

Update on the Guanin Center's Villa Mella Project

This is very important information, so please I am begging you to take a few minutes from your busy schedule to read the entire posting.

Good Greetings Family Members:

First, I would like to inform you that Mwalimu Michael Frazier and I just returned from the Dominican Republic very late last night and it behooves me to update you on our Villa Mella Project in that country that some of you have supported financially. I am begging you to do even more. Please click the following URL for a brief background on the condition under which our Afrikan people live in what is supposed to be a relatively buoyant country:

<http://www.guanin.org/>

Second, I would like to share with you the wonderful news that your donations have definitely made some difference in our Afrikan people's lives in Villa Mella. The volunteer teachers from the United States and those in the community have made a tremendous impact on the lives of the children in the makeshift school in that community. The children are vibrant, very intelligent, and excited about learning, realizing that education is their only path from extreme poverty. We have also been able to provide them with books and supplies. Our goal now is to buy a piece of land in the community and build a school for them.

Third, from the same meager funds, the community folk have been able to construct a couple of lavatories that are a bit more sanitary for their use. They also have been able to buy more seeds and tools to grow more food in their community.

Fourth, we were treated to an Afrikan performance called Congo in which all of us sang and danced. The drums and other instruments have been passed down from generation to generation since slavery days. The children are taught the songs, dances, history, and how to play the instruments. The elders in the community, both men and women who serve as senior advisors, were very happy that we visited them.

Fifth, Mwalimu Frazier gave a powerful presentation titled "Public Administration in the Third World, with a Special Focus on the Dominican Republic" at the National University. At the lecture/press conference, we announced the collaborative ventures and scholarships on which we are working via the Guanin Center. The event was attended by academics, students, government representatives and representatives of civil society. Television and radio star Teresa Balaguera, daughter of former President Balaguera, did the translation/commentary gratis. We hope to invite many of you to give lectures at the university there as well.

Sixth, we had a very productive meeting with a team from the United States Embassy in Santo Domingo on how they can help our collaborative ventures. At the meeting, we were also blessed with the presence of our Afrikan sister, Attorney Blakeney Vasquez, the United States Department of State Foreign Affairs Officer for WHA Special Projects, Hispaniola Country Affairs. She is based in Washington, DC, and we hope to tap her support for our projects in the Dominican Republic.

Finally, once you have watched the slide show on the Guanin Center's Web site, I am quite sure that the Pan-Afrikan Spirit in you will move you to make a generous donation to our project in Villa Mella.

May Allah/God (SWT) continue to bless you for all your good help.

In Peace Always,
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