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While attending a language school 1996 in Locarno/Switzerland, I met Helene Jaeger who was running the school for some years. During a dinner, which we had together after a long schoolday Helene told me about an African project she was dreaming about for several years. To built a Kindergarten and school for children coming from families, who were not able to pay the education of their children, was her idea. I was enthusiastic about her plan and since I had been fascinated all my life by Africa and its culture - as a young girl I always wanted to join Albert Schweitzer on his african enterprise - I promised Helene to join her on the next trip to Africa to get a personal look on the side, where about she wanted to start her dream.

So at the end of 1996 I took my first trip to Ghana. I was overwhelmed by the beauty of the nature and the kindness of the people. I also understood very soon the basics of Helene's idea when I saw how necessary it was to do whatever we could to help the children in getting a good and solid education.

I promised Helene, whenever she was really transferring her dream into reality, I would help her the best I could especially in collecting funds to finance her project.

Back home I started to talk to a lot of people about the Ghana Kindergarten and school project. With the help from my family, some dear friends and a few special sponsoring events I was able to collect the necessary amount of money to start the erection of the first Kindergarten building. In September 1999 we could celebrate the inauguration.

For the time being, I am spending about twice a year a couple of weeks in Ghana to help Helene wherever I can. This visits are always giving me enough new inspirations to convey the need of help to the people in Europe and to persuade more and more of them to donate funds to HIPS. It helps me to explain to them, that even this little project is a vital step to lead some more children into a better personal future.
