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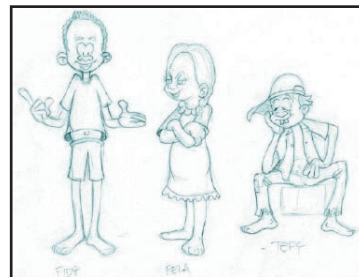
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PROJECT ALAOTRA

Recently MWC renamed the Andreba project (module 'nature tourism') in the Alaotra region to PROJECT ALAOTRA, since we were able to start the second module 'education' involving not only Andreba but also other villages around Lake Alaotra. The aim of the second module is to achieve public sensitivity for the importance of an intact and healthy lake and marsh habitat. MWC will try to implement an environmental education in the primary schools (EPP) of the Lake Alaotra region. The basis of this environmental education is a "comic book" to make learning and teaching easier and more attractive. In a test phase 4 villages will be involved (Andreba, Ambodivoara, Andilana Sud and Anororo). In the long run the environmental education will be extended to all primary schools of the more than 100 villages of the Alaotra region.

So far the storyboards were written for eight episodes embracing environmental problems in the Alaotra region e.g., burning of marshlands. Furthermore, a professional comic draftsman has already finished preliminary drafts and will soon be taken under contract.



Draft of some of the main actors
of the comic book

In the test villages mentioned above eight classes (452 students) were chosen in agreement with the responsible teachers and the two CISCOS of Ambatondrazaka and Amparafaravola, respectively. The test phase for the comic book will start with the new school year in September 2006 and last until February 2007. An evaluation in form of a questionnaire will show if children reading the comic book are more sensitized to environmental issues than those without.

As mentioned in our last newsletter the construction of 'Camp Bandro' in Andreba started in October 2005. We are now very happy to announce the completion of the main building of the camp, the 4-bed cabin in traditional Sihanaka style.



From the beginning of construction in October 2005 to the completed Sihanaka cabin in April 2006

Representatives from Conservation International (CI), ANGAP, Water & Forest Ministry and seven mayors of different Alaotra villages examined the camp and were very impressed. The cooking cabin, the separate toilet cabin and the wooden fence surrounding the whole camp will be constructed during the next months.

Only this week the first Peace Corps volunteer - Amy Thompson - arrived in Andreba. Amy will stay in Andreba for two years and she will be involved in the training of the MWC tourist guides. We are looking forward to a fruitful collaboration!

PROJECT TAMPINA

Thirty wooden school benches and attached chairs were constructed in Tamatave and brought to the school of Tampina.

As mentioned in the last newsletter the pupils from the primary school in Hemmoor (Germany) had donated money for the bench construction. Eleven of these benches were therefore financed with their donation. This is only one nice example that shows how small steps can turn into big ones!



The 30 new benches were produced in Tamatave.



School children of the EPP Tampina sitting on their new benches.

Currently, different offers for the construction of the second school building are under evaluation.

MWC SCHWEIZ

On May 21st MWC Schweiz organized and hold a charity event in Zurich. During this Soirée Malgache, 60 invited guests were offered a concert by the choir „Chorale Valihan'i Jehovah“, a Malagasy buffet and a presentation of our projects. The evening was a great succes and MWC Schweiz would like to thank all the People who contributed to this event.

MWC DEUTSCHLAND

MWC Deutschland sold Malagasy craft and autographed copies of a painting drawn by a local artist at the Ferry Market in Osten near Hamburg. The

weather wasn't on our side, but we made the best out of it. Many of the visitors knew the MWC member Nick Blume, who lives close by and is very engaged in promoting especially the Tampina project in schools, on markets or self-organised street celebrations. So we came into contact with quite a lot of people, who were interested in our work. And before we went home the shanty band of Osten played "Wir lagen vor Madagaskar.." for us.

We are very happy that so many people show interest in our work for Madagascar and have subscribed to our newsletter. If you wish to read the previous newsletters don't hesitate to contact our website (www.mwc-info.net) where you can download them in PDF format.

MISAOTRA BETSAKA!
The MWC Team



Members of MWC Deutschland at the Ferry Market