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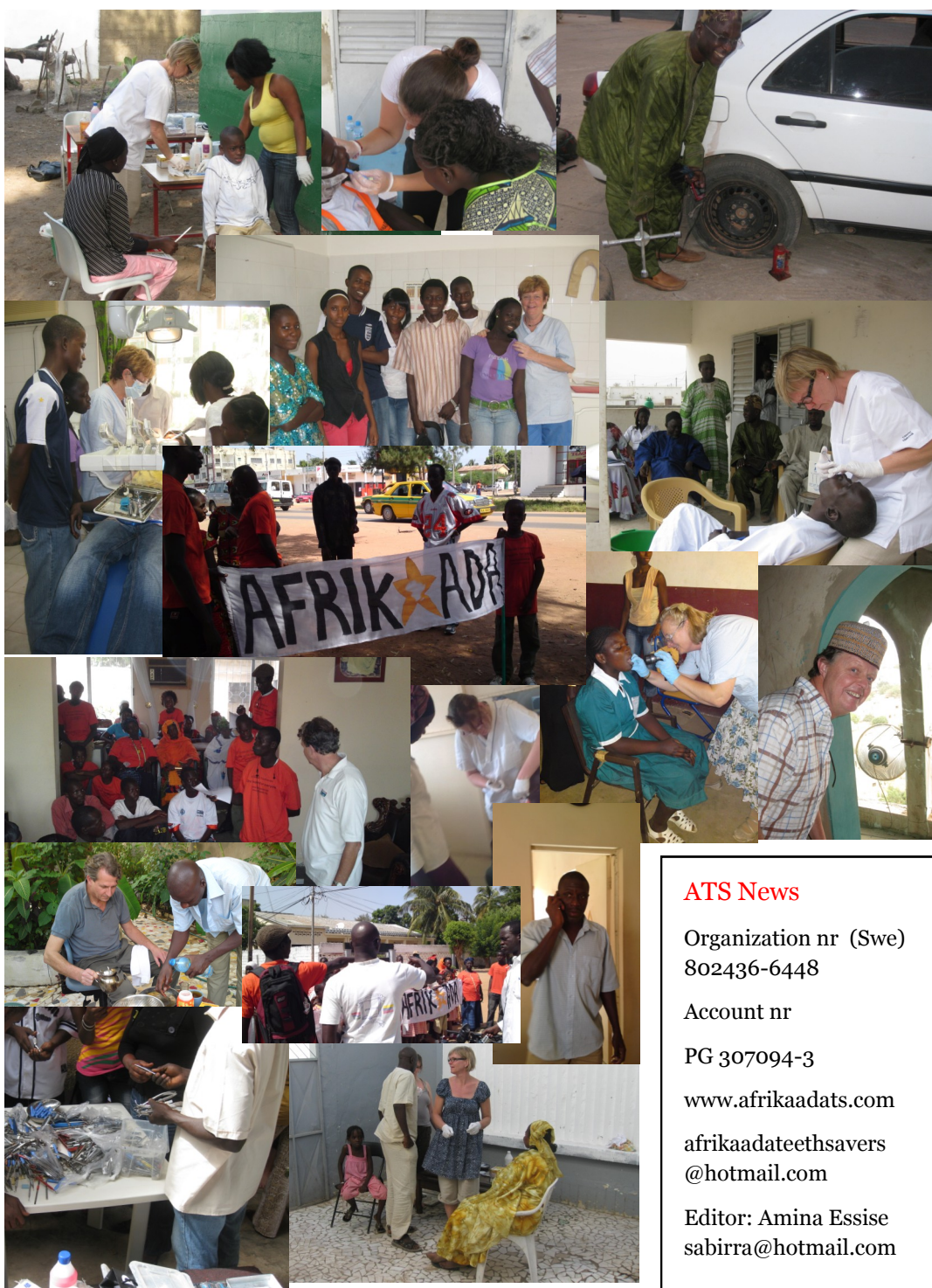
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the annual meeting of Afrikaada Teeth-savers. Will 2011 be held in April in Stockholm. Exact time and place will be announced at a later date.



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International oral health day celebrated by Afrikaada Gambia during November 2010



During November Afrikaada Gambia celebrated *the international day of oral health* with a manifestation and a march in the Pipeline area.

A number of students from different schools that Afrikaada and ATS has been visiting during the years participated, as did representatives from different community organizations that Afrikaada works with in different projects. Also taking part in the celebration was the president of Afrikaada Senegal Babacar Niang.

The main purpose for the manifestation was to raise awareness to oral health problems. The problem with oral health are ever present in The Gambia.

The program was filmed by Gambian television, and showed a number of times.



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What happened to the Dental Therapist program?

During Afrikaada TeethSavers Annual meeting 2010 it was decided that the main focus during 2010 was to initiate the first steps to build an educational program for Dental Therapists/dental health education in The Gambia.

The reason behind this undertaking was the need of providing *cheap and safe basic dental care* in the region.

So in the beginning of 2010 Dr Inger Wennhall, on behalf of ATS, organized a meeting with her long time friend Dr Birger Rickardsson at the University of Malmö. Dr Rickardsson worked several years ago, in Seychelles, establishing a similar program to the one we had our eyes set on. The education of Dental Therapists has during the past couple of years spread to a number of countries.

After having been studying different educational programs and laying the ground in The Gambia it was time to get into action. Dr Peter Carlsson, head of WHO collaborating center at the University of Malmö was invited to participate in the discussions in the Gambia.

Afrikaada arranged to meet with a lot of different key people, dentists, government officials, university professors and potential patients represented by different community organizations. Most parties in the oral field see the good in the dental therapist program, but do not believe that is what is needed in The Gambia. They see a greater need to educate all-round dentists. That means a quite different process and time aspect than what we originally planned. But has also created an interesting approach to a step-by-step education in dentistry that we are now working on.

Jette Lehrmann chairperson ATS



Waiting at RVTH



Talking to potential patients



Cultural exchange in the art of cooking tea



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**General meeting
2011**

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If elected you serve a 2 year team.

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We need you so

Creating a space...

ATS's partner in The Gambia Afrikaada has lots of activities going on, amongst them educating young community workers, help starting small cooperatives, football training, growing rice and so on and so forth. For all of those activities they need space. So here are some photos from the building site in progress, creating the space needed...



We need your help!

We need your help not only to go to Gambia and Senegal to work, but we need you to help with planning of our work, we need you to help find funds, write articles all these practical things that it takes to run an organization.... So call us or mail us we need you!



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