



Stichting De Mangoboom

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Dear friends of De Mangoboom!

Thank you very much for your involvement in our charity. Once again, there is much to share about the lives of the children in our center.

TUTORING

In recent newsletters we regularly addressed the learning difficulties of the children. Some have difficulty following the curriculum and the Corona pandemic has only made it worse. As everywhere else, in Burkina Faso, schools have been closed for a long time.



We have been able to reach a new agreement with a number of teachers of the local school to provide tutoring. The most important aim of the tutoring is to help the children to compensate for their learning difficulties. Each week, the children that need it receive four hours of tutoring. We endeavor to continue this tutoring during holidays so that the children will be able to pass their exams and will be able to start the next academic year with the same curriculum as the others.

Up until very recently, these lessons had to take place during daylight because we did not have lighting in the homework classroom of the center. We have found a solution, however, and lighting is now available. We are very grateful for this.

OUTING

During the Easter holiday, we took the children on an outing to a big water reserve in Burkina Faso. Fresh water resources are scarce. We were able to teach the children many things about the supply of water. We also played education games. The purpose was for the children to learn to cooperate better with each other.

Days like these are a welcome change for the children. They spend most of their time in the center or at school. There aren't many places in the surrounding area for the children to explore. Naturally, the children were very excited. We all have a wonderful day to look back to. At this moment, we are making plans for a new trip. The children would love to see an airplane from close by. So, who knows?



WENDINSO BIENVENUE

In the newsletter of February 2019 we wrote about an infant that had been brought to our center. The foundling had been taken to the police who later discovered that the mother was a young girl from the local village and the father a boy from a neighboring village. The girl had left the baby wrapped in a shawl. The child has been living with us in the center ever since. We named her Wendinsou Bienvenue. Bienvenue means "welcome."



Wendinso is two years old now and the girl's grandparents have announced that they are willing to aid the young parents in raising their child. In the beginning of April, Wendinso Bienvenue left the center together with her mother. We are glad that we were able to support this child during her first years. We wish parents and grandparents much wisdom and strength as they raise this little miracle. Here is a picture of Wendinso and her mother at the time of their departure from the center.



RETURN

Returning to family is not a matter of course for each child. For some children it is simply unknown who the parents are. Then it is difficult to trace relatives. While we explore all possibilities, we readily admit that in practice this is very difficult. We have more than ten children whose origin is unknown. One of them is Delwendé.



Delwendé has been with the center since he was a baby. He is twelve years old now. He has never received

visits from relatives. It is not easy for him. Delwendé is a smart boy who is doing well in school but struggles to understand why his parents are not looking for him. Despite this, he has grand dreams. One day he wants to become a teacher; the next, a pastor. Whatever choice he is going to make, he is talented enough. His teacher is proud of his study results.

ISSA

Issa – the little boy we wrote about in our previous newsletter – has been very ill this past month. What exactly is wrong has never become completely clear. He became so sick that we had to take him to the closest hospital. There it was decided that Issa be taken to the hospital in the capital, Ouagadougou. There the specialists were able to stabilize him. At the time of this writing, Issa is on the mend and we hope to welcome him back in our center soon.



THANKFULNESS AND PRAYERS

- 🌿 Pray for the health of our staff. Some of them suffer from all kinds of ailments.
- 🌿 Pray that the learning difficulties of our children will be addressed adequately by the tutors.
- 🌿 Thank God with us for the return of Wendinso Bienvenue to her family.
- 🌿 Thank God for the recovery of Issa.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INVOLVEMENT AND SUPPORT THROUGH PRAYERS AND GIFTS!

On behalf of the children in Burkina Faso.

