



**Christmas 2007 and New Year  
2008 at Akany Avoko !!!!**



As usual, one week before Christmas we start to celebrate Christmas at church in the evening. We call it “happy week”. All the different groups at church take turns at doing Christmas performances, and we at Akany Avoko also had the chance to produce a Christmas show. On the 17<sup>th</sup> of December we performed a play, sang, and read a Christmas poem. This was a very exciting time for everyone, because lots of people came to watch and worship together; we all were so happy to share our Christmas show with everyone at church, and everyone showed how much they liked it by giving us loud applause.

On the 20<sup>th</sup> December there was another cause for excitement, especially for all the primary-school children at Akany, because it was the end of the first term, and we were given our school reports. We also were given certificates for special achievements at school. This took place in our big dining room at the centre, and at the end of the ceremony, our class sang and danced!



Another big day for us was December 22<sup>nd</sup>. This was the day of the Akany Avoko Christmas party. We invited some friends and supporters of Akany Avoko to come and celebrate with us. It began with a big meal, which included a starter, main dish, dessert, and drinks, then continued with the performance of our Christmas show. Afterwards, Father Christmas came and visited the centre—of course this was the moment everyone was longing for!!! This year, Father Christmas treated all of the boys with toy cars. All of the little girls received tea-party sets, while the older girls received hair-styling sets. There was also a special delicious treat—a big chocolate bar for each of the children!!! Some were more interested in the chocolate than their present! After the party, those children who had family members to fetch them began leaving for home, to spend the rest of their holiday.

On Christmas morning, the children attended church together. It was quite rainy, however, so the little ones stayed at home instead. After the church service everyone was reunited at the main centre for another big meal. We had such a wonderful time together!!!!

New Year's Eve was also big fun for everyone. We all gathered at the main centre and had a party with lots of dancing and singing. We had an especially good time, because we were able to watch photos of all of the kids projected on a big screen!



We all had wonderful  
Christmas.....We wish  
for every day to be like  
Christmas day !!!!!

