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Training Center Construction Started

Dear friends,

We are happy to announce that on top of the usual upkeep of the agricultural project we were able to start the construction of the new Vocational Training Center! In spite of the common difficulties faced in the Congo, all the materials needed were collected and construction is in full swing as you can see on the photos further down.

It is heart-breaking to see the current situation of the students sitting on make-shift benches outside, having no proper learning facilities, washing themselves in the river, eating food on their lap etc.



Students taking „shower“ after a day of hard work

In spite of these conditions, so far 111 students were able to receive training. Joseph is truly working hard and laying down his life for them to receive this training opportunity. Five other students even received 9 months training with him and one of them from an extremely poor family was able to take the state high-school exam – thanks to our financial support.

This national state exam was also taken by 26 students in our ITAV-ADH / MABALA High School. Since 2023, they had 100% success in their exams and are on the top list for job recruitment.



Current „classroom“ and „dining room“. Behind you can see the construction of the new Vocational Training Center.



Joseph is teaching the students in the open air



Hands-on training on the field

CHOOSING AND TRANSPORTING MATERIALS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION



Collecting needed materials with Joseph's old jeep: iron bars, sand, wood ...



... bricks, cement bags, and big solid rocks for the foundation

LAYING A SOLID FOUNDATION



Digging, measuring, preparing pillars, mixing stones and cement



Unwelcome visitor - the snake was caught - another teaching opportunity!



CONSTRUCTION IN FULL SWING



Construction Phase 1

Joseph hired a good team of workers to make sure that the building will last for a long time. He chooses the materials needed, brings them to the building site and oversees the construction.

While the construction is going on in the front, training of the students and the agricultural project is in full swing on the back.



Construction Phase 2



TRAINING AND PROGRESS ON THE FARM



Joseph's youngest children watch and learn how the papayas, manioc and bananas are growing well



Left: Students of a local school, Institut KASAVUBU, from the electricity section, came to visit our small micro-dam project, currently under construction. Middle: Ready to go to work. Right: Learning to sow, plant etc.



Tree nursery

OTHER NEWS

The program of our ADH website that served us well for so many years became outdated. Since updating would have been extremely costly and might not have worked in the end, our close friend and supporter Zdenek kindly offered to create a new website. He is going through the hard work of migrating most of its content to a new website.



Joseph visited Madlen's orphanage and together with the children planted banana trees

On his yearly visit of Germany, Wolfgang was able to call our friends and supporters there, with whom he faithfully stays in contact. He is also busy with finishing his second book and communicating with volunteers who offered their editing input and with Joanna, a lay out expert. New doors are opening to work with close friends who would like to help us distribute the printed copies of his first book in the US.

Lenka and Madlen continue to communicate regularly with each other and with Joseph on the farm. Lenka collects photos and receipts from Joseph. After inspecting these, more finances are dispersed to him. She also prepares these Newsletters and makes progress on her Czech website and YouTube channel. Our other volunteers Jens and Melanie are responsible for the overall administration of ADH. Melanie is also in charge of accounting and finances, while Jens keeps the website current.

At our yearly ADH meeting, we were encouraged to see the great progress made in the last year, thanks to everyone's participation and thanks to your faithful support.

Wolfgang, Lenka and team



Online ADH meeting: L-R, Top: Jens & Melanie, Hana, Tereza. Below: Lenka, Andreas, Wolfg., Jos

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