



Serenje Orphans Children's Home (SOCH)

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Introduction

This year 2015, is the year when SOCH received a visit of a group of 17 students and staff from the St. Georges British International School, Rome, Italy. Another good news is that the Orphan, Dorcas Kalunga, who went for medical attention in Australia, is back at SOCH. In addition to continuous activities (feeding, educating, clothing, health support, guest-house construction and chicken run), the visiting group did a lot of work in changing the lives of children and the face of SOCH. All that summarizes these activities is illustrated bellow.

SOCH Continuing Activities

To start with, there has been a continuation of activities at SOCH that include construction, clothing, chicken run, accommodation, feeding, health support and other activities, some of which are captured in these pictures.



Part of different activities at SOCH

SOA ROME VISIT

This year, 2015, a group of students led by Mr and Mrs Adam, John and Sarrah, visited the orphanage for only 10 days but they left a great change at SOCH. Part of the works that they did and are not fully captured here because some photos are missing includes the following;

Social Activities with Children

Immediately, they arrived, there was a great welcome and preamble interaction with the children at SOCH. SOA group was left free to interact with children on the first day, which of course continued in the following days, so that psychosocial support and getting to know each other within social integration could be achieved. Apart from simple interactions, games were being played, which included football, dancing, basketball, "table football..." singing, and playing drums.



Feeling good!!

Education Support

One of the good activities was the education activity in which students were helping children with homework and in subject matters where children were behind in understanding. All subjects were covered including English, Mathematics, History, General Science, Geography, Social Studies and Civics.



Education Support

Painting

The group discovered a very important tool in education that the alphabetical order was missing in the library. Covering up on this, the alphabetical order was painted in the library so that children can learn by reading through the walls.



Friends of SOA ROME painting in Library

Not only this, but the group also painted the Laundry shelves, the outside black color of dormitories, the blue one on side of laundry walls and the Insaka shelter.



Various paintings

Other Activities

The group also managed to construct a table game which was liked by a lot of children. One exciting thing is that they were good at consulting each other for ideas in how to go about it. Check out here;



In addition to all these, The SOA leadership managed to have a brief meeting with the Government of Zambia Official of the Department of Social Welfare, The District Juvenile Inspector, in regards to the running of the orphanage. This went well and way forward was concluded. A lot of videos and photos were shot during SOA visit and it was quiet sad on the departure day. To make everything spicy, there was a get together on farewell day where cakes and drinks suffered the consequence of SOCH's and SOA's happiness.

Dorcas is Back!

After a one year and one month stay in Australia, Dorcas has come back healthier and happier from Australia under the great and desirable work and support of *Children's first foundation*, in Australia. Interviewing Dorcas, she says she was happy being in Australia and her standing and walking balance is much better that she were. Dorcas has now a prosthetic leg which she is very happy to have and walk with. Accompanied by **Michelle**, a Senior Official at **Children's First Foundation**, Dorcas arrived in Serenje on 15 August, 2015.

SOCH is therefore very grateful to *Children's First Foundation* and staff in helping Dorcas in all manners. Extension of thanks is also directed to all Doctors and sponsors that helped Dorcas both in cash and kind. *"Your work has a lot to be desired. Keep it up!!!"*



Dorcas is back!

It is worth it concluding that SOCH has all gratitude towards all that support it and that we appeal to all NOT to stop the good work in supporting orphans in this manner.

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