

NEWSLETTER 2018-12-04

from Gun and Ulf Fransson in Cacine, Guinea-Bissau



The school in Cacine with the footballground



Cacine

THANK YOU for all generous gifts and the pupil fees during 2018! Our association has conveyed the gifts so that many children can go to a well-functioning school.

Representatives of the Cacine Association have been down in Cacine on two occasions in 2018, January (David Eriksson, Gun and Ulf Fransson) and in September (Ulf Fransson) and as usual at their own expense.

It is always a great pleasure to visit Cacine. We meet with enthusiastic children and adults who are proud of the school, the radiostation and the student home. In January 2018, Helen Whitson from Canada was also in place. She has previously worked in Guinea-Bissau as a teacher and teacher educator. Now she stands up to support teacher seminars in Cacine. Because she is a former librarian, she found the well-functioning library at school school like a pearl. On several occasions, she taught teachers how to use the library best for teaching.



Students studying in the library



David and Ulf were able to quickly paint the black boards in the classrooms, with color from Sweden. The color is not found in Guinea-Bissau. Now the teachers can write again so that the students can read the text. We had got a lot of "Christmas gifts" with us so they became big joy to many

David and Ulf in painting activity



Gun gets the pleasure of sharing packages



Sewing lesson

In 2017 we donated two sewing machines, one with electricity and one without plus a lot of accessories. Previously we have brought some sewing machines. A Brazilian teacher was volunteered in spring 2018 and could teach in sewing. What a great contribution! In the long run, these students can make a living of sewing.

The laptops and two "stations" with Wikipedia, which we brought to library and IT lessons earlier, we could now update with the latest version in Portuguese. Yet there is no internet connection. We visited the radio station which broadcasts every day during three hours in creol, susu and nalu and reaches 100,000 people. Also in Guinea-Conacry (neighboring country) there are listeners.

Pupils at their computers in the IT hall



It was the first time we met Helen from Canada. We have had contact with her for several years. Her school has supported, among other things, the school in Cassumba. We could discuss together how we can best do a good job for Cacine in the future. Volunteer efforts are both appreciated and necessary. Throughout the years, the Cacine association has been able to contribute both volunteers and funds to different projects.



Ulf, Gun and David (in their new school T-shirts) Valberto Oliveira and Helen Whitson gathered in front of Valberto's house



During the fall, Valberto was offered visits by Portuguese dentists. They checked the dental status and did some adjustments. The children also learned that. brush teeth.



Dentists in full in activities in the library



Alia and Ulf make an effort for maintenance.

Ulf traveled to Cacine in September and with great Swedish brushes, 12 schoolrooms could be painted. The school is painted on the outside every two years and inside the second year. Det var kalkfärg så det It was a lime color, so it went well though it was rainy season.



The Cacine association paid 60 student fees during the year. When the school term started, 699 students were enrolled.

The Board has decided to contribute 127,000 SEK for the new school building. The Swedish-Guinean Association has contributed 50,000 SEK of these.

The building will contain two school halls, toilets and a small office space. Everything will be ready until the start of the autumn term 2019. Then the school will be complete up to the 12th grade. This is proof of the future spirit and enthusiasm that characterizes school leadership.

The blocks have already been manufactured on site to the school building



Continued collection targets:

- * Motor to the fishing canoe
- * Solar system to the radio station and the IT hall
- * Continue to pay 60 school fees for coming school year.



"Christmas tree" with beads in front of Valberto's house The radio station where the solar cells are to be located

Best wishes from Gun and Ulf Fransson

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