



CATHOLIC ACTION FOR STREET CHILDREN

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In this issue, we would update you on developments in CAS since news letter No. 93 was circulated to our readers across the globe. The period under review has been very eventful. We had high powered delegations from both the Catholic Church and Government visiting CAS



From left to right Bishop Henrx—Apostolic Nuncio to Ghana, Cardinal Tagle and Rev. bro Cosmas — Director CAS

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Fieldwork and Preparation

Fieldwork and 'preparation' of new children as an activity continue throughout the quarter. Fieldworkers continue to use the same approach of building rapport with the children and inviting them to the refuge and Hopeland Training centre. Preparation of children has intensified in both centres. However with the increase in numbers, there is pressure on furniture and teaching materials and other facilities. Though



Trainees attending literacy classes

additional furniture has been purchased, it is inadequate. Support is needed to develop facilities to cater for the increasing numbers.

“RIGHT TO PLAY” GAMES

Participation in the “right to play” games has been very good. Children come in their numbers to participate in these games weekly. Apart from the entertainment, they learn through the games as well.



FEEDING PROGRAMME



Some the children serving lunch of the day

The feeding programme has continued over this quarter despite the challenges with renewing the sponsorship package for the feeding programme. However with the increasing numbers of children visiting the centres, the programme can-

not be sustained unless we get sponsorship within the shortest possible time.



Lunch time in the makeshift canteen

DONATIONS

CAS continued to receive donations in both cash and kind to support our operations. The donations ranged from cash to items like food stuff, water, detergents, used clothes and many others



FUND RAISING ACTIVITIES

CAS is going all out in order to raise funds to support the project especially the develop-



ment of facilities and the feeding programme.

Proposals have been sent to selected organisations. Letters have also been distributed to churches for support. During the period a team also visited the St John the

Evangelist Catholic Church, Adentan to raise funds. The team had massive support from



the parishioners and they donated generously in cash to support CAS. Efforts are being made to visit other churches subsequently for support. We take this opportunity to express our gratitude to members of St John the Evangelist catholic Church, Adentan for their support.

VISITS

During the period CAS continued to receive visitors at both centres. Many of these visitors came to see and to learn about our activities. They expressed joy on seeing our children in their workshops or playing games.

We are very grateful to the so many catholic and other Christian groups that came to visit us. It is always a joy to receive visitors, because we believe that they do this because of the love they have for the vulnerable children. Visitors usually bring hope to the children and through this they find reason to believe in themselves. They can gain a lot of positive energy knowing very well that they can still make it in life.



BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS



The President of Commonwealth Parliamentary Association and Speaker of Ghana's Parliament Right Honourable Alban Kingsford Sumana Bagbin celebrated his 65th Birthday with Children under the care of Catholic Action for street Children at



the Hopeland Training Centre. He was accompanied by his family, National Chairman of NDC, NDC constituency Executives, Supporting Staff from the Speaker's Chamber and some members of Parliament. In attendance were the Founder and former Director of CAS Bro. Jos, Rev. Fr. Asare. - Representative of the Archbishop, Rev. Fr. Henry K. Duah Dean of Ashaiman Deanery, Police Commander, Assembly Woman and other collaborators of CAS.

GRADUATION PROCESS

For this year a total of ten (10) children have been prepared to write the N.V.T.I proficiency exam in the areas of sewing, catering and auto - mechanics. All exams will be written before the end of the year. We are fortunate that the authorities have allowed our children to take the exam at our Hopeland Training Center on the 7th and 8th of December 2022. We wish them the best of luck.

Auto—Mechanics Practicals (NVTI)



Cookery Practicals (NVTI)



Dress Making Practicals (NVTI)



X'MAS GREETINGS TO ALL OUR DONORS, COLLABORATORS AND SUPPORTERS

This news letter is the last one for the year 2022. It has been a wonderful time working with everyone and we have enjoyed a lot of support from all of you.



Special mention must be made of the following

- ♦ Misereor
- ♦ Kindermissionwerk
- ♦ Stivosina
- ♦ The Speaker of Parliament (Ghana)
- ♦ The Catholic Nunciature
- ♦ Madam Mansah Nettey
- ♦ Standard Chartered Bank (Ghana)
- ♦ Paul et Geruud
- ♦ Aid World

To you all we say;

MERRY X'MAS AND MANY BLESSINGS IN THE NEW YEAR 2023.

WHEN YOU ARE BLESSED THEN WE ARE BLESSED AS WELL.