

Who are the GARIBOUS?

Garibous or Talibés are young kids, ages between 5 and 17 years old, who were given up by their parents to Islamic leaders known as marabouts. Under dressed, dirty and malnourished, the Garibous wake up daily at five in the morning to do their Islamic praying ritual, and then they go to the streets to beg for survival and to beg for money that they are supposed to bring back to their leader, or the leader will punish them if the exact daily amount of money is not brought to them. These boys begin to fight for survival daily, fighting long journeys of abuse and exploitation in inhumane conditions without access to basic needs of existence such as a place to live, food, and health care, in turn they are transformed into slaves of modern times.

Learn more at: www.garibous.com

CAFI's approach:



The Main project is divided in four parts: assistance to the Garibous, homes for orphans and boys in social risk, professional classes and operation in the tribes to church implantation.

- Assistance to the Garibous:

We provide emergency treatment to the garibous in feeding, recreation, hair cuts and medical assistance. Each year we assist around 17.560 garibous boys, who can enjoy, at the center, the basic rights every child should have.

- Homes for orphans and boys in social risk situation

We hold two houses to fully receive the boys taken from the streets, orphans, ex garibous and boys in social risk situation. We call these homes "New Sunrise Homes I and II". Nowadays we have 40 boys under our guardianship who are provided with good food, good accomodation, education, in addition to a social family who manifests how loved they are, assisting them in their social reinsertion.

- Professional Classes:

With the purpose of insert these young men in the Bobo Dioulasso business market, we offer several classes:

- woodwork for begginers and advanced
- artcraft and dressmaking
- photography, filming and video edditing
- computer classes
- literacy for adults
- school reinforcement for children
- guitar and vocal skills classes

- Operation in the tribes for church implantation:

We currently work in the tribes near Bobo Dioulasso and we plan on implanting churches in 10 tribes that haven't been reached by the Gospel word, by 2018. Once the church is implanted, we begin a social-educational-cultural work with the local children. Meanwhile, we execute water well perforation, solar energy equipment. In the year of 2015 two churches were built provided with solar energy equipment, in three villages, between samblá, bobo and tussein people, and also we built classes for the children. We are already acting in 4 villages. To make this work efficient, we coordinate a lider formation class, where they learn basic theology, finances, basic principles of leadership and family living.

Actual needs:

Cafi has partners who maintain its structure and help to accomplish its activities, since it is a non profit institution and has no self income. The actual needs are there to keep the professional classes, to keep the orphanage structure that provides 150 meals a day, registers every september 40 to 50 children in school, since the payment is made by the year and the school year starts in october. It also maintains the church implantation project and the garibous who are weekly assisted by the Cafi. The financial challenges are high and we count on you to assist with the propagation of this projects as well to offer some help for the maintenance of this work. Contact us and become a Cafi supporter.

