

## Excursion to Aburi Botanical Gardens



The MOP student body watches a n intricate wood carving at Aburi

On 5 May 2012 Mawuvio's Outreach Programme took their first all-school excursion to the Aburi Botanical Gardens just outside of Accra, Ghana. Early Saturday morning students and staff met in front of the MOP office and boarded the 60 passenger trotro bus that would take them to Aburi. The excursion marked the first time most MOP students had left Kissema Village as well as the first time most students had sat inside a motor vehicle.

Aburi is a small village in the mountains just outside of Accra, the capital city.



MOP students touch a cocoa seed

Upon arriving at the botanical gardens, Mawuvio's Outreach students and staff members found an area in the grass to serve as a meeting place for the group. The afternoon was spent exploring and playing in the gardens. "The children had never seen so much grass before" said KG 1&2 teacher Lawrenda Dzadey "so they really enjoyed playing in the grass." Students also explored the different plants and trees in the garden. "I saw cocoa and monkeys." said KG 2 student Elias Afedi. "I saw coconut tree, cocoa tree and a tree that people carved a king inside." said Primary 2 student Natasha Donu. Students enjoyed a lunch of jollof rice and chicken MOP ended the day with a soccer game. "My favourite part was riding in the car because the car went up a really really big mountain and I could see everything when we get to the top." said Primary 1 student Charles Frimpong. MOP staff hopes to make a yearly school excursion to various places in and around Accra.

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### **Happy Birthday!**

Mawuvio's Outreach June Birthdays:

#### **June 2**

Alex Boateng  
11 years

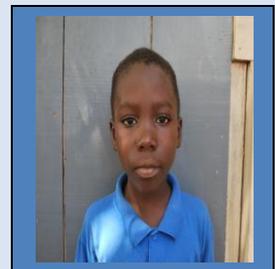


#### **June 19**

Peter Addah  
10 years



Paul Addah  
10 years





## New School Shoes



An early May visit from MOP secretary Elena Arosemena surprised MOP students with something they had never seen or owned before, a brand new pair of shoes.



MOP secretary Elena Arosemena presents Angela Aryeteh with her new school shoes

Friends, family and donors of Mawuvio's Outreach Programme from all over the U.S.

chipped in to ensure that every student attending Mawuvio's Outreach would have a new pair of shoes to wear to and from school every day. When Arosemena traveled to Ghana along with her travelled sixty pairs of tennis shoes sizes youth twelve to adult eleven.

Until May, Mawuvio's students were wearing either cheap sandals or second hand shoes to school so, receiving a pair of brand new shoes was something that no one had experienced before. "I like the shoes very much because my shoes are black and red and I like the colours black and red." said KG 2 student Luccas Alokpa. "It is good that people see us wearing these nice shoes because now all those same people that insult us that our school is no good because it is outside are envy (ing) us instead." said Primary four student Ben Gborwosu.

MOP directors agree that although a minor improvement to the school it shows everyone involved that positive growth will only continue to come the older the MOP organization becomes.

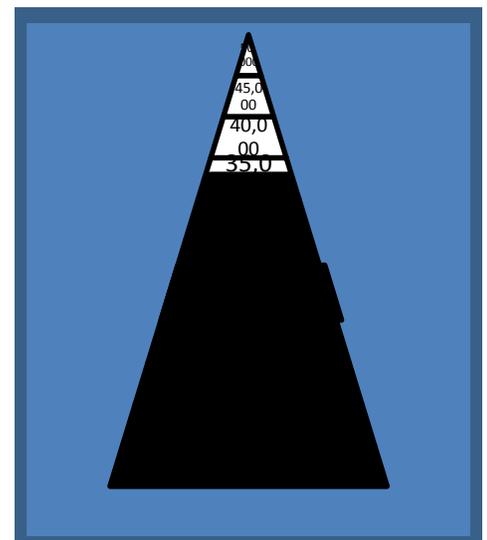
### Building Progress Report:

In anticipation of the quickly approaching rainy season, MOP directors spent the month of May completing the manhole sewage system just opposite the boys dormitory bathroom. A ten foot deep, twelve foot wide hole was dug and layered with cement blocks. In addition to completing

the man hole, directors also began bringing up the walls of three classrooms as well as a corridor. "The building is progressing rapidly" said MOP director Eric Kwame Agoe who has been overseeing its progress on the ground every day. "During June we will see how best to floor and begin laying walls for the remaining three classrooms and girl's dormitory and washroom.



### Funds Raised



# First Annual Field Day at Mawuvio's Outreach

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

June:

**3 Bead Selling at Annawan Days Annawan, Illinois  
9am – 4pm**

**5 KWQC – TV6 News Story  
On Air**

**10 Bead Selling at GL Days  
Goose Lake, Iowa  
10am – 5pm**

**MOP & COA begin  
Intercultural Exchange  
Programme between  
Ghana and Wisconsin**

**Ongoing bead sales on  
etsy.com and local  
representatives**

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Mawuvio's Outreach Programme held their first Field Day in mid- May at the Kissemah Village park. The field day was organized by ISEP volunteer Kelly Rappe.

The field day was held from 9:00am – 11:00am on Thursday May 10 with 8 ISEP volunteers present. MOP students participated in five different events; the 50m dash, 100m dash, relay race baseball throw and long jump. At the end of the field day students scoring first, second and third in their age groups were acknowledged by the student body.



Elijah Futri (left) and Patricia Domevenu (right) lead the pack of 5-6 year olds in the 100m dash

## First Giving 25K Match Completed

In late January the Mawuvio's Outreach board began an online \$25,000 fundraiser through First Giving online website. Shortly after the fundraiser began Mawuvio's Outreach Programme was approached by a private foundation offering to match every dollar raised through the online fundraiser up until 31 May 2012.

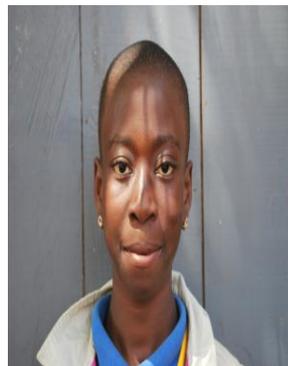
As the month of May wound down, the MOP board found themselves only a few dollars short of their \$25,000 goal. MOP directors were beyond belief of how large the MOP support system is. All money raised will go to finalize the completion of the ground floor of MOP's permanent home in Ayikuma Township. "The success of this fundraiser ensures that next school year and years to come will no longer be outside under trees but instead inside comfortable classrooms." said director Renee Farwell. "We have been working hard for three years and now we can begin to see the successes of all the hard works and we give all the thanks to those who have been supporting MOP financially." said director Eric Kwame Agoe.

## Student Spotlight



Name: **Elias Afedi**  
Age: **8**  
Class: **KG 2**  
Best Game: **Football**  
Best Food: **Fried Rice**

What do you want to be when you grow up?  
**Bank Manager**



Name: **Patricia Avoryi**  
Age: **13**  
Class: **Primary 3**  
Best Game: **Football**  
Best Food: **Banku & Okro**

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