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Think, that I, who has been in this beautiful country so many times, and still finding great pleasure in each visit, and still soaking up energy to continue the voluntary work.

You only do this, if things are a success.

It has to be said, that his last visit has been very successful.

We were 5 persons on this trip, Marianne, Johnny, Sussie, Lis and I the undersigned.

The purpose for the visit were to follow up on the cooperation with our partners FONGAM, follow up on the sponsor children, schools and last, but not least, the starting up on our new school, FONGAM SKILL Center Project in Tujering. Vi held 5 hard success meetings with FONGAM, a massive unifying of future cooperation agreements are on line, unifying of agreements for the two organizations, criteria for future sponsor children, agreements of container distribution and areas of responsibilities, as well as agreements and plans for the starting up of Project school-building. It has been a very successful stay, where also Sussie, as member of the board, has been introduced and well involved into everything down here, and it is very nice to be more to share the work with, and at the same time being able to share all the events, not least now, where we are in the starting up of the new school building, which will be our biggest project up to now, but also a very exciting project, which everybody are believing very much.

All proceedings in handing over the site, and we have ben to a very solemn ceremony, where the site vas handed over to us and at the same time performed the first spade dig and laying down the first ground stone to the school.

As the school is situated in a new area, where there are no other technical school, the interest from the local society are very high and interested in the cooperation about the new school, which will offer the young Gambians an education.

40% of the population in Gambia is young people, and therefore it is very important to bring these young people further in the educational system, as well as making them independent, so they can contribute to themselves, their families and their country' s future.

During the visit, we visited a couple of the schools which we support, among which the small Nursery school in Kotu, Lend a Hand, as usual, it makes a great impression on us all to visit those fantastic children and see how nice a work are being performed for the small. There vere T-shirts and drinking-containers to all the 200 children. Once again we had a wonderful experience by seeing the wonderful youngsters.

We have been on a technical school, where wee at the same time had a visit by Ulrik Jacobsen, from GENBRUG TIL SYDS new host-organization, Danish Missionaries developing department (DMR-U) as from this year has taken over the pool " Genbrug Til Syd" (container) from MELLEMFOLKELIG SAMVIRKE. Ulrik has followed up on all projects, which has received container licenses from MS. At the same time more restrictions will be issued concerning demands for the licenses. We are anxious waiting for the new criteria' s and hope in the same connection, that possibilities for sending a container late this year with materials to the new school will be possible.

Once again this year we have the pleasure of having Lis down here to educate in sewing on the school. Lis were welcomed with open arms and great rejoicing from the students who knew her from last time. We wish Lis the best of pleasure, as we knew it will be of good benefit for all concerned. Unfortunately Lis time here were reduced, due to airline bankruptcy and lost ticket, but fortunately it were possible for Lis to achieve a new ticket, and got away with only a few days delay.

We have visited at random choice several sponsor children, and once again confirmed in in the need to the young are great. Only few families are able to pay the costs for school education, and that means, that to many young do not get an education and therefor are doing just nothing. The help to the young are of great need, and thanks' to all you who are supporting them, it helps.