



GIVE SOMEONE A FUTURE

Metal Workshop Ethiopia –
A Project of Manz Automation and the Evangelisches Jugendwerk



First graduating class
after 10 months of training
in November 2009





Up to its capacity loaded container to Ethiopia ...

After approximately one year of planning with the ejw and local YMCA in Addis Ababa we were able to send a container fully packed with used machinery and all kind of tools out of the Manz external storage facility in Pfullingen, Germany, in direction Addis Ababa. In the middle of December 2008, on a snowing day, the container was loaded to a truck.

Right on time and according schedule the goods were loaded to a container ship in Hamburg harbor for a 6 weeks sea journey passing the Golf of Aden to the destination of Djibouti, the little country at the Horn of Africa. Our concern that the ship could end up in wrong hands was not justified. However, a lot of headaches were caused by the African customs authorities. The African „standard“ bureaucracy was finally the reason for a delivery delay of the container. The actual site delivery was done a few days after the official opening ceremony.

In Germany we had been very lucky to come across Martin Goll, an expert in basic metal works with a 30 years of experience as a trainer for young people. Martin agreed to give us a few weeks free of charge support at the workshop in Addis Ababa.



What a joy ...

After finishing his education in metal works in Germany in the middle of the seventies and before starting his career, Martin decided to spend three years in Africa as a trainer. With great success, he started a training center in Addis Ababa at the same spot where the center is nowadays. One of his best trainees at that time was Mr. Lemma. When he heard about the new project, he decided right away to become the new trainer.

Finally, at the end of February there were 30 preselected potential trainees of the three YMCA branches in Addis Ababa ready for a final practical and theoretical test as only 15 trainees could be hosted in the renovated workshop.

One can imagine that the 15 selected ones were very happy to start a professional training in basic metal works. A statement of one of the 15 trainees: "A possibility to receive a professional training is like winning a million in a lottery".



The first practical training ...

On March 3rd 2009, the official opening took place. In a few hours ceremony, with a lot of speeches from YMCA Ethiopia members of the board, government representatives and Markus Witzke, head of the ejw Württemberg, Germany, the metal workshop was inaugurated.

In the meantime, the local shipping company could give us the assurance that the container is on its 500 km way by truck from Djibouti to Addis Ababa.

Finally, the container arrived with no damages and the trainees as well as the trainer were very happy. All trainees have been involved in the unloading operation of the container and moving the machines, tools and other goods into the workshop. Everybody was busy to assemble the work benches and set up the shop.

Besides the first theoretical and practical exercises, each trainee was given the task to build a simple workbench stool for himself.



The first basic training course has been finished with great success ...

Ethiopia's law is prohibiting foreign organizations to open up training centers in all fields. For all so-called NGOs (non-governmental organizations) an official governmental permit has to be obtained. This inspection was done in July and we had been rated as **OVER QUALIFIED**. This gives us great flexibility for the future with regard to training periods and contents of the training.

The first course with 15 trainees will finish now in these days. Of course all trainees will have to pass theoretical as well as practical final tests. Besides recruiting 15 new trainees for the next course the training plan will also be further improved as well as the qualification of the trainers. Another very important task is to assist the leaving 15 young people in either finding a job or establishing their own small business. The Metal Workshop already reached a model status for Ethiopia.

We want to **GIVE** a **FUTURE** to the young people.

Otto Angerhofer



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