



Stichting De Mangoboom

## NEWSLETTER 38 – JULY 2020

Dear friends of De Mangoboom!

First of all, once again, thank you so much for your involvement in our charity!

### SUMMER HOLIDAYS

It's actually quite strange: Summer break is here but the kids long for school. The reason? Schools were closed in March due to the Corona pandemic. As it is, the battle against the virus is going rather well. The number of infected and the number of casualties are not as high as feared – although the registration is probably not entirely in order in this country.

At this time, markets have reopened and churches are once again allowed to hold services. Trade schools and universities have opened as well. This is not the case, however, with primary and secondary education. Distance education is sadly not possible here. As a result the children have only had a very short school year, from October to March. Good thing is that all children in elementary school will be promoted to the next level. It is not their fault what has happened but the that of the virus.

### MONSOON

As you probably know by now, June is the beginning of the monsoon. So far we have been hit by three storms with very strong rains and huge quantities of water that came down in a short time span. During these storms roofs are sometimes ripped off houses. Sometimes houses even collapse, That risk is even greater when the houses are made of loam. We're in luck. The center is a sturdy structure and everything is still standing, a downed tree or two aside.



### LITTLE LEON

Léon was born in May 2017 and came to our center in January 2018 through intervention of Child Care (*Action Sociale*). When he arrived he suffered from all kinds of health issues. We are grateful that these have been resolved. He is enjoying himself in the center now.

What will his future be? Will we be able to find a suitable host family for him?



### JACQUES WENDLAMITA (ALIAS JACK)

Jacques – aka Jack– is a very special boy. He is known for being extraordinarily lively and joyful. Jack does indeed love singing and dancing. He knows dozens of songs, especially in Mooré, the local language. When

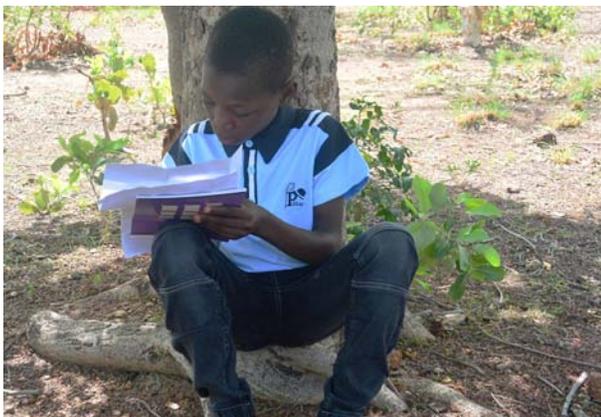


you meet Jack it is actually impossible not to smile. He is that joyful. Very special. We are hoping that he will hold on to this joyfulness his entire life.



### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Last week we received a letter. The letter is written by Raogo, one of the oldest inhabitants of our center.

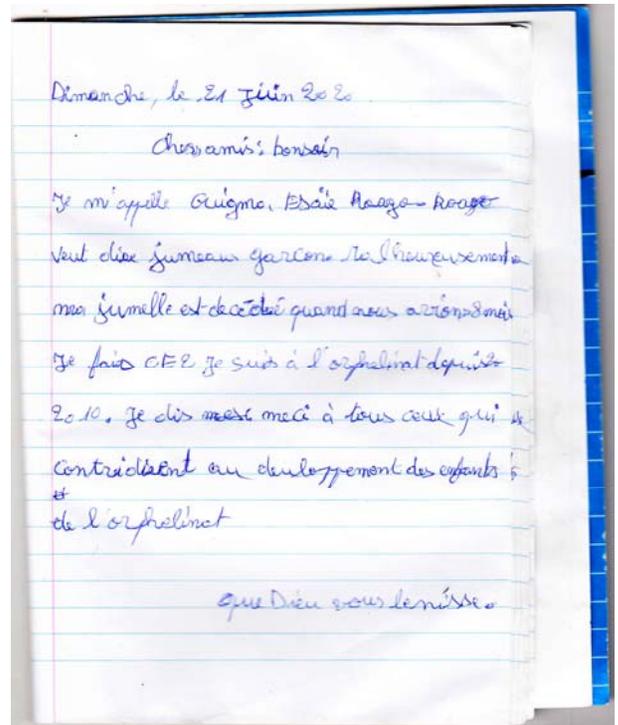


Sitting on the root of a tree he wrote this letter to us of which we provide a translation below:

*Dear friends!*

*I am Guigma, Esaïe Raogo. Raogo means twin. Sadly, my sister died when we were eight months old. I am in the highest class of elementary school. I've been in the center since 2010. I would like to thank everyone who contributes to the development of the children in the center. May the Lord bless you."*

Here is the original letter written in perfect French:



### PRAYER AND PRAISE

- 🌳 Thank for the protection of the center against the corona virus.
- 🌳 Pray for a nice summer break for the children.
- 🌳 Pray for the staff. That they will joyfully and with love provide the care the children so deeply need.

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

On behalf of the children in Burkina Faso.

