

Dear Friends and Benefactors,

The great news we have to share with you is the visit of Pope Francis to Madagascar. It all went very well. May the peace and joy that the Pope has sown in the hearts of the Malagasy people grow more and more and bear fruit that remains.

Here we are at the end of the 2018-2019 school year. The year was marked by many events. First the school year only started in November due to the change in school calendar. Instead of 3 quarters we had 4 periods. Both students and teachers have had a hard time adapting to this. Thank God we'll now go back to the old calendar year!!

We started with 152 children and young people and there were 11 dropouts out of the 52 young people, during the year! Some found a husband, and others were not interested in studying.

Of the children there were some who left because either the parents changed their home or the children who are used to begging in the street felt deprived of their freedom. We finished the year with 139!! Among the 98 children, except for a few 16-year-old girls, most will continue their education in nearby schools. We are going to help them get into school. The hardest thing for parents is to find the money for the registration fee and the overheads etc. If the parents pay for the registration, we will pay for the school supplies. Giving everything for free is not educational and does not help the person to stand up for themselves.

Here are some pictures of our life at the center.



YOUNG PEOPLE IN CLASS...



CUT AND SEAM...



PASTRY PRACTICE...MAKING CAKE WITH COAL OVEN



HAIRSTYLE AND COMPUTER SCIENCE...



PROFESSIONAL FORMATION REUNION.. PARENTS OF CHILDREN WITH FOARMTION.... INTERVENANTS FOR PARENTS

This training will allow them to have a job that will improve the life of the family. It's always hard to convince parents to participate. There is a small group of 8 moms who want to do this training. The centre will pay for this training to help them develop intellectually and humanly. This is a new experience that we are trying.

The children left in three classes. Pre-school -literacy upgrade



Nonviolent film session every Friday... Recreation...

OR EVERYONE INVENTS THE GAMES...



LECTURES.....



HOLIDAY MEAL AND SOME PRESENTS..



## CHILDREN'S RELAXATION ESCAPE....



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This photo is the Christmas meal in the women's prison where we give one meal a week. There are 498 now at the 225 sites 10 years ago.

Now my dear friends I thank you with all my heart for the work we have done together at the Fihavanana centre. At the start of the school year in 2019-2020 I will no longer be at the centre. It is Srs. Bernadette and Emilienne who will continue the mission. I will in principle go to France for another mission. The sisters of the country are big enough to take over the mission to the Fihavanana Center. You're going to continue this mission with them. My prayers and affection will always be with you. May God Love and bless you wherever you are.

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