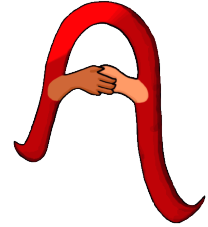


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Dear members and friends of Adesuwa,

“Adesuwa” means “Family”

This was the motto of Barbara’s recent trip to Coker Village in April this year. Priority Number One was to visit the children and their parents. Our local helpers organized a meeting at one of the schools attended by all of our children, their parents, supporters in Coker Village and the tutors.

Barbara was warmly welcomed by our kids who sang a special “Thank you Adesuwa” song which they composed together with the tutors. The parents highly praised the work and the tangible successes of Adesuwa’s support. Because their children have made such great progress so far, the parents hope, of course, that their children who are graduating from primary school will be able to continue their education. They asked if Adesuwa would also be able to finance the expenses for the aptitude test, the certificates and other necessary costs. We hope that through further donations from our supporters and with additional sponsors for foster children, this will be possible.

The tutors confirmed their pupils’ excellent progress in the English language and asked for new textbooks to further develop their skills. In this case, however, the tutors and the children will have to be patient. Our social worker Esther and Barbara decided to wait for the results of the next test before they make a final decision.

“Yes!” screamed all the children when Barbara asked whether they regularly do their homework. The parents confirmed that they always help their children with their school tasks. And “Yes!” cried the children, as Barbara asked whether they like going to school. Great news!

As in every family worldwide, disputes occasionally occur in our Adesuwa family in Coker Village. Barbara reminded the assembled parents and children that Adesuwa is like a family; that they should try to get along, to cooperate and to support each other. The parents promised to act like a family and improve the harmony among each other.

On the second day we carried out our “Medical Outreach”. Three doctors and 4 nurses – assisted by the tutors and Esther – examined the children and their parents, including blood and urine tests as well as weight and blood pressure checks. Thanks to Esther’s excellent preparation and organization, the “Medical Outreach” went smoothly and was a complete success:

All Adesuwa children are healthy!

In addition to the children, Adesuwa enabled 105 medical adults to be examined. Here we had to disperse some tablets and make some referrals for further examinations.

Aside from this happy news about our children's health, Barbara also discovered that the majority of the families get their water from the river or from boreholes. Because these boreholes are not deep enough, they cave in after a few years and are therefore not a sustainable source of water. The water from these shallow boreholes is contaminated, endangering the children's health and even their lives. Adesuwa is making plans to sustainably solve this problem. In addition to distributing Aqua Tabs, which are dissolved in water to de-contaminate it, Adesuwa is analyzing how to build proper, long-term and deep boreholes for Coker Village.

To implement such cost-intensive projects, we rely on partners and supporters – around the globe! During her stay in Nigeria Barbara met with a potential sponsor in Coker Village and Lagos. We sincerely hope that in future we can also count on the help of people living in and near Coker Village, for the sake of the families and children who live there.

Your Adesuwa e.V.