



Classroom Construction is Underway

Last fall we shared with you an opportunity to build a school. Thanks to your support and a matching grant from One Days Wages we met our goal and construction is actively underway at Fas Toucouleur Primary School!

Teachers and students are both very eager to utilize the new upgrades at the school.

“This will set our community on the path toward a brighter future.”

Local community leaders blessed the project. Materials have been delivered, local workers are making bricks on-site for the foundation and walls, and excavation for the foundation is in progress.

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Meeting with all of the stakeholders in the program; solidifying who is responsible for which aspects of the project.



Surveying the ground to determine the best location for the rooms, keeping in mind elements such as wind, hot afternoon sun, as well as proximity to water and latrines.



Workers excavating the ground and laying the foundation and the exterior walls.

Senegal Celebrates Its Independence Day

A young country, Senegal celebrates its 59th year of independence on April 4th.

In the 1500's, various European nations were vying for control of the ports and trade in western Africa. In the end it was the French who would control Senegal for nearly 300 years.

During WWII, France promised it's African colonies political independence in exchange for their service in the French military. In 1960, Senegal, along with 13 other colonies, gained its independence.

Senegal recently held presidential elections where sitting President Macky Sall was elected for a second term.



*Senegal's first president, Leopold Senghor, with US President John F. Kennedy and First Lady Jacqueline Kennedy
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From the Director

Late last year, we announced the expansion of our programs into a new region of Senegal – Podor, in the very far north along the Senegal River. Laying a relational foundation for several years prior, we launched the introduction of two market gardens, two partner schools, and one community health post last October.

I recently had the chance to visit the area and check in on these new programs and staff, and its going great! In just a few short months of the water being turned on in the gardens, the women have already harvested over 4,000 pounds (!!!) of organic produce, feeding their families and earning vital income. In the partner schools, over 200 new students are enrolled because



Meeting with the women of Mbantou Croissement garden.

of the new classrooms we built, with more to follow. The health post is just now coming on-line, and will serve the isolated community of Dado that had virtually no access to healthcare.

We are really excited for these new developments, and are encouraged by what can be accomplished

in such a short time with relatively minimal investment. This year, we plan to replicate these efforts in new communities and build on this success. Thank you for your support in our growing programs!

“Jéréjéf!” – Thank You!

Lewis Kiker, Executive Director



Celebrating the recent harvests at Mbantou Croissement garden.

Upcoming Benefits

In honor of Senegal’s 59th anniversary of independence, local businesses are hosting benefits for Andando projects!

Join us at any (or all) of these great establishments on the designated date and Andando will receive a portion of proceeds to fund our projects.

Important Note: You may need to present a flyer (or screen-shot on your phone) at time of purchase.

FLYERS AND DETAILS AT ANDANDO.ORG/EVENTS



**APR
26TH**

Calapooia Brewing Co., Albany



**APR
29TH**

Chipotle Grill, Corvallis



**MAY
7TH**

Panera Bread, Salem

A Day In the Life of a Senegalese Midwife

Last October, the construction of two new health posts in Batara Wolof and Keur Ngor was completed. To manage the new health posts, local midwives are elected by the community to take charge of each facility, turning concrete walls and wooden benches into a safe and relatively comfortable clinic for her patients.



A midwife proudly standing in the waiting area of a newly opened health post.

Each midwife sorts and stores the medical supplies including donated scrubs, bandages, and antiseptic which are hard to come by in rural villages. Medical volunteers with Andando provide additional training along with the distribution of new supplies.

Patients start arriving immediately with the midwife seeing more than a dozen cases daily, and attending births in addition. The day of a local midwife is long and exhausting. She will provide pre- and post-natal check-ups and non-emergency care such as dressing wounds or cuts.

Sometimes she is paid for her services in CFA (the local currency in Senegal). Other times she may be paid in chickens, eggs, or bags of millet. Caring for young and old alike, a local midwife is a pillar in her community.

Andando provides ongoing support to these dedicated women by helping them educate their communities in health and sanitation through volunteer-led workshops.

In the courtyard near a health post (pictured below) plastic chairs and wooden benches are filled with local women, most of them mothers or expectant mothers, excited to learn how they can better improve the health of their families. The speaker is an Oregon-based midwife and Andando supporter who is well received. Not solely due to her medical training, but because she shares a common bond – she too is a mother.

After an hour of engaged conversation the women leave with a better understanding of sanitation, basic anatomy, and how the very vegetables they grow can impact the health of their families in very real ways.

“It is amazing how much is able to be done with so little. And how gracious, welcoming, giving, and appreciative the people of Senegal are.”

This ongoing involvement in the community and support for local midwives ensures the success of local health posts, providing essential healthcare for years to come.

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Women fill the courtyard near a health post, excited to learn how they can better improve the health of their families and communities.



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Cans for Change

One Bottle Drop bag can provide school supplies for a student in an Andando partner school for a year!

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- Transfer from Existing Account

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