



Hamburg, 18th September 2016

Dear supporters and friends!

Last Tuesday, 13th September, Dr. Michael Hoppe was presented with the Federal Service Cross by Frau Katharina Fegebank, the deputy mayor of Hamburg at a special ceremony in the Hamburg Town Hall. In her speech Frau Fegebank was visibly impressed by the extent of what Michael Hoppe had achieved over the last 10 years through the establishment of his foundation. She particularly praised the clever, far-seeing dealings of Michael Hoppe as well as with the perseverance with which he has dealt with the bureaucratic processes in Namibia as well as the cultural challenges that he faced during the establishment of the various projects.

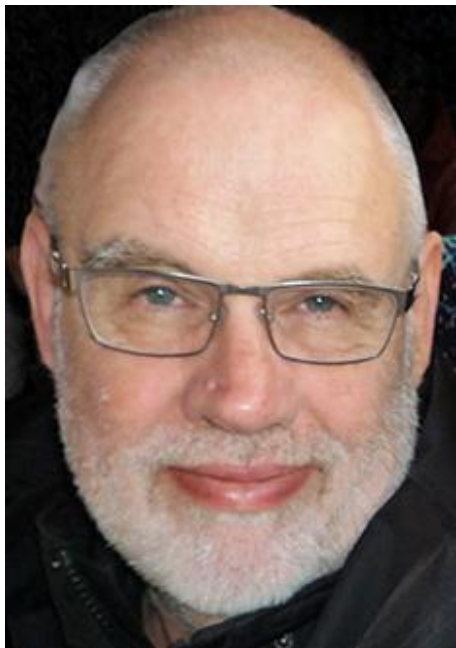


In his speech of thanks for the award, Michael Hoppe placed special emphasis on the commitment of other people whom he was able over the years to enthuse and win over for the project. Therefore It was not a surprise that a circle of friends and helpers had gathered to take part in this celebratory gathering.

The joy over the 10 successful years of steps for children could be seen on the faces of all those present. Along with the gratitude for such good and charitable work, the hope shone through that what had been achieved could be preserved and that the wellbeing of the children for whom the foundation had been set up, could be further promoted.



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Stefan Wolfschütz, Vice-chairman

I have supported Michael Hoppe since 2002 with his plans and with the setting up of the foundation. From the beginning I was a trustee of the foundation and I am now the deputy chairman alongside him. Over all these years, I have been able to observe how selflessly Michael Hoppe commits himself. With him, one always has the feeling that he is totally committed to the good of the project. In no circumstances do his personal interests come into play.

I am totally convinced that in their dealings with him, people sense this total commitment to the children of Namibia and allow themselves to be convinced by his vision. Along with all the volunteers and employees, I look forward to many future years with the foundation.

Also in the name of Michael Hoppe, I ask you: Don't leave us alone. Support us with whatever you can afford to help us continue with our efforts to stand by the weak and to open up a humane future for them.

With great joy over the presentation and heartfelt greetings from Hamburg,

Yours Stefan Wolfschütz

The steps for children foundation was founded in 2005 by Dr. Michael Hoppe. In the meantime it is present at six project locations where it is active in sustainably working for better educational chances for the children of the poor quarters of Namibia. With every donation you are investing in the future of needy children:

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With heart-felt greetings

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