Mawuvio's Outreach October 2012

MAWUVIO OUTREACH COMPROGRAMME

Omprakash Volunteer Begins Afterschool Programme



Kaitlyn Gitter teachers Primary 2, 3 and 4 students American dances as part of the Music and Dance Programme

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When I received the grant from Omprakash to come to Mawuvio's Outreach Programme and start an after school dance and music programme I knew it would be amazing but it has far exceeded my expectations. The students of MOP are incredibly eager to learn and so excited to show off their new skills.

We have been holding the music programme on Tuesday and Thursday after school. With the



Primary 4 student Patricia Avoryi learns how to play the xylophone.

help of Renee and another volunteer, Sarah Karner, we have been teaching the children how to play the guitar, trumpet, keyboard, xylophone, harmonica, flute, and recorder. The dance students come on Wednesday afternoons and we have taught them several American dances that kids their age in the US would know.

Next Wednesday we will be holding a recital for an important group of visitors from the US. Today we held a formal rehearsal with all of the dance and music students. It was a huge success and they had a lot of fun practicing together. They are extremely excited to put their new talents on display for their teachers, fellow classmates, and our visitors. I'm anticipating that it will be a huge success and it has been such a joy working with all of these wonderful and dedicated children. Rock on MOP!

By: Kaitlyn Gitter

Happy Birthday!

Mawuvio's Outreach **October Birthdays**:

Oct. 7
Alex
Kumfor
6 years



Oct. 14 Randolf Adjanor

15 years



MOP Makes Changes for 2012 – 2013 School Year

Before the start of the 2012 – 2013 school year at MOP directors made changes in the classroom locations to ensure that every student would be able to sit in a rain-proof classroom.

The rainy season in Ghana lasts from June – September but in the past few years the season has extended to October and sometimes November. In light of this, directors have now arranged the school so that every student and classroom can continue operation even if rain is falling.

Classes KG 1 and KG 2 are still located on the main porch. Primary 1 and 2 are underneath the



MOP Primary 3 and Primary 4 classes are now located beneath newly constructed awnings.



Primary 1 and 2 in class

MOP tent and Primary 3 and 4 now sit underneath awnings that extend from the rooms housing MOP volunteers.

This school year, MOP also enrolled eight new students into KG1, and two students into Primary 2 making a total of sixty five students now enrolled at the MOP school. Nathaniel Dzedgey is also employed as Primary one teacher making five teachers on the MOP staff.

As MOP begins its fourth school year since 2009, directors are delighted to see MOP students learning; beginning to read, write and make use of numbers. MOP students are now filled with hope and dreams for each of their futures.

Building Progress Report:

Cement flooring and walls of the 6 classroom, 2 dormitory ground floor of the future home of Mawuvio's Outreach Programme has been completed. Builders will spend October casting the level cement ceiling for the boys dormitory, 3 classrooms and the main hallway that divides the building in half.



In the month of September, builders added support to the staircase by creating a storage room underneath the stairs as well as prepared the woods and irons for cement casting.

pictured (left) view of the storage room under the staircase (right) view of iron works laid over the boys dormitory, classrooms and hallway



UPCOMING EVENTS:

8 Directors, Teachers, Visitors and Volunteers dinner at University Guest Center Legon

10 MOP Music & Dance Programme Recital

Tuesdays & Thursdays: MOP after school Music Programme

Wednesdays: MOP after school dance programme

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Building Progress Report cont'

The boys bathroom has also been tiled (photo below) and directors are planning how to place the bathroom fixtures; toilets, showers and sinks as well as doors to fully complete the bathroom.





Directors expected to be moved into the new home and school for MOP by the beginning of 2013 at the start of the second term in the school year. However, due to the increase of prices in building supplies the original budget generated for the project has been far surpassed. Presently, directors have enough funding to put the ceiling on half of the building which is being done currently on the boys dormitory and 3 classrooms. Anyone interested in assisting the building project should contact Renee at renee@mawuviosoutreachprogramme.org

DoSomething.Org Final Report for MOP Grant

In April 2012, Mawuvio's Outreach Programme received a seed grant from Dosomething.org to implement a farming programme at the MOP School. MOP used the \$500 grant to make construct a new goat pen at the school as well as to purchase additional goats and chickens to jumpstart the farming.





Six months after the grant was awarded, DoSomething expects a final grant report from every organization awarded one of their weekly grants. MOP submitted their final report to DoSomething in early October when it was due.

Student Spotlight



Name: Shalome Akafu

Age: 10
Class: KG 2
Best Game: Ampe
Best Food: Waakye

What do you want to be when you grow up?

Nurse



Name: Gabriel Oko

Age: 12

Class: Primary 3
Best Game: Football
Best Food: Banku & Stew

What do you want to be when you grow up?

Footballer