



Dear members and friends of Adesuwa,

Esther in Coker Village: School start, Christmas preparations and new economic crisis

In September a new school year started in Coker Village. And it seemed that the old school year had just ended: In July Esther organized the farewell party for our pupils who successfully completed primary school and are now attending secondary school.

But time flies in Coker Village. Esther was soon busy preparing the “Back to School Kits“ for the coming school year. Like every year Adesuwa distributed packages with a school bag and material including notebooks, pencils, a pencil sharpener and other items which the children need for a promising start in the new school year. Because Esther is expecting her second child very soon, her husband lyke distributed the kits. As you can all imagine, the excitement was tremendous! In the following video you can see lyke surrounded by kids excited to receive their Adesuwa Back to School Kits.



Distributing the “Back to School Kits“ in Coker Village, September 2019

(Link: <https://vimeo.com/user105019084/review/372190871/8b86fc7a76>, Code name:

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After the exciting start in the new school year, the next activity is already in preparation: the Christmas party. Our children can look forward to a small party and Christmas presents. As Nigeria is again heading towards an economic crisis, this year's Christmas party will have to be planned differently. In previous years Adesuwa gave out Christmas packages with rice and chicken so that every family could celebrate Christmas with "Jollof rice," Nigeria's national dish. Because the government has restricted the import of rice, the stockpiles of rice are diminishing daily, making rice unaffordable. Adesuwa is looking into alternatives – a pity because chicken and rice is our children's favorite meal.



Our kids in Coker Village

Our new Adesuwa Board

As you already know, we elected a new Board this summer: Jennifer Westholt (Chairperson), Christina Maags (Deputy Chairperson), and Meike Dupont (Treasurer). Continuing many successful years as Chairperson Jennifer was re-elected. Meike and Christina also look back on over 10 years with Adesuwa and are replacing Christine Bruns and Sabrina Löb. We wish the new Board all the success they deserve!



Adesuwa Board – Christina Maags, Jennifer Westholt and Meike Dupont

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