



Stichting De Mangoboom

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Dear friends of De Mangoboom!

Many thanks for your involvement in the work of our charity. In this newsletter, you will once again find lots of information about the children and our center.

HEALTH CHECK

Monitoring the health of our children is very important to us. To do this correctly, each child has their personal medical file. In this file, all relevant medical information is recorded. Think, for instance, of the medical history of the child and the vaccinations a child has received. Also relevant data about the general health condition such as growth curves and weight of the child is recorded.



In order to keep the information up to date, we measure the length and the weight of the children from time to time. This general picture of the children provides a good indication of their overall condition. Each child in the center also has personal caretakers who constantly monitor whether their child is doing well and whether it makes a happy and healthy impression.

EUROPEAN FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP FEVER?

Football is an important sport in Burkina Faso. Did you know that Bertrand and Lassina Traoré – who both played with Ajax for a long time – originally come from Burkina Faso? We don't know if this is a source of

inspiration for the children in the center but it is clear that football is one of their favorite activities. The children are completely engrossed in this sport.

We have to mention, though, that the FIFA rules are not always followed in the finer details. Apparently, it is possible to play football with only six players and without a single football goal in sight. At the same time, they seem to have no problem with gender equality: the referee is a girl!



WORKSHOP

Recently, there was a workshop in the center with the promising title "SAFETY OF CHILDREN WITHOUT A FAMILY." The workshop was organized at the request of the staff. Our largely unschooled staff has a great desire to know more about how to properly take care of children.

The sessions focused on material security, emotional safety, and the necessary conditions for healthy child development. Especially the subject of emotional safety is important because the children in our center do not have the privilege of growing up in a "normal" family. Attention for this topic on how to provide emotional safety to vulnerable children is essential. It was a great learning experience and we are looking forward to the ways in which staff will practice what they've learned.



EXCITEMENT AND SENSATION

Talking about safety... Recently, Ezekiel, one of our boys, found a big snake near the toilets. The snake had just caught a toad and was busy swallowing it. Most snakes in Burkina Faso are poisonous and therefore dangerous. No wonder the children are really afraid of these creatures. In shock, Ezekiel ran back to the staff who didn't waste any time to try and catch the snake.

Understandably, the entire center was abuzz. The snake, however, got the hint and quickly took off. Unfortunately, the staff was not able to locate the animal. They did manage to take a picture, however. Are you able to spot the snake in this photograph?



EXTENSION OF THE POWER GRID

The children's center consists of three main buildings. One of them was yet without electricity. Recently solar panels were installed on the building's roof top so that we now also have power in the third building.



EXAMINATIONS

The other week, we had exams for the children in the highest class of elementary school. Four children from the center had to work hard to prepare for this. We haven't yet received the results but do hope that the children were able to compensate for the long closure due to covid. The plan is that the two boys and two girls will enter middle school for further studies.

We want to congratulate them in advance and wish them good luck in their new learning environment. But first, it's time to enjoy a delightful summer vacation!

THANKSGIVING AND PRAYER

🌳 Thank you for the work that we as a charity can do for the children and that we experience a blessing on this work.

🌳 Pray for the emotional development of the children and that the caretakers will be able to give them what they need.

🌳 Pray that the children will have a great vacation.



MANY THANKS FOR YOUR INVOLVEMENT AND SUPPORT THROUGH YOUR PRAYERS AND GIFTS!