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*from Gun and Ulf Fransson currently at home
in Kulladal*

Now we have just completed the first phase of the high school student exchange between Cacine and Brinell high school in Nässjö. The school's headmaster Valberto Oliveira and student Sana Queta has returned to Cacine just when winter came to us. An intensive program was conducted during two weeks in Nassjo region and a week in Stockholm. It was the Rotary club, Nassjo who came with the idea of an exchange programme between Cacine and Brinell. This was more than good. Which outstanding support from the schools and many others! Sana and Valberto attended the classes in the mornings, ate schoollunch and participated in both the Brinell and the Park School in Bodafors. This was extremely popular on both sides. As you can see, there were many cultural clashes all the time. Sana enjoyed seeing how everything works here. School books, technical equipment, school food was so good, in the industrial workshop Sana learnt how to weld, Special Schoolt with art making, meetings with school management and more. They felt that everything was so well organized, nice, quiet and free from violence. The positive interaction between students and teachers was an important experience. The concept of democracy became a reality and equality between men and women was something that they constantly pointed out. All the kindness that met them at all times pleased them especially!



The contrasts were large from coming from Cacine and to here. Julia, Richard and Signe will go from Brinell to Cacine in late January, were hosts to them. They visited their classes and even their homes. In the different families they got to experience cutting Christmas Tree, to be part of Lucia, a Swedish Christmas Eve with Christmas gifts delivery. In Spira concert hall they listened to Swedish folk music. Sana later got to play drum along with the musicians.

The first contact with the ice was in Stinsen Arena,



the new hockey hall. Sana went a little hesitant at first, but then took off in speed in 45 minutes! He loved all the new sports like bowling (2 strikes directly), swimming and PE lessons. In addition, he impressed at all because he was so talented.



In addition to school visits was the visit to Nassjo City Hall, a modern milk plant in Fagerhult, Eksjöhus house manufacturing, Rotary Club, Erikshjälpen, different churches, different nature, scout meetings, meeting with Mixemblem Choir, participated live both in Nässjö community radio and Radio Jönköping etc. In Kulla chapel was the African evening with slide show. Sana sang and played drum absolutely amazing.



Before we traveled to Stockholm did the first snow to come. What an experience to make snowballs at our house in Kulla! They stayed in our house during the visit.

Time for packing and leaving for Stockholm. Everything went better than expected. The Parliament became a big shot where they met Fredrik Reinfeldt our prime minister three times. Two MPs from home took care of us and a guided tour of the Parliament building. Lunch was served in their restaurant. They were impressed by democracy again!

More from the program: Advent Concert, Natural History Museum, the Nordic Museum, metro, buses, trams, escalators, elevators, mall,

Claes Ohlsson (toys for boys), Christmas decorations, Old Town.

Teresa Andersson in Uppsala gave us African dinner. She gave a lot of books about Guinea-Bissau in Portuguese, such as they had never seen.

The visit to the Swedish Radio was really good, with a live lunchtime concert and guidance throughout Radiohouse. They got very important information about how to broadcast. The radio station in Cacine is now completed and awaiting equipment. We have got some mixerboards from our regional radiostation in Jönköping.



It feels a little strange not having Valberto and Sana here anymore. It was intense but fun.

Thank you to all who joined in and made it so wonderfully interesting! They were really happy that you took care of them and showed all possible and impossible things and customs. Now they have arrived at their destinations.

Sana has written a wonderful letter in which he thanks for all that he has seen and experienced- things that he did not even know that they existed. There is so much that has made him happy and that he will carry with him the rest of his life and he will never forget it. It was much as he encountered and made for the first time in his life. As you can imagine he is very grateful that he got the opportunity to come here and to meet all of you.



Signe Davidsson, Rickard Karlsson and Julia Vändal will travel to Guinea Bissau weeks 5-7 in 2013 to make similar visits down there. (Here they sit in front of the model of the radio station in Cacine)

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Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!
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