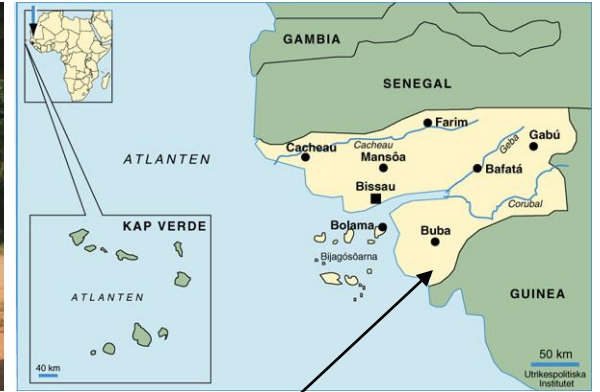


# *NEWSLETTERr 2016-12-21*

## *from Gun and Ulf Fransson in Cacine, Guinea-Bissau*



*The school in Cacine with the footballground*



*Cacine*

At last we were back in -Cacine 13/11 2016! Many Hungarians had been there and worked so that's why we hadn't come earlier. After a few hours rest in Bissau, we traveled with Valberto in the new car with air conditioning! Great to see this car as so many have been involved in collecting money. A car to be trusted in contrast to the former, which was a wreck. We were welcomed by Robinho, Bidamoni and Alia living in Valbertos house. Unpacking of our 92-kilo luggage. Sewing machine, thread, medical equipment, computers, cell phones, solar lamps, meat grinders, guitar strings, football boots and much more. We went for a walk in the garden to see what the Hungarians had done. One house was completed + a hut in the forrest, fine footpaths. A water tank had been installed, filled 1 time /week from the well. This is sufficient to get running water in the house. Nice to be able to have a shower, for now it was warmer than normal. A walk around the village day two. Many happy faces when they saw us. The village had solar powered street lights. The South Korean fishing project was busy and 40 persons from the village were employed there. The hospital had improved a little. Our job was to teach English in year 5 and 6, sewing training on sewing machine and library work.



*Year 6 at school*

Escola Bethel has now 675 students and the teaching is divided into three shifts. Jardim, pre Escola, class 1-4 in the morning, grade 5-9 in the afternoon and grade 9-11 late afternoon / evening. Food is served to all students to. grade 6th. English teaching is handled normally by Mamado who has been a teacher for many years at the school. Now Gun held classes in grade 5 and 6. With 55 students in each class it's a big difference compare with Sweden. The students are extremely talented in to write in their booklets to learn. Grade 6 wrote letters in English to students in Vetlanda, who sent the letters and drawings. It was nice to give letters to them from Sweden, one letter each to all students.

This time it was a desire that Gun would start with sewing training. The idea is to have a room with sewing machines for students to learn a trade. It is located in the small new building at the radio station. Umaro, 16, has learned to sew from a tailor in Bissau.



*Umaro cuts to new dresses*



*Gun instructs the diligent student*

He had learned to cut to pieces and had already received several orders. Umaro is responsible for sewingroom and he will be the instructor





*Library shelves*



*Preschool reading in library*



*Miguel and Ulf go through.  
library procedures*

The work of the library was to do additional work records and to have an overview in general. Two students from the higher classes managed the library and it's open seven hours a day. Everything is well maintained and it's a real gem. Every Monday morning, all the pupils gather at the school and then we were welcomed to our work



*Morning meeting*



*Alia and Ulf paint a blackboard*

We conveyed greetings from Sweden.

Ulf and Alia painted school blackboards With color from Sweden. Really neat results!



*Participants at the opening ceremony*



*Opening speech by the president Valberto*



*Invited speakers*

**Radio Station Opening November 24, 2016!** At last it was time for the inauguration of the radio station after two years of test transmissions (6-9 hours / day). Everything was done in the presence of 400 participants, representatives from local and regional authorities, the Ministry of Education, various associations active in the village and the Cacine Association in Sweden. This feels great! Many Swedish associations and individuals have contributed to making this possible.



*The radio station "Voice of Peace"*



*Gun hands over a commemorative plaque and Ulf gives a speech*

A dance group performed dances, a youth choir sang. Bands were cut both to the radio station, IT room and the new house for sewing training, generator and storage. National TV was in place all the day



## Time for the grand opening of the new school building with two classrooms and a small pharmacy, the Student Home and visit to the library!

All walked to the school area. What a festival! Pharmacy provides medical equipment to help students and teachers when necessary. Bands were cut. The visitors were impressed by what the school could demonstrate, not least the library with its 8000 books. The walk went on to the new dormitory for 30 boys, mainly in grades 10 and 11, who come from remote villages. On the wall is written: Casa do Estudante. Vivendo e estudando com dignidade. The Director for the Student Home is Mama Saliu which is the school's factotum



The boys will be responsible for their own cooking. A traditional canoe, nets and life jackets will be arranged so they can be able to catch their own fish

*The Student Home with two dormitories and a room for the director.  
Fine bunk beds*



*Guests in the school cafeteria Students enjoyed the food at the Dining Room each dormitory*

The Final of the inauguration was the big party. The day before, a cow and three goats were slaughtered at home. Impressive to see 16-17 year olds slaughter so professional and extremely cleanly. The food was prepared in the school kitchen, the meat was boiled and fried. 100 kg of rice were boiled. The invited guests were served on plates, a giant load of rice and plenty of meat. Students got also huge portions served in barrel for 8 people. There was great joy this day. Imagine being able to be involved in the inauguration of the radiostation! A dream had been fulfilled and many can now listen to important messages in their local languages as well as in creol.



Another dream that had been achieved was of course the new car. Unbelievable that Cacine association in Sweden has managed to raise funds for it, SEK 240,000 (24000 euros)! A Toyota Hilux with a flatbed with a cover. The old car can still be used for shorter distances and for transports of rice, cement and others, where there is nearly no roads. Amancio is the car mechanics coming to the rescue when the "wreck" had to be repaired.

*Valberto, Ulf, Gun Amancio and Quinta front of the new car in Bissau*

There are many who in various ways support the work of Cacine. In the autumn of 2015 was the Cacine association in Sweden was formed to channeling the work better. We have among now a board, bank transfer, website. All contributions are gratefully welcomed. All money will go to operations in Cacine. It is primarily for education, student support, healthcare, radiostation, IT. We can feel a great support from members and the rest of you.

You can also register you as a member of <http://cacine.se>

**Friday, February 24, 2017 at. 19:00** it is **Guinea Bissau evening** in Kulla chapel. Gun and Ulf Fransson, with friends will show pictures and tell from the last visit in Guinea-Bissau. Serving and a gift shop. Welcome!

**Saturday, February 25, 2017 at. 13:00** it Cacine association's annual meeting in Möcklamo Mission House. You are very welcome!

We want to convey to you all greetings and thanks for all the efforts made by Sweden. The feeling that so much is done for the people Guinea-Bissau is impressive.



*Valbertos house and we who live there: Ulf, Gun, Robinho, Valberto,*

*Alia,*

*and Bidamoni*

*God Jul  
&  
Gott Nytt År*

**Best wishes from Gun and Ulf Fransson**

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