

November 2013:

Dear all:

The stay in Gambia this time was a little sooner than we normally do, and that meant that it is still raining a little at times and there was plenty of water in many places, especially in the Ebo Town.

Among other things, I crossed the Gambia River in the rain and have seen my first Rainbow in Gambia, it was a new experience.

All School money and all the rice-money are paid, and they were received with great gratitude. When we meet people at this time of year they are all hungry and penetrate in the degree of help and support. The wet season has been tough on many, many of whom have lost their homes, therefore have also provided support to several families. We've got a good rate and have had a little money to help with.

Among other things we have been able to help a family who had lost their house in the rainy season. We have bought a few more sacks of rice to needy families.

We have taken a little more sponsor children in, incl. 2 little girls which were not in school, but they have both started now in the nursery school and both has now a sponsor. In addition, we have said yes to finalize a few students in High School, as their families did not have the necessary funds to pay for them. Here we are missing one sponsor for 1 boy in 10th class Ebrima Cham, and for Pah Alieu Jammeh in 6th class (please report back). Otherwise this trip were focused on the close impending construction, and therefore we planned a visit to Skagen school project, together with our sister organization, FONGAM, to view there project and hence the benefit gained. Now we have seen and heard what they have done and are still doing, and we have something for comparison, in particular, it has been good for our local colleagues to see what can be achieved of value for the money. Thanks to Skagenskolen for a rewarding day and tour, NICE

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I have had 3 good meetings with FONGAM, which has resulted in that we now have the same objective and at what level we think when we are talking about buildings.

Drawings and plans are close to being ready, realistic budget is under preparation.

We have met with Alkoloen (the mayor) in the village Tujereng, where the school is to be build. He is very happy and proud to. We have chosen to build with him, and he's going to be a good man for us through the building process, along with its sister organization to manage the project.

It is imperative that we have good people down there, we can rely on. In addition, plan SOS-Gambia to travel down there, if possible, at quarterly interval, in order to control the build process. If all goes well, we are in time around the turn of the year.

We welcome all very much to get started, but at the same time, it is a very great job, to build in a foreign country and therefore we would like to make the processes as well as the possibilities to be a success.

There is a lot of water in many places, after the rain season.

Sponsored students from Albreda in new T-shirts.

Disabled Bubacar got a new Walker.

Once again a very big and warm thank you to all our Sponsors as supports children and young people in Gambia, who do not Have the same opportunities as our own. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

For and on behalf of SOS-Gambia.

Susanne Skov Petersen.