

2014.July 1, Bissau - José Valberto T. Oliveira

Dear friends of Bethel School,

Warm greetings from the South of Guinea-Bissau!

I am writing on behalf of Bethel School to say how we are grateful as in this school year as your support one of our students. It's made a

big difference in their lives and the school life. We could pay our teachers each month and buy materials for the school functioning well.

We are grateful to God and to you who bless Bethel School through your gifts.



In this pass school year 2013/2014 which started in the 14th October 2012 and finished on 27th June 2014 it was such a good year as we accomplish many things as:

We serve 541 families through the school, we build 2 (two) new classes rooms and an a store room and a first aid room, continue the computing lessons for the 10th grade and 11th grade, we start our school garden, give a daily meal for the children and medicines for the students and staff free, and we had a good group of teachers, a good relationship with the Education ministry and for the help of good volunteers as Sofia and Martin from Sweden Gun and Ulf from Sweden and Alexandra Quadros from Brazil.

Sofia and Martin spent 3 (three months) in Cacine and lead the IT course for 10th and 11th grade and also the English Classes. They students and staff enjoyed the friendship and teaching from them. We need volunteers for the next IT course that will start in October 2014. Also we received a group from Sweden in the end of January 2014 just for one week but they did a good job helping in different ways.

In March we were honored to received the visit of the Nobel of Peace 1996 Mr. José Ramos Horta, in that time of the year he was the UN secretary in Guinea-Bissau.

In the end of May we celebrate the Children Day so we had 3 (three) days of games, Bible Stories, dancing, poetry and general sports. They children and young people were so happy about that. The children from the Elementary School received toys and candies in the last day.

In the 10th of July we're going to receive Ulf Fransson from Sweden he is coming to work in our Library to organized it in an international system. We need a volunteer for the Library for this coming school year!

In this school year most of the students did so well so we had 85% of

approved. We as staff we're happy for the good improvement for the students. They were very committed to their studies and general activities in the school.

Many kids and young people have contact me asking for help for studying at Bethel School this coming year so if are interesting to help to pay the school for one of the students please, let me know. It will be a great help!

I would like to invite you to continue giving support for one or more of our students or School project. We have a challenge to build a house for the students that come from different villages to study in Cacine but they don't have relatives in Cacine to live with so they suffer a lot. So, we dream to build a Student Home for them.

Please, if you are willing to help please contact me.

Together giving education for Children for a better future in Guinea-Bissau.

Sincerely,

José Valberto T. Oliveira
On behalf of Bethel School

