

Mawuvio's Outreach October 2011

MOP Enrollement Increases for Coming School Year



MOP students watch a film during school on Friday afternoon

As of October 1, Mawuvio's Outreach Programme has enrolled 20 new students for the upcoming school year. The new school year began on September 6th. At the end of the 2010- 2011 Mawuvio's School had 41 students documented in their records. Now a documented 61 students are registered with MOP and all students attend school on a regular basis.

"Everyday people approach me wanting to enroll their child," said headmaster Eric Kwame Agoe. Mawuvio's Outreach Programme was founded on the principles of providing free education to those who cannot afford Ghanaian public school; which cost around \$60 a year to attend (\$20 each term).

"We have to make sure that the people approaching us with their children are truly people in need," said Agoe. "We have been providing free education for 2 years so word about our organization has spread like fire around Kissema Village."

"People abusing our services as a free institution leave the disadvantaged children that we strive to reach still living an unequal, disadvantaged life." said Renee Farwell. "And that is not at all what we want to happen at our organization."

Agoe and Farwell set a 60 student limit at Mawuvio's School due to spacial constraints but made an exception for the last 2 students who were enrolled because they were siblings.

"It is hard to have to set a limit when there are so many in need." said Farwell. "But if we do not and become overcrowded, the learning will become slow to none which is also unwanted."

Both Agoe and Farwell are working and praying as hard as they can to finish their permanent school building and orphanage which, when complete, will be able to provide 200 children with access to free education and care.

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MOP Mourns the Death of KG Student Mary Aziable.

Mary Aziable, 7, passed away early Friday morning 16/09/2011



Mary Aziable sits in class at MOP

Aziable was a beloved student, daughter and sister to the entire Mawuvio's Outreach and will be missed dearly by all. From birth, Aziable suffered from many sicknesses. Due to her mother's absence, Aziable was under the care of her grandmother and grandfather who are devastated by her untimely death.

Funeral services were held on Saturday 17 September 2011 in the Christian Village cemetery.

Tuesday 20 September 2011 Aziable's grandparents performed a small ceremony for the spirit of Aziable so she could be properly removed from Mawuvio's School and be able to rest in peace.

MOP Implements After School Music Programme.



Students in MOP Primary Classes 2 and 3 attend the first day of after school music education classes.

Monday September 12, 2011 Mawuvio's Outreach Programme held their first after school music class. Approximately 15 students attended; all students of Mawuvio's School aged 11-17. The music programme was implemented by MOP director Renee Farwell as another way to encourage learning as well as

News from Ayikuma:

The Ayikuma building project that will soon be the future home and school has begun to take form during the month of September. MOP added a small amount of sand to the filled foundation and then leveled the sand to prepare the building for flooring and bringing up the walls.



The finished and leveled foundation at Ayikuma Township.

keeping the vulnerable children MOP serves, off the streets.

In early 2011, Farwell began collecting donated band instruments. Her result was 3 trumpets, 3 clarinets, 2 flutes, a trombone, a keyboard and a xylophone.

"The kids were very excited," said Farwell. They had seen trumpets and keyboards played in church but all the other instruments were completely foreign to them."

The class meets on Monday's and Wednesday's for an hour and a half. "The kids love it and beg me to have the class be every day," said Farwell.

MOP will host a borborbor drumming performance on October 9th and a few students are practicing to perform with the drummers playing the trumpet and trombone along with the drums.

MOP directors Eric Kwame Agoe and Renee Farwell plan to build up and finish two to three rooms and then move in to the unfinished building using the small space as classrooms during the day and dormitories in the evening until the entire building is finished. "Living there will ensure that the work is done as proficiently as possible," stated Agoe.



The Ayikuma community that MOP will soon serve

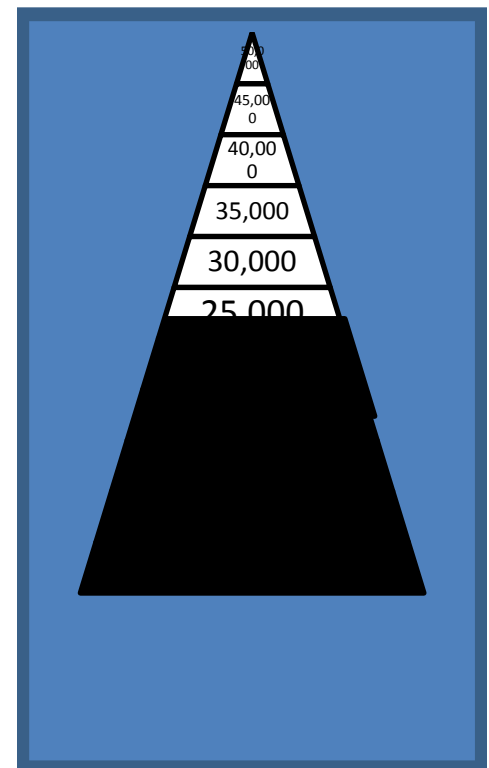


MOP Student Daniel Mayor holds a clarinet for the first time.



MOP music programme coordinator Renee Farwell shows the class a trombone.

Funds Raised



UPCOMING EVENTS:

October:

Monday & Wednesday's
4:30pm – 6:00pm Music
Programme

9 Borborbor Drumming &
Dancing Performance at
Mawuvio's Outreach
3:00pm

16 MOP Board Meeting time
is TBA

ongoing bead sales

ongoing canvassing for
MOP support

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MOP Child Sponsorship Programme Receiving Support

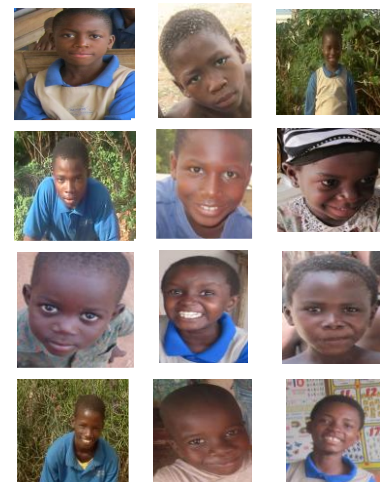
The month of September saw an increase in Child Sponsorships. MOP currently has 18 child sponsors up 5 supporters since August!

In the month of September sponsorship information was mailed to past supporters of MOP and 3 people responded via mail and became sponsors.

In mid September sponsored children also wrote their first letter to their individual sponsors. "God will richly bless these people," said Ben Gborwusu, 14, who is currently being supported by Julie Peters.

"Sponsorship is the way that MOP will be able to financially support itself." said Renee Farwell "and being able to support yourself when you are teaching and caring for over fifty children is crucial." 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



MOP students in need of sponsors. There are over 30 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.

There are currently over 40 MOP children still waiting for sponsors.

Please contact Renee or Barbara Farwell with any questions you may have about becoming a child sponsor.

Student Spotlight

Name: **Blessing Adjanklo**
Age: **6**
Class: **Kindergarten Prep 2**
Best Game: **Football**
Best Food: **Rice**

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



Name: **Faustina Atsu Agbo**
Age: **9**
Class: **Primary 1**
Best Game **Ampe**
Best Food: **Rice & Stew**

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

