

"Garden Party of Humanity" for children of Abobo

The AMAN-International Foundation (FAI) donated several school supplies to the children of Abidjan-Abobo

Abidjan-Abobo (31.10.2009) - This Saturday was held in the gardens of the new office of the Foundation AMAN-International (FAI) - located at Deux Plateaux (Vallon) in Villa duplex No. 7 - the first edition of its "Garden Party of Humanitarian" (FAI-GPH) offered to a good sixty children of the precarious district of Abidjan-Abobo for the delivery of school supplies.

This ceremony followed a singing and theatrical competition organized by the "Groupe Maranatha Vacances" which had asked the Founding President of FAI, Marie Ginette AMANI, to be the patron of the event.

True to the motto of her Foundation "Children and Women First", President AMANI spared no effort to support this event which, as she underlined, is "an action that is in line with the objectives of the Foundation" she directs, i.e. "to contribute to the development of children through noble and sustainable actions".

To put her words into action, the FAI President and Founder invited the children participating in this contest from disadvantaged social strata of several precarious sub-districts of Abobo to this special reward party by inviting them to Les Deux Plateaux (Vallon), a commune of the economic metropolis of Côte d'Ivoire in full development, where the new FAI office has been located for a little more than a year.

"By inviting the children here to the FAI, I want to make them understand that they too have the right to dream and hope for a better tomorrow despite their very modest origins", the President stressed to the organizers of the competition.

She then spoke directly to the children about her own childhood and her struggle to achieve excellence in school. She confided in them that in addition to her studies, at the age of 8, she was already taking on important responsibilities. She told them that during the vacations, she worked in small income-generating activities (IGA) and participated in intense cultural activities in her church from a very young age, which led her to be recruited and trained by the Americans at the age of 13 as a monitor for children between 1 (one) and 18 (eighteen) years old.

"At that time, I was already writing scripts for theatrical performances, distributing the roles and supervising the children like me who had to perform them. Already at that age and long before, I was also playing roles myself. I also composed songs and undertook What I am doing today," she said with emotion, "is therefore a reflection of what I was as a child - thanks to which I am what I am today," she told the children.

The President then encouraged the children to be aware and to make an effort at school while congratulating the organizers for the noble objectives they pursue by creating this healthy emulation among the children of Abobo district and by putting God at the center of the event "Maranatha Vacances" in order to give Christian values to the children from their youngest age.

Djesse FATOLA, organizer of "Maranatha Vacances", took the floor to thank the President for having accepted to sponsor the event and for the educational rewards she has planned for the children. Before the awards, the President casually introduced a surprise quiz to the children asking them questions about the Bible and practical Christian living.

Proud of their answers, the President proceeded to the long-awaited presentation of gifts consisting of several batches of textbook kits, notebooks and various accessories. Marie Ginette AMANI also dedicated her last book entitled "ALLIANCE" to the teenagers and acceded to the request of the organizer by offering her a cell phone so that from now on the group can be more easily reached.

The Founding President thanked God and winked at the Honorary President living in Abidjan and the Director of the FAI Board of Directors residing in Berlin (Germany) for their contribution as well as the US Embassy and the Mobile Library which she thanked for joining the FAI action by offering a dozen books which strengthened FAI's donations.

The beneficiaries, composed of about seventy children, including several orphans, and five supervisors, were happily invited to a wonderful cocktail offered by the AMAN-International Foundation in the gardens of its new premises.