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For Projects Abroad Senegal



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Letter from the editor

July, sunny July is here! The sun is up and each of its rays lightened hearts with hope for a better day; a better day for us and every human being on this planet. Such words warm our hearts and remind us of a unique person, unique for his kindness, unique for his fight, overall unique for his aptitude to forgive; Nelson Mandela, Madiba!

In this Edition, you will discover the way chosen by the Projects-Abroad volunteers and staff to celebrate the Mandela Day. Indeed, the day was celebrated with an action unique with its significance to the Senegalese community.

Secondly, we welcomed our first group of Care and Community volunteers; the group of the young volunteers that we call with affection the "Specials specials". The group has arrived and is ready for the challenging task of renovating a Talibe centre that is in a really bad state.

Furthermore, our little class of wolof will be our last part. New words to improve your wolof and impress the Senegalese staff. ;)

Enjoy the read!



MANDELA DAY



In Senegal, the Mandela Day was commemorated by the Projects-Abroad volunteers and staff by preparing and distributing food in the bstreet. Why is this act special? We are in an important month for the Muslims all over the world and those in Senegal in particular. Indeed, the Muslims are in the month of the Ramadan were they fast all day. During this month the Muslims values are taught to the youngest, among those values stands one that is really important for them: the importance of sharing whatever blessings you had from Allah with others.



In order to prepare the Day, French Care volunteer Celine Lefever accompanied by the Volunteer Coordinator Malick Dieye and me went to the market to buy all the goods needed.

The volunteers and staff then met at the office at 6:30 to prepare little packages (over 200 packages) that consisted of dates, milk, a slice of bread, a stick of coffee, a stick of chocolate, tea, sugar, butter and cheese. Some minutes before the sunset, the volunteers and staff walked across the street to distribute the packages to the people. They were happy to receive them as everything that they needed to end the fasting day properly was inside.

When the packages were finished the volunteers and staff were happy they spent an hour and a half doing an act that no matter how small it seems was really meaningful to the people who received the packages.

Welcoming the first group of 2 Week Specials



The first group of Two Week Specials arrived in Saint Louis to make a long lasting change in the community. It seems a bit impossible to make such an impact in only two weeks, however with the Projects Abroad Care and Community program it is possible. Indeed the group of July will work at the kindergartens or talibes centre in the mornings, where each minute given to the children is valuable and they will also work at a Talibe Centre that we recently started a partnership with in the afternoons. The Talibe centre is called "TALIBERTE" which is a smart combination of Talibe (street children in Senegal) and your freedom, in French Ta liberte. Seeing that the centre is in such a bad state the Two week specials were chosen to restore it with the help of the local specialist of construction El Hadj and Moussa. Within two weeks they will have to paint the walls and give to the centre a brand new look for the children to have a nice place to be!

We wish good luck to our TWO WEEK SPECIALS:

Kento Goto (Japan), Erin Dickey (USA), Cara Monaghan (Ireland), Kelly Crompton (Ireland), Helen Mulligan (Ireland), Erland Swaving (Netherlands), Allana Paloma (USA), Lisa Mouen Makoua (France), Michelle Gilling-ulph (UK), Riley George (USA), AbdelRahman Khater (Canada), Kelly Chan (USA), Avery Pierce (USA), Ella Dixon-Nutall (UK).



Wolof Lexical

English	French	Wolof
Month of ramadan	Le mois de Ramadan	Weerou Kor
To fast	Jeuner	Woor
Street	La rue	Mbed mi
Kitchen	Cuisine	Wagn
A new kitchen	Une nouvelle cuisine	Wagn bou bess