

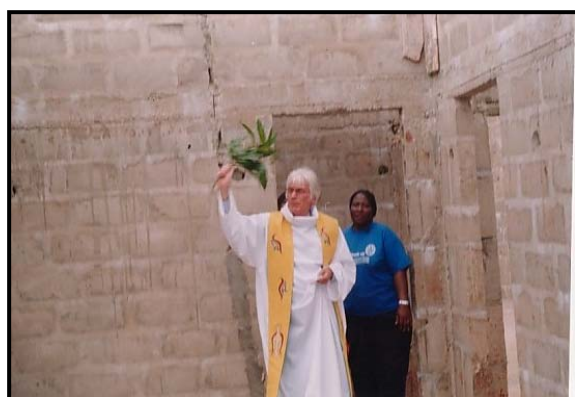
GUIDES OF BENIN CENTRE SOON TO BECOME A REALITY...

For more than 20 years now, the Guides of Benin have been planning to build a centre. Our plans attracted the attention of the Guides of France, who helped us achieve initial funding from the CCFD. This funding remained with the Guides of France for some time however, as the Guides of Benin had difficulties acquiring the land where the centre was to be built.



In 2004, the Guides were delighted to be offered a plot by the mayor of Porto Novo, the official capital of Benin. We decided to start the building with the administrative block, which had previously been held up due to a lack of funds.

In **August 2005**, we organised an on-site camp with the help of three Scouts from France, who were keen to play a role in the work. They provided further funding which enabled the building of the gateway, engraved with their initials P. (Pierre) Q. (Quentin) and L. (Ludovic).



Father Samson, the spiritual leader of the Guides of Présigne in France blessed the site during a visit to Benin, along with a delegation of leaders.

In January 2006, the Chief Commissioners from the South-South partnership (Benin, Ghana, Nigeria, Togo) were at a meeting in Benin and also visited the site



Following this, the site saw a shortfall of funds and we applied for further financial assistance. This led to a generous award of **£5,000 POUNDS STERLING** from the Olave Baden Powell Society (OP-BS), which will enable us to complete the block currently in progress.

Our most sincere thanks to the Olave Baden Powell Society for the trust they have placed in us.

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