

Yoke Partners

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ADI – We Model Growth

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A Word from the Board of Directors

Agricultural Development Initiatives exists to serve by helping families produce, consume, and market nutritious food. ADI partners in the industrialized world labor together with neighbors in distant communities to reduce poverty and relieve the suffering of real people. Resources for this collaborative humanitarian effort come from families and grassroots community groups who send money and volunteers from Europe, Asia, Australia and North America. With the generous support of people like you, we are making a difference and fulfilling our purpose.

Improved Dental Care in West Africa

ADI is thankful for caring staff and qualified support personnel who offer timely assistance to people experiencing mouth pain. During one busy week, an American dentist and nurse performed 250 tooth extractions. Our center is also open to clean teeth and assist patients throughout the year.



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Better Outcomes for At Risk Children

ADI shares infant formula with families in crisis raising newborn children. When a mother is unable to provide sufficient milk for her child, ADI furnishes milk powder and monitors the growth of the child over the first six months of life. Word of mouth and neighborhood connections lead families in our West African community to visit our center.



In May, a mother gave birth to triplets, and the regional hospital referred them to our center to receive supplemental food. In September, the family received their last ration. We are encouraged by the growth of these children.

This young lady graduated on August 31st at the age of 5 months and weighing 12.75 pounds (5.8 kg).



This 5-month-old girl graduated September 13th weighing 13.6 pounds (6.2 kg).

Mentoring Young People through Internships

ADI is investing in training for young people. This year, ADI staff and partners have worked with seven young men and women in their twenties to learn the details of field and project management. In this photo and those on page 2, interns learn best practices for planting a field of rain irrigated corn. As the crop grows, covering the land with straw and mulch acts

to reduce weeds, stop erosion, and slow evaporation. This year, the result was a great harvest!



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Improved Dental Care in West Africa

In June a woman came to the center with a toothache. She had not slept in 3 days. Our staff was able to extract the tooth, and her relief from pain allowed her to sleep right there at our center! We are thankful for the opportunity to help.

Perhaps our greatest impact comes from coating children's teeth with fluoride and encouraging people of all ages to brush their teeth in the morning and evening!



*Left, relief from a bad toothache.
Right, fluoride for children!*



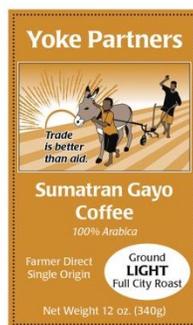
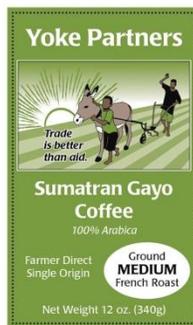
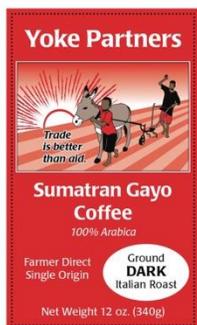
One of our interns standing amidst the growing corn.



The harvest!



ADI partners and interns in the corn field they planted.



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