the schoolyard. As participation in public life is very limited for women under the new government, our local team would like to be strengthened by new employees so that there is more capacity for making contacts and building relationships.



The education of orphans continues

School is also being held in Faizabad in the north. In this case, it is young people from an orphanage that we have been supporting for many years with food and fuel for the winter months, among other things.

In various training initiatives, these young people learn a craft that should give them prospects for the future.

The aim is for them to be able to stand on their own feet in the future. To make this possible, we finance the salaries of the trainers and the teaching materials.

Flood disaster

in Afghanistan/ Baghlan

According to the United Nations World Food Program, 311 people died as a result of the heavy rainfall. Almost 5,000 houses were destroyed or damaged.

Our team in Faizabad (Badakhshan) is already in the process of surveying where the need is greatest in order to provide immediate help.

We are grateful for all supporters who are making this work possible.

Matthias Stechert with the Shelter Team

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How much money?

Project

Project No.

Whom do I help?

What do I donate for:

120 €

Orphanage school in Faizabad 352

An orphan boy in Faizabad

One year supply of naan (bread)

30 €

Montessori Children's Center 6201

A child

One month of school lesson

100 €

Flood relief Afghanistan 6000

A family affected by the flood

A food package

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