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Sparks of the Children's Life

Christmas, the hope of peace to men of goodwill,
Christmas, the hope of fraternity among all,
 Wherever there is violence, children are the first to be affected. Let us help them build the world to which they aspire. Once again, this Midade-Express is the witness of their actions.
 The Child of Bethlehem reveals to us the fragility of being and the power of love.
 Good and beautiful Christmas celebrations to you all.

Claire
 Présidente du Midade

NEWS FROM THE WHOLE WORLD !



Brazil: going to MAC

Children have a lot to teach us. That's why the Mac believes in their potential by giving them the voice. More than 80 children and teenagers served by Mac Theater projects. Be part of this beautiful story of friendship too.



Serve is the word that defines us. And this weekend was held by the "Doctors of Joy" animating the corner of the children. It was wonderful !

Meeting near Paris

On the occasion of the presence in Paris of Ana-Maria and Ruben Salazar - who was General Secretary of the Midade from 1982 to 1986 - several former officials of the Midade were gathered in a friendly atmosphere. It was a very rich moment of sharing which made it possible to realize how much the responsibilities in the Midade can mark a whole life. Ruben, for example, spoke about his commitment to promoting a policy on children and adolescents in Chile. Action in full agreement with the spirit of the movement.



Burkina Faso: meeting of the Miamsi in Ouagadougou

As Pope Francis says, we need to build "a culture of encounter" instead of a "culture of rejection". As a result, the International Movement of the Independent Social Apostolate (MIAMSI) gathered more than 200 people from 21 countries. Our friend Thierry Ndione was present at this 14th General Assembly and International Forum from October 28th to November 1st 2016, with the following theme: "Dialogue, Peace, Reconciliation". This meeting of Africa raised awareness, in a global context of identity withdrawal, fear and conflict of all kinds, the variety of our cultures, our commitments. We are sons and daughters of the same Father, which makes it possible to say today that peace is possible.



Around the Cardinal Turkson, president of Justice and peace and the Council of Laïcs.

Ivory Coast : Launching of the Yearly Campaign

Hello friends!!! It is soon the return with the diocesan councils. The National Office is actively making available the educational tools to help you in the animation of the basic sections. The Yearly Campaign will be available before October 15th.

This year's guide will be ready. Do not forget to make your order.

Thank you for your mobilization.



Syria: Christmas, the spirit of peace

The fight against violence continues in Syria! Around all the terrors and the difficult conditions to survive, the light of hope and peace invades the movement in Syria. What you see in these pictures are vivid examples of the power of children to lead positive change in an environment full of violence and hatred. The children

themselves took the initiative to visit the children who were displaced from Maa-loula to play, pray and offer gifts. They also went to help more than 75 families and more than 200 elderly, orphaned and sick people.

A Christmas celebration was held for the poor and displaced who gathered 800 children, where they prayed, sang Christmas hymns and distributed gifts.



Spain: the protagonists children

The Junior movement joins UNICEF every year for a campaign for children. This year, the action took place on 4, 5 and 6 November in Santander. Its theme: "On the track of our rights". A manifesto was published in reference to the International Convention. The objectives of the meeting:

- Encourage children to participate in everything that concerns them;
- Promote and develop spaces for children's participation;
- Know the wishes of the children to include them in the National Strategy Plan for Children and Adolescents for the government meeting with the United Nations.



"Nuestro rollo n ° 322", the journal of the Junior movement gave the floor to its "special envoys" for the activities of the summer. Several camps took place during which the children could tell which world they want to build: a special camp for peace, an Indian camp, a prehistoric camp, a camp for respect between girls and boys; A camp on the works of mercy ... One of the camps happened in Portugal with children of MAAC (Midade Portugal); It revolved around the theme of: "To be more solidary! Do you agree ?" ...

If you wish to request the publication of the Junior, please contact: junior.com.permanente@gmail.com



Guinea Conakry : Dynamism by relying on its own strengths

Two important meetings marked MIDADE-Guinea Conakry: In May, a meeting of the National Office made a very precise photograph of the movement in all the dioceses, looking closely at the strengths, the weaknesses and the very concrete opportunities for a better Service of children. Decisions were made according to the resources of the movement and each group, based on the plan of action adopted at the 2014 international meeting.

In September, the National Council met and discussed these guidelines to complement and adopt them.

It also elected new national officials. One delegation attended the regional meeting in Cotonou (Benin) in September 2015. Another delegation visited Côte d'Ivoire in September 2016 to learn about the Ivorian movement and to consider collaborations.

This is a movement that shows great dynamism within Guinean society and the Church.



Burkina Faso: the CV-AV in joy

The CV-AV in Burkina Faso has had a good year full of activities and joy. This year was decorated by exchanges between children and the spirit of the movement, which emphasized on the child's ability to accept himself, take responsibility, organize his life and collaborate, through singing, play and work for the embellishment of his life and that of his friends. Among other things, let us never forget the spiritual formation and the solidarity between the children that were experienced especially during Christmas. This period is for all Catholic children who live in the vicinity of the parishes. This annual celebration (Epiphany Day) positively touches the hearts of the children and takes place through the tour of the Magi, community meals and the reward of the cribs competition.

The week of missionary childhood which is lived through prayers, good deeds, a mass of animated thanksgiving for, with and by the children.



Few words of grace!

- "Many thanks for sharing the joy of MIDADE's children's groups. Conviction and joy in this welcome!" (Albert - Madagascar)
- "Today, in Brazil, we celebrate the "Children's Day ": beautiful festivals everywhere. Our country is in trouble and the future of poor children is threatened. Their movement is more than ever topical. (Reginaldo - Brazil)
- "I read Midade Express with great pleasure. I carry in my heart all the friends and all the friends I have met in the movement. I wish that all the children of the Midade continue to grow friendship, peace and faith. "(Daniele - Italy)
- "What a good idea this publication every two months! So I stay connected to the movement. "(Silvia - Spain)
- "Thank you for sharing this news. "(Pierre - France)
- "Thank you very much for this newspaper" (Mathias - Centrafrique) (Célestin - Senegal)
- "Thank you very much for this newsletter, which reflects the fidelity to the movement and the life of the children. (Joceline - Mauritius)
- "Thank you for sending the publication on the Midade. I am happy to continue to be aware of the life of the movement. The title "sparks of the life of children in motion" is full of hope. "(Mary - Brazil)
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these can be stories experienced by groups of children in their village or neighborhood.*