

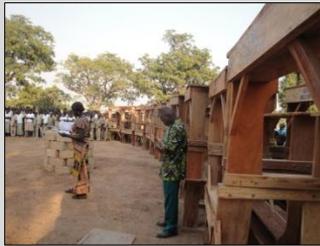


2013

New Year, New Challenges, Same Goals

Happy New Year! After a restful and joyous holiday season, the Development Assistance Office is gearing up for a busy and productive 2013.

We look forward to continuing our investments for the benefit of Togo and its people and to sharing our adventures with you.



Ambassador Whitehead Attends Self-Help Dedication Ceremonies

Warmly received in the village of Namon-Dougba, Ambassador Whitehead attended the dedication ceremony for the handover of 70 classroom desks. The nearby village of Safobé received another 70 desks. Prior to receiving the new school equipment, the 600 students utilized tree trunks and stones as chairs and cement plates as desks.



In a separate dedication ceremony in the village of Kara, 12 handicapped citizens received tricycles funded by the Ambassador's Self-Help Program. With increased mobility, these individuals will be able to lead a more active life and benefit from increased self-esteem and confidence.

Numbers, Numbers and More Numbers!

- For the Self-Help section, **54** projects have been preselected, of which **28** have already been visited, spanning across the four northern regions of Togo. **26** pre-selection assessments remain, all located in the Maritime region. Those will take place over the next few months.
- DHAPP (Defense HIV/AIDS Prevention Program) factoid: **Two** medical waste incinerators were built in Adidogome and Camp Force d'Intervention Rapide (FIR) military bases. Beneficiaries: **3,000+** military personnel and family and civilians surrounding the bases

'Vivre Positivement Avec Le VIH'

Development Assistance Office team members recently took part in a 'Living Positively with HIV' group discussion in a military hospital in Lomé. The discussion was coordinated by AMACACH (Association des Militaires, Anciens Combattants, Amis et Corps Habillés) and focused on the unveiling of five new information pamphlets created by the NGO.

The pamphlets addressed:

- Practical advice in how to deal with being HIV-positive
- 'What you need to know about anti-retroviral treatment'
- Nutritional advice
- General first aid advice for people with HIV
- Effects of alcohol and tobacco on HIV-positive people

Dr. Capt. Agbangba led the discussion with the 35 attendees, utilizing the new pamphlets as guides to increase awareness and improve methods to combat HIV.



AMACACH Group Discussion Participants

Awatamé Women's and Girls' Training Center

The center was visited by Development Assistance Office team members to view the completed soap production room, dressmaking room and literacy classroom – all focused on increasing women's empowerment. Another Self-Help success story!

