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Dear friends of De Mangoboom!

Heartfelt thanks for your involvement in our ministry!

CORONA AND SCHOOLEXAMS

As you know, the children are enjoying summer break. However, as we've been reporting earlier, they haven't been going to school since March. For those children who are in their final year, however, classes were not canceled. One of those children is Ali. He explains: "Because of the pandemic, school did not operate as smoothly as in previous years. Yet, in spite of this, a friend and myself did pass our exams." Well done, Ali!



SUMMER BREAK

Fortunately, summer break is almost over. It was quite a challenge to keep the children occupied during this extra long "vacation" this year. It is a good thing that the children have enough space to engage in many activities. There are many spots where they can play together. Or, if they don't fancy playing, they can climb trees or help with tending the veggie garden and bring in the harvest. This year, the peanut yield was remarkable.



On September 15 classes will resume again. This means children will be able to pick up the normal pace of life. Let's hope they are not lagging behind too much in their education.

VISIT FROM A FORMER RESIDENT

During summer break we received a visit from Diede (*not his real name*), a former resident of the orphanage. Diede stayed in our home from 2000 to 2013. After his departure from the orphanage, Diede decided to join the army of Burkina Faso. He became a soldier. During his visit to the center, Diede wore his uniform and made a deep impression on the children.

Diede told the children that a good condition is very important in order to be able to work in the army. For this, a healthy lifestyle and a lot of physical training are indispensable. Before Diede was accepted into the army, he regularly went for training to the mountains to improve his condition. One of the older boys was so impressed by this story that on the very same day he left the center to climb a hill. Good examples inspire to follow.

A visit like this is important. It shows the children that their lives are not without a chance. They learn to see that by working hard much can be achieved in life.



ADDITION TO THE FAMILY

Just prior to summer break, *Action Sociale* (Social Services) brought a new baby to our center. Massartou is her name. Massartou's mother entered into a coma during the eighth month of her pregnancy. The doctors fought for her life. When it was no longer possible to save the mother, they needed to make the decision to save the life of the unborn child.

Massartou entered the world in a healthy condition but no longer has a mother. Because her father is not able to take care of her, she was taken to our home. At this moment she is doing well, considering the circumstances.



THANKING AND PRAYING

-  We give thanks for a beautiful summer break. Pray that the children will be able to catch up where and when they have fallen behind.
-  We give thanks that two of our children have passed their exams in spite of the corona crisis.
-  We give thanks for the ability to provide shelter to vulnerable children like Massartou.
-  Pray for the future plans of the ministry to bring to realization the vision of a children's village as well as the right person to support us with the work here in The Netherlands.

THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH FOR YOUR INVOLVEMENT AND YOUR SUPPORT THROUGH PRAYERS AND GIFTS!

On behalf of the children in Burkina Faso.