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## THE VISIT OF MR. ARMIN AND PHILIPP HEDWIG FROM GERMANY TO FRALIBI CDA AND ST. FRANCIS LITTLE BIRDS NURSERY AND PRIMARY SCHOOL IN MANNYA/RAKAI



## 19-29 SEPTEMBER 2015

The visitors from Marburg Germany arrived in Uganda on the 19<sup>th</sup> of September.

On the 21<sup>st</sup> we drove to St.Francis Little Birds Nursery and



Primary school (SFLBNP), a drive of 200 kms. After arrival Armin and Philipp toured the school together with FRALIBI Management and the team of Tusaidiane Uganda (TUL). They saw that a lot of progresses have been made.

The visitors held a meeting with the TUL Team and also the FRALIBI management.committe. The visitors held

meetings with the staff members of SFLBNP in the afternoon. A lot of views were shared between visitors and the teachers. Among the issues shared was the SACCO that the teachers have started as a way of developing themselves.



On the second day of their visit the visitors held a meeting with the School Management Committee and with the Parents



Teacher's Association. It was a successful experience. Immediately after that meeting all attended a meeting with the parents of the pupils. During the meeting the head master read out the HEAD TEACHER'S REPORT to both the visitors and the parents. The head teacher emphasized in his report the proper use of the safe drinking water and paying of the school fees in time.

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Mr. Armin gave his speech; he thanked the parents for being smart and being patient until the meeting



was finished. He thanked the SMC and TUL team for the work done to make SFLBNP to shine. He recorded that when he first came to Uganda in 2005 the school was not looking the way its now. He encouraged them to keep the spirit of maintaining what they have. He also expressed his disappointment that parents don't pay school fees. In his speech he encouraged them to pay school fees because no school can run without school paying the teacher their salaries. He also recalled that he was a teacher and the parents also used to pay school fees for teachers salaries and the smooth running of the school activities. He encouraged the parents together with the pupils to take the safe drinking water as the only way to avoid the water borne diseases. He told them that he also uses that water and all his bottles were filled with the purified water. In the afternoon there was joint class teaching, where Armin interacted directly with the class and the P5 and P7 pupils. He loved the way the pupils were taught and the act of raising the hand before giving an answer.



On the third day of the visit, the visitors held a meeting with the women and widows club of Mannya. During the meeting all the ladies exchanged ideas. Mr. Armin encouraged them to get loans and start up projects of their interest and for which they can easily market the products, instead of complaining of lack of market for the products. Yet the money has to



be paid back, so that others also can use it. Many projects were visited and there was progress in all the projects. After the visit to the projects Mr. Mutawe Godfrey, the head teacher, invited the visitors to his home and we shared a cup of coffee.

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On the fourth day we moved with the visitors to the homes of the pupils and parents who have HIV and AIDS virus.

Dr. Philipp, the son to Mr. Armin, spoke



to the families and encouraged them to take the drugs as it is prescribed to them by the doctors. He advised them to take a balanced diet to boost their immunity. On the same date we visited the Kakuto health centre and Philipp spoke to the people with HIV and AIDS. He gave them hope and to stay strong; having AIDS is not the end of the world. After visiting the patients the visitors and TUL team went to the Ostrich Park in Kakuuto.



On day five, the visitors, TUL team and Mr. Kafeero Ferdinard visited secondary and vocational schools, where SFRIM sponsored students are studying from. They encouraged the students to study hard and impress the sponsors.

On the way back we visited the OCBO



workshop, where the steel products and furniture for SFLBNP School construction are made. Fence poles are already delivered and the gate and windows and steel doors are almost ready.

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On day six, we visited the FRALIBI microcredit fund projects.

Mr. Armin encouraged



the foster parents to continue doing the work and to make sure that they pay back the loans for the FRALIBI group to grow. He was impressed when he was told that some got the money and even have finished paying back the instalments earlier than agreed. To him that showed that they are serious and they will be in position to pay school fees for the kids in the near future.

Lastly, we held a summary meeting and we evaluated all the activities that were done during the week. Conclusions were made by all the parties in the meeting. Dr. Philipp recommended that sex education should be introduced into the school for the betterment of the pupils. They are exposed to the dangers of early sex and early pregnancy. Mr. Armin thanked the Tusaidiane Uganda Ltd, headed by Mr. Kees, for the work they are doing for the people of St. Francis Little Birds. He also encouraged parents to pay the school fees and use water effectively because it's now available 24/7. The head teacher Mutaawe and Mr. Kafeero thanked Armin and Philipp for the work they have done for them in that week and they also extended there sincere thanks to the people in Marburg, who are sponsoring tirelessly to make St. Francis a better place. Winnie thanked Armin and Philipp for the time they have stayed together. She encouraged the Women and Widows Club to form groups for marketing their products instead of complaining of lack of market to go.

Written by Winnie

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