

Construction of the second floor of our Agricultural Vocational Training Center

Dear friends,

Since the beginning of this year, many activities were underway in our Congo project. On the farm in Nsioni, it was high season for agriculture. Many interns came for training despite our current difficult living and food supply conditions there. Ebola broke out in the East of the Congo and the foot-pedal-operated hand-washing units manufactured by Joseph were in high demand, including from UNICEF.



The most difficult and expensive part of the project - laying of the slab for the second floor

The greatest success was that despite all the challenges, we could build the second floor of the Agricultural Vocational Training Centre in Nsioni. Concerning the construction of the second floor, first, the steel bars had to be installed and then the concrete was prepared and poured into a slab. Work with the steel bars and preparing the wood sheathing before pouring the large floor slab was the most difficult and costly stage. We are very grateful for the generator, which enabled us to weld and cut the metal bars, including those for the railing around the entire upper floor. The visiting interns had the rare opportunity to learn hands on how to do such construction work.

Another highlight is that the students from our school ITAV-ADH in Mabala again succeeded at the state examination above expectations. For the fourth year they obtained 100% success.



Standing on the second floor - interns make concrete ... On the right - All done!



Current map of our school projects. More information about each project on the interactive map at our home page: <https://adh-congo.org/>





Protective railing all around the second floor ...Raising the walls



Walls of the second floor are done and ready for the roof

INTERNSHIP AND AGRICULTURE

Many students are coming from far and wide and are thankful to be able to receive training on the farm. Since January, 115 students from several schools received hands on training in agriculture and ten of them even came twice. Third-year agronomy students came for a two-week internship from a school about 50 km away. One school sent its students who travelled more than 45 km from the Angola/Cabinda border. It's obvious that the need for such training is great, surpassing the borders of the Congo. During the students' agriculture practice among other projects they took care of the maintenance of the fish ponds and planted nearly one hectare of cacao and fruit trees such as safoutier (African



Students coming for training from far and wide



Interns ready to work on the fields ...spraying the corn ...Maniok to feed the interns - harvesting, peeling etc.



pear), mango, red apple, custard apple, avocado, and others. To boost food supply and to be able to feed the interns, they harvested some manioc, which was planted ten months ago. It was soaked and ground into flour.

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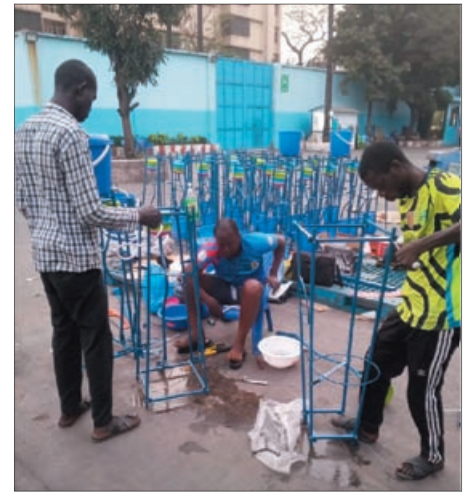
Joseph had to make a trip to Kinshasa for an emergency related to the Ebola outbreak since he's the supplier of the foot-pedal-operated hand-washing units (see photos on the next page). UNICEF wanted to see who is the actual manufacturer in the DRC. As most places in the Congo have no electricity, these devices are ideal for remote areas. They ordered and shipped some of them to Bunia in the Ituri Province.

MADLEN

On top of her many duties in the orphanage she built and runs, Madlen continues to oversee



Harvesting corn, huge papayas, big banana harvest etc. Joseph's kids like to help.



Mechanical pedal-operated hand-washing units which Joseph manufactures. R: An order from UNICEF shipped to the East of DRC.



Madlen busy in her orphanage BANA MAYELE – INTELLIGENT CHILDREN

receiving hand on barber training and the girls have their own beauty and nail saloon. Both of these vocational trainings benefit the whole community.” More about Madlen and her orphans newly on the ADH website <https://adh-congo.org/team-and-helpers/>.

and communicate with Joseph on the farm. Here is a little info from Madlen about her orphanage: „We have about 60 resident children ages 3-16. Most of those children were abandoned in this region. After school, we supply additional tutoring and training. The older boys from 12-16 years old are

PLANS AND THANK YOU

The next steps with the construction work of the school building includes building the roof, installing doors and windows, and plastering the interior of all the rooms. The goal with the agricultural project is that it will become more and more self-sufficient, as well as making it possible to feed the interns when they come for their training.

From Joseph: “*Thank you so very much for everything, because together we are writing a beautiful chapter here in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Greetings to all the volunteer partners who support us through you. Thank you.*”

Wolfgang, Lenka and team