

Mawuvio's Outreach February 2013



MOP Volunteer Finishes 5 Month Stay in Ghana



Pictured: Sarah Karner and class 3 students front to back: Jonathon, Natashia, Michael, Celina, Alex and Gabriel

Hello MOP supporters! Sarah Karner here--Renee's good friend and recent companion at Mawuvio's School in Ghana. I spent about five months there as a volunteer, and it was really a wonderful time.

Upon arriving to Ghana back in August, I was totally enamored with the country and, even more so, the kids. I adjusted to cultural and diet changes pretty easily. But, most importantly, I was totally impressed with the school.

I know Renee from Roosevelt University, and have been following MOP's development since its inception back in 2009. I had heard about all the progress the school had made over the years, but being there was totally eye opening. Not only are the students thrilled to be attending a school that has grown so that it resembles the schools that some of their neighbors and friends are attending, but they are learning so efficiently. Not to mention, there are 5 full time teachers there who truly care for and are legitimately invested in their students. When I first arrived, I was an assisting teacher in the KG-2 class. Then, during my last few months there, I taught the class 3 students. I was just amazed at how much the kids know and how eager they are to keep learning more.

I will not pretend that I did not face a bit of discomfort in such a foreign land; I did. But school days were the highlight of my stay there and seeing firsthand what is happening at Mawuvio's School has inspired me to convey to you that your support is really changing lives. Cliché as that sounds, it's so true. The role that you, our supporters, play, reading these newsletters, sending encouragement via prayers, emails, cards, and donations is literally invaluable. And the MOP students, while oceans away, are so grateful. Seriously, they are wise beyond their years, and know exactly how blessed they are to have your support.

I was sad to leave Ghana this January, but have a newfound appreciation for what MOP is doing there and plan to stay involved as the organization continues to develop.

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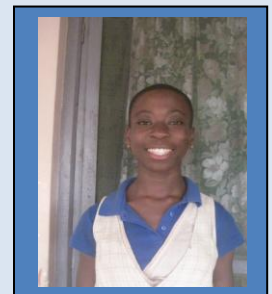
Happy Birthday!

**Mawuvio's Outreach
February Birthdays:**

Feb. 8

Patricia
Avoryi

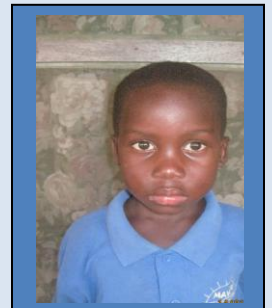
13 years



Feb. 14

Derry
Akapo

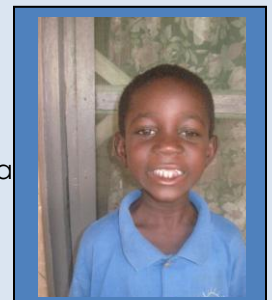
4 years



Feb. 17

Mary Ama
Logoh

7 years



Visitors Paint Ayikuma Building Site

Visiting volunteers, MOP Treasurer Barb Farwell and Traci Trenkamp, both making their second visit to Mawuvio's Outreach Programme Ghana spent the majority of their four-week visit painting part of the Mawuvio's Outreach Programme's new school site at Ayikuma Township. Farwell, a long time art teacher from Eastern Iowa coordinated the painting. First, she instructed all MOP students to draw what they would like to see on the walls of their future school. Students drew everything from policemen to ducks and trees to giraffes. The major project was a mural covering the staircase leading to the second story. At the beginning of the staircase Farwell drew the



Traci Trenkamp (left) works on painting the mural



Barb Farwell draws a mural on the staircase at Ayikuma school site

students in their various activities at school, after turning the corner of the stairs a boy and a girl are shown in graduation gowns with a road leading to college. Then various careers are depicted.

Aside from the mural, Farwell painted three classrooms also using students drawings. The classroom which will house the youngest students is decorated with a collage of alphabet letters and enlarged drawing of people drawn by MOP students. Another classroom features a wall with several animals from a horse to a gorilla. The third classroom painted by visitors has a map of Ghana and below the map, all the products produced in Ghana as well as a map of the solar system. Visitors also painted the MOP logo and name as well as the outside of the building in the MOP colors royal blue and khaki.



“Myself” Essays by MOP Students

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Tuesdays:
MOP after school Music Programme

Thursdays:
MOP after school bead making

Ongoing bead sales on etsy.com and local representatives

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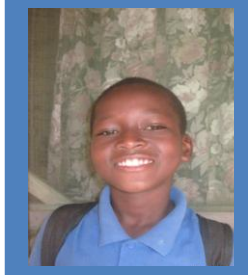
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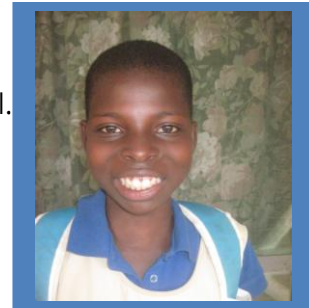
My name is Alex Kumfor.
I am a boy. I am six years old.
I am in KG1.
My father name is Fred Kumfor.
My mother name is Ama Kumfor.



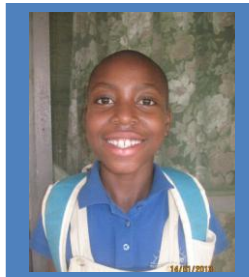
My name is Angela Ayitey. I am a girl. I am seven years old. I go to school at Mawuvio's Outreach Programme. I am in KG2. My best food is chicken. My best game is skipping rope. I will be a nurse in my future.



My name is Shadrach Atio. I am ten years old. I am dark in complexion. I attend school at Mawuvio's Outreach Programme. I am in class one. My best food is rice. My best game is football. I want to become a footballer in my future.

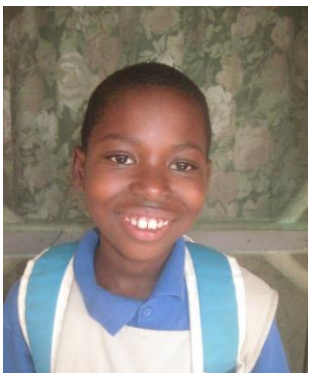


My name is Atsu Adzo. I am eleven years old. I am a girl. I am dark in complexion. I attend school at Mawuvio's Outreach Programme. I am in Class two. My best subject is Math and English. My best food is waakye. My best game is ampe. The name of my best friend is Patricia Avoryi.



My name is Faustina AtsuAgbo. I am ten years old. I attend school at Mawuvio's Outreach Programme and I am in Class Two. My best subject is English Language because I want to become a teacher in my future. My best food is rice and stew. My best game is ampe. The name of my best friend is Belinda.

Student Spotlight



Name: **Joyce Sogah**
Age: **8**
Class: **Primary 2**
Best Game: **Ampe**
Best Food: **Fried Rice**

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



Name: **Victor Dokuvi**
Age: **9**
Class: **KG2**
Best Game: **Football**
Best Food: **Banku & Okro**

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