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Charity De Mangoboom

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Dear friends of The Mangoboom!

A lot has happened in the last few months. Not only in Burkina Faso. In The Netherlands the charity is on the move as well with plenty of exciting developments. We are not used to sharing about what we do here on behalf of the children. But we'd like to share about one event. Therefore we'll start close to home this time.

URK IN ACTION

In our previous newsletter we mentioned our sponsor event of fitness center Crossfit in the town of Urk. The event took place on March 25 and 26 at the center's campus. The goal was to collect money for a water well to be drilled on the new premises of the children's center. In the past, we have been informing you about the approval process.

Yes, you are reading this correctly—the paperwork is still under review by a few government ministers, but we still want to commence slowly but surely with the development of the campus. This campus is the site for the new children's village. And water is a priority.

Crossfit organized an AMRAP which stands for 'As Many Rounds as Possible.' A true fitness challenge, indeed.



After finding sponsors, the instructors and a few members of Crossfit continued their exercises for a full 24 hours!

Nutritious food kept both sportsmen and audience going. There was fish (of course, because Urk is a fishing village) as well as a barbecue. A raffle was held while children could get their faces painted. A DJ kept everyone on their feet. During the event, our charity, Stichting De Mangoboom, was able to hold a number of presentations.

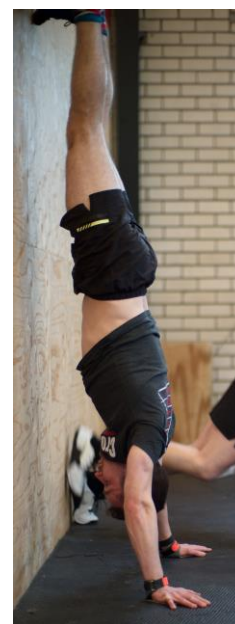
There was also plenty of media attention for our sponsor event. Broadcast organization, Omroep Flevoland, sent a camera crew and newspaper, Urkerland, did an article.

The event resulted in a sizeable amount of money that will go toward the realization of a water well. We can finally start drilling. In our next newsletter we hope to inform you about this project, including some pictures.

A big thank you to Crossfit for their tremendous efforts!

AFTERCARE

It is already five years ago that Nicole went back to her family. Nicole doesn't have any parents to go back to, but her grandmother was willing to take care of Nicole. Recently, Abzeta, Nicole's previous caregiver in the center, went to visit her to see how she is doing. Abzeta was very encouraged by what she saw. Nicole is doing very well. She has grown big thanks to the good care of her faithful grandmother. In July she will receive her first school diploma.

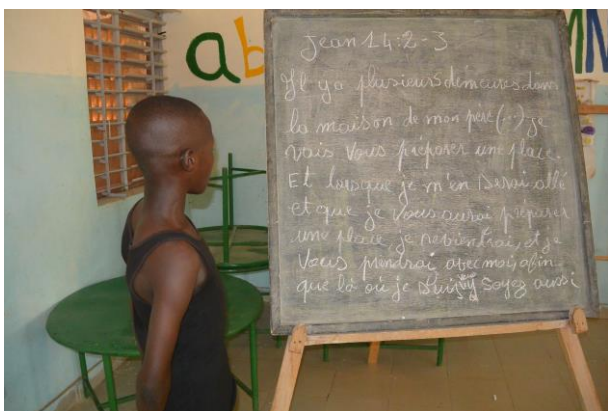




EDUCATION

All children that are able to go to school. This is remarkable for Burkina Faso because there are many children that do not have this opportunity. Already at an early age (3-4 yrs) they help their parents growing crops and tending to the animals. The children's future, however, largely depends on how much education they can get. Without any education the chances of escaping from poverty are very slim indeed. That is why this has our charity's focus.

Additionally, we also pay attention to the children's spiritual development. They receive education in all kinds of subjects. Phillippe, one of our permanent staff, teaches these subjects. We are grateful to see how the children become more knowledgeable about the Bible.



EXAMS

In a few months, the students will take their exams. Isaiah has been working hard to improve his math grades. He has been rather successful in his quest. Isaiah got the best grade of the entire class. Just to

remind you: a typical class in Burkina Faso can easily be comprised of 100 students. Quite an achievement. Well done, Isaiah!



'JOURNÉE TRADITIONELLE'

Every year we hold a "Journée Traditionnelle," i.e., a traditional day. Its purpose is to make the children aware of the Burkinabé traditions and culture. The children always enjoy this day and make an effort to dress up in traditional Burkinabé costumes. This year's edition was a success. The students have been partying all day.



THANKING AND PRAYING

- 🌳 Thank you for the results of the Crossfit charity event.
- 🌳 Pray that we will soon be able to drill the well so that the water can result in blessings for all.



MANY THANKS FOR YOUR INVOLVEMENT AND SUPPORT THROUGH PRAYERS AND GIFTS!