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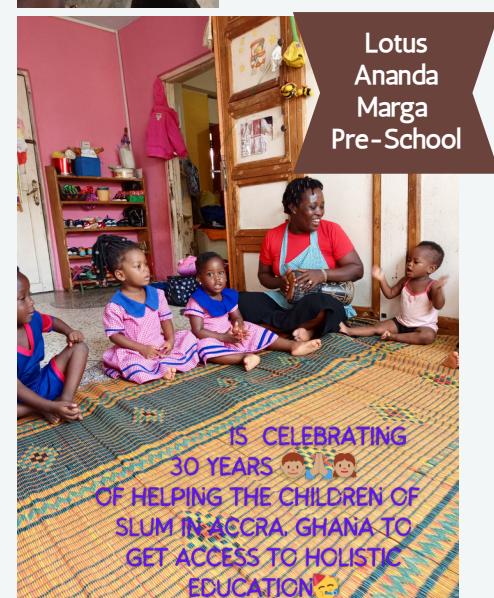
PATH OF JOY
Ananda Marga
Pre-School &
Primary



Before



After



Lotus
Ananda
Marga
Pre-School



Be part of it! 😊

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After 12 years building, we
finally opened our school!



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INAUGURATION OF A NEW ANANDA MARGA SCHOOL



"PATH OF JOY" – PRESCHOOL TO PRIMARY GRADE 4 KASOA, CENTRAL REGION OF GHANA THE PATH OF JOY SCHOOL HAD ITS OFFICIAL INAUGURATION ON SEPTEMBER 21, 2023.



The Education Acronym:

Enlargement of the mind
DESMEP (Discipline, etiquette, smartness, morality, English and pronunciation)

Universal Outlook

Character

Active Habits

Trustworthiness

Ideation of the Great

Omniscient Grace

Nice Temperament

Path of Joy opened its doors in 2016 as a small library for the local children. But now, in 2023, it has finally opened a school for the community. The inauguration was attended by members of the organization, the local community, as well as teachers, parents and children of the Lotus School in Accra. The children presented 'The Fairy's Flower' – a play about the 10 moral basic principles and also performed two local dances from the Ewe and the Ashanti tribes.

The audience of 50 people was amazed to see how our children were able to perform and they even interrupted the dramatization to applaud."





Pictured in the left: our first pupils 😊
In the Right: new challete and building of classroom



The Path of Joy has officially opened its doors!
The new A.M. school at Kasoa is up and running!



Blossoming flowers, happy faces, and a whole lot of excitement



We welcome the pupils to a world of fun-filled learning, where education and joy go hand in hand! 😊

The Social Welfare Director also gave a speech on the importance of education for young children. The chairman of the inauguration, Papa Shriidhar reminded all that the land the school is on today was lying vacant for seven (7) years before Didi Ananda Gunamaya came to work on the structure despite many challenges:

“She has done it so that in this place, we will educate tomorrow’s lcontributors in their In her vote of thanks, Didi Ananda Gunamaya expressed her special gratitude to those valuable members of the organization who selflessly contributed as they could to make this big dream a reality. She also added:

“The same One giving challenges is the One holding our hand to overcome them. So, my biggest thanks are to God, because He has given those challenges for us to grow and be where we are today”.

This school started even though we are still struggling to complete the last classroom in the groundfloor - so that we can accommodate students of primary 3-4. More help is needed to finish! Please spread the word! ❤



How all this was possible?

The land for a primary school was acquired in 2005 but because the clay soil it was difficult to inspire people to donate. Didi Shivapriya was the pioneer, sending funds for the foundation from an AMURT-EL Korea dinner in 2012. Only in 2015 we were able to get more donations, as Mohamukta and Rutger Tamminga collected funds from their friends in Taiwan. That is when this dream of establishing a center of holistic education in Ghana started getting shape in most of the actual structure. We opened the library for the local children. However, we could not receive the young pupils because the place inundated often. We had to fill the water lodge area, build a street gutter, build a fence wall, get water, etc. Aile Universelle, Emanuele Antola, AMURT-EL Italy, NAWA and IPMC, along with other sympathizers, contributed to make this school a reality.

This year, the Seva group (Kirti didi and Swati didi) AMURT-EL Italy and Aile Universelle came in our rescue supporting the construction of the 5th classroom. We have completed the staircase, pillars, wall and floor. ❤



There is a lot more of work to be done as we reach the upper floor...

We urge all to come forward.

Other contributions for the new school: ❤



Kevalji and Nikhil dada have also supported the construction donating for part of the workmanship and cement work.



The remain funds from Kalyani's fundraising to Didi visit South America were used to start the playground - the construction of a tree-house.

We also completed furniture for children's home bedroom and kitchen.



Kamalakantha contribution is being used in the expense involved in administration of the new school (first salaries, registrations, publicity, etc

Lotus Children's Center – Ananda Marga PreSchool, Accra



Narrative from the Parents – a mother of a child from Lotus Center says that she loves the institution very much because her child had strengthened her emotional and intellectual abilities in the school.

"Sometimes I get very surprised at how my 6 years daughter can read and mention things that even class three (3) students cannot pronounce. They use lots of learning materials to teach.

Sometimes my daughter finds it difficult to complete her homework, but anytime I try to offer a helping hand, she will say – 'no, don't teach me, I can do it myself'. And really, she does.

Most of schools we found around do not feed the kids properly, which at times leads to the complaints of the stomach and other parts of the body by the kids. But my daughter has never complained of such. She's always happy with her feeding, which includes the intake of fruits and other healthy stuffs.) 'The teachers are very dedicated to the handling of children, no matter how challenging it is.'

I encourage parents to bring their wards to the... Ananda Marga School, their ward will have a bright future'.



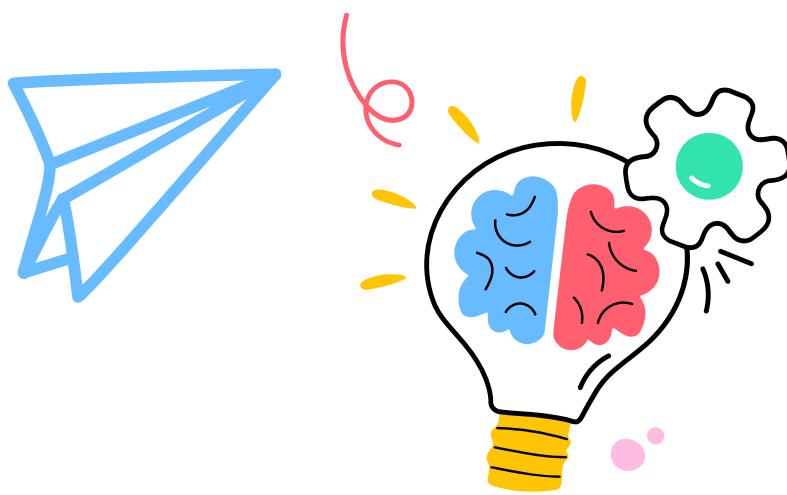
20 pupils were sponsored! 🎉

We need your help to continue this program. Many in the local community do not recognize the importance of education... so we struggle to arrange for scholarships. Siddhivinayak committee has sponsored 17 children this time, other individuals have helped the remaining.

Teacher Benwaa's Narrative – our head teacher expressed that she has re-learned how to teach since she started teaching our Kindergarten (5 years old)

"I have witnessed kids who were not interested in study changing to the point that after school they would cry to their mothers asking to go back to school; so happy to be in school. After all, we used lots of play way to impart academic subjects, so we were able to go deeper and even introduced topics that were taught for kids 3 years older in other schools." They can perform to the standard of a 10 year old.

"They also became very calm due to meditation and vegetarian food."



AMURTEL WORK, Ghana

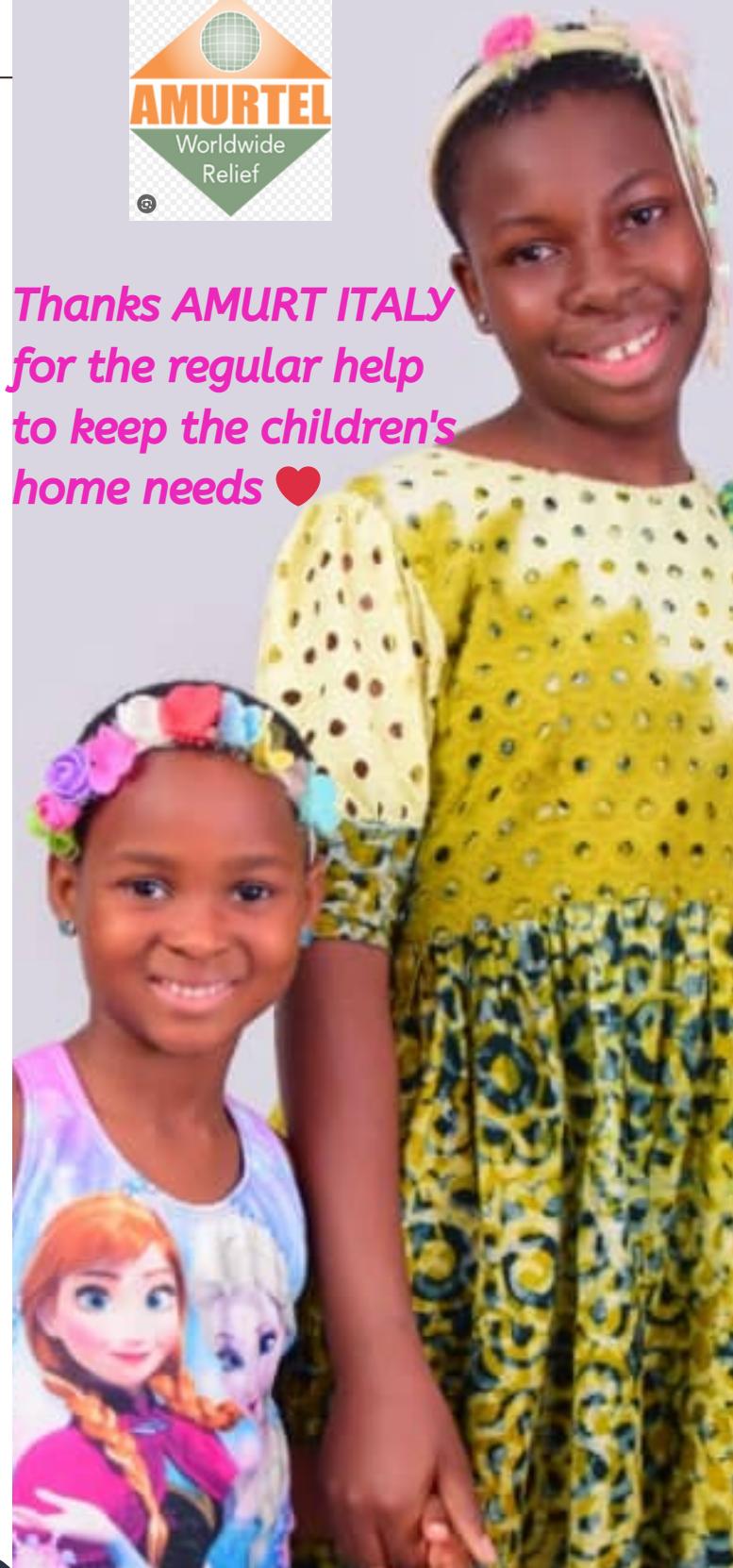
Ananda Marga Children Home, Cheap Hostel and Daily Mass Feeding at Lotus PreSchool

Due to the bad economy of Ghana we are giving free daily meals to our 50 students. AMURTEL ITALY sponsors the daily feeding. The children who attend the center are from Sukura slum and Soko community.

When the children eat well in the morning, they are more participative in class. We serve local food, choosing the most nutritious and alkaline dishes, such as Tom brown, Sobolo and whole bread, etc.



**Thanks AMURT ITALY
for the regular help
to keep the children's
home needs ❤**



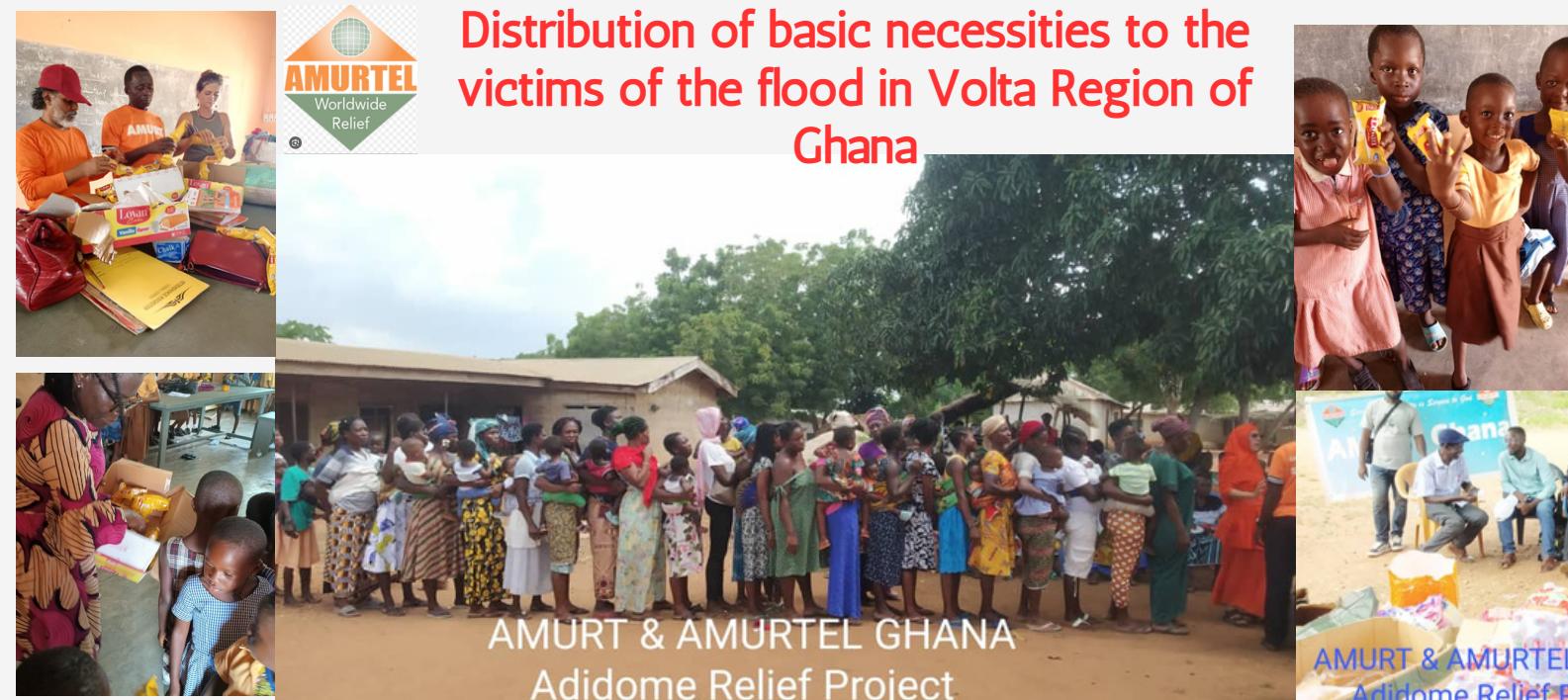
AMURTEL Portugal funds were used to start to renew the old electrical connections of the Lotus children's home facility (which is about 30 years old). The first phase (bulbs) upstairs is completed. Second phase to be sockets. Support is needy. We need to replace the wiring in the school too.

Thanks also those of you who time to time bring groceries and other items to make the kids happy 🙏

Relief Work in the villages



Distribution of basic necessities to the
victims of the flood in Volta Region of
Ghana



Tribute and continuation of the legacy of Didi Ananda Vinamra

After a life of dedication to serve the sick, Didi has departed

Didi Ananda Vinamra, originally from Congo, was a trained nurse and mid-wife working in our medical projects for the past 38 years. We are now making efforts to continue the service in the AMURT-EL community clinic that she was running in Akwakwaa, Central Region of Ghana.

Our missionary's sisters also started with pre-schools and supplementary feeding programs in the Amasaman district (Obom Area) of the GA region. Yet, it became clear soon that one of the most urgent needs were primary health facilities because of the water-borne diseases such as guinea worm, cholera, and yaws that were rampant at that time.

The clinic opened in 1999. In this clinic, we provide cheap medical treatment for local people.



Project Mission:
To provide primary health care, maternal health care and health education for aspiring health workers to the communities in the project area.



Pictured above:
Didi with the clinic's staff &
Didi with the
AMURT-EL committee

Pictured below:
Mass feeding exercise
in the clinic premises,
in September.
360 benefited.

Donate! Volunteer!

WE APPEAL FOR DONATIONS IN KIND OR CASH
WE ALSO ACCEPT VOLUNTEERS

You may donate at our paypal in our website
www.lotuschildrencenter.org
or deposit in our Bank account account:

ANANDA MARGA UNIVERSAL RELIEF TEAM LADIES
Fidelity Bank
Account number: 2090625422012
SWIFT CODE: FBLIGHAC

Thanks to all!

Didi Ananda Gunamaya

Thanks also to those who donated to our website, including AMURTEL USA, which added to Gunadish's donations helped to do the roofing and ceiling, fix burglar proof for door and windows, fix a new door and 3 windows, paint, electrical wiring and tiles work of the challet. The challet room is now accomodating the children from Ananda Marga Cheap Hostel and Home in the new school. A beautiful wood fence was made to separate the place and also to keep rabbits to foster the children's innate love for animals. 🐰

Emanuele Antola Foundation 2022 donation helped to decorate the front wall with mosaic art work, paint the school and get a pump for the garden were the children takes care of the 🌱. We also completed the plastering in the challet that AMURTEL Italy started.



Donations in Kind



Courtsains 3 set, 1 shelve and 6 cupboards,
Toilet set and Non dairy milk given by Sunita didi



Given by Siddhivinayak committee: toys and Learning materials for the new school,

1 mini fridge and kitchen utensils,

5 ceiling fans,

Gaz cylinder 37 kg,

5 teacher's desks and 20 chairs.

