

ANNUAL REPORT 2021 FOR FEMDEV AFRICA

FEMDEV AFRICA had five prison outreaches during the year 2021. Other than the adult prisoners who received plenty of gifts from January, we were also directed to 100 juvenile prisoners who were rarely visited by people and so had little or no supplies. They told us their major needs and we began to mobilize funds. By God's grace, We provided them with French Bibles, few English Bibles, plastic shoes, snacks and drinks, 11 bags of rice of 22.5 kilos each on October 30. We also shared messages and films with them on how the life of a condemned prisoner was transformed. On 8th December, we took 20 bags of 50 kg rice plus other things to the juvenile offenders in the prison and on 24th December, we also took another 20 bags of rice, 80 litres of oil, 40 tins of tomato paste and clothing to them. They had wonderful Christmas celebrations.

Similarly, we have maintained a regular food bank at our centre through out the year from where needy families have been getting food supplies including clothing, shoes, with some counselling support.

We have also channeled much material resources to Broffouedu and the surrounding villages in Eastern Côte d'Ivoire near Ghana border with Côte d'Ivoire. FEMDEV Africa has done five project visits to date. We took a lot of food supplies and clothing to them in 2021. This will continue in 2022 and we hope to form a football club of 22 youth and furnish them with all necessary sports tools. The idea is to gain their trust and confidence before introducing life skill education to them. Majority of them are school drop outs because they stopped school to work in a new mining company that was working there. The company has now closed down.

Some funding was made available to us which helped us distribute 130 school uniforms to girls in Broffouedu primary school. The Director of Sogoyakro primary school has informed us that they have 63 girls in their school who will be needing the uniforms too. Similarly, we were able to help 10 children from needy families with some scholarship. They were to drop out of school.

Furthermore, FEMDEV Africa usually give out Christmas gifts to children in the slum where our centre is located. Children from Luke International school decided to do a gifts drive and selected our NGO to collect the gifts and distribute. Many children from Bambakro slum were so happy to receive those gifts.

We also did our annual widows' program on January 8 instead of in December. Each of the 60 widows received 1 wrapper of 6 yards, one 5 kg bag of rice, 1 bottle of oil. This time around, we could not add for them an envelope for their transport fare as we usually do. But they were all very happy with the interactions, encouragement, worship, testimonies and hot lunch provided by one of our sisters.

CONCLUSION

We have tested, tried and confirmed that development and humanitarian projects help to open doors to villages and communities that are otherwise closed to outsiders. As FEMDEV Africa, we are determined to continue using these strategies to liberate many villages and vulnerable groups from darkness and poverty. We thank all our partners and donors. You too can make a difference.

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