

NEWSLETTER CENTRE FIERS ET FORTS

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The holidays are far away. The children had a wonderful time on the beach, as every year. We are so happy we can offer them those holidays !

Afterwards we sent everybody to their families. The experience was good, except for some of them who preferred to go back to the street... Next year, after the holidays on the seaside, we will program differently. Children who do not have stability, will stay only a short time in their family.

The classes started during the sacred month of the Ramadan, difficult for our teachers, but for the pupils too. They used to go to bed very late during the Ramadan and they slept during the lessons.....!

Luckily the old habits can't be lost. After the holidays the administration had so many things to doWe need a lot of patience and humour. We still do not know officially if the ground we need for the construction of our Pedagogical Farm will be for us!

Our regular sponsors are still there. Others don't show themselves because of the crises. The Mine in Guemassa continues to deliver us fruit and vegetables of a quality only the very rich can afford and don't forget the meat and chicken! "Soldive" send us every week products of the earth. In the morning vegetables still grow, several hours later we have them on our tables. The cook prepares winter with this very natural stuff.

A part of our children left our institute and are accepted in the public school of Tamesloht. The Headmaster proposed us to work together.

The children who can't follow the lessons at the public school, can continue at our place until they will have the level they need. Our classes are often too full and our teachers have a heavy task to teach those children who have different levels.

Our British volunteers continue to help us, two times a week. They give English lessons and our children learn the Oxford pronunciation! So lovely! One of the young ladies we call the craziest lady in town, jumped with two of her friends out of a plane, parachute on their backs, to find money for our institute !! They got what they wanted and we already have the funds to pay the holidays on the seaside for 2010. Thank you so much dear ladies!

Our volunteers help us with a lot of other lessons. Painting and sport are also on the program and we, the staff, finally have a lot of time left to contact or find lost parents, to work with the judges, order our administration and the finance...

At the end of January two Dutch girls will come to Tamesloht to work with the children, every day. They nearly have finished their study, and they need to practice. The Institute NIMAR which works with the Dutch Embassy in Rabat and the University of Amsterdam advised

them to do their training during six month with our pupils. We found a charming apartment for them with a terrace and view on the mountains. Lucky girls!

Because of our busy days the regular newsletter was not written. I do hope you will accept this one. Other information and pictures will be sending.

We wish you all a very happy new year, good health and we thank you for your financial or moral help.

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