

Mawuvio's Outreach November 2011

Opening Ceremony for MOP 2011-2012 Year Held



The MOP community gathers for the borbobor drumming performance.

Sunday 9th October 2011, Mawuvio's Outreach Programme held their first annual Opening Ceremony for the 2011-2012 school year.

In preparation for the programme, six MOP students, Celina Dukovi, Gloria Abola, Matilda Doe, Mary Adu Gyamfi and Nice Gbodo rehearsed traditional Ewe dancing to perform at the ceremony with the Elquiem Culture Group. Pascal Gelli, a father to Mawuvio's Outreach Programme, operates the culture group and arranged for both the borbobor drumming as well as the student performance for the ceremony. Gelli's wife Dada coached the girls and taught them the dancing.

Mawuvio's Outreach used this ceremony to announce its presence in the Kissemah Village community. MOP directors invited all parents, guardians, community members and volunteers to the ceremony. "A lot of people from the community came

around which was very good to make them aware of what we are doing here." said Eric Kwame Agoe. "It was encouraging to see so many people interested in our work." said Renee Farwell. "And of course all the kids having a good time at a party for them."

Cecilia Avorseh cooked jollof rice and chicken for MOP students and their parents and mineral soft drinks were shared with other attendees.

Mawuvio's Outreach plans to have a similar party this coming December when the school will break for Christmas.



MOP Students: Felicia Afla, Nice Gbodo, Mary Adu Gyamfi, Celina Dokuvi and Gloria Abalo performed at the ceremony.

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MOP Mourns the Death of Mother Adole Vanbure

Adole Vanbure passed away early Monday morning 24/10/2011



Adole Vanbure sits with her sons inside her small home

Adole Vanbure passed away early Monday morning 24 October 2011 due to multiple strokes. She is survived by her husband Wisdom and many sons Ben (15), Isaac(13), Forgive(9) and Kingswey(5) Gborswosu and Komlavi Avory(14). She suffered many strokes spanning five years taking from her her ability to walk, sit up, talk and see. Although her death is mourned both her biological family and MOP family, all are praying that she is now able to rest in peace.

Funeral services will be held at the family home opposite Christ Vision Church Kissemahn beginning on Friday 11/11/2011 and commencing on Sunday 13/11/2011

MOP After School Beading Programme.



MOP students from back left: Maybel Kmah, Michael Logoh, Kwesi Nugah, Joesphine Adziwonu and Maude Bedi create beautiful beaded bracelets.

fun and keep them off the streets. Every Tuesday and Thursday from 5:00pm – 6:00pm approximately 15 MOP students meet and turn loose beads into unique bracelets. The beads come from the Somanya bead market and after the students and staff at MOP are finished crafting them into jewelry, they are then sold in the United States to generate income for the building of Mawuvio's Outreach permanent home in Ayikuma. The beads are sold in Eastern Iowa out of the home of Barbara Farwell and in Atlanta, Georgia out of the home of Elena Arosema as well as on etsy.com/mawuvios. "The beads have become somewhat of a fashion trend in Iowa." said Barb Farwell. "And they always spark a conversation about what is going on with MOP in Ghana."

This month, Mawuvio's Outreach Programme has reinstated one of their cultural programmes; teaching children Krobo bead making. This programme has been a part of Mawuvio's Outreach for a year and a half providing children with the opportunity to learn a craft, have

Cement Work begins at Ayikuma:

November 1 2011, Mawuvio's Outreach Programme began the cement work on their permanent home and school. The 2 dormitory, 6 classroom building will eventually be a story building making it a 4 dormitory, 12 classroom building. Because of this, the

foundation work took more efforts and longer than expected however now, the building progress is rapidly moving forward. Directors are working on finishing the front 2 rooms first and continuing on from there. "Cementing work and block laying goes very quickly, we at MOP are just praying our funding sources remain strong so we can continue work through the dry season.



cementing the floor of the front room at Ayikuma.



leveling the cement floor.

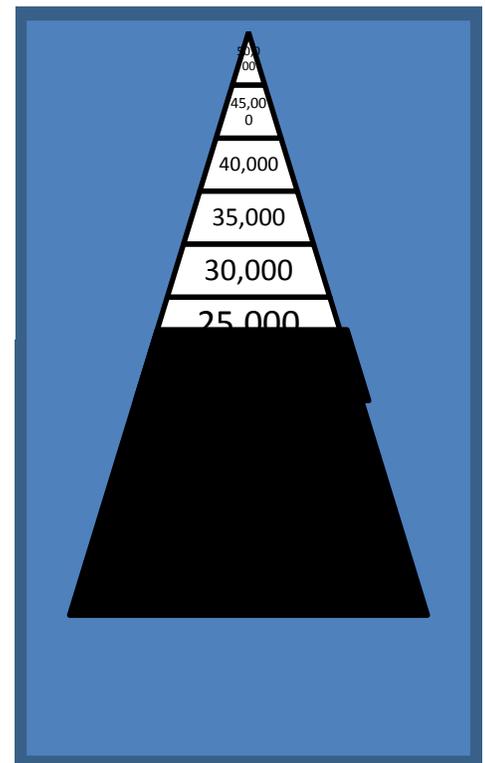


MOP student Felicia Afla proudly holds 2 bracelets she made.



Brothers Randolph and Reuben Adjanor search for the right bead.

Funds Raised



Severe Flooding Affects Kissemah Village Community

UPCOMING EVENTS:

November:

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

Tuesday & Thursday's
5:00pm – 6:00pm Beads

ongoing bead sales

ongoing canvassing for
MOP support

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Early Wednesday morning heavy rains fell in the Kissemah Village community. The rain caused severe flooding resulting in many people losing their homes and nine individuals to lose their lives.



homes and shops immersed in water

Kissemah Village sits on a hill and at the base of the hill is a small river. The rain flooded the river and brought approximately 8 feet of standing water to the homes and businesses located nearest to the river. Other homes located slightly up the hill a bit experienced 3-4 feet of standing water in their homes. The families of MOP students Maybel Kmah, Grace Daebly and Felicia Afla were affected by the flooding. Kmah's guardians report having lost important documents such as birth certificates. "We saw televisions, clothes, even motorcycles floating down the river and after the



Homes affected by Wednesday's flood.

the flooding went down was when you really were able to see the aftermath of scattered debris from homes." reported MOP directors Eric Kwame Agoe and Renee Farwell.

Mawuvio's Outreach Programme offered as much assistance as they could to all affected people especially MOP families.



Flood victims make their way to their submerged home and taxi.

Student Spotlight

Name: Alex Boateng
Age: 10
Class: Kindergarten Prep 2
Best Game: Football
Best Food: Rice

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



Name: Helen Atati
Age: 7
Class: KG 2
Best Game Ampe
Best Food: Waakye

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

