

# CHIGAMBAS-NYTT AUTUMN 2016

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## **Donations (July 1, 2015 – February 29, 2016)**

Chigambas thanks all of you, who in different ways help Chigambas, so we can help poor children to be able to go to school.

*In memory of deceased loved ones a total of SEK 51 195:- has been donated:*

Traryd´s-Hinneryd´s parish

Södra Ljunga auktionkommitte

Wickman´s Funeral Home

Odensjö church

Odensjö congregation

Pizzeria Capricciosa

Allerum church

DHR-Markaryd

Göran O Persson

Kånna-Berghem´s church sewing circle

Uno Ericsson´s estate (will)

Nöttja´s church sewing circle

Vrå-Lidhult SPF

Larsson´s Engraving and Association Center (prizes for a sports competition)

The balance from the annual boardmeeting (lottery, sales etc)

Thank you Danagård Litho for printing this magazine

Our intention was to have **Bakary Sanyang** as Chigambas´ computer-teacher. Until the school started he was supposed to help out at the office and then Bunama noticed his office-skills. He asked us if we would let Bakary work at the office instead, and we said 'yes'. Now we are looking for another computer-teacher.

## **Facebook**

Keep yourself updated about Chigambas and follow us there.

## **Reminder**

Did you move?

Have you got yourself or changed your e-mail?

Please let us know. It will save us a lot of work!

## **Do you want to become a sponsor?**

Easy done. Get registered at [www.chigambas.se](http://www.chigambas.se).

The schools in The Gambia start in **September 20<sup>th</sup>**. The Gambian schools follow the English system and has three terms a year. September – December, January – Easter, Easter – July.

Chigambas just bought writingbooks for all of our 1254 pupils and they will be given to each and every one before school starts.

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## **CHIGAMBAS RENOVATES**

The Chigambas' schools are now approx. 20 years old. Therefore we need to do a lot of renovations.

All classrooms, teachers rooms, showers, toilets, sleeping-/resthouses and porches have now been updated with clinker-floors.

The kitchens are totally new and have now also new chimneys and roofs. The walls have been tiled and of course they also have clinker on the floors.

Chigambas bought 1400 m<sup>2</sup> clinker and 600 m<sup>2</sup> tiles at the coast and had it transported to Basse – 400 km.

Bamboo, "our" new clinker-layer got new tools and he has done a real good job. For now only the kitchen are left to be finished and everything will be ready before schools start in September.

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## **CHIGAMBAS 20 YEARS**

It is unbelievable, Chigambas is 20 years "old"!

We remember it as if it was yesterday! What have happened during all these years?

Thinking back – quite a lot!

It all started in an old house in Mansajang. The children sat on the floor because there were no money to buy benches and chairs. But pretty soon we started to make some ourselves and begun to think about building a proper school-house. Said and done. The first one was built in Kaba Kama and it was painted blue and yellow. Everyone helped out and was very proud when it was finished. Four teachers were employed and they are still among our staff ! I remember we offered them D185 (SEK 70:-) / month.

Kind-hearted people have helped us with donations. On example is Isak. He took a pot and walked around in his neighbourhood and collected money for the poor children.

Time passed and another school was built – in Manneh Kunda. The building in Mansajang was renovated and a third school was a fact. Meanwhile toilets and kitchen were built.

Now the children got some food every day. Shades to protect from sun / rain were built as well and after this also showers. At home they only could wash themselves in a bucket of water.

Today Chigambas has 1254 children going to school and 660 pupils have finished their studies. In order to run the organization in Basse, Chigambas now have 38 employees. In Sweden we are 7 people working all for free without any salary.

*AnnGreth and Janne*

## **RENOVATION OF THE OFFICE**

NAWEC – the state-run supplier of electricity – cannot make any promises about how many hours a day / night they can deliver electricity. The solar plant that was built in 2001 by Håkan Persson (a good friend living in The Gambia at the time) cannot give us all the electricity we need. Therefore we now have bought new one and have 20 panels and 24 batteries instead of 8 vs 4 before. As far as we go now we can make our own electricity 24/7.

All windows at the office and the guesthouse in Manneh Kunda have been changed into aluminium windows with mosquito-net in them. Also the inside ceilings are new due to the old ones almost fell down. The walls Inside and outside has been re-painted. In other words – a necessary renovation.

The old solar plant have been moved to the tailors house in Manneh Kunda. Now Munguru and Amadou can use electricity for their sewing-machines. They can also have the fan on and work after dark as they sometimes are very busy making the 1200 school-uniforms in time to the schoolstart.

New signs have been made so there are no difficulties in finding the office, schools and guesthouses owned by Chigambas.

## **A selection of pupils who Chigambas are very proud of**

Binta – working at the office

Mamadou, Tijan, Manjang, Lamarana, Dawda, Mariatto, Fatou – staff  
Alagie, today studying his 5<sup>th</sup> year at the university to become a doctor

This boy is working at The Ministry of Health

Happy students

Happy nursery-school-children

Students at College

A happy footballteam

Fortunate nursery-school-children

## **Saturday October 15<sup>th</sup> at 2 o'clock in the afternoon**

all members are welcome to the annual meeting in Traryd.

*If you need any help or have any questions about the data below, please contact with us, and we will be happy to help.*