



Himalayan Project

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For Whom it may Concern in Upper Solu!

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Few days ago I was handed over a beautiful and full functioning Fire Engine from Aabenraa Fire Department in Denmark, with the purpose to donate it for Phaplu-Salleri Fire Department and Phaplu Airfield.

Even though it is 36 years old, it has only been driving 25.000 km, so in many respects it is very new. It is a very honest and simple engine with no high electronic and complicated instruments. All are operated in a simple and locally repairable way.

Together with the engine we were given many fireproof uniforms, helmets and gas masks and 150 small hand pumps for Fire Brigades all over Upper Solu. And all this equipment we are ready to deliver in Solu with basic instruction. All expenses on the way until delivery of the equipment will be covered by us. And later we will see to that Fire Fighter Instructors are visiting Solu to give more extensive training on fire fighting in general and in utilizing the equipment and engine particularly.

But of course we also need you to play an active role in establishing a Fire Brigade and receiving this engine and equipment. We need local authorities and local pioneers to do three compulsory activities, which have to be completed when Papa Kurt visits Phaplu-Salleri in Autumn 2011:

1. Achieve an Approval from Local and Central Bodies waiving the Rule of Import of Vehicles not older than 10 years of age.
2. Establishing Phaplu-Salleri Fire Brigade as described in "Himalayan Project Village Fire Brigade".
3. Establishing a Fire Station or at least a proper Garage and Store Room, where Fire Engine and equipment can be stored in a proper way.
4. Mobile Water Tank more than 5.000 liter. Can be as a hanger for the Fire Vehicle.

In case the local willingness and ability is not present to go into this project and to complete the above four mentioned activities before Autumn 2011 I will appreciate very much that you will inform me very soon, so I can adjust the project. The engine and equipment are so attractive, that we in that case will offer it for others. And the same will happen if you go into the process, but are too late to complete it.

I really hope that we together can complete this project to create a higher degree of security among the people of Upper Solu. It is a sure sign of development when the population can feel safe and confident.

Yours sincerely
Papa Kurt Lomborg!



Fire Engine for Phaplu-Salleri

Mercedes Benz L 608 D

1976 model

On 20. January 2011 it has been driving 25.040 km

Frame Number: 31 04 12 13 19 54 65

Length: 5,99 m (233 inches)

Width: 2,07 m (80 inches)

Height: 2,56 m (100 inches)

Weight without fire equipment: 6.500 kg (14.300 lb)

Engine: Own 4-cylinder, type OM314, 3.782 cm³ (230 cubic inches), liquid cooled

Horsepower: 85 at 2.800 rpm

Transmission: 5-speed

Transfer case: None

Electrical system: 12 volt, negative ground

Brakes: Hydraulic, vacuum assisted

Tyres: 7.00 - 16.

Fording depth: 0.3 m (12 inches)

Fuel type: Diesel

Fuel capacity: 60 liter (13 gallons)

Range: 225 km (140 miles)

On 23/1-2011 we drove 198 km on 25 liter of diesel (8 km/l)

Water tank: not known exactly but more than 700 liter up to 1.200 liter. With full water spray the tank will be empty within 7-10 minutes, so mobile water tank will be needed for supplementation.

Low pressure hose: 2 coils 40-60 meter

Pump for suction from any source of water

Mercedes 608 is a widespread and well known, very sturdy, old-fashioned and honest vehicle. The technical instruments and valves are all manually operated with only less electronic control. People with a minor knowledge about engines and mechanics will be able to make most repairs with some steel wire, screwdriver and some wrenches. It should easily be able to run a million kilometer. Spare parts are available worldwide. As a firefighter it is small and efficient, and can come in, where others give up, and has all the years been very popular at Aabenraa Fire Station among Fire men.