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Greetings from the children!



AMURT Portugal contribution has helped to buy organic food from M.U. to the girls in the Home.

Pictured in this page: the girls from the LOTUS CHILDREN HOME

This year two new jewels were added in our Children's Home: Emerald and Precious. They got very healthy in the last months, and have adjusted very well with the school and the elder girls in the home.

So many thanks to the regular support of AMURT ITALY that supports this project 





Finally, the schools in Ghana reopened! Our best news is a six months mass feeding!

Caption in this page: the pupils of our PRESCHOOL in Accra

Lotus Preschool

It was a longtime dream that we could serve the pupils a free daily breakfast. The children who come to attend classes at LOTUS CHILDREN CENTER are from the surrounding slum at Sukura. We have seen that when they are hungry they find it harder to focus in the classes. Some of the pupils don't take food in the morning, some take a poor carbohydrate meal such as white bread and sweetened tea because their parents can't afford to pay for nutritious meals for them.



We implemented this program soon as the classes started in January. We managed to run this mass feeding program for the 30 pupils of LOTUS PRESCHOOL every weekday! It was successful as well stressful as I never knew how I would be able to get enough groceries for the week and the inflation this year was merciless. This program was accomplished only by His grace.

Esther, a neighbor, was a pioneer who took the initiative to approach her friends and colleges trying to get some donation to Lotus Children Home. So, different people brought food items such as tin tomatoes, rice, spaghetti, oil, etc. Inspired by Esther, I requested support in cash or kind from all my contacts as the wish of my 10th anniversary in Ghana. Many responded and supported the daily breakfast program going on!



What we have achieved with your contribution for these 6 months of free breakfast program:



Our pupils got access to nutritious food which helps them to **grow healthy**.



When they get a fulfilling meal in the morning, they become **more attentive in their studies** through the day.



The parents got **relieved from the stress** of having to feed their kids in the morning.



The appreciation for the local food: Ghanaian food is very nutritious –made of millet, plantain, brown rice, roots, groundnuts, maize, etc. Yet, many are replacing their traditional meals by the Western fast food. By feeding our pupils delicious local food, we are educating them and their parents to value it.

We need your regular contributions to keep this feeding program going on for another semester



Lotus Childrens' Centre



Lotus Preschool goal
is to provide
education for
disadvantaged
children

Sumana spread the word and gathered a most welcome contribution from Brazilian sympathizers. It helped to cover 4 months expense of 12 pupils who can't afford to pay the tuition fees from May to Aug.

Dear Lina fundraised among her friends in Manila to help keeping Lotus. Half of it was used to improve the Clinic we run in the village of Akwakwaa at Central Region.

Helpful Support helped us to reach needed children outside Lotus too!

Dada Hemanji, donated an oven and whole flour for feeding the kids nutritious pastries. The flour was also shared with our children home for boys in Ejura, Kumasi.

Brother Sanjayji and wife donated food containers which we used in mass feedings.

In February, we could feed the needed pupils in the Islamic public school at Mambruke park, Accra.



In April, another two mass feedings for the needed children took place in the Soko area, Accra



Didi Ananda Kalyanmitra organized a

group of website designers from N.Y. Sector to start our official website:

www.lotuschildrencenter.org



Please, share our website so that more people would know about this project.





Path of Joy Children's Center Good News



FINALLY! The gutter has been installed on the front of PATH OF JOY CHILDREN'S CENTER (Kasoa) solving the problem with sanitation. Since 2015 we have endured the dirty water and muddy at the entrance of our Children's Center.



The initiative started by sister Abhaya from Italy, who heard about the project from Indradeva, a volunteer who worked in the Center. She fundraised and we could complete the first phase of the project. However, we needed much more funds to supply the gutter sections. Fortunately, NAWA (North American Women Association) extended the helping hand. It was thrilling to see the place so neat for the first time in these 10 years I have been working there.

Now the children are safer when entering the place and have a clean and nicer environment to learn and play!

ACTIVITIES

Our brothers and sisters from the Stockholm unit gave a donation which went to reactivate the library. Therefore, in these August holidays, the community kids are having exciting extracurricular activities, such as yoga, drumming, and local dance, gardening, recycling papers into crafts, and, of course, a lot of playing! Besides, each child who comes to participate in the Language Arts reinforcements gets an English workbook.

Urgent funds are necessary to extend these 1-month activities to an Afterschool program. We would need a minimum of 200\$/monthly for that. Also, the center requires so many improvements - plastering of the fence wall is our next target! To donate, visit our website. www.lotuschildrencenter.org



Thanks to the voluntaries Anima and Mohan, they took their time to share Capoeira and arts with the kids. We all enjoyed your love!



You are my sunshine
My only sunshine
You make me happy
When sky's are grey

You never know de
How much I love you
Please don't take my sunshine away



To each of you who supports these projects in a way or another: My best wishes and heartfelt thanks! Know that I am reminded of the presence of God by your actions, which encourages me to move on joyfully!

Sincerely, Didi A'nanda Gun'amaya'

"Each student is a unique being with a great potential that needs to be awakened and guided towards full expression."

