

Father's Home news, September 2013

Dear family members and friends,

It has been quite a time since we have shared some news with you. Here are some events which happened during the past months.



Life at Anto, children's home

* **The chicken farm project has started.** After the completion of the building (50 x 19 feet), **200 layer chicks were taken in the new infrastructure last August!** The presence of the chicken require daily feed supplies, medications such as vitamins, antibiotics and other logistics for proper growth. A veterinary service has been of an important support since the beginning. **The farm is currently run by Vincent, the farm manager and Pascal, his assistant.** We are in the expectation of getting another **200 chicken broilers by beginning of October** in order to sell some of them during the Christmas season.



In the future, we are planning to expand the new project in order to raise some local revenue for the general running of Father's Home.

* **The two mothers of the home, Franziska and Esther, are both pregnant.** The first one will give birth in October this year and the second one next year in spring! We are happy for the growth of their families.

* **27 Danish boarding school students and their 3 teachers came for visit.** They volunteered for 10 days, setting up activities for the children and giving a practical help.

* **2 visitors from Switzerland came to set up a play ground** which the kids enjoy very much!



Life at Butumagyebu, Youth Development Center

*** In August the second edition of the Summer Youth Camp was held in the house**, regrouping our youth inside and outside home, as well as some of their friends. **The theme of the camp was “entrepreneurship”**. Every day, the 45 participants had a speaker coming to teach them on topics such as: financial management, planning, organising and proposal writing, pioneering and execution of plans, Christianity and work.



It was an opportunity to spend five days all together, to get knowledge, to deepen friendships, to share ideas and thought as well as life experience. The feed-back was positive and we are planning to organize it again next year.

*** Whereas 11 teenagers wrote their exams this year, Douglas is doing his national service at the State Housing Company** and is involved in a house construction project in a village close to Sekondi.

*** During the past months, three abandoned babies were brought to us by the Social Welfare of Takoradi. Hanne, 1 week old, stayed for 4 weeks.** She was able to go back to her parents and siblings thanks to our promise of material support to the family; **Kweku, 3 weeks old, stayed for 1 week;** he was given out for adoption; **Ezekiel, 5 weeks old, is still with us for now;** we are waiting for a decision by the social authorities to know whether he will be able to go and live with some of his family members.



In the midst of all these happenings, it is so good to be able to count on your friendship and support. We do appreciate it very much!

Best greetings and love from the parents and children of Father's Home

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