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## Report 2004

### *The construction of a medical centre in Songon and the orphanage in Yaounde*

#### *Mission in the Ivory Coast and Cameroun*



In May, the President and the Vice President travelled to the Ivory Coast and Cameroun in order to meet institutional authorities and representatives of the governments.

In Abidjan, they met the director general of CEPICI (centre of promotion of investments), to discuss economic opportunities ; the head of the staff of the Ministry of environment to present projects in the field of rubbish collection and recycling, production of clean energy and drinking water which met great interest ; the Cardinal of Abidjan who is supposed to be an important reference point for the organisation; the Minister of Health to discuss the official convention and permits for the hospital in Songon ; the director general of the Ministry of Economy and Finance ; the Minister of Social Affairs to discuss in detail the social issues of the country and the concrete actions to carry out in particular in favour of the women; the Ambassador of Italy to the Ivory Coast and the wife of the President of the Republic who is committed to social and humanitarian projects too.

On this occasion, they inspected the construction site in Songon and discussed the next works to be done with the constructor. Two engineers, part of the delegation, inspected the water wells to elaborate a purification plant system. It is to emphasize, that notwithstanding the political and social disorders in the country and the consequent difficulty to find and to transport construction material, the works of the roof and of the false ceiling have been achieved.



With the purpose to discuss the same issues mentioned above in Yaounde, the delegation met the secretary general of the Ministry for Social Affairs, the Minister for Foreign Affairs, the Minister of Environment, the secretary general of the Ministry of Health and the delegate of the Ministry of territorial administration and decentralisation.

Before leaving for Africa, the organisation had sent an important quantity of children's dresses, medicines, disinfectants and several articles of primary necessity which were consigned in person to the orphanage, which Missione Futuro is sustaining, and distributed among the poor population of the district of Briquetterie.



### ***The African Fete in Rome***

In July, Missione Futuro organised a typical African Festival in Rome to promote actions against poverty and to rise awareness among the Roman community about the health and social issues in Africa. The introductory conference was presided over by the Ambassador of the Ivory Coast, the Ambassador of Cameroun, the Ambassador of Ghana, while our representative in the Ivory Coast, a missionary, presented his direct testimony to more than 300 participants. The conference was followed by a concert of African percussionnistes and a typical African dinner. This event aroused deep interest in the issues of the ACP countries, great appreciation of their culture, their food, music and dances. This event united the Italian and African communities.



### ***Santo Domingo***

On the request of the director of an orphanage that hosts physically and mentally handicapped children, Missione Futuro collected and sent medical products and material of primary necessity to Santo Domingo. This donation allows these children the daily health and sanitary assistance.

## *Consignments in Egypt and Vietnam*

Missione Futuro continues to sustain the work of a missionary in favour of 700 children that collect garbage in El Cairo and live in the street without hygiene, education, nor daily meals. The project includes lessons in the afternoon, sanitary and health assistance and at least the principal daily meals. MF sent hundreds of new dresses and sanitary items, as well as school equipment for these children.

An orphanage in Vietnam which is in condition of great poverty received the same material. MF sent the parcels directly to the Italian Embassy which generously provided for the customs formalities and the forward to the orphanage which is 400 km far away.

## **Report 2005**

### *Containers*



The Italian Airforce donated Missione Futuro about 350 cube metres of discarded material, such as thousands of blankets and bedspreads, towels, plates, bowls, hundreds of electric typewriters, cupboards, and many other items, all new and packed. Missione Futuro organised the shipping of 7 containers of 40 feet to Abidjan. A part was destined to the medical centre of MF in Songon, the other was distributed by His Eminence the Cardinal of Abidjan through the Caritas among the 14 dioceses of the country.

The official ceremony of deed of gift was held in the cathedral of Abidjan with the participation of the Italian Ambassador, the Minister of Social Affairs, the Minister of Cult, the Cardinal and the Archbishop, the rabbi, the head of the Islamic community, television and press.



### *The medical centre in Songon/Cote d'Ivoire*



The construction of the medical centre continued achieving the instalment of the plumbing and the electrical system as well as of the windows and doors. Also the various modifications and changes which were decided by the President in collaboration of physicians and specialists to optimise services and organisation were made. We wish to remind that the square footage is about 1.500 square meters. In the meantime, running water from the commune of Songon and electricity have been connected.

At present, we are collecting the floor tiles in Italy and this will be the very last step.

### *The cooperative of 500 women*



Missione Futuro started the collaboration with a cooperative of 500 women based in Songon that traditionally cultivate the tuber cassava. These women have always cultivated their own small pieces of land with little results but their great will to improve their circumstances united them for a greater project. The commune of Songon put at their disposal a land of more than 10 hectares to cultivate this tuber. Missione Futuro will have the task to organise their association, administration, cultivation, processing of the tuber, storage, distribution and sale. Moreover, it will organise fund raising which will permit the purchase of the equipments and machineries which are necessary to optimise production.



## *Cameroun*

### *The orphanage*



Missione Futuro intensified its efforts to promote the distance adoptions in favour of the orphans hosted in the orphanage of Nkomo and many other abandoned children living in the street assigning them to local adoptive families. Even if these families already have numerous children, these adoptive children will have the possibility to grow up in a protected environment and will have their daily meals thanks to the direct purchase of food. In fact, we never send directly money but our local representative buys and distributes in person food and material of primary necessity under the supervision of the Ministry of Social Affairs. Moreover, Missione Futuro signed an official agreement with this Ministry for future projects in favour of women.

## *Egypt*

As in the past years, Missione Futuro sent hundreds of childrens' cloths to the « garbage » children of the district of Mokattam of El Cairo in Egypt.

## *Rome*

« Actions against poverty and promotion of health », a conference organised within the program of the Italian cooperation under the patronage of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Missione Futuro was part of the scientific committee and contributed to the organisation of this event.

## *Publications*

Numerous members of the European Academy for Economic and Cultural Relations, authors and writers, have put at the disposal of Missione Futuro a great quantity of their books. The proceeds of the sales are entirely allocated to the humanitarian projects of MF.

## *Partnerships*

The Hotel Moevenpick in Rome produced leaflets to be distributed in all rooms inviting all their guests to contribute to the humanitarian projects of MF at least with one Euro. This one Euro can also be devolved at the moment of the check-out through credit card.

# Report 2006

## The medical centre in Songon in the Ivory Coast



Thanks to the generous donation of some Italian industrialists, Missione Futuro was able to collect all the tiles necessary to finish the construction of the medical centre in Songon. The donations of about 3.000 square meters for floor and facing were sent in containers and were immediately used to tile the surfaces. Now this medical centre is ready to be equipped with medical machineries and to be inaugurated as soon as possible.

In the meanwhile, the Ministry of Health inspected the structure and congratulating us on the immensity of the work done granted convention, permits and local staff.



### Containers

The Italian Airforce donated 800 discarded beds which were sent in 5 containers to His Eminence the Cardinal of Abidjan. One part will be assigned to our hospital in Songon, the other part will be distributed through the Ministry of Health among the indigent sanitary structures of the country.

## NGO Missione Futuro Cote d'Ivoire

In order to manage and run better this medical centre, to organise the women's cooperative, to have advantages in the relations with the Ministries and authorities, to have local volunteers at disposal, the president, during her stay in September founded the local Ngo Missione Futuro Cote d'Ivoire, branch of the Italian organisation. The members are all well selected representatives of the entrepreneurial, political, ecclesiastic and diplomatic societies who will guarantee supervision, organisation and concrete implementation of the projects.



### *Egypt*

Also this year we were able to send hundreds of pieces of cloths to the garbage children in El Cairo.

### *Cameroun*



before



after

Being committed to the sustainment of the children of the orphanage of Nkomo in Yaounde, we were informed that the children had to sleep under "the rain". The roof was fragile and extraordinary donations allowed us the repair the roof and the bathrooms for these children. The project of the distance adoptions is being successfully implemented as in the past years.

