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## News Letter NETLIB 2007

**Dear donors, friends and people that are interested in the work of NETLIB! It has been a while since we sent out our last news letter. There has been a lot of preparatory and assembling work in the past year, in spite of the fact that we were not able to start the technical school in Liberia start. We can however be proud of our efforts in 2007. With help from a number of individuals and business institutions we have along with De Wilde Ganzen done a very good work with the donations/collections. In this news letter, we highlight a number of important events and developments from 2007.**

### **Local administration in Liberia appointed and started preparation work on the technical school**

In January Alimata Kamara from Arnhem traveled to Liberia to in order to arrange some documentations prior to the arrival of the school materials. She was assisted in the process by Folley Johnson and Alhaji Lossene Kamara. They were asked by NETLIB headquarters in the Netherlands to work together as local administrators of NETLIB in Liberia.

As a result of their efforts, NETLIB has now been officially recognized as a local NGO in Liberia and can make use of all the benefits and immunities that are given to local NGO's in Liberia; for instance the duty free privilege on items that are intended for the needy people of Liberia.



### **School materials and other donations shipped to Liberia.**

Safmarine BV., [www.safmarine.com](http://www.safmarine.com), has transported to Liberia two containers filled with school materials and donations worth over 10,000 Euros.

### **Safmarine, ROC Twente and NETLIB to build a technical School from containers**

The students of the ROC of Twente (technical division) will shortly begin a project of building the school using containers. This project based on the Lego concept will be designed and made in the Netherlands and later assembled in Liberia by local technicians. Safmarine has donated a number of containers for this project and has further transported them to Liberia.

This project is expected to start in the spring of 2008. All our partners will be asked to kindly help with more contributions (cash or kind) in order to accomplish this project.

The contact persons for this project are Mr. Jan Ooms, ROC Twente, Mrs. Larisa Thuije, Safmarine and Mr. Abdullah Kamara.

Earlier a very important partner of NETLIB the ROC of Twente, had donated two containers full with school materials and Safmarine which is an International Container Transport business between South-Africa and Belgium), transported them to Liberia free of charge (valued at more than 10,000 Euros).

### **Collections with De Wilde Ganzen stands at 16,000 Euros and still counting...**

All the cash donations from friends, acquaintances, donors and our Hand in Hand promotion carried out in the city of Almelo along with De Wilde Ganzen now amounts to more than 16,000 Euros. Very Good Job! [www.wildeganzen.nl](http://www.wildeganzen.nl)

Pupils of the Stapvoorde elementary School collected 1,750 for NetLib. This amount was raised to 2,677 by Wilde Ganzen to 2677. This amount is used exclusively for the technical school (lesson and school material).

### **Atos Origin Donates 40 computers to NETLIB.**

Atos Origin, a worldwide IT service provider donated 40 computers to NETLIB to help schools in Liberia with Computers. Most of these computers will be given to the University of Liberia, and through this, Atos Origin can see how the rebuilding process is being carried out. As a lot of schools lack computers and little or no access to the internet at this moment

Dhr. Jos Blejje, Executive VP of Atos, is very interested in the activities of NETLIB in Liberia and hopes to regularly donate 2de hand computers to Liberian schools. NETLIB is very glad and gratefully for this news, because such initiatives are one of the objectives of NETLIB to promote education in Liberia to. [www.nl.atosorigin.com/nl-nl](http://www.nl.atosorigin.com/nl-nl),

### **Bolk Transport fully supports NETLIB.**

Bolk Transport a known name in the transport industry, took charge of logistics

and storage of two 40' containers in the Netherlands for more than 3 year. The two containers contained all the donated materials for the school. Thanks for you toleration and patience.

[www.bolk.nl/NLindex.html](http://www.bolk.nl/NLindex.html)



### **Fluqx chooses NETLIB as a benefactor for Christmas packages.**

Fluqx has informed and made her customers enthusiastic about the work of NETLIB. As has the organization, recently let her customers know that it will gladly give Christmas presents to NETLIB. This action has already yielded almost 800 euros for the project.

2 of the Renswouw brothers, Kees and Barrel, were born in Liberia and still have "feelings" with the country and the present situation of the citizens there.

### **Various plans for 2008 coming soon in the next newsletter.**

All is going well with the activities around the vocational school in Liberia. A start sign will be given this spring by the chairman in Monrovia.

Yet we are still far from achieving our goals yet. Therefore will we in 2008 come up with a number of important actions to see to it that the projects becomes successfull. For these particular reasons we remain working with the NCDO and De Wilde Ganzen.

To be able to offer long termed and founded support for a new school building to be realized, we certainly do need your



support in all forms. Existing donors we ask of you to please continue your kind contributions, and also look around you and ask other friends, acquaintances or colleagues who would also gladly want to support such small-scale, but perceptible projects.

#### **Discussions with a number of local potential partners**

Currently NETLIB is having discussions with a number of successful local parties that can play an important role in the expediting of the local projects in Liberia. The Liberian Humanitarian Resource Center (LHRC) and NETLIB from which a not yet signed "Memorandum or Understanding" has been drawn is one of these local organizations.

This so-called MOU will possibly be signed this spring. LHRC conducts training activities with ex-child soldiers in cooperation with the UN and other NGO's.

#### **Communications**

As you may perhaps have also noticed, the appearance of the website has been changed. The new layout also has access for readers in English. This has been realized by Adri Stuart, who does very good work for NETLIB.

Abdullah has left the Belastingdienst this year. As for the personal association, there will always be support for NETLIB, as Adri is the contact person on behalf of NETLIB.

The financial report for 2007 will be set up and presented in April. This report contains

the earnings and expenditures of NETLIB in 2007. Also a budget / year plan will be set up for 2008.

The website will be kept up to date, by Alimata Kamara and the project team in Liberia. News from Liberia will directly be placed on the website so that you also remain up to date on the developments of the project and the organization. Alimata will foresee also the English version of the website and the newsletters.

Via this news letter, we want to thank you for your support. Also on behalf of the ex-child soldiers in Liberia, that will benefit from the vocational school and developments, are quite grateful. Through your continuous support and contributions, many child soldier (girls and boys) in Liberia get a future!

Via this news letter, we want to wish you all a successful year 2008!!!!!!



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