

# Mawuvio's Outreach August 2011

## MOP Hosts Volunteer Teachers from the U.S.



Pictured:  
Chad Huber  
stands with the  
students of  
Mawuvio's  
Outreach  
Programme

In the month of July, Mawuvio's Outreach Programme hosted two volunteer teachers, both from the United States and spent some of their time during their stay in Ghana teaching at MOP.

Chad Huber from Iowa and Annabelle Sibthorpe from California each arrived in Ghana in late June. Huber had heard of MOP from Joelle Gluesing, a close friend of Renee Farwell's and Sibthorpe knew about MOP from Oliver Yeh, a past MOP volunteer.

Huber came to Ghana through an exchange program at the University of Iowa. He interned at the National Museum in Accra, Ghana and was also able to visit MOP on the weekends. "It was awesome. I am glad that I took the time and got the chance to see the project." said Huber after returning to the states.

Sibthorpe first visited Ghana a year ago when she studied at the University of Ghana. She returned this summer to visit

friends as well as to spend time volunteering at Mawuvio's Outreach.

Both Huber and Sibthorpe contacted Renee Farwell before travelling to Ghana asking what supplies were needed. Between the two of them, much needed notebooks, pencils, pens, reading books and school uniforms were brought over for MOP students to use. Since receiving uniforms in December 2010, more students have been enrolled at MOP and have been without uniforms. "It was wonderful for these children to finally be getting uniforms." said headmaster Eric Kwame Agoe.

"I loved the days that I spent in Kissemah at MOP teaching." said Sibthorpe on her last day teaching. "I will miss all of the kids and Kwame very much and I hope to return to Ghana soon."

Huber arrived back in the United States in late July and Sibthorpe arrives 2 August.

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### **Mawuvio's Outreach Breaks For 3 Weeks:**

On July 29<sup>th</sup> Mawuvio's School closed their mid-year term by playing football, eating lunch and watching a movie. Students spent the week of July 25<sup>th</sup> taking end of term examinations in English, Mathematics and Social Studies. Examinations were given Monday-Thursday and students spent Friday celebrating their week of hard work as well the departure of teacher Annabelle Sibthorpe; a volunteer from the United States. "The examinations were easy for me" said Daniel Mayor Primary Class 2. "I know that I had to study hard to do well on them." Classes at Mawuvio's Outreach will resume the first week of September but students will meet Tuesday August 30<sup>th</sup> to welcome Renee Farwell back to Ghana.

## Handmade for Hope Features MOP Jewelry



Above are 2 baskets Smith auctioned off; each featuring MOP bracelets and earrings.

Brittany Smith, a Missouri native felt compelled to do something after the vicious tornadoes struck a nearby town Joplin, Missouri.

In efforts to raise money for tornado relief efforts, Smith created Handmade for Hope; a jewelry auction. Smith contacted different charities on Etsy; the online store for handmade arts, crafts and other goods, and asked sellers to donate some of their merchandise to be auctioned off with all proceeds going to help with tornado relief.

Smith contacted Mawuvio's Outreach Programme (MOP) asking if they could donate some of their handmade African bracelets and earrings. MOP has been selling jewelry

made by students and staff on etsy.com since February 2011. MOP sent 5 bracelets and 5 earrings (a value of \$75) to Smith to help out Handmade for Hope. Smith divided all donated handmade goods into baskets which she then auctioned off online. The event came to a close in mid July and over \$800 was raised to aid the city of Joplin in their rebuilding efforts. Because of this event, MOP jewelry sales on etsy.com have slightly increased but most importantly, MOP did what they could in order to help those in need outside of Kissemah Village.



## News from Aiykuma:

Funding for the Aiykuma building project has continued to increase throughout the month of July. Due to medical emergencies in the Mawuvio's Outreach and Kissemah Village community, MOP found it necessary to redirect some building funds towards medical costs. In the coming month,

while students are on a mid-year break, Eric Kwame Agoe and other MOP volunteers and staff plan to focus a lot of effort on the building project, cementing the floor and using the available funding in the most resourceful way to get the building up and running as soon as possible!

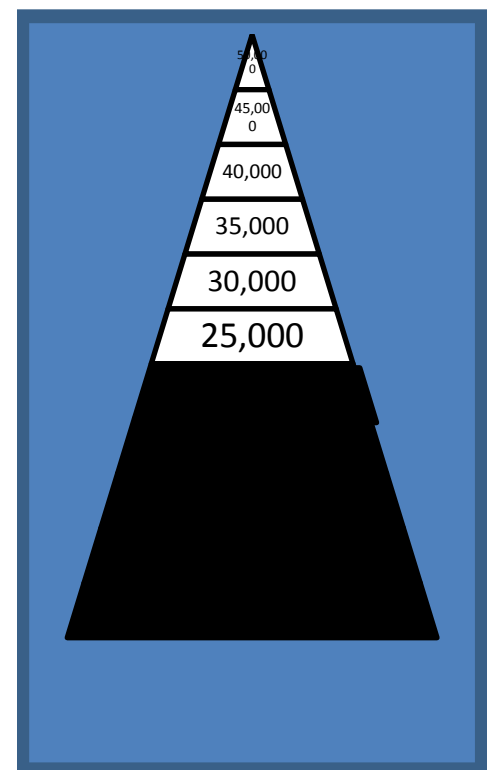


Chief Justice Offin MOP building contractor stands atop one classroom while another gets filled with sand in June 2011.



Primary Class 1 student Forgive Gborwosu fills a jug of water for the builders to drink.

## Funds Raised



## UPCOMING EVENTS:

August:

1 end of term exams

1-5 Austrian Volunteers visit Mawuvio's Outreach

5-29 mid-year break

ongoing bead sales

ongoing canvassing for MOP support

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## MOP Child Sponsorship Programme

By mid-July, Mawuvio's Outreach Programme has signed up 7 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 are encouraged to correspond in letters and pictures with one child attending Mawuvio's Outreach providing them with hope. MOP students will begin correspondence with their sponsors in September but in the meantime sponsors are encouraged to send introductory letters.

"I receive a letter from Elena Arosema" said Isaac Gborwosu. "She is saying she will help me and become friends with me. I am very happy."



MOP students in need of sponsors. There are currently 34 children awaiting sponsors.

To sponsor an MOP child please visit:

<http://www.mawuviosoutreachprogramme.org/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 Renee Farwell with any questions you may have about becoming a child sponsor.

## Student Spotlight

Name: Reuben Adjankar  
Age: 11  
Class: Primary 1  
Best Game: Football  
Best Food: Rice & Stew



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

Name: Matilda  
Age: 10  
Class: Primary 1  
Best Game: Ampe  
Best Food: Banku



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