

Newsletter NOVEMBER 2009

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Dear Friends,

This year has been the year of Theatre in the Globetree.

In the beginning of the year we put together memories and notes from our meeting with children in Children’s Garden and we interviewed more children about their lives.

In April we improvised scenes based on these interviews. In July we rehearsed the play “Our Life” and in August we worked on costumes and stage equipment. Finally the group was ready for the tour to Sweden! The 21st of September was the Opening Night and became the dram of the World Home which children created during the Globedays.

The tour was a success! Everywhere the same reaction:

- When are they coming back? We want the whole school to see!
- It’s important for the Swedish children to come close to this reality.
- Our Life helps children in Sweden to get a perspective of their own lives.

We plan for another tour in April with three performances for different age groups.

In November we have a World Home reunion with young and old from the Lake Victoria Region at the United Nations, Nairobi. A group of 20 persons from Sweden will join and participate in programs in Children’s Garden and other places. Join us - together with children and youth! We also prepare for the 3rd World Championship in Cooperation in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia 2 – 7 July next year!

At the Children’s Garden, a place for carpentry is planned to be established and will be an income-generating business.

This year I will celebrate Christmas in Children’s Garden. It’s a lot of fun to dance and sing together with 350 children. Christmas is THE DAY of the year that the children long for and talk about. If you can, please support the Christmas in Children’s Garden.

We thank all sponsors and everyone who supported Our Life Tour in Sweden! And we thank all in the Globetree network for supporting our vision, programs and projects!

Kajsa Dahlström
President Globetree

- 1) **Study Tour to Kenya 19 -29 November;
Creation of the World Home at the United Nations**

A group of 20 persons from Sweden will join the Study Tour to Kenya 19-29 November. The Study-tour include program at the Children’s Garden, a meeting at the National

Museum of Kenya, visit to the open air museum Bomas and schools/institutions for children from different walks of life.

At the United Nations, Nairobi (UNON) the Swedish group will join children, youth and adults from 5 cities in the Lake Victoria Region accompanied by their Mayor. Together they will build the World Home and dialogue under the tree at the Children's Meeting Place. If you wish to join – please, take contact with Globetree NOW!

http://www.globetree.org/pdf/Inbjudan_Studieresan19-29Nov2009.pdf

http://www.globetree.org/pdf/Program_Study-Tour_19-29_November2009.pdf

http://www.globetree.org/pdf/Program_UNdays_26-27_November2009.pdf

2) The 3rd World Championship in Cooperation in Malaysia 2 – 7 July 2010

We look forward to the 3rd World Championship in Cooperation hosted by the Mayor of Kuala Lumpur and organized by The Tree Theatre Group, Malaysia. Please book 2-7 July in your agenda! Children and youth from around the world will meet and hands on create their practical solutions, visions and ideas for a better world.

Invitation will be presented and sent in November.

<http://treetg.com>

3) Our Life - Children's Garden Tour

It was a unique experience for us in Globetree to accompany and present the group of 10 children and youth and 3 leaders from Children's Garden, Nairobi when they were on tour with their play Our Life. More than 3000 children and adults in Sweden saw the performance and interacted with the group in workshops and dialogue.

We thank the Swedish Institute for the support of bringing the group to Sweden! We also thank Kulturskolan Stockholm (The Stockholm School of Arts) - Vår Teater, Farsta, which became the main stage. Katarina Norra skola was the mother school with supporting parent groups. The tour included programs in Hjulstaskolan, Värmdö and Strängnäs municipality. A full day in the Stockholm archipelago was supported by The Ports of Stockholm (Stockholms hamnar). The performance at Nämndö filled all the benches of the church. The last days the Högsätraskolan, Lidingö and YMCA-based Fryshuset organised programs. We concluded; the response of the tour was overwhelming.

Many asked; - When are they back again? We plan for another tour in April 2010 with 3 performances for different ages: 5-8 years, 9-12 years and 13 and above.

http://www.globetree.org/pdf/broschyr_cg.pdf

4) Take off for The World Home - Globe Days

The Globedays this year welcomed the 150 participants (children, youth and adults) at Vår Teater in Farsta with a heated drumming from members of the Children's Garden group from Kenya. The World Home was the theme of the Globedays. All participants brought something symbolizing, or representing, what they believe is important in a World Home. The personal contributions became part of a common creation which was manifested the second day. The children guided their guests of honour into their World Home which was followed by a dialogue. The invited guests were the former EU-parliamentarian Mr. Anders Wijkman, Mr. Thord Tjernström, Municipal commissioner of Strängnäs and the former Children's Ombudsman of Sweden, Ms. Lena Nyberg. The World Home will now be on tour to many municipalities of the world until it reaches its final destination at the European Commission in Brussels 2012. Next stop is at the United Nations, Nairobi 26-27 November this year.

The opening of the Globeday coincided with the inauguration of the Children's Meeting Place (CMP) at the United Nations 8 years ago. The Godmother and the Godfather of the CMP Ms Inga Björk-Klevby and Mr Tore Brevik sent memories and greetings.

http://www.globetree.org/pdf/Message_to_Globetree_Children.pdf

http://www.globetree.org/pdf/ChildrensGarden_Reflections.pdf
http://www.globetree.org/pdf/World_Home_Thoughts.pdf

5. Lake Victoria Region Local Authority Cooperation (LVRLAC)

Globetree was invited to the LVRLAC AGA-meeting (Annual General Assembly) held in Shinyanga, Tanzania in the end of July. Ms. Kajsa Dahlström shared the experiences of the Partnership program between 10 cities/municipalities in Sweden-Uganda-Kenya, which made other mayors in the Lake Victoria Region interested to have partners in Sweden.

6. Full member of Eurochild

Eurochild is a network of organizations and individuals working in and across Europe to improve the quality of life of children and young people. Eurochild's work is underpinned by the principles enshrined in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. Globetree is now a full member of this network.

<http://www.eurochild.org>

7. Christmas at the Children's Garden

When the group from Children's Garden returned back to Kenya they brought more than 750 kilos of shoes, clothes and other things which were donated by people during the tour in Sweden. Moses N'dungu, founder and director of Children's Garden said; – It's like a pre-Christmas celebration!

It has become a tradition to make sure the 350 children at Children's Garden get goat meat, chapatti, sodas, a different breakfast and sweets for Christmas. If you can, please help us make Christmas also this year! Globetree welcomes your donations!

Mark your donation: Christmas in Children's Garden.

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