

Help for the Sugar Kids



Happy teachers present their purchases:





Fruits, vegetables, oil and spices, rice, bean and noodles.



And happy children fill their bellies.



Aid and Support of Creole Dogs encouraged the kids to send their wishes for Christmas to the German Santa Claus. For once we wanted to fulfill the personal wishes of children who receive otherwise only hand-me-downs! And so 29 children sent their wish list via photo mail: Toys, school material, clothing. A big collection started. Dr. List, one of the 3 vets, who had operated at the school, managed to find among her friends and relatives 29 sponsors, one for each kid. All wishes could be fulfilled! Unfortunately the person sought out to play the role of Santa Claus had to postpone his trip to the Dominican Republic and the presents didn't reach in time for Christmas. Now we had to find an affordable possibility to send the gifts as freight. New worries! A friend of Dr. List contacted Dom. Rep. Transports, a company that has business partners in the Dominican Republic and can guarantee that freight will pass customs safely. We thought of sending the gifts per boat which would have taken about 30 days. Another long wait for the children who were looking forward to receive their presents! First all presents had to be photographed. The photos were sent to the business partner of Dom. Rep. Transports, who took them to customs to negotiate the import fee, while in Germany all gifts were re-packed in plastic bags to lower weight and volume down to 81 kilo. It turned out that the customs fee was by far the biggest expense. The transfer by boat would have saved only about 50 Euro and, of course, we chose a plane. The cost was shared by Aid and Support of Creole Dogs and friends of Dr. List. March 3rd 2013 we finally had the good news: The plane with the Christmas presents for the Sugar kids would land in Puerto Plata the following Tuesday! There was a hold-up for another week because the courier with the gifts didn't reach the plane in time! But finally, on March 13th, we received these wonderful photos of happy children, thrilled by their presents!





Especially the photo of little Jean

Daniela shows: Thanks to our sponsors really all wishes were fulfilled: Jean Daniela had wanted a doll, shoes, colouring pencils and pants (which were of course also hidden in the bag).

While the kids were still waiting for their present there news reached us about new worries at the school: It wasn't certain if the rent could be paid in March or if the school had to close down. For March the problem could be solved but the constant threat remains. Deborah Dayton, Co-founder of the Sugar Kids School Initiative, needs desperately sponsor who help to finance the rent for the school – otherwise these Haitian children end up on the street without the opportunity to learn how to read and write!