

Northern Ivory Coast – Ongoing Projects and Efforts

During our expedition of January 2014, we were able to make a positive contribution in 6 very poor villages of the extreme northern part of Ivory Coast.

Here are some facts about these villages:

- Nondara, (~ 3,000 inhabitants), the mission headquarter of the North, located at 5 km of Boundiali, which the establishment started in 2009.

- Malienbougou, (~ 1000 inhabitants)

- Guégrini- Malienbougou, (~ 1,500 inhabitants)

- Flatiévogo (~ 1,000 inhabitants) and

- Guapiévogo (~ 3,000 inhabitants) : the last four villages are located on the road to Mali and Guinée.

- Womon, (3,000 inhabitants), located on the road to Burkina, at 100 km from Boundiali.

We need your financial support in order to accomplish these projects:

- The installation of solar panels on 4 sites in order to use a fridge for anti-venom serums conservation, as well as other medications, and also for the lighting of the buildings for evening schooling.

- The acquisition of a generator assembly and another vehicle (actually, the truck I delivered is no longer working and cannot be repaired).

- Medication transportation that we receive free of charge in Geneva, which are in sufficient quantity to supply an entire hospital.

- The transportation of collected clothes from the southern to the northern part of the country. They really need warm clothes because of the cold nights. I personally needed an extra jacket and warm socks to be able to sleep properly!

- The construction of an orphanage in order to receive many children, and to provide them schooling and training. These children have lost their father during the war in their country that lasted for 10 years, and their mother remarried, which caused them to be rejected by the new head of the family. These children are forced to work as slaves in neighbouring villages and many of them are not even 10 years of age.

Our vision would be to bring them a longer-term help, such as twice a year during a one month period each time.

A missionary couple has stayed in these communities, as well as a missionary woman. It is however not much for these six villages totalising 10,000 inhabitants. The villagers saw, between 2009 and 2014, what we have done and they hope to see us establish new schools, medical centres, etc. They count on us and are waiting for us to come back.

I was touched by their sufferings and their intense needs, and I would like to return there as soon as possible to bring help to these people and to save lives. And if possible, I am willing to stay in their communities to ensure the delivery of daily medical care and literacy courses. But meanwhile, I needed to go back home, in Europe, in order to work and earn some money.

Moreover, I wish to import Moringa plants there. It is actually a prodigious plant species, which easily grows in desert areas and could provide the nutritional needs of these people at low cost. This plant also has healing virtues and water purification properties.

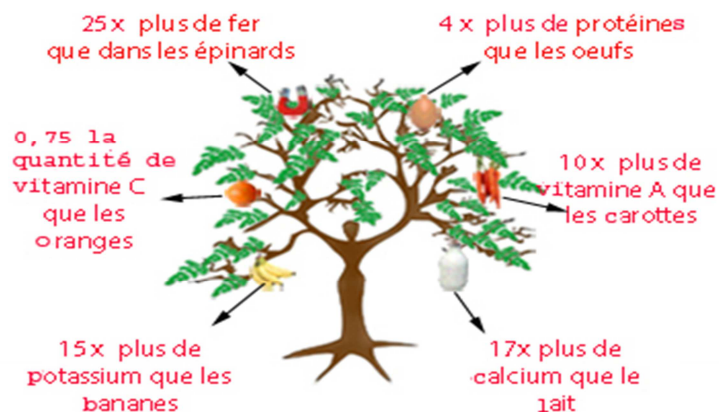
With the support of several people, I could stay there between 8 to 10 months each year. There is indeed lots of work to be done and volunteers are lacking in these places with their hard living conditions.

About Moringa

Moringa leaves are also purported to contain seven times as much vitamin C as oranges, ten times as much as carrots, and fifteen times the potassium found in bananas.

100 grams of fresh moringa leaves reportedly contain as much protein, vitamins and minerals as an egg, more iron than steak, as much vitamin C as an orange and as much calcium as a glass of milk.

Moringa powder, furthermore, has water purification properties.



The doctors use the Moringa tree to treat diabetes and hypertension. It is also found useful to treat skin infections. It can contribute to bone reconstruction, fight anemia and malnutrition, and allows a mother to breastfeed her infant. It also shows antioxidant properties and fight against blindness.