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Dear friends and sponsors of Yaoui e.V.,

We are pleased to be able to send you the first newsletter of the new year and at the same time the invitation to the General Assembly 2024!

We have latest news from Yaoui that we would like to share with you.

As we have told you, Markus Brinkmann and Matthias Sorsoli are currently in Benin to visit the village of Yaoui and the school, to maintain existing contacts and to make new ones. After their arrival in Cotonou, they travelled on to Yaoui together with Isaac, whom Matthias had the pleasure of meeting ten years ago.

There they looked at the buildings that have been built and/or renovated in recent years, among others with the support of the Yaoui e.V. association, took part in the lessons and handed over some gifts brought from Germany. Some of the games they brought with them were tried. Pictures were also drawn by the pupils, which we will probably use to design the calendars we are planning.

On Tuesday the party took place, in which pupils, teachers, village elders and the members of the committees, together with Markus and Matthias, participated.

On Saturday, the two will then take the flight back to Germany. We are still preparing a detailed travel report for you.

Here we send you some impressions of the time in Yaoui, respectively Benin:









"The eye never forgets what the heart has seen."

(African proverb)

Matthias Sorsoli, Juliane Steinmann, Martina Noske und Markus Brinkmann

Der Vorstand