

Father's Home news, September 2014

Dear friends,

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



Life at Anto, children's home

* **The second chicken farm we spoke about in the last newsletter is now completed. On September 5th, the 90x30 feet building welcomed its new 1000 chicks!** In a few months time, they will be brown and black layers whose eggs will be sold to private individuals as well as on the market. In this initial phase, a lot of time and energy are spent in order to assure the welfare of the poultry. There are the **250 cockerels which will be sold during the end of the year festivities** as well as the **200 current layers which produce up to 1000 eggs a week.**



The setting up of this new chicken farm is part of a broader plan which consists of helping Father's Home to be more autonomous financially and putting the emphasis on valuing the local potentials.

* **There are currently 11 children in the home, aged between 2 and 11 years, living in two families.** They are all doing fine and started a new school year on September 16th.

* **At the end of August, we welcomed two young Danish ladies. Their desire is to spend several months in the home, serving as volunteers.** These are their first impressions: « After three exciting and challenging weeks in Ghana, we have to come to like the culture more and more. It has been great to meet the lovely people behind Father's Home and to get to know the kids who live here. »



Benedicte and Camilla

Life at Butumagyebu, Youth Development Center

*** The third edition of the Summer Youth Camp was held in the house in August, regrouping our youth inside and outside home, as well as some of their friends. The theme of the camp was “biblical principles for an effective development”.**

Each day, the 60 participants had a speaker coming to teach them on different topics.

It was an opportunity to spend a whole week all together, to get knowledge, to deepen friendships, to share ideas and thought as well as life experience.



*** Time of school reopening has come for our youth; 9 of them have been admitted to university in different cities of Ghana.**

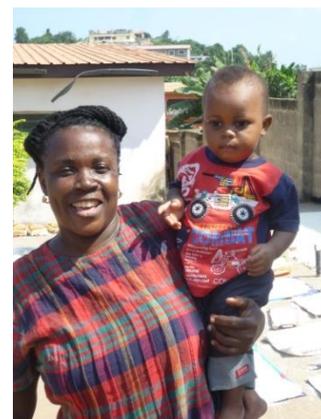
It is a big step for them to leave the home and quit their comfort zone.

Douglas (24 years old) has completed his national service at the State Housing Company; he has been employed as a **temporary worker** in a house construction project in a village close to Sekondi.



*** A new boy has been welcomed in JulHe is Kweku, about 15 months of age.** One evening, his mother went to a renowned bar in Takoradi with him. She asked a person to hold her child, pretending to have to go and fetch something. She left the place and did not come back. The bar owner contacted the social services and a few days later, the little one was brought in. The abandonment has seriously affected the small boy who starts to open up and smile timidly.

*** Ezekiel, aged 5 weeks when he came, is still with us. He is celebrating his 1st birthday and takes his first steps.** His family situation does not allow him to leave the home for now.



We thank you for your help which allows our activities and projects to become tangible!

Receive our dearest and warmest greetings,

The parents and children of Father's Home

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