



Dear Friends and colleagues,

We have now been travelling for nearly 3 months on the African roads. Since our last news in December we have rushed over 9856 km and visited schools in Sierra Leone, Liberia, Burkina Faso, Mali, Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana, Togo, Benin and Niger.

We are still as touched as at the beginning by the kids' work and motivation to participate with us in the art activities. Their favourite is nearly always photography. It is a great way to express themselves because they don't have many opportunities to do so.

In Liberia we were amazed by an art school that succeeded to use painting as a way to communicate the war atrocities.

Today, we are happy also to announce you some news on the website:

-Our first interviews online at <http://www.artinallofus.org/press.htm>

-Sierra Leone Art Gallery and Travelogue at :

<http://www.artinallofus.org/countries/africa/Sierraleone/sierraleone%20photo1.htm>

-Liberia Art Gallery and Travelogue at:

<http://www.artinallofus.org/countries/africa/Liberia/Liberia%20photo1.htm>

- eventually, the first translations of poetry from Madagascar at :

<http://www.artinallofus.org/countries/africa/madagascar/madagascar%20poetry1.htm>

As usual, some other hard figures:

-We have travelled over 9000 km in one month reaching country number 71

-We have our record of slow and long travel. We have reached Burkina Faso from Liberia after 101 hours of travel covering only 1845 km. We broke down about 7 times which is good average for the region.

-our monthly favourite children statement comes from a 8 year old boy from Cote d'Ivoire: "I ask all the militaries and police to put down their arms and have some fun in the street".

-Our angel is still taking good care of us. Thanks to him we survived from transport breakdown, robberies, external hard drive failure, laptop power supply collapse.

-we received some small rain in the desert during the dry season. It is called the mango rain...

-we have spent New Year under the stars of a very remote village of the Dogon country in central Mali.

-we took 12219 photos since the beginning of our African trip

-We are both in excellent health and condition

Many of you have been of a great help in many countries of West Africa. We are now preparing our next region to visit. Indeed, during the next 2 months we will be visiting the following countries. Any contact in those countries or people that might be able to lodge us will be of great help:

Syria

Lebanon

Jordan

Pakistan

India

Nepal

Bhutan

Bangladesh

We have built a strong team to begin fundraising activities, but we need more hands. Everybody is welcome to join. Please mail me, Phil Micali (pmicali@bwell-inc.com) and Raphael Guilbert (raphaelguilbert@yahoo.fr) if you are interested.

And don't forget by forwarding our website or this newsletter to your contact list, you are already helping...



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Greetings from Nigeria,

Anthony