

NEWSLETTER CENTRE FIERS ET FORTS

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A lot of things have happened in the last few months, so the newsletter was not written. It's about time we got a professional secretary !

We are happy we got all important things organised. The 2 students Sabah and Kelly, sent by the University Fontys in Eindhoven, Holland, soon became very familiar with the centre. They will stay 6 months and during this period they will make analyses of their observations and will use these for their studies back home. They live in the nice part of Tamesloht, in a typical Moroccan apartment. From their terrace they have a beautiful view over the village, which often is enveloped in smoke. The oven potteries still work ontires. Although a factory has started to be built outside the village in which the ovens will have gas.

The 2 students help a lot. Their studies are far from easy and they are followed by their professor from the University of Applied Sciences (Fontys) in The Hague. She stayed more than a week! **We need professional help to maintain good structure.**

We feel we need to start a new period. We will hopefully get a field, just outside the village, which will be ideal for the children, as they will be able to walk to the public school. All around will be olive fields with a view on the mountains. Only birds and from time to time a monkey interrupt the silence....

The Governor agrees with our new step to get this beautiful ground, big enough for buildings, workshops, gardens (to grow vegetables + herbs) and the <Pedagogical Farm>. We hope to get everything ready before Ramadan, but administrations are...doing..... everything ...so...slowly...! and the minister is the one who has the last say!

We were very happy the **professionnel education** works so well. That's what we thought anyway..., the truth was different. Children of 15/16 years old, ready for the next step, moving onto the big town of Marrakech, were then lost without our daily help. A part of them went back to the street. Now we know we have to keep them nearby, in the **workshops in the big garden**. Luckily most have good results and become happy youngsters. Because one should learn about their mistakes, we now know we are not too late to start the next period in another way!

We wish you all a nice spring and we do hope we are able to give you more important information before the summer holidays, also update you on the financial situations.

Your help in this period of crises is still necessary!

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