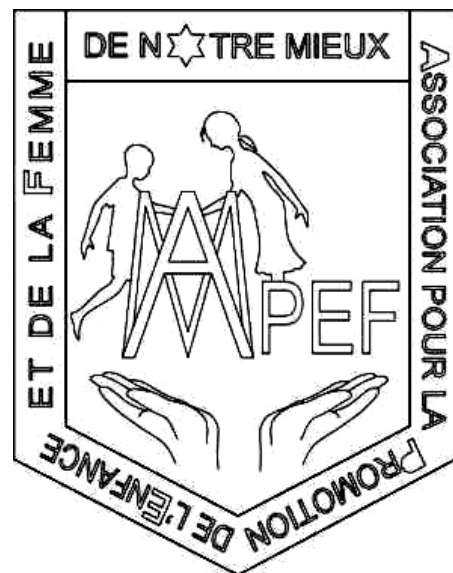


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JOURNAL DE L'ASSOCIATION POUR LA PROMOTION DE L'ENFANCE ET DE LA FEMME (A.P.E.F.)

Dear Friends, Fellow Marists, Colleagues, Family members, and loyal Supporters of the Marists' Project in Senegal! This journal is once again late in coming! Much has come and gone and with the year 2011 almost gone also, let me once again give you a brief run down on the activities and happenings in both Centres, Nazareth for the Street children and Dalifort /Marist Centre for the girls.

Since the last edition of the journal, the 2 Centres have continued to carry out their functions respectively without too much problem. The Team of Animators in Nazareth continue to go out on Street actions (visiting the children where they are), welcoming the children each Wednesdays in the Centre, running awareness sessions on Wednesdays on safety and health issues, and the dangers of living on the streets. In Dalifort, the Monitrice / Monitor also have continued to prepare the girls for the future. The girls have been able to excel various activities given by the Monitrices and the Monitor. The courses offered the girls are Literacy / French Lessons, tie-dyeing, sewing, embroidery, cooking, Basic budgeting, personal hygiene/cleanliness, human development etc. Hopefully the activities will continue this year with more improvements! Happy Reading then !

DALIFORT / MARIST CENTRE



In the last school year, 2010/2011, the Centre had 12 girls following the courses there. They were been taught by 5 Monitrice / Monitor. It hasn't been very easily financially to keep the Centre going but we've continued just the same with the bit of money we had. The Centre was helped very much also by the donation from the Dakar Women's Group who helped us buy materials for the tie-dyeing, sewing and embroidery activities. With the materials the girls were able to make things and sell those to help us out financially. Below then are some of the photos of our activities in Dalifort Centre.



French course / Alphabetisation



The girls during the Exposition at Hann Mariste!



Sewing with Mme Yvette!



The finish Product of the Tie-dyeing session!

THE LASTEST NEWS FROM THE DALIFORT CENTRE !

The Centre has just changed premises and has now being moved to the new Church site in Hann. The Parish has generously given us a bigger room to use. We had to hire a truck to bring all our stuff there before the beginning of the new school year.



Friends helping to load furniture onto the truck while others wait with the rest!



The girls and Monitrice organise the room at the new Church site at Hann!

NAZARETH CENTRE – GRAND-YOFF CENTRE FOR THE STREET CHILDREN!



In Nazareth, we continue to do the best we can for the Street children. Our activities are organised for 3 days. Every Tuesdays and Thursdays, the Animators go out on the streets to meet the children where they live. On Wednesdays, we welcome the children into the Centre for a day of activities. We provide breakfast and lunch, shower and opportunity to wash their clothes. Newly arrivals on the streets and others who wish to speak to an animator are also given an opportunity to do so. There are also manual skills' activities offered at the Centre on Wednesdays for the children. Each Wednesdays there is always discussions and awareness sessions given by the Animators and the children participate well in those discussions! There are also the TV shows, 'Theatre Senegalese' that the children enjoy watching. Thus our Wednesday programmes are varied and very flexible!



THE NEW ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES ON WEDNESDAYS:

The Literacy programme did already start last year, so that has continued this year and the number of students as increased! Some children have even asked to be taught English so the English Speaking animators have tried also to teach English to the children. The new addition to our Wednesday's activities has been the salon de hair-dressing! The children have asked for that so there is an Animator who cut hair in Nazareth! Thus our activities for Wednesdays are quite flexible and are numerous according to the needs of our children.



Tie-Dyeing Session in Nazareth!



Boys proudly displaying their work!

On Thursdays after 'Action Rue', the team meets to evaluate the activities of the week, then plans the programme for the following week.

Other Activities carried out by Nazareth this year 2011!

We held a Camp for the street children at the Benedictine Monk's place at Keur Moussa from the 13th to the 23rd of July this year. We had 30 children with us and spent 10 days preparing them normal family living and sharing. We did a lot of awareness on various topics which concerns them and their chosen life on the streets. We discussed the importance of family, the dangers of living on the streets, cleanliness, the dangers of drugs or sniffing petrol etc. There were also a lot of singing and dancing to the beat of the tam-tam (drums), and an excursion to Lake Rose. We had also programmed 2 practical Skill learning sessions; Tie-dyeing, and post cards making! We had a health Worker come to give a Health Awareness Session. At the end of it all, 25 children were reunited with their families and 5 chose to return to the streets.



Boys put on a sketch while animators look on! Even a visit from a monk!



Breakfast time and eating mangoes at the Camp!

The month of August was the holiday month for Nazareth so we took sometime out for a break. When the activities started up again in September, we began with the follow ups of the children returned in and around Dakar and Thies area every Thursdays. We then moved to the Region of Kaolack and around the Saloum area. We had 5 animators go off to Kaolack on a Tuesday and using Kaolack as their base, went out each day to go check up on the children we had brought home from that area. They returned to Dakar on the Friday.



Follow up visits!

Football Match/Soccer Match

Boys enjoy football matches and once they know that there is a match organised, they come in great numbers. This time on the 2nd of November, we held a football match. We had only 28 children for that match. This was because the 1st of November was a public holiday, and the children forgot there was to be a football match the next day. There was also a Moslem feast which wasn't too far away so some of the children had already left Dakar to go celebrate 'Tabaski', with friends and family.



A Team prepares for the Foot ball Match while the others watch!

Photos from the Camp of 2011!



An Animator carries a sick child to the mobile clinic! A group prepares its cloth for Tie-dyeing!



Children and Animators show off their work!



Fr. Martin SM (responsible) gives his speech!

On behalf of Fr. Martin Simna SM, Co-ordinator of the Marists' Project in Senegal, and his Team of Collaborators, I take this opportunity once again to thank you all very much for your continued loyalty and support of our activities ! Without your support either morally with prayers and encouragement or financially, we wouldn't do what we do for the children and the young girls we help here in Senegal. The work we do is done on your behalf! I can't name you all, but you all know who you are and we thank you for your continued generosity! PS. Nazareth holds its annual Christmas Party for the Street Children on the 14th of December 2011! Please keep us in your thoughts and Prayers! And if possible, we look forward to welcoming you all to that big feast!!!



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