

Father's Home news, January 2016

Dear family members and friends,

Here are some events which happened at our place since last September.

Life at Anto, Children's Home

*** Life at Anto is on the move.**

Eva, Pascal's wife, has joined the staff to care for the little ones.

At this time, **there are 15 children** on the spot, of which 4 are babies.

Because of the current political and economic crisis in the country, the abandoned children are more and more numerous, as well as the support requests.

No longer than last week, a newborn baby was found in a dustbin bag on a public rubbish dump; he is now with us and part of the big family.



Here is a little boy who lives with us since one and a half year.

Oscar is two and a half years old.

His mother, mentally handicapped, has given birth to him at hospital. After that, she was sent to a rehabilitation center for disabled persons in Takoradi.

The boy was brought to Father's Home by the social services.

The mother is doing better and her condition is stable. She left the center and visits her son from time to time.

We do hope that she will be able to live with her child one day and fully take care of him in the future.

* The chicken farm is doing well.

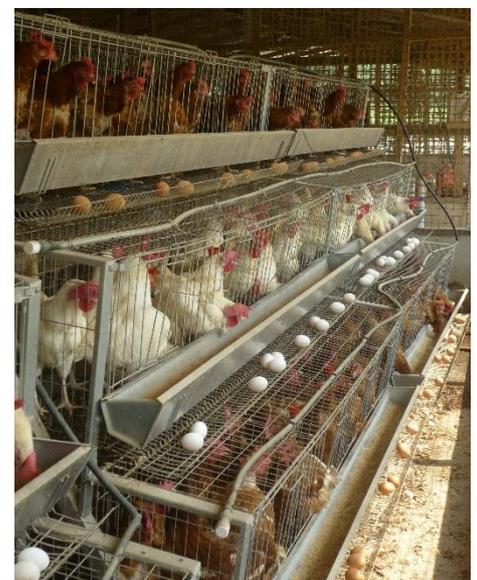
There are 856 layers at the moment; 150 broilers will be sold within the coming days.

The **1000 new chicks planned to be purchased** are 12 weeks old. They are in a nearby chicken farm and should be brought to Anto at the end of February.

Cages have been set up in October for some 384 chicken. They reduce the risk of bacterial infections, minimize food wastage and assure adequate supply of food to each bird. The production is therefore enhanced.

An average of 560 eggs is produced every day, which makes more than 16'000 eggs per month!

We are grateful for this success which generates some local income.



Life at Butumagyebu, Youth Center

* The **traditional Christmas party** was held at the end of 2015 with **an attendance of about 230 persons**. The menu was offering 157 pieces of fish, 130 of chicken, two kinds of rice, two different sauces and banku, a local dish made of corn and cassava.

* **11 youth are at university** in different places in Ghana; **5 youth have passed their gymnasium exams** and are waiting to start their tertiary studies.



* **Derrick and Francis** finished their trainings and are doing their national service, the first one in Accra, the second one in Sunyani, a city situated more in the north of the country.

* **Gladys** has been welcomed last year, she is 17 years old and suffers from diabetes. Rejected by her own family, she found herself in the street. The doctor who was following her referred her to the social services who brought her to us. She helps with practical works in the house and is now supervised by a nurse.

* **Eloïse**, a young Swiss lady of 18 years, is spending some months in Ghana in order to do a social training course. She notably makes weavings with some of the handicapped youth.

* **Important changes of restructuration are planned within Father's Home**; the next newsletter will tell you more about it.



With thanks for your friendship and support, the parents and children of Father's Home send you their best greetings and love.



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