

## TOGO: 1982-2007: the CARTO celebrates its 25 years!

**I**N 1982, THE BROTHERS OF PLOERMEL opened, a rural development Centre at the service of the deprived in the savannah region of northern Togo. In 25 years, many things have changed. Brother Claude Grégoire, the current Director of the Centre, reminds us of this in a long enumeration, no doubt, far from being complete.

Before him, three other Brothers were successively responsible for its management: Brothers Joseph Le Roy, Gabriel L'Hostis and Jean-Yves Delaunay. An Internet site : [www.cartogaro.org](http://www.cartogaro.org) describes amply the diverse activities of the Centre: do not hesitate to get connected.



### A word from the Director, Brother Claude Grégoire:

**25 years of presence in the country of Savannahs,**

25 years of **developmental service** in this very poor region of northern Togo.

25 years of work at Tambimong (Sables Rouges) to revive **hope in "a soil that gives life"**,

25 years in the **formation of peasants** who have passed from the traditional "daba" (hoeing) to harnessed cultivation or ox-ploughing, who have learnt the techniques of fighting soil erosion and the enrichment of soils, the techniques of agro-forestation and of the fertilisation of soils, and the techniques of improving the small-scale domestic animal husbandry....



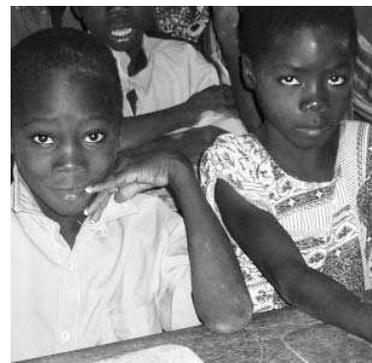
25 years of service for the **promotion of women** and young girls by giving them formation in agriculture, in the art of cooking, in hygiene and in nourishment.

25 years of **fighting against adult illiteracy** by organising courses of alphabetisation given at C.A.R.T.O itself and in the villages.

25 years in the service of **promoting a responsible peasantry** by the creation of groups of peasant farmers, who have recently ratified their "Union" by the creation of the U.G.P.A.K (Union of the Groups of Agricultural Producers of Kpendjal).

25 years of service for the **integral development** of persons by the proclamation of the Good News: the Community Chapel of the Brothers is the dynamic centre of the Christians of Ogaro

15 years of intensive work for the **scholarisation of children**. Thus, today, two thousand six hundred children of remote villages benefit from primary education.



25 years of **partnership** with very faithful friendly associations: the " Suisse Rotarian Friends"; the association of the "Friends of Ogaro"; the association MEEM, the association of the "Sables Rouges".

*Br Claude Grégoire.*