

DIARY PART 2
**ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF ONE BUILDING HOLDING TWO CLASSROOMS, OFFICE,
STORAGE ROOM AND TOILETS**
FOR THE PUBLIC PRESCHOOL OF KOUKOULOUNDA
GOVERNMENT DISTRICT OF OUAKE
MUNICIPALITY OF OUAKE
REPUBLIC OF BENIN

Since our construction team was working on a school building for a primary school in the south of the country while the walls of the Koukoulounda preschool building was drying and work in the south had to be completed up to the gables, there was a short break on the project in Koukoulounda.

Monday, November 13, 2023

Our construction team sets off on the long journey to Koukoulounda together with the chairman of our association.

Sand and cement are already being ordered in Koukoulounda.

Tuesday, November 14, 2023

The chairman pays for all building materials delivered. Then he buys gravel and makes sure that the girls enrolled in the preschool all continue to go to school.

The bricklayers begin to install the doors and shutters and attach the burglar protection devices underneath the roof.

Wednesday, November 15, 2023

The chairman returns to Calavi.

The bricklayers begin plastering the gable sides inside the classrooms.

Thursday, November 16, 2023

The side walls are then plastered.



Friday, November 17, Saturday 18, and Sunday 19, 2023

The plastering work is progressing well. The interior of the building has already been plastered and the blackboards are being installed.



Monday, November 20, 2023

The external walls of the building are plastered.



Tuesday, November 21 and Wednesday 22, 2023

The back side of the building is plastered.



Thursday, November 23, 2023

The facade of the building is plastered. This work requires a lot of concentration and attention as the pillars have to be carved out.



Saturday, November 24, 2023

The pillars of the veranda are still being worked on.

The population does not come to the construction site to help, but brings food for our construction team every day.

Sunday, November 25, 2023

The floor of the first classroom is cemented.

Monday, November 26, 2023

The floor of the second classroom is cemented.



Tuesday, November 27, 2023

The railing of the ramp is installed.



Wednesday, November 28, 2023

The floor of the office is cemented

Thursday, November 29, 2023

The veranda and ramp are neatly cemented.



Friday, December 1, 2023

Next up is the toilet block



Saturday, December 2, 2023

The house is finished!!



Sunday, December 3, 2023

The small tables and benches are also plastered.



Monday, December 4, 2023

The play equipment is installed and a large sandpit is created around it.



Tuesday, December 5, 2023

Our people are clearing up the construction site and preparing to return home. Now the plaster has to dry before the painters can start their work.

Tuesday, December 19, 2023

The painters travel to Koukoulounda.

Wednesday, December 20 and Thursday, 21, 2023

The walls are rubbed smooth.

Friday, December 22, 2023

The first layer of paint is applied inside the classrooms and prepared for the designers.

Saturday, December 23, 2023

The first layer of paint is also painted on the outside.

Monday, December 25, 2023

The first bright colors already give the building a cheerful look. The children become curious.



Tuesday, December 26. to Friday, December 9, 2023

The painters work with great precision and dedication.

The graphic designers are also on the construction site.



Saturday, December 30, 2023

The painters return to Calavi.

The graphic designers protect the murals with a layer of varnish.





We have completed a marathon to complete the work on the Koukoulounda preschool by the end of the year. I would like to thank my employees for the dedication with which they carry out our projects. I am aware that this is not a given and cannot be paid for with money. Our employees have once again shown that they fully support our idea of giving their country's children a better future.

I would also like to thank all of my friends for their friendship. Thank you to the Joachim Schuster Foundation for the trust you have placed in us. I hope they are satisfied with the result of this project. A “thank you” to the Fly and Help association for their continued cooperation. Thank you also to the NPO Bildungswerk Westafrika and, above all, to Dr. Heinz Theo Kämmerling. I would like to thank the employees of the BMZ and BENGGO.

I would also like to thank the people of Koukoulounda, who have given proof of how dear the future of their children is to them by the way of their cooperation. We spent an unforgettable time in their midst.

The inauguration is planned to be held on January 4th 2024.

With a heart filled with gratitude!
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