

Mawuvio's Outreach July 2011

MOP Students All Receive School Shoes



Pictured:
from left: Komlavi
Avoryi, Ms. Precht,
Forgive&Ben
Gborwosu, Nice,
Matilda, Gloria
Abola, Bright
Asieadu and Akos
Gatche stand for a
photo after they
received their new
shoes.

Black and brown school shoes were delivered to all students at Mawuvio's Outreach in mid June by the International Student Exchange Programme (ISEP) coordinator Jennifer Precht.

Precht visited Ghana for 2 weeks and made time to visit MOP and deliver the shoes making sure each student received a pair of shoes that fit them.

"Now I wear shoes to school. Everyday I wear shoes, I do not wear slippers anymore. I wear school shoes!" MOP student Kofi Samson exclaimed.

Headmaster Kwame Agoe stated "most of our students have never before owned a pair of shoes for themselves, and now they have a very sturdy pair to wear everyday."

The majority of public schools in Ghana require students to come to school wearing shoes; if the student fails to do so, they are often turned away thus, shoes as well as school uniforms have been a visual status

symbol amongst children.

A one hundred and fifty dollar donation was sent to Renee Farwell specifically to purchase enough pairs of shoes for MOP students. Farwell spent 2-3 weeks searching several thrift stores to purchase enough pairs of shoes. "I had a lot of fun picking and choosing the right pair of shoes for each child." Farwell said. She also added that she used the remaining thirty dollars to purchase a new pair of socks for each child.

"I know that they do not need shoes in order to learn, but I can tell the children they are happy to have something they have never had before." Agoe concluded.



Nice stands with Ms. Precht after receiving a pair of shoes.

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The School Fund

Godwin Alanyo, Bright Asieadu, Matilda and Gloria Aboloa, Akos Gatche and Daniel Mayor are the 6 MOP Students who were chosen to represent Mawuvio's Outreach Programme on The School Fund website.

The School Fund provides these 6 students to receive funding that will assist Mawuvio's Outreach Programme to continue to provide free education and care to these 6 students and all other students enrolled at MOP.

The School Fund partners with MOP and other organizations around the world to assist secondary aged school children in being able to afford schooling. Because MOP does not collect any school fees, the donations given for the 6 children represented on the website goes to support all children who attend MOP regardless of their age.

Please visit
<http://www.theschoolfund.org>
to learn more.

ISEP Reaches Out To MOP



ISEP Coordinator Jennifer Precht (left) stands with Kwame Agoe (right) in front of MOP.

The International Student Exchange Program's coordinator for the Africa and Asia program's Jennifer Precht visited Ghana in mid May.

News from Aiykuma:

Funding for the Aiykuma building project dramatically increased at the end of June 2011. MOP received over \$5,000 in private donations from Tom Hansen, Dan Christiansen, Elena Arosema and the Margret Emmons Memorial Fund from First United Methodist Church. These donations provide a



Spring 2011 community members & volunteers worked together filling the building foundation.

Ms. Precht made time to visit Mawuvio's Outreach Programme in Kissemah Village and discuss with MOP headmaster Kwame Agoe of developing an ongoing relationship between ISEP students and MOP.

Each academic semester, ISEP sends approximately 30 foreign students to the University of Ghana. Precht stated that many foreign students come to Ghana to not only study but also to volunteer with various organizations. Mawuvio's Outreach Programme is a short 15 minutes from the UGhana campus making it an ideal place to volunteer. Precht told MOP leaders Renee Farwell and Kwame Agoe to create an introduction letter stating the

strong base for MOP to start the next step in the building process; cementing the floor. Since April, the building has progressed at a very slow pace due to lack of funding. The financial rejuvenation that occurred in mid-June provided MOP with the hope they needed to look forward to the day the building will be finished!

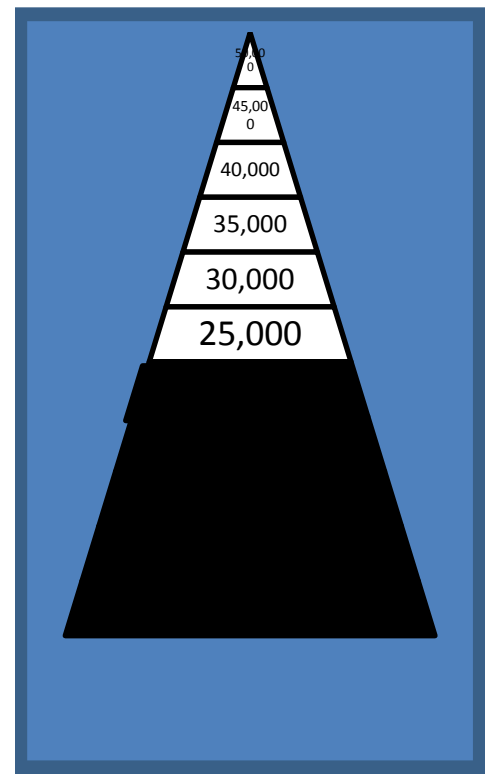


Headmaster Eric Kwame Agoe and building contractor Chief Justice Offin stand on the filled foundation.

specific needs of MOP. This introductory letter will allow MOP to be in contact with future volunteers before they arrive in Ghana. The volunteers will be able to illustrate the skills they have and how they can help further the development of MOP as well as be able to set their volunteer schedule so that MOP will be able to depend on a specific amount of volunteers daily.

"In the past I never know what day the ISEP people will come so I think that if we are able to know in advance what they need and expect of us, then we can move forward faster." said Agoe. The collaboration of ISEP and MOP will only allow for better and brighter future.

Funds Raised



UPCOMING EVENTS:

June:

ongoing bead sales

ongoing canvassing for MOP support

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MOP Child Sponsorship Programme

By mid-June, Mawuvio's Outreach Programme has signed up 6 MOP supporters to become child sponsors. "We started this programme to provide MOP with sustainable and dependable income so that the school can be run at the best of its ability allowing full care for each of our children." said Renee Farwell who set up the programme.

Child sponsorship is currently the best way to support Mawuvio's Outreach. Sponsors sign up to give a donation each month. It is encouraged that they give \$30 each month to support the children with the following:

Educational supplies:	5
Clothing:	2
Boarding:	12
Food:	8
Medical Care:	<u>3</u>
	\$30

Sponsors have the opportunity to correspond in letters and pictures with one child attending Mawuvio's Outreach providing them with hope.

"I like to be writing letters to people in the U.S." said MOP student Wisdom Prempeh, 16. "I want to learn about how the life is over there."



MOP students in need of sponsors. There are currently 37 children awaiting sponsors.

To sponsor an MOP child please visit:

<http://mawuviosoutreachprogramme.weebly.com/sponsor-a-mop-student.html>

download the sponsorship form, fill it out and send it to the MOP U.S. address. Your donation is 100% tax deductible and you will receive a receipt, photo and biography of the child you are sponsoring.

Please contact MOP with any questions you may have about becoming a child sponsor.

Student Spotlight

Name: **Bright Asieadu**
Age: **12**
Class: **Primary 2**
Best Game: **Football**
Best Food: **Jollof & Chicken**



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

Name: **Gloria Aboalo**
Age: **14**
Class: **Primary 2**
Best Game: **Ampe**
Best Food: **Waakye**



What do you want to be when you grow up?
Teacher