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Friendship Association - Youth Home Cultural Group, Tamale, Ghana

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Visit from Ghana May 2013

Sunday the 12th of May eight members of TYHCG arrived at Kastrup Airport. The main purpose of the visit was 3 big concerts in cooperation with Egedal Music School. The concerts were all held at the end of May. People from the association helped our Ghanaian guests in different ways. Clothes was collected, people were at the airport to greet them on their arrival and departure, others invited them to dinner and the cinema while some had arranged shows and helped sell items from the sewing workshop. Everything was done to make their stay in Denmark as comfortable and successful as last time. And indeed it was successful. Everywhere our Ghanaian friends brought joy and happiness and impressed people with their enthusiastic and professional shows. Their weeks in Denmark were fantastic and exhausting at the same time for our friends as well as for the people in the association who all did a great job.

Verdenskulturcentret

TYHCG had a show at "Verdenskulturcentret" "Nørre Allé 7, Copenhagen". A lot of friends and other people turned up and had a very good time. The show was free but money for the group was collected.

Holbæk

In Holbæk the group made a performance for young people at EUC. At the beginning the audience was a bit apprehensive but by the end of the show they had surrendered and the applause was huge.



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Copenhagen Music School

Copenhagen Music School had an open concert in a beautiful concert hall. Again the Ghanians impressed everyone. After a nice meal the group saw percussion from all around the world.

Sejerø

During the holiday of Whitsun TYHCG went to Sejerø where they stayed at Asger's, Lise son's summer cottage. On Sejerø they performed at the harbor side as well as at the reopened inn later that day. They had a very good time and sang a song about Sejerø on the ferry back to Zealand.



Trip to Ranum

The trip to Ranum was another good experience during their time in Denmark. Reunion with people who had visited them in Tamale, great hospitality.

Put Your Hands Together

3 days in a row 70 people from Egedal Music School together with TYHCG produced a fantastic show. The group had created the choreography and trained the dances back home in Tamale. In Denmark the music, the songs and the dances were put together. The result was impressive and about 250 people saw the show every night. It was a fantastic experience for everyone involved, the participants as well as the audience.



Multiethnic festival in Helsingør

On their very last day in Denmark TYHCG made a show at a festival taking place every year in Helsingør. The idea of the festival is to bring together people from different religions and cultures. The Ghanians made new friends among the young boys visiting the festival.

Application for support - for education or starting a small business

Among the 21 applicants 8 were chosen to receive 1000 Danish kr. Abraham brought the applications to Denmark and Annemarie and Jeannett chose the lucky ones. It was a very difficult choice. We are now looking forward to reading small reports within the next months.

Donations given for different purposes to the group

Bjarne Kulmbak, the leader of Egedal Music School, and his friend Jens Arne Nielsen have during the last few years performed for the elderly in Egedal Kommune. As payment people donated money for the project in Ghana. A month ago Bjarne Kulmbak donated 9.100 kr. for the sewing project. Fantastic!

A former member of the board of the association, Inger Margrethe Laursen has donated 2.500 kr. from her birthday party to the association. The money goes to the repair of the dancing floor at Youth Home.

Thank you very much for the donations.

Application for CISU

During the summer a lot of time has been spent on writing an application for CISU. The project is called Cultural Awareness as a Strategy for Social and Economic Development in Northern Ghana. The idea of the project is to develop the sewing work shop and to start a culture and tourist bureau as well as a leather work shop. The idea is also to make TYHCG an advocate group for other drumming and dance groups in Northern Ghana. Workshops in Ghana and Denmark will be a part of the project. We expect to hear from CISU around November the 15. th 2013. We are very much looking forward to that date and we hope for a positive answer.