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A project in Guinea Bissau has been funded - Our own project in Rwanda - Projects in Ethiopia have restarted

Dear friends,

In particular we would like to highlight three topics in this newsletter.

In **Guinea Bissau** the projects are proceeding with excitement.

- **three new machines have been manufactured** for the palm oil project. The machines will be delivered within the current year to **local village communities**. Those communities have signed an agreement by which they will test and **buy the machines, after having been trained** to use them. They will pay the cost directly to the local technicians that have built the machines.

We believe this method is important, both for who is buying and investing on such machines to improve production and for who is building the machines, since those technicians will receive **a return from local "clients", which value their work, and not from us**.

Click on the link www.ps76.org/progetti/Progetti_files/Prog010_accordi/AcordoJolmet.jpg to see the agreement

- We have purchased a car (see picture), necessary for transfers. Thank you to the ones who have contributed generously towards the purchase.

- Another acknowledgement goes to the **funding received by a foreign private institution**. This is a further drive in the commitment to the project: now that we have received the funding, we particularly need technical support and availability to collaborate with us.

- The project on **fair trade tourism** is progressing. Maps of Bissau and Parks have been created. This precious work was carried out by Isa and Sara during their 4 months staying in Bissau. The second course will be carried out in January, focusing on setting up a Park model to be opened to tourism.

- **Energy produced by vegetable oils and tides** is also progressing. Further, volunteers have offered to participate after reading our website.

In **Rwanda** our own new project will start for the **passion fruit – growing**, with a view to juice production. Our local partners are no longer the nuns' mission, but the Gatare Sector Authority and the farmers' community.

Click on the link for further information:

www.ps76.org/progetti/Prog021-RuandaMaracujà.pdf.

Further, we are studying the possibility of building kitchen **stoves with chimneys**, using local materials. The aim is to avoid fume poisoning from open fires, since there is no ventilation in the homes.

Finally, after two years, we are back in **Ethiopia**.



Last summer we started collaborating with another of Lorenzo's missions. Lorenzo has kept contact with the locals that worked with him in 2005/6 and has now helped them to create an NGO. This NGO is named **13 Sunshine Development Association** (1). Probably, it will become our local partner with prediction of a fruitful collaboration, as the one in Guinea Bissau.

Together we will carry on small new projects, such as producing solar ovens (the picture shows a prototype built last summer), tableware and tanks for families. Further, we could progress construction by using earth and improve agriculture.

Click on the link for further information:

www.ps76.org/progetti/Prog024-Etiopia13Sunshine.pdf

Those are small projects, so that they can be carried out using local materials, they are reproducible and easily understood by the recipients.

Those new relationships built in Rwanda and Ethiopia, together with the one already consolidated in Guinea Bissau, are progressing strongly. Indeed, although the first step in a new country is often along side a known reality, often Italian missions, the **real development is taking place when projects progress with locals**.

For all the above, we need help and support, especially from those who wants to collaborate.

Merry Christmas to all!

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