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Salohy Update. Opening Ceremony and Dedication



SALOHY

The new school at Salohy near Vohipeno in S.E . Madagascar was dedicated and officially opened on October 3rd by the Mayor of the region and by a number of other “ Kings” and dignitaries including the local Chef Cisco, The Dran or Local Minister of Education and in company with Pere Emeric and Stuart Martin and Pat O’Brien representing TASC / ADSUM and Tojo, Auguste and Tina as part of the Malagasy team.

The attendance for such a remote location was incredible with people camping out for a few days before and after and with open air cooking, mothers and babies, families and the new teachers all in attendance.

We estimate there were 1000 people present for the official speeches and dedication .



New school and gazebo and playground

The mayor who has fluent English thanked ADSUM and TASC for their dedication to the cause of education and explained that the locality had been waiting over 100 years for a proper school and that by our actions someone had finally

“ Rid the area of the curse of Illiteracy “

A young girl cut the ribbon at the gate and the school was blessed by Pere Emeric and a number of speeches were made congratulating the community and expressing the Chef Cisco’s intent to monitor progress and the teaching quality and attendance and also to adding extra curricular activities around music, art and sport.

A lunch was laid on by TASC/ Tanjomoha and many songs were written and sang to celebrate the occasion and Pere was given a live chicken.

The teacher’s houses were also blessed and the first official game of football was started.

The photos attached tell the story of collaboration in bringing this wonderful project to completion in a very remote area of Madagascar where to date none of the children have completed a full primary education.

A well was installed by Feedback Madagascar as part of the development and the project includes, playground equipment, a Gazebo, basketball court, soccer pitch, swings, 4 new teachers houses, 3 cubicle latrine and tank and sanitation facilities and rain water collection.

The compound is surrounded by a living fence cleared and planted by the community.



Rear Elevation of 1 classroom



Central Courtyard and flagpole



The Mayor's guitar and teacher's houses



New school in the background



One of 6 new classrooms.



Dedication Plaque



The children at their 1st day at school



Local Mayor and Kings