



This slogan underneath the logo, aims to point out what IAAR's goals are, and what our collaborators are striving for, in the different countries in which we are active.

## To all IAAR friends!

We started off 2018 with promising results from different countries.

This is only possible thanks to devoted friends and firm collaborators who are continually giving their all in the commitment suited to them personally.

Below we have news from Morocco and Tanzania regarding some initiatives from our local collaborators.

### 1. MOROCCO HAS ITS FIRST EDUCATOR!

The support of IAAR to PRH in Morocco pays off.

At the end of 2017 Morocco welcomed its first educator. She lives in Rabat.



*"Likewise, a group of collaborators was formed in the spring of 2017.*

*Some of them would like to become educators, because they are convinced that the PRH education could bring about something new to the benefit of their country.*

*Others, who have just recently started their formation, are committing themselves fully because they are noticing positive results in their lives, both at a personal and at a professional level. Together they are doing everything possible to enable our development and to help the*

*formation go smoothly.*

*And, thanks to the support of IAAR we are able to further assist them on the spot, without being only dependent on contacts via Skype, even though it is possible to obtain considerable results by using this medium.*

*Some collaborators from France are also lodging participants from Morocco in their own homes. In this way, they enable them to follow workshops that are not programmed in Morocco, at a reasonable cost, and to establish contacts with others.*

*One can sense a new energy, and we accompany the new candidates as well as we can, in order that we will be able to withdraw in the long run, from the moment they will be in a position to assure the PRH formation in their country."*

*Jeanne-Marie Grillet, PRH-France educator.*

## 2. FOUR CANDIDATE-EDUCATORS IN TANZANIA

From 15 to 23 September 2017 they received some intensive training. The two educators, sister Archangela and sister Rita were present too.

The gathering was sponsored by IAAR and took place at the Benedictine monastery situated on the edge of the Ngorogoro crater near Arusha in Tanzania.

The group was received with abundant hospitality and friendliness.

Sister Noella (second from the left on the picture below) one of the four candidates, is at present responsible for the training of twelve aspiring sisters at the monastery. There, she is receiving all opportunities to become a PRH educator and to pass on the PRH education at the monastery.



*Photo on the left: the entire group*

*Photo below: having a picnic together during a free day*



No matter how tough the circumstances in Tanzania are to earn a living as an educator, Hippoliet, sister Noella, Margaret and sister Catherine (from left to right on the photo) are determined to keep going.

After 3 years of intensive personal formation and two years of formation in the PRH aid relationship, they have now started the professional formation to become educators two years from now.

From now on, Hippoliet, sister Noella, Margret and sister Catherine will animate short workshops and be active in the PRH-aid relationship.



Some photographs giving an impression of the normal living conditions in the interior...

### 3. PUTTING OUR MUSIC-FOR-LIFE PROMO TEAM IN THE SPOTLIGHT!

For the second year running, Sophie, Kris and Bart have organized the IAAR Music For Life-campaign. It is a nationwide campaign in Belgium taking place during the weeks around Christmas, during which people busy themselves for the sponsoring of a good cause that has received an official registration by the **Music For Life** organization. In the final week, a large happening is broadcast over the radio, and numerous initiatives, plus the final results, are made public.

This year they opted for Belgian chocolates (artisanal produce and with various flavors). The small boxes cost € 5 and the larger ones € 15. With the slogan 'Take a taste of life!' and a presentation of IAAR, our foundation received some welcome exposure.

The result: number of small boxes sold: 950

number of large boxes sold: 600

Net gain for IAAR: € 5.650



We take our hats off to this trio, and to all those who put their shoulders to selling these chocolates, and in this way help spread the name IAAR.

Bart, to the right in the photograph, has in the past had the privilege to participate in PRH activities in Tanzania and Congo. To him these remain unforgettable and extraordinary experiences. He testifies:

*"Having experienced this, I really started believing in the PRH-education as a lever for development. The solidarity with people from the south has become a given. After all, with them we share, more or less, the same complaints and aspirations. There I met - as in any other PRH-workshop - some wonderful people. Unfortunately, they have fewer opportunities than we have, and therefore they can use any available support. I was struck by the tremendous motivation of all participants. In Kinshasa for example, there was a lady who left her house at 5 o' clock in the morning to be present at the workshop at 9 am.*

*When I notice people going full out, believing in it with such ardor, wanting to do it so badly, I feel that they deserve my support by all means. Seeing people standing up, becoming themselves, witnessing people taking hold of their lives with strength ... these things connect me to them and encourage me to take action to their benefit.*

*On top of that I also take pleasure from doing this: cooperating with others, the ingenuity of our togetherness, being surprised how the things find their own way, ... But what I enjoy most is the campaign itself, when everyone gets swept along by mutual enthusiasm, and everyone is happy with every single success - large or small..." Have a contagious meal! And we will continue!*

## AND BELOW, SOME MORE INITIATIVES TAKEN FOR IAAR AGAINST THE BACKDROP OF MUSIC FOR LIFE...

- a concert of singing bowls,
  - little presents for a Christmas market,
  - a viewing of 'The Kinshasa children',
  - a course in being connected creatively,
  - a late-night drink,
  - quotes for Life,
  - a workshop to make jewelry,
  - festively varnished nails
  - ...
- Net gain for IAAR: € 1.700



Many many thanks also to those organizing these.  
**It is truly heartwarming!**

### 4. THIS YEAR, PRH-ITALY CHOOSES SOLIDARITY WITH SOUTH AFRICA

*"Time and again, the regional meeting with our collaborators is an important moment to put the spotlight on PRH as a school of formation, the vision of André Rochais, and our presence in the world.*

*This year our group chose for more solidarity with South Africa.*



*In line with our choice, we sold some of our participants' works, that they produced during workshops with creative expression as theme, and who were willing to donate these for this cause.*

*This initiative is also an opportunity to introduce the creative workshops to our new participants, and provide them with the opportunity to cooperate in lending support to PRH in that country.*



*We ourselves also made little pieces with quotes by André Rochais, stimulating growth and life, and which we sell for the same purpose.*

*Thus, from our small corner in Italy, we strive to help create a better world through this concrete bond with South Africa."*

*Maria De Guiseppe, chairperson PRH-Italy.*

Congratulations to our creative and loyal collaborators in Italy!

#### 4. A CHRISTMAS MARKET IN AN COVALESCENT HOME



*“It was an experiment: putting up a stall at the Christmas market of the care center in Hooidonk with items from the IAAR-shop and some 'low threshold' books about PRH*

*The sick come here to recover. And everyone is welcome in the canteen.*

*To most of those that were interested, we were able to explain what IAAR stands for.*

*They nodded in agreement, and reacted surprisingly positively when we explained, in simple terms, the importance of personal and relational formation.*

*The flyer was much appreciated.*

*More than once we were able to point out the link to the PRH education. Some visitors were immediately attracted to the books. With them we entered into conversation regarding the value of the formation and they took the program brochure along with them. Mostly it concerned adults who were hearing about PRH for the first time and whom we were only able to reach thanks to the platform of this Christmas market.*

*We had not planned this, but it was rewarding to witness that thanks to IAAR, we were able to support and promote the PRH education, not only in the south, but also in the rest of Flanders “*

*Lutgart*

Heartfelt thanks too to all friends who, in all quietness initiate activities, and on whose monthly support we may count.

Everyone working together makes it possible for those, who are less fortunate at the location where they are living and working, to be able to realize their dreams of creating a better society.

Magda Uyttensprot,  
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