

## Third Successful Year Begins at Madagascar School Funded by FMC BioPolymer

Nosy Ankaos, the Madagascar elementary school funded by FMC BioPolymer three years ago, began its third year in September and continues to thrive along with growing seaweed production. Classes started September 14 with 60 students in grades 1 through 4 and two teachers. To mark the three-year milestone, Erick Ask, BioPolymer's Raw



Material Development Manager, visited the school and took new sports equipment for the children to use at recess time.

In conjunction with the school funding, FMC BioPolymer has partnered with its supplier, Ibis Madagascar, and a Norwegian non-profit organization to participate in a project funded primarily by the Norwegian government called "Seaweed Production In Madagascar," or SPIM. This is a six-year project aimed at creating hundreds of seaweed farming jobs, introducing infrastructure to support a commercial volume of seaweed production, and creating a farmers organization to assure a sustainable supply of seaweed. SPIM greatly improves the quality of life and standard of living for seaweed farming families, including many of those attending the Nosy Ankaos school.

