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LETTER FROM ST MICHAEL'S PRIMARY SCHOOL, MANNI, BURKINA FASO

Dear friends of St Edmund's School, we are writing to say thank you, and thank you also to 'Mama Gillie'. She [St Edmund's!] has just sent us £1,000 to improve our work conditions.

You have our fraternal greetings and that of our new Diocesan Director of Education, Father Antoine Tiabondu.

We are taking this opportunity to give you some news of St Michael's School for the 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 academic years.

The administrative start of the school year was on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2017, when all the teachers were present. The actual return date was 1<sup>st</sup> October 2017 when we held our first meeting of teachers. Lessons began on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2017.

As far as personnel is concerned, we have seven teachers of which three are men and four are women for this academic year (2017-2018).

The current total for the school is 433 children of which 213 are boys and 220 girls. We have on average 72 children per class which demands a great effort from the teachers.

I would like to give you the school results for last year.

We presented 60 children for their final primary school exams. When the exam results came out, all had obtained their Primary Certificate, that is to say it was 100% pass rate. At the same time, for those children going on to 6<sup>th</sup> Class, we had 56 candidates with a pass rate of 96.55%. The best boy, the best girl and the best teacher of our province came from St Michael's School. We have a colleague who qualified as a Principle Teacher .

Our year was crowned with success. We thank the Lord for his goodness. On top of that, the school has had the joy of being the first in the ecclesiastical province in the promotion of health and sanitation.

Dear friends, we leave you in the hope that we find you in good health.

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