

## **1st work report**

on the construction of one building holding 3 classrooms, office,  
storage room, toilets and borehole with water tower  
for the public elementary school of Massè  
Municipality of Glazoué

On May 4, 2019, a Saturday, we met the population of Massè for the General Assembly. After the usual courtesies were exchanged, the contract was read and all questions were answered, then the people of Massè voted in favor of the contract. Afterwards we inspected the building site, which was proposed by the PTA of the school. The site was still overgrown with plants and had first to be cleared. The following Monday we bought cement, sand and gravel. Iron was also transported to the construction site. The building was implanted on the site and marked. Since the following day was a Sunday, the people of Massè went to church. Our bricklayers started to make blocks and the iron benders worked on the iron inserts. From May 13th, the people of Massè were numerous on the construction site. The floor was very hard. Gravel appears.



Women and children encouraged fathers and big brothers.



The school children eagerly carried the building blocks to the foundation trenches.



The foundation underlay was poured and the iron inlays of the pillars were incorporated.



Another reinforced concrete layer was poured over it. The foundation walls were built on this very strong base.





After the lower iron anchor had been poured, the walls of the building were built on top of it.



The pillars of the veranda were cast with metal molds.



The upper iron anchor was cast in one piece, the gables were built above.





The walls had to dry for two weeks, then the roof truss was made and the roofing sheets were put on.



The window shutters and doors were placed. Then the building was plastered.



Finally, the painters gave the building its color dress.





It was very difficult to dig the toilet pit. After four meters, the people of Massè gave up.



During the construction work, the women talked about the difficulties that they encountered while supplying the construction with water. They said that we were lucky enough to build in the rainy season so that they could get surface water. In the dry season, life in Massè was very difficult. We asked the Bildungswerk whether we could make a borehole with a water tower here. When the positive answer arrived, we quickly got to work.



With kind regards  
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