# Mawuvio's Outreach June 2013

## Town of Frastanz donates to MOP



Gerlinde Wiederin and (right) Florian the 300 euro check from the town of Frastanz, Austria

Pictured: (left) Bernhart pose with



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Happy Birthday! Mawuvio's Outreach June Birthdays:

June 9 Alex Boateng 11 years



Peter Addah 11 years

Paul Addah 11 years

Nice Gbodo 9 years



June 19



June 21 Gabriel Oko 12 years





The Austrian town of Frastanz recently donated 300 Euro to Mawuvio's Outreach Programme. Frastanz is the hometown of MOP volunteer Florian Bernhart who taught KG1 (preschool) at MOP from July to September of 2012 and will return to Ghana this month to volunteer for the summer.

€ 300,-

Bernhart wrote an article about his experience at MOP and in Ghana for his church newsletter in early May 2013. Policital and environmental party representative for Frastanz Gerlinde Wiederin contacted Bernhart after reading the article about how her organizations and the town could get involved in helping MOP financially.

Wiederin, the political party, environmental party together with a primary school in Frastanz organized a flea market where they sold used bicycles. They wanted to donate some of the profits from the flea market to a good cause. After reading Bernharts article about MOP, Wiederin decided that Mawuvio's Outreach sounded like a good cause to donate to.



pictured: the donated items Florian Bernhart collected and will bring to MOP this month

A total of 300 Euro was donated to Mawuvio's Outreach Programme as a result of the flea market organized by Wiederin.

Bernhart will bring a total of 2500 euros that he raised for MOP when he returns to Ghana early this month. He will also bring 6 laptop computers for the schools ICT program as well as 40 pairs of shoes all donated by friends and family of Bernhart.

# **Building to Start at Ayikuma Site**

Building progress at the future home for Mawuvio's Outreach Programm has been put on hold since mid January 2013 due to a lack of funding to continue the project. Directors broke ground on the 120 x 100 foot two dormitory, six classroom building in February of 2010. Because there are no loans available in Ghana, directors make progress on the building when funds are available and, if no funds are available, they wait.

In January 2013 the exterior of the building was finished and because of funding, directors have been waiting on funding to finish the interior of the building so that it may be lived and worked in.



casting the roof in early January 2013

Thanks to a generous donation from Iowan supporter Tom Hanson, directors are making plans to get water to the building this month. Hanson donated funds specifically for water which will be a large part of operating a residential school. Hanson has supported Mawuvio's Outreach Programme, specifically the building project, since inception and directors are thankful for his continued involvement in the development of the organization.

The Edmunds – Craft Foundation has also played a large role in funding the building project in the last few years. Thanks to a large donation from the foundation, directors are able to begin building again this month. Focus will be on finishing the interior of the building. As the rainy season is approaching quickly, directors will first construct a place for run off of the roof of the building. The roof was built level so that a second story can be constructed in the future if necessary. This rainy season is the first that the roof has been on the building and already rain is accumulating on the top of the building and falling into the building. To avoid this from happening directors will extend the roof one block length and space out piping to allow rain to fall to the ground instead of inside the building.

After this, the inside of the building will be finished, walls and floors will be plastered, and ceiling fans, light fixtures installed.

The building will also need to be furnished.

MOP directors remain thankful and loyal to all people who have supported the building project. With the end in sight, directors hope to be moved in sometime this year; hopefully by the beginning of the 2013 – 2014 school year in September.

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pictured: one of three unfinished classrooms

# MOP Students Say "Thank You"

## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

15 Bead Sales at Blue Grass Festival Heritage Canyon Fulton, IL

Saturday morning football training for MOP students 5:00am – 7:30 am

Ongoing bead sales on etsy.com and local representatives

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M.O.P. Primary 4 student Benjamin Gborwosu presents thank you letters to visitors in October 2012

Directors at Mawuvio's Outreach Programme have always taught students, especially older students who can understand what is being done for them to be thankful. As Mawuvio's Outreach Programme continues to grow, older students are recognizing the transitions the programme is making. Students like Benjamin Gborwosu (who has attended MOP for four years) have gone from sharing pencils and paper to having a school uniform, backpack and supplies for every student.

Below is a thank you letter Gborwosu wrote for MOP supporters.

"On behalf of we the Mawuvio's Outreach Programme student and the teachers, we say thank you for what you have done for us.

It is not everyone or everybody who can do what you have done to us. May the almighty God bless you and your family so that you can keep doing good work and your reward is not with any human being but with God.

Do not listen to what the other people say about you, but you keep on doing the good work.

I once again say thank you.

May God carry you on his wings.

We give glory to the Lord.

God bless you once again."

Letter from Benjamin Gborwosu

# **Student Spotlight**



Name: Akos Oko

Age: 9

Class: Primary 1
Best Game: Ampe

Best Food: Banku & Okro

What do you want to be when you grow up?

Teacher



Name: Prosper Mensah

Age: **7** 

Class: Nursery

Best Game: Football
Best Food: Rice

What do you want to be when you grow up?

Doctor