



**para el mundo - pour le monde - for the World - para o mundo - per il mondo**

The Sa-Fa Family educates to solidarity in its educational centers, motivated by the Pope's invitation (GS 190). It does so through numerous actions of assistance and social service of all its members. Beyond this commitment, there is the help to other countries. Today we present to you the organization of two NGOs for their global impact. Through them, the Sa-Fa Family carries out a work of engagement with people and situations of need in countries like Burkina, Colombia, Ecuador, the Philippines, and India. They are the **Missionary Animation Center, CAM** (Province of Our Lady of Loreto) and **Carumanda**, (Province of Our Lady of the Assumption). In another publication, we will make known many other activities of solidarity of all the Provinces and centers, which, although not having a global impact, have the same value and importance.

**NGO CARUMANDA:**  
A path of human solidarity

The NGO Carumanda is a non-profit association, supported by the Institute of the Brothers of the Holy Family, Province of Our Lady of the Assumption. The idea was born in 2000 in our Colleges where most of its solidarity activity takes place.

Its **objectives** are mainly two :

- To **sensitize** our country, the environments in which we move, giving visibility to the global problem of poverty, marginalization, and injustice.
- To carry out different projects, in the educational field, both in our country and in developing countries, promoting **collaboration**.

The name of the NGO is "**Carumanda Desde Lejos**". Carumanda, in Quichua, means "**from afar**". However, it is more than a simple word. It sums up the spirit that the solidarity association promotes. To go far away to help as much as possible. To show our deep respect for the culture and language of any people. To bring close what is far away. To bring this reality to our schools and families to awaken justice, equality, and solidarity



**C.A.M.**  
**The Missionary Animation Centre**

The Missionary Animation Centre of the Province 'Our Lady of Loreto' (CAM) is located in Chieri, Italy. The missionary activity of the Brothers also counts on the involvement of volunteers. They form an informal and spontaneous FSF Missionary Group. The CAM, moreover, for its operation, is shadowed by the Onlus Movimento Sviluppo e Pace, based in Turin. Some members of CAM, laypeople and Brothers, are also advisors of the said Movement. The CAM collaborates with several ecclesial and civil realities, including the Diocesan Missionary Office of Turin, Caritas, the Municipality of Chieri, and various ONLUS and NGOs.

**Specific purposes:**

- **To discover** or rediscover the missionary dimension of the Church and, therefore, of every Christian.
- **To be a place of information**, documentation, and reflection on the South of the world's problems and missionary volunteering.
- **To collaborate** in the light of the Gospel's values of peace, brotherhood, and sharing, to self-development in developing countries and in particular in Burkina Faso, Mexico, and the Philippines.
- **To orient** towards voluntary organizations





# Carumanda—desde lejos

## ECUADOR PROJECT

The Project began in 1992. A **group of volunteers** went to Ecuador. Since then and almost without interruption, every year, a group has gone there, sometimes even two groups of 8-10 people. Different campaigns in schools support the project.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

To allow young people and children to continue their studies, each year the NGO provides them the amount of 120 euros mainly for books, uniforms, tuition fees... It is a small but very indispensable help. Every year about **300 scholarships** are distributed.

## CARUMANDA FOR YOUTH

Strengthening **solidarity among young people** is a far-reaching objective. With these objectives :

- To acquire a critical and responsible conscience.
- To promote an attitude of solidarity in life.
- To participate actively in solidarity activities.
- To undergo formation as volunteers.

## SOCIAL CONSTRUCCIONS

Carumanda contributed to the construction of 3 schools in India; 1 in Colombia and 1 in Burkina. In the Projects in Ecuador, 20 buildings were constructed for common use. And a kitchen in St. Xavier's High School (Inde)

## EMERGENCY

**Responding** quickly to emergencies has always been a priority: the tsunami, the earthquake in Ecuador, Covid-19, among others, are examples



Construction of 6 classrooms of the Saint Joseph's School. Sâaba. (Burkina).



3 Educational support centres: 2 in Madurai and 1 in Eluru. (India)

## Some projects



Support for the "Encuentro project": street kids . Puyo. (Ecuador)



"Dumpster boys" from the Yaanadis tribal group. Medical care, food, education, etc. In Eluru. (India)



60 scholarships for children with socio-economic problems. Piccoli Saggi (Small Wise Men) Foundation. Bucaramanga. (Colombia)



# Centro Animazione Missionaria



Literacy for about 150 women every year.



2019: 38 water pumps and 38 wells, new or fixed.

## Some projects



Medical Center: about 100 people attend it every day, including women and children.



Around 2800 children are helped in their schooling.



Handicraft training: about 110 young people in Laafi-Ziga and Noong-Taba, centers created by Brother Silvestro and now run by the Brothers of Burkina Faso .

### MAIN ACTIVITIES

- Training and deepening. Meetings, debates, readings. **Education to the world.**
- **Awareness** exhibitions, testimonies, ethnographic museum Burkina Faso.
- Magazine "Un Mondo di Amici" (A World of Friends) and annual calendar.
- Management of a library, diatheque, and video library.
- Preparation, storage, and **sending containers** to Burkina Faso.
- Running of **relations with benefactors**, private and public, through a network of constant correspondence.
- Socio-economic, socio-cultural, and **health development** projects in Burkina Faso.
- Work and friendship camps in Burkina Faso .

### SELF-DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

- **Elementary schools**, vocational schools, four lycées, an agricultural vocational school, student boarding centers, and crafts and managerial training centers.
- Project to **host girls who fled to forced marriage**. In collaboration with the SCI nuns. Girls accepted: 35.
- Support to the **Catechists** of the formation schools of Imasgo, Gelghin, and Namoungo: a cash contribution is guaranteed to each family sent on a mission. 53 families (with an average of 3 children per couple). Besides, the catechists are provided with carts (53), bicycles (36), weave looms for women (17).
- Projects aimed at fostering socio-economic, cultural, health, food **self-sufficiency**, and **emergency interventions**.
- **Water for the Sahel**. Digging of more than 8,500 wells and installing the same number of 'Volanta' pumps, which were entirely produced on-site in the Sâaba workshop, with material sent from Italy by CAM SAFA.
- **Distance support project**, aimed in particular at school children, shelter centers for children's for over 1,500 of them.

# Volunteer Testimonials

## IT HAS MARKED MY LIFE

It's been five years. When I was asked about the experience that has marked my life, my answer is the same: the Ecuador-2015 Project. What we lived there for 50 days, and the people we met changed the way I see life. It has had more than one effect on my way of thinking and acting.

I had heard millions of experiences and how they had enriched those who had lived them. All expectations were exceeded. There, all those "motives" of the volunteer were realized and exceeded. Since I returned, months had passed, and I realized that nothing would be the same as before. I had lived an experience that could no more leave me indifferent. It brought me out of a bubble. It helped me to become aware of other realities in the world where I live.

Much of our project took place in Plaza Aray (Puyo). In the morning, we helped to build a multipurpose room, getting to know the locals. In the afternoon, activities with boys and girls. In this way, they could disconnect for a moment from their "routine and reality". Those moments of "disconnection" for them helped us to "connect" with them, with ourselves, with the value of things and with what is essential in life. We were so enriched and learned so much from those people. The experience I made left an imprint that will last a long time. Something that will mark and define all of us who participate in this volunteer work.

Patricia Ortiz (Carumanda Barcelona)



## "ÇA VA ALLER": IT WILL BE FINE

Going to Burkina with the Brothers means giving material, social and economic help to the population, respecting their culture, but also forging bonds of friendship with the people and rediscovering their values.

The first striking aspect of the people of Burkina is their immense welcoming attitude. Faith is transmitted as a gesture of love. The will to live with enthusiasm through this welcome and openness to others: this is the fullness of life. It is not possible to set limits to love. Its expansion generates encounter, witness, proclamation, sharing in love. For this reason, all that is required is to bear our witness and be present, making ourselves available to be part of the projects.

An essential value that these people communicate is the quality of relationships. In Burkina, it is effortless to realize that the essence of life is taking care of those close to you. Every person you meet greets and asks, "How are you doing?" because everyone deserves respect.

The words keep ringing in my mind in response to the question we used to ask, "Ça va?". (How is it going?), from severely ill people: "Ça va aller" ("It will be fine"). The way they take life relies on the Mystery that guides them, their faith does not waver, even in the face of certain death. Although we were the "missionaries," they gave us the most significant teaching.

I feel I must transmit the joy, happiness, and faith that the people I met had towards life, despite serious problems. Faith, like love, is contagious, and those who have experienced it must spread it! Thanks be to God, to the Brothers of the Holy Family, to the Brothers of Burkina.

Erika Gibboni

## Calls of the General Chapter

**"As Sa-Fa Family, we feel the call to live the charism "on the move," committed to the existential and geographical peripheries". (Orientation Brothers and Laity)**

**"To listen to the calls to solidarity of today's society and respond generously. To promote the collaboration of Sa-Fa volunteers in those mission locations where it is required". (P.L.I.)**