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Message from the President

We want to share some news from the grateful people whose lives you have touched in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Ivory Coast, and the Philippines. We also want to wish you a joyful, relaxing summer. LINCCO's 30th anniversary is just around the corner. Watch for special activities to mark it, including our annual fundraising dinner this coming Fall.



Silvia Ugolini

Donations help rebuild homes destroyed by Typhoon Haiyan

Super typhoon Haiyan hit the Philippines on Nov. 8, 2013 resulting in 1.1 million damaged houses and 4.1 million displaced people. After the delivery of relief goods and food to Typhoon Haiyan survivors in 3 heavily hit areas (Panay, northern Cebu and Leyte), the Foundation for Professional Training Inc. (FPTI) began rebuilding the homes of survivors in January 2014. As of May 2014, nearly a dozen houses were partially or completely built.

Thus, this humanitarian project between LINCCO and FPTI is now completed. LINCCO thanks all the donors who contributed in helping the people affected by the typhoon.

Successful nursing program in DRC draws more students

The first group of 31 students, who began their Master's program in nursing in January 2013 are now in their final year and are choosing subjects for their theses. The second group of 15 students completed the preparatory phase and in September 2013 began their first year in the Master's program. They are acquiring a new outlook toward their patients: they have a new-found pride in their work. Their nursing colleagues are very impressed with the positive impact of the program and have expressed their desire to apply for the Master's program. A selection of candidates for a third group was held in February 2014. Twenty candidates registered and 19 have passed the selection and will soon finish the preparatory phase.



News homes in the Philippines



Mrs. Hana-Halabi Nassif teaching the course "Planning and management programs" to the batch

Some words of testimony from one of the Master's program students:

My name is Léokadie Vansita. I am married and the mother of three children. I have been a nurse for ten years. I am responsible for out-patient services at Monkole Hospital. The training we are receiving allows me not only to obtain a Master's diploma but also to develop professionally. During my daily work, I attend to the physical, psychological and social needs of my patients. Before providing any measure of care, I must evaluate what I am about to do in light of each patient's individual needs and afterwards assess whether I have met my objectives. This is the "reflexive care" method that I have learned in the training program.

February, 2014

Science Day becomes an annual event at ISSI

Given the success of the first Science Day held on March 8, 2013, ISSI decided to hold the event annually. The 2nd Scientific Day entitled: "A skilled health personnel for every patient in the D.R.C" was very successful. It was held in the conference room of the INPESS; almost 300 people took part. Three of the teachers of the Master's program attended the roundtable: Mrs. Nicole Dedobbeleer, Mrs. Hana-Halabi-Nassif and Mrs. Marie Hatem.



Mrs. Nicole Dedobbeleer, Mrs. Hana Nassif-Halabi and Mrs. Hatem Marie, guest speakers at the first roundtable of 2nd Scientific Day

Share Lent Campaign raises \$8,000 for Ivory Coast project

LINCCO's Share Lent campaign was a huge success. LINCCO raised more than \$8,000 for its on-going project in Ivory Coast started last September which aims to help 25 young girls who live in extreme poverty in Bingerville to return to school and finish their primary education at Ilomba Rural School. It also aims to upgrade teaching skills of 6 instructors through a teacher training program.

This project, in partnership with ADESC, is going very well. On the one hand, the students greatly appreciated the content of their courses and made remarkable progress in them. Their primary education will soon come to an end. Then, they will be able to continue their studies in the conventional system or receive a professional degree allowing them to quickly integrate into the labour market. On the other hand, the 6 instructors have acquired new teaching methods which the students find very effective.

Armande Bouo (14 years) shows her gratitude to LINCCO donors who helped her to return to school.

"My name Armande Bouo and I am 14 years old. Since 2 years, I left school at the Modern College of Cocody, for lack of funds. Thanks to you, my parents were able to register me for free at Ilomba Rural School. I love the pastry classes, and I would like to pursue professional pastry training at the Yarani School. I hope that all the girls from my village who left school will have the chance to continue their studies."

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LINCCO is a registered charity that supports and promotes the teaching of valuable skills to people in developing countries by providing financial and professional aid to well-run local initiatives that promote the transfer of skills to individuals and from individuals to the family and the community as a whole.



Ilomba rural School students in the classroom



Armande Bouo

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