



# IMAC Express 8

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*The sparks of the lives of children in movement*

## LET'S CELEBRATE! TO WHICH FUTURE?

*In this issue of Midade-Express, we'll see a lot of birthdays. Celebrating a birthday means stopping a moment to look at the path we have traveled and especially to set the course for the future ... so we are waiting to receive your plans for the future to share them ... The good news must be widespread!*

*The General Secretary*

## NEWS FROM ALL HORIZONS!

### MAURITIUS: the companions' day

As every year, the accompanists of the Catholic Action of the Children / Catholic Action of the Adolescents gathered for a time of sharing, reflection and discovery of their mission. The training was based on the responses of the children of the 8 sectors who expressed their expectations regarding the Movement's companions. One of the highlights of this day is the children's thirst for having not only someone accompanying them, but rather "an accompanist who loves them." Moreover, relying on the gospel of the parable of talents [ St. Matthew 25: 14-30], a text chosen for this day, our chaplain, Father Eddy, stressed that, like children, accompanying persons are also talented. After this day the Companions and the National Office felt armed and strengthened to move forward, FOR, and WITH the Children



### LEBANON: "Do not stop the breath of the Earth! "

**"Do not stop the breath of the Earth"**, is the theme chosen by the children of MIDADE following their reflection on the encyclical Laudato Si, closed at the meeting of the 50 delegates in April 2017 and announced during the Feast National Movement in May. During two sessions of initial and permanent formation organized in



July and August, the 120 accompanists deepened the ecological, social and spiritual sense of the call of Pope Francis.

Each group of children will choose the action they will find corresponding to the needs of their environment. Among these areas, the dimension of the beautiful, solidarity, the sharing of resources, effort and work ...

## FRANCE: 80 years of youth!

**2017** is "our" anniversary year of 80 years! Since January the ACE everywhere in France "his youth": 80 years of games, research, reflections and actions carried out by the children's movement on themes related to the news of the society, their concerns: the good being, living together, peace, children's rights, solidarity and ecology. It is for young and old, the opportunity to remember, but also, of course, to look to the future. Neighborhood parties, carnivals, solidarity projects, games of cooperation, play of the rights of the child, intergenerational meetings, summer camps, and spiritual times are on the program. Alumni, families, friends, partners, sympathizers, many have already validated their presence, and others will do so by the end of December (for example on 11 of November for the diocese of Lille)!

Astrid expressed her commitment to the children: *"The foundation has always been a great concern for me so that the values of the movement stay alive in club locations. During these 20 years, I created and accompanied personally 7 clubs. This experience and those of the other clubs allowed me to understand youth of the "present" and to meet and collaborate with a multitude of people. Listening and meeting the needs of all has always been my priority. I encourage you to continue your involvement with children and anyone who is eager to know Christ. It is the mission He gives us in order to make His Good News known through the eras. Today we still need it and the children are good vectors!"*

For more information: [www.ace.asso.fr](http://www.ace.asso.fr) Nothing is impossible for children!



## GABON: solidarity for a better world

The CVAV of Gabon organized their twelfth National Council in Sindara from August 5 to 10, 900km from Libreville. Thirty delegates from the 5 dioceses met. The general theme was: *"Commitment and actions, pledges of our existence"*. After listening to the reports of the diocesan activities, the responses of the preparatory work, the children's proposals on the evils that have undermined our country, our movement, the delegates voted for the new year campaign: *"Mwana, let us be supportive, for a better world"*. Its slogan is: *For good management, for peace and equality, in unity and fairness, everywhere ...*



## GUINEA: so many seeds sown!

*"During the 75 years, we traveled together the lands of Guinea, sowed in the heart of each child the seeds of joy, the roots of valor and the fruits of charity."*

To celebrate these 75 years, Midade-Guinea urges us to describe and bring together the wonders experienced by today's children. *"We want to occupy the first page of Midade-Express!"*

[We await these wonders with impatience!]



## ***BRAZIL: MAC Delmiro Gouveia: Long live the environment!***

Building the vegetable garden



We begin the week of milk distribution for 200 families in the community. Thank you to lara, Program Coordinator and Lidiane, MAC Companion, and to all who participate. Our aim is to combat the hunger and malnutrition of families (especially children) in social vulnerability. Today we started building the MAC vegetable garden. An initiative of our children and teens who are already giving results. Vive The Environment! Long live the day of the tree!

Milk distribution



## ***PERU: Friendship in the heart***

On 27<sup>th</sup> of July, we, children and adolescent workers of MANTHOC-Lima, we organized our journey of integration as an organization. The objective was to get to know us in an atmosphere of friendship and companionship, and thus to strengthen our joint actions.

We, the children of Manthoc, work, study, organize and exercise our right to amuse ourselves.



## ***SRI LANKA: La kri vi: "Let's walk to a world filled with joy"***



The annual orientation seminar is always a great opportunity for animators all over the island to share love, affection and fraternity: 223 were present last April. The main objective of the SOA was to lay the solid foundation of all the annual activities of the movement. The theme of the year 2017 - 2018 is "*Aruthbara Preethimath Lama Lowakata*" which means "*Walk towards a world of children filled with significant joy*".

A preparatory work enabled the participants to get involved in the study of the theme. The reports presented in the form of a magazine were studied by a group and the summary was presented at the seminar. Participants also prepared posters on the theme of the year. This SOA is a source of encouragement for facilitators. Inter-

views, group discussions, plenary sessions, meditations, songs, sports, videos and campfires ... the workshops were oriented towards how to be effective facilitators to build a youth that will manage its life. The annual general meeting was also held and ended with the oath of the facilitators to serve the movement as volunteers.

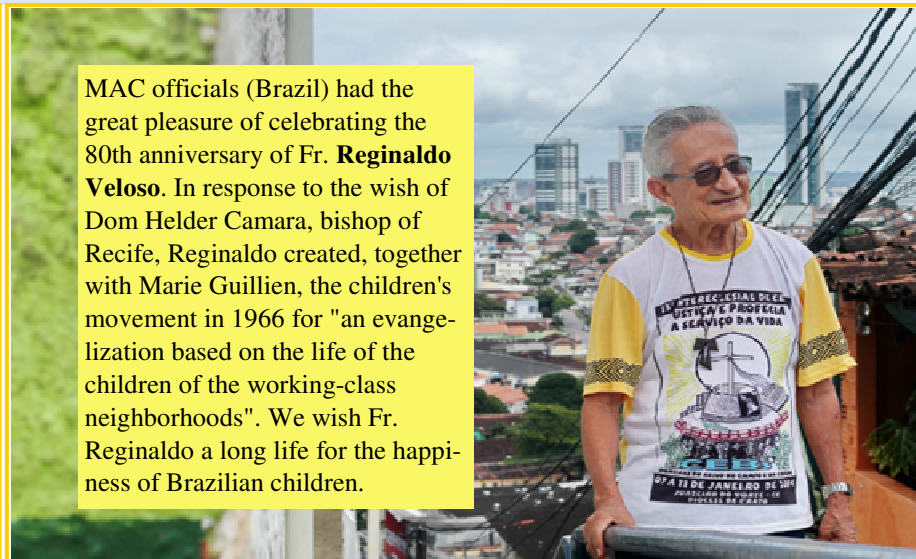


## NEWS FROM ANYWHERE

Camelia Haddad, president of Midade Lebanon, wore the colors of MIDADE at the top of Kilimanjaro! Congratulations!



MAC officials (Brazil) had the great pleasure of celebrating the 80th anniversary of Fr. **Reginaldo Veloso**. In response to the wish of Dom Helder Camara, bishop of Recife, Reginaldo created, together with Marie Guillien, the children's movement in 1966 for "an evangelization based on the life of the children of the working-class neighborhoods". We wish Fr. Reginaldo a long life for the happiness of Brazilian children.



**Pablo Martin Calderon**



honored in the Spanish Ministry of Health and Social Affairs. **Pablo** was the General Secretary and then President of IMAC from 1978 to 1986. He has just been awarded in the Ministry for his commitments throughout his profes-

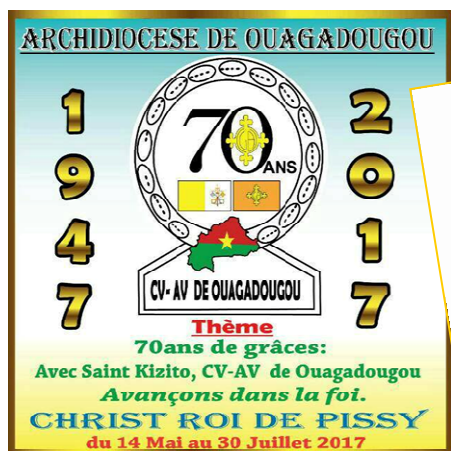
sional life. The SENDA Award, awarded to Pablo, recognizes the people who work to improve the lives of people in situation of dependence. We are happy with him and for him.

*"In a very special sense I extend a warm greeting to the pilgrims of the Cardijn International Community on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of the death of Cardinal Joseph Cardijn and I encourage them in their generous service of the Gospel. May Jesus confirm each one of you in the faith and make you the witnesses of his love in the world."*



Thus Francis said on August 23, confirming the approach of Catholic action, of which the Midade takes part. "Seeing, judging, acting": a questioning for all Christians with good news ... [Our friend Joceline Minerve (Mauritius) is one of the leaders of this Cardijn Community network.]

*We are always waiting for your news*



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