



One Happy Family News October 2018

*“Sin otra luz y guía, sino la que en el corazón ardía”
(With no other light or guide, but the one that burned in the heart)*

Nieves' motto

Situation on Lesbos

Last month we updated you only very briefly with statistics about the situation on Lesbos. This month, after an alarm bell over the conditions on the island, after a 30 day-deadline and imprisoned humanitarians, we want to inform you with more detail.

30 days to improve hygiene in the camp

The Regional Authority of the Northern Aegean has given the Ministry of Migration Policy 30 days to clean up Moria amp. Otherwise it would face closure. This due to an inspection that ruled that the camp is unsuitable and dangerous for public health and the environment. This announcement has been made on the 10th of September.

Since then, as far as we know, there haven't been any improvements. What has been started though are more transfers to the mainland than before. Until the end of September a total of 3000 people are planned to be able to leave the island. So far

around 500 transfers, mainly vulnerable people and those that concluded their asylum procedures, have been made.

Open letter on the state of emergency in Moria

Dr. Alessandro Barberio, Clinical psychiatrist with MSF, says: “In all of my years of medical practice, I have never witnessed such overwhelming numbers of people suffering from serious mental health conditions.”

Find out more in his open letter: <http://bit.ly/2DG-zDwe>

Arrests on the island

Three humanitarian workers have been arrested on Lesbos, they await their trial at the moment.

Find out more: <http://bit.ly/2OkJcoC> or under www.freehumanitarians.com

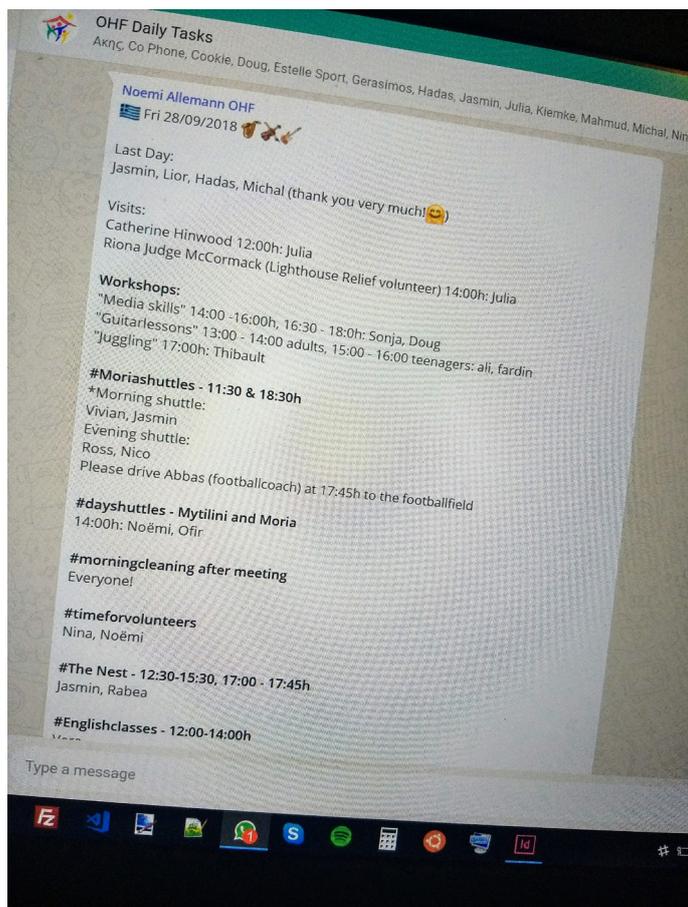
News from the Community Centre

Daily life at OHF

It's always busy: We had a Media skills workshop this month, the radio and podcasts are continuing, there were a juggling, the pottery and a chess workshop.

Music heals: this is why we're proud to have regular guitar and violin classes as well. All of this beside our daily life.

What follows here is an insight into our schedule (send each day in our "OHF Daily" Chat on WhatsApp). This is how our daily life looked like on Friday, 29th of September:



One Year of OHF-Newsletter

It's been one year of updates from Lesvos and OHF through this newsletter. We're happy to get some feedback from you, write us what you miss in the newsletter at fundraising@ohf-lesvos.org or via our social media channels. Merci :-)

Challenges for the coordination team

With the departure of two members of the coordination team it has been time to rearrange the tasks. Besides that there is an ongoing opportunity for helpers to take on more responsibility and join the coordination. We're happy to give this chance but as well challenge to more people and will keep you updated about the process. Nevertheless we're always looking for dedicated longterm volunteers that are ready to invest themselves into our heartproject.

You can find more information and the possibility to apply on our website:

<https://ohf-lesvos.org/en/volunteering/>

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Picture of the month

The One Happy Family Medical Center needs your help!



The wooden house, built up by a group of nepalese in the summer of 2017 was thermally insulated in November 2017 and turned into a medical center. It's operated a group of doctors and nurses, who are international volunteers. The center is open for 5 to 6 hours a day and everybody is able to register for medical treatment.

Everyday the patients are welcomed in different languages, a triage takes place to see which team member can be the best help for the patient...

Our current clinic team is covering way more than the clinic at OHF at the moment. The medical situation inside Moria camp is horrendous. The team tries thus to help whenever possible as well inside Moria. Facing these financial difficulties doesn't stop them from giving everything. Please support them to continue their important work on Lesvos and at the clinic!

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#MeetTheFamily

Dear OHF-“Mama”

Thank you for caring, smiling, running around, typing notes into your computer concerning helpers cases, singing, giving out drachmas, learning “enjoy” in all languages at the food line, being strict but friendly, managing to work 200%, dancing, being always there to listen to anyone all the time, for being always up for some silly moments too.



Thank you for loving this crazy family this much to spend almost one year with us.

Your nickname “Mama” says everything about you and your meaning for this project. But as a mother, you'll always be around, wherever you are and wherever all of your kids are. Time to grow now, with Mama far away, for the rest of the family. We just wanted to officially say that we love you, you burnt your light into our hearts!