

# Bene Koytara Goyterey

Those who work for God's Kingdom (translated from Zarma)



## Christmas greetings and action 2024

fam Gaitou Niger



### Dear friends,

December 2024 brings us to the end of what has been an intense year for me. A year during which loss and difficult changes were very much at the forefront of my life. And yet, at the same time, it has been a year during which I have in very practical ways sensed God's presence, working and provision. I have sensed it among others in the way people rallied around Caleb, Phoebé and myself, in the way people – that means you – supported us, in the way it became possible for all three of us to take a break and go to the Netherlands, in the way Caleb was provided with a place to live, and even in the way the heritage of Blaise's life was honored and celebrated after his death. And so, in the midst of loss and difficult changes I saw that there was still so much to be thankful for.

December also brings us the celebration of Christmas. The celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ, Immanuel, God with us. To be honest, I have not been very actively engaging in thinking about how to celebrate Christmas this year. But when I was thinking about what to write in this Christmas greeting to you, I realized just how meaningful and good it is to celebrate the birth of Immanuel, God with us, at the end of this year during which I and we as a family have indeed seen how God has continued to be with us in the loss and in the difficult changes.

So, I will be decorating the house and see how Phoebé and I can have a pleasant and good Christmas celebration!

I wish you all a very good celebration of Christmas too and send you at the same time my very best wishes for the year 2025.

With love,  
Jeannette

## ACTION

### We're almost there! But not quite yet....

A Christian school (from kindergarten to high school) in Maradi was the dream of Blaise and Jeannette, among others. The range of schools in Maradi was far too small.

### That dream has come true. Even more than that!

Because..... Academie Evangélique Cornerstone de Maradi has been realized! Christian education with respect for everyone.



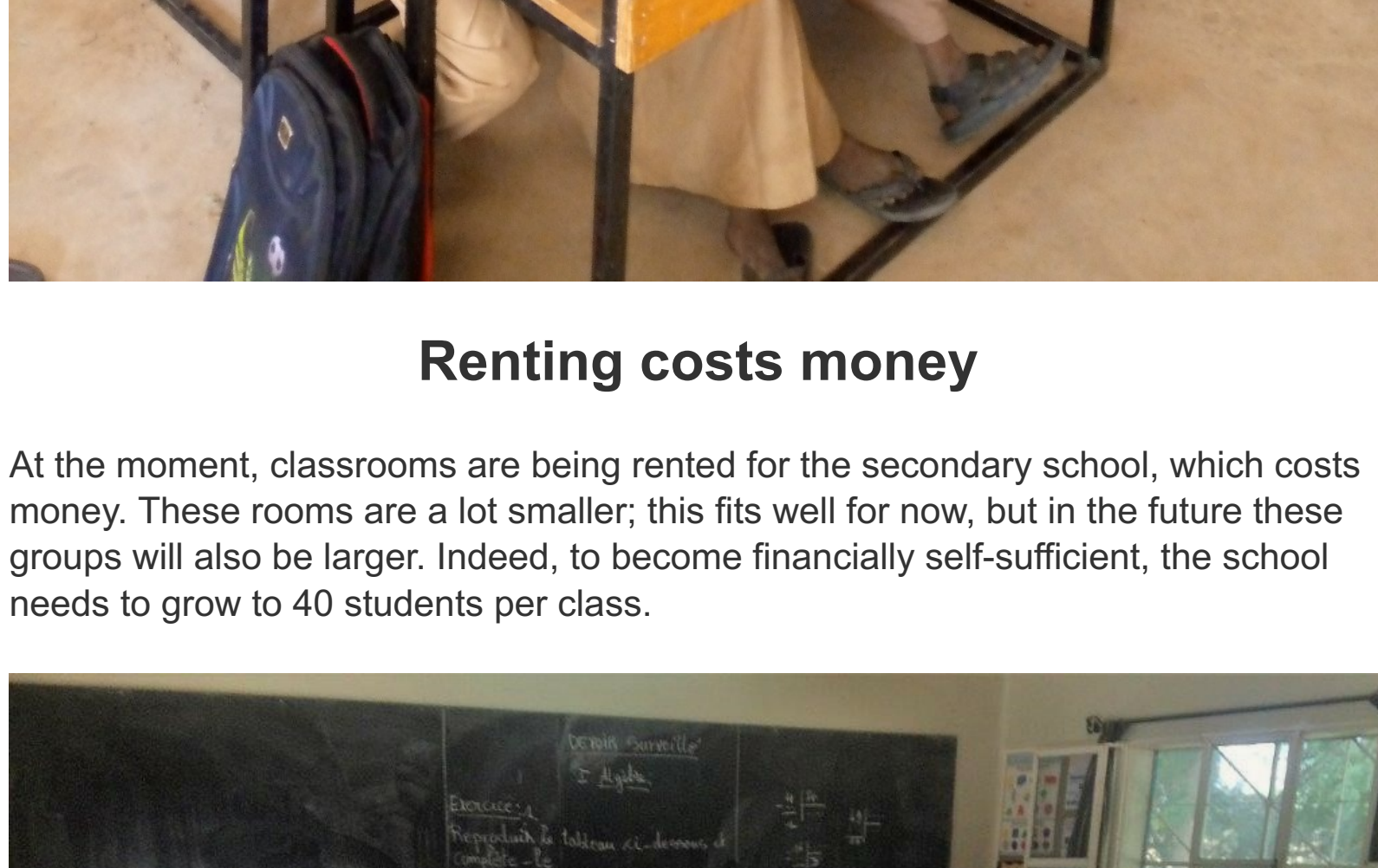
In 2018 the classes were still small. But the number of students has grown enormously! More and more parents are sending their children to this school because good education helps children learn to read, write and calculate better. And this increases their chances of a better life

### More chance of a better life



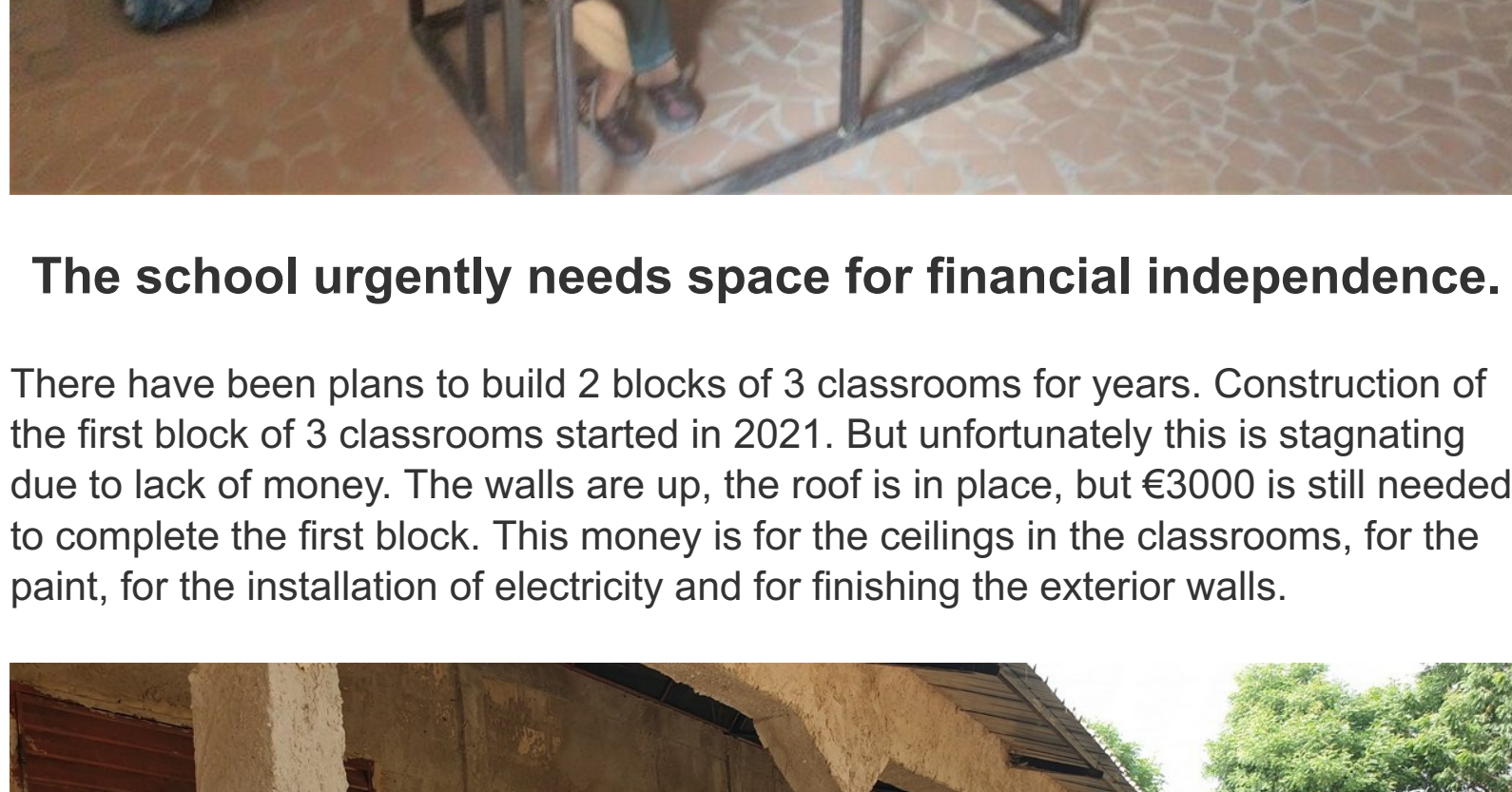
### Renting costs money

At the moment, classrooms are being rented for the secondary school, which costs money. These rooms are a lot smaller; this fits well for now, but in the future these groups will also be larger. Indeed, to become financially self-sufficient, the school needs to grow to 40 students per class.



### The school urgently needs space for financial independence.

There have been plans to build 2 blocks of 3 classrooms for years. Construction of the first block of 3 classrooms started in 2021. But unfortunately this is still needed due to the cost of money. The walls are up, the roof is in place, but €3000 is stagnating to complete the first block. This money is for the ceilings in the classrooms, for the paint, for the installation of electricity and for finishing the exterior walls.



## So it's time for action!

### Help the Academie Evangélique Cornerstone raise €3000

December is the month of Christmas, Christ, the birth of Jesus, Hope for the world. In this way we give people hope for the future. That is why this December Newsletter has become an action letter.

Help the school in Maradi raise €3000 to complete 3 classrooms, so that the students and teachers have more space. A good investment in the future of children in Niger.

Small calculation: € 3000 = 120 x gift of € 25. That's manageable, right?

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**Thank you! Your contribution helps make a big difference for this school and its students!**

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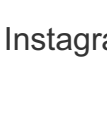


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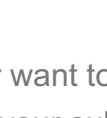
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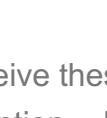
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