

**1<sup>st</sup> work report**  
(July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021 to August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021)

**on the construction of one building holding 3 classrooms, office, storage and toilets  
for the public primary school of Gbodjoko  
District of Zinvié  
municipality of Abomey-Calavi  
Republic of Benin**

On July 6th we meet with the people of the village of Gbodjoko for the general assembly to kick off the construction work. The contract is read out. Questions concerning the content of the contract are answered. Then a vote is taken as to determine whether the population agrees with the conditions for this project. The vote is positive.



The first building materials arrive two days later. I meet with the construction team to measure the construction site and mark the exact location of the building. The building demarcation is made and the cords to mark the foundation trenches are aligned.



Sand, iron and cement arrive. First, building blocks are made.



The people of Gbodjoko are digging the foundation trenches.



Our masons mix the reinforced concrete for the foundation base.







The iron base for the foundation is placed on the first reinforced concrete layer and the iron inlays of the pillars are incorporated into it. They are all lined up neatly with the help of cords.



A second reinforced concrete layer is poured and the foundation walls are erected on top.





The iron inlay for the lower iron anchor is placed. Then the lower iron anchor is cast. The walls of the building grow on top.



A small iron anchor is incorporated below the window openings and then the walls are erected up to the window lintel.



The pillars of the building and the veranda are being poured. In order to save boarding wood, we had metal molds made for the pillars of the veranda.



The iron anchor above the lintel is cast in one piece.



The walls are raised above it.



A fourth iron anchor is cast below the roof before the gables are erected on it. Finally, the ends of the pillars are boarded and cast.



The shell of the building is finished by August 5th. We send a warm “Thank you” to all of our partners and friends.