

# Mawuvio's Outreach April 2011



Pictured:  
Mawuvio's School  
Students in their new  
uniforms.

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## Mawuvio's Outreach Programme Receives School Uniforms

It's 4:30 and classes at Mawuvio's School have closed for the afternoon. Leaving the Tenge Peace House are about 40 students aged 3-17 years. Since, August 2009 this group of kids has been attending free classes at Mawuvio's Outreach Programme (MOP).

The group walks proud to and from school wearing their new school uniforms, uniforms they have been praying for ever



From left: Godwin, Ben, Komlavi and Alice (front) in their new uniforms

since the establishment of MOP. This past December 2010 that prayer was answered by generous donor Tim Jones and Go Van Goughs printing company. With just \$200, MOP was able to purchase forty uniforms for their students.

All MOP students have been revitalized in their quest for an education. The first day students wore their uniforms to class for a lot of them it felt like the first day of school all over again. It gives them a sense of belonging and pride in their school and the MOP community.

The circulation of the uniforms in Kissema and surrounding villages has brought much more awareness of MOP and its innovative approach to education within the village. Since January 2011 MOP has enrolled 15 more students and due to spacial constraints has been forced to create a waiting list in which there are currently 20 awaiting enrollment.

"I wish to express my deepest appreciation on behalf of the children, teachers and founders we thank you very much for the money, learning material supplies you send to Mawuvio's Outreach Programme. It has really helped many of the children can now read and write their names. It is our desire that us in Ghana along with all the donors and sponsors of Mawuvio's Outreach Programme will grow from strength to strength for the benefit of our vision in helping the socio-economic development of Ghana and the Kissema community. We thank you very much for caring about the poor children. God bless you all"  
~ Eric Kwame Agoe  
Headmaster MOP

## ISEP Annual Conference San Francisco 2011



Renee Farwell speaks about the history, development and future of Mawuvio's Outreach Programme at the ISEP Conference to numerous University employees from around the world.

February 23 and 24 the International Student Exchange Programme (ISEP) held their annual conference in San Francisco, California. MOP co-founder Renee Farwell was invited to give a presentation detailing the history, goals and future of Mawuvio's Outreach Programme during a luncheon at the conference. Over 200 educators from all around the globe were in attendance and took great interest in the work of MOP.

In attendance was Ms. Jennifer Precht who, as the ISEP coordinator for all Africa programs, has taken keen interest in Mawuvio's Outreach Programme and the innovative work they are doing. "Ms. Precht presented many ideas to me in which ISEP can assist MOP with teachers pursuing education degrees in the U.S. and want experience teaching abroad. She has opened

many doors for the future of MOP" said Renee Farwell.

Precht is scheduled to visit MOP in mid May in which she will visit the current Kissemah Village location as well as the building site in Aiykuma.



Pictured: Renee Farwell sets up a table featuring the handmade jewelry from MOP students and staff. A total of \$620 was raised in jewelry sales and donations at the conference

### News from Aiykuma:

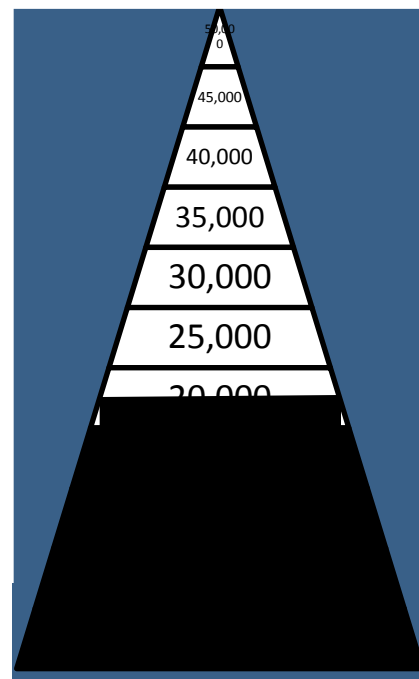
The building of MOP's 100ft x 120ft 6 classroom 2 dormitory Outreach Center just outside the Aiykuma Township is slowly progressing. The foundation was finished in December 2010, almost one year after the ground breaking.

After taking a hiatus from building due to lack of funds, building has started once more. Sand now fills the majority of the foundation and it is estimated to start cementing the floor of the center in late April. To date approximately \$17,000 collectively has been raised by individuals dedicated to MOP. An estimated move-in date has been set for September 2011. It is unlikely that the building will be completely finished at this time, but enough will be complete in order to be able to operate out of.



headmaster Kwame Agoe (left) and building contractor Chief Offin (right) stand in the boys dormitory

### Funds Raised



## Upcoming Events:

### April:

**1-3 Clinton Global Initiative Conference San Diego, CA**

**3 Bead Sales at Ascension Lutheran Pancake Breakfast Goose Lake, IA**

**18 POPS Concert Fundraiser Goose Lake, IA**

**31 Omprakash Volunteer Briana Thomas arrives at MOP**

**Ongoing Bead Sales at Ink 66 Tattoo Columbus, GA**

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## The MOP Family

### Birth Announcements

In July 2010 baby girl Princella Gborwosu was born to Ms. Akos and Sosu Gborwusu. She is welcomed by brother Kingswey Gborwosu, sisters Akos Gatche and Maame Segbor, brother Salem Amensu and uncles Ben, Isaac and Forgive Gborwusu.

In October 2010 baby boy Yan was born to Ms. Cena and is welcomed by brother Stefan and grandmother Cecilia Avorseh.



Yan (left) at 5 months & Princella (right) at 8 months

## Free Lunch Programme to be Implemented at MOP

A free lunch program is scheduled to be implemented in early May. Volunteer Briana Thomas will arrive 31 April to spend one month at Mawuvio's Outreach in which time she has planned to implement a daily free lunch program for all students.

Thomas is pursuing a masters degree at Temple University in Philadelphia, PA and has previously done similar volunteer work in Kenya and Tanzania.

In August 2010, MOP was accepted into the Omprakash Network of educational NGO's around the world. The Omprakash Foundation connects its partners with volunteers and classroom resources. Thomas will be the first volunteer that MOP has received through the Omprakash Foundation.

Thomas is working this month with donors to raise enough funds to implement the free lunch program at MOP for at least six months.



## Student Spotlight

Name: **Kwame Ametonu**  
Age: **10**  
Class: **Primary 1**  
Best Game: **Football**  
Best Food: **rice and stew**

What do you want to be when you grow up? **Pilot**



Name: **Alice Afi**  
Age: **6**  
Class: **KG1**  
Best Game **Ampe**  
Best Food: **Jollof**

What do you want to be when you grow up?  
**Doctor**

