



## A New Year at Mawuvio's Outreach



Mawuvio's Outreach students begin the new year with a celebration of singing and dancing

Mawuvio's Outreach began 2012 with even more growth than 2011. In early 2012 MOP welcomed not one, but two new staff members after the self-resignation of Margaret Dorglo. Mercy Addo and Francis Asiahwah were employed by Mawuvio's Outreach both in late January. With Addo and Asiahwah, MOP now has three employed teachers working at the Kissemah compound.



Mercy Addo (left) teaches Primary 3 class

In addition to new employees, MOP registered four new students. In 2011 Mawuvio's Outreach was working with students in neighbouring Anumle school. Isaac and Ben Gborwosu, Komlavi Avory, Kwame Ametonu Bright Asieadu and Gloria Abalo are all students who attend both Anumle and Mawuvio's Outreach. However in 2012 MOP directors decided that to ensure the best interest of all students, these above named students needed to decide and choose only one school to attend. Amentonu, Avory and B. Gborwosu are now attending MOP and Abalo, I. Gborwosu, and Asieadu are attending Anumle. All students however are welcome to attend the after school programmes held by MOP. The departure of these three students allowed a small space for new students. Patricia Avoryi, Savior Nutsdsugah, Joesphine Akpoto and Shalom Akafu were all enrolled in January to the MOP school and family.

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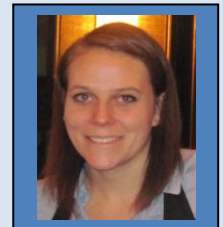
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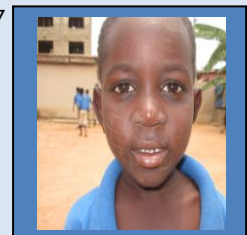
### **Happy Birthday!**

Mawuvio's Outreach February Birthdays:

February 5  
Renee Farwell  
23 years



February 17  
Kingswey Gborwosu  
6 years



# Mawuvio's Outreach Granted 501(c) (3) Tax Exempt Status



Board Members Barb Farwell, Kaitlyn Gitter and Dominique Davis represent MOP at the John Bloom Art Festival in early October 2011

In November 2011 Mawuvio's Outreach Programme was granted 501 (c) (3) tax exempt status by the United States Internal Revenue Service. "It was a lot of paper work and filing but it is great to know that we have finally received the status that legitimizes Mawuvio's Outreach Programme in the eyes of many

potential volunteers, donors and supporters." said MOP treasurer Barb Farwell. Farwell did most of the leg work in getting MOP their 501(c)(3) status. Gary Foster a certified public accountant in Clinton, Iowa also offered his services free of charge to advise Farwell and MOP the steps needed to get tax exempt status.

MOP directors Eric Kwame Agoe and Renee Farwell are also excited to have received this status from the IRS. "Although MOP operates in Ghana, the 501(c)(3) status is recognized world-wide in the eyes of foundations that assist not for profit organizations with grants." said director Renee Farwell. "Most of our private donors are also U.S. citizens. The status also helps these donors rest assured that MOP is using their donations where they need to be used."

Anyone wanting to donate to Mawuvio's Outreach is encouraged to visit our website and donate via paypal. A tax-deductible receipt will be sent to your address upon request.



Prof. Akis Kalazaditis and Eric Kwame Agoe discuss the future of MOP

## Cement Work continues at Ayikuma:

Cement work continued at a steady pace during the last few months. MOP has completed the front room and bathroom for the boys dormitory up to ceiling level as well as created the skeleton for the staircase leading to the second story. During the month of February, directors plan to cast

ceilings on the two completed buildings. Directors and supporters are working hard to gain enough funds to complete the ground floor by September 2012. To do so, Elena Arosemena created an online fundraiser via first giving. MOP is encouraging its supporters to get involved so that next academic school year MOP students can sit in proper classroom.

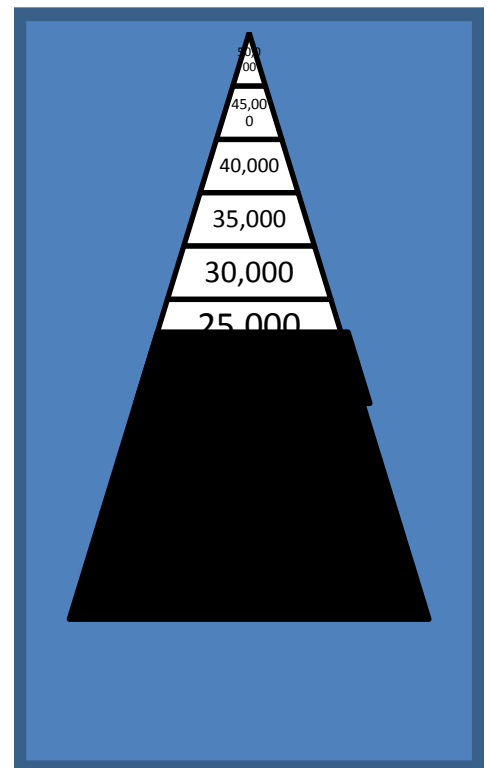


Staircase leading to second story



Boys Dormitory bathroom photo taken from the second story of front room

## Funds Raised



## UPCOMING EVENTS:

February:

Monday - Friday's  
4:30pm – 6:00pm Baseball  
Training

Ongoing bead sales on  
[etsy.com](http://www.etsy.com) and local  
representatives

### Fundraiser

<http://www.firstgiving.com/fundraiser/mawuvio/SCHOOL>

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## Bi-Annual ISEP Presentation at UG - Legon

Every semester the International Student Exchange Program provides an opportunity for University students from the United States, Europe and Central America to travel to the University of Ghana Legon to participate in either one semester or one year long student exchange program. In 2010 Mawuvio's Outreach Programme partnered with ISEP to provide exchange students a close-by volunteer opportunity. Kissema Village is a short ten minute drive from the University of Legon campus.

At the beginning of each academic semester, ISEP students are provided a week-long orientation that ends with presentations from various NGO's and volunteer groups from Accra and the surrounding areas. MOP is one NGO that presents to ISEP students.



Former ISEP volunteer Bobby Lloyd teaches Primary 3



Former ISEP Volunteer Vanika Spencer tutors Celina Dokuvi in Reading.

"The volunteers we receive from ISEP help a lot." said director Renee Farwell. Each semester there are approximately 4-5 individuals that come 1-2 times a week and we depend on their presence as teachers. ISEP volunteers also serve as mentors to individual students tutoring them in subjects and developing close relationships with the students. "We have come to rely on them and it is MOP's relationship with ISEP is something we treasure a lot at MOP." said Farwell. This semester already 4 ISEP volunteers have expressed interest in coming to MOP.

## Student Spotlight

Name: Peter Addah  
Age: 9  
Class: Primary 1  
Best Game: Football  
Best Food: Rice & Stew

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



Name: Mary Adu Gyamfi  
Age: 10  
Class: Primary 3  
Best Game Ampe  
Best Food: Banku

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

