



Mawuvio's Outreach Programme

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M.O.P. Students Get Creative!

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MOP's new creative writing program, initiated by summer 2014 volunteer, Daschielle Louis has become a highlight of this term. As a Florida State University creative writing major, and 2014 Global Scholar, Louis resolved to share her love of creative writing with others. So for almost a month now, she has been doing just that with sixteen of Mawuvio's most promising students.

During the after-school program, students learn and practice various forms of creative writing including poetry, fiction, and essay writing. They also been practice their debate skills. As the students pick up the tools they need to improve their writing, they also acquire critical thinking skills to use in their day to day lives. Louis has really helped provide a creative space for these students to express their ideas and opinions.

The writing produced by the student group so far has been phenomenal! At the end of the summer, Louis hopes to use the material created by the students to compile a collection of short stories, drawings, poems, and essays. Her vision is that the students not only have a book of their work that they can continue to read and learn from.

In addition to providing a book for the for the students to share and enjoy, Louis hopes to sell the books in order to help M.O.P. gain funding for the big move to the new boarding school. The passion for and investment the students with the program will allow them to reach their own personal goals in life. And, who knows? After the kids become pilots, doctors, and bank managers, they may look back at the bestseller they produced while kids!

You can read more about Louis' experience teaching the kids (and other things in Ghana) on her blog: invisiblebychance.wordpress.com

Also, check out some of the students' creative writing samples on page 2.



Florida-native, Daschielle Louis, teaches creative writing after school.



Students participate in a debate game; a definite favorite.



M.O.P. News

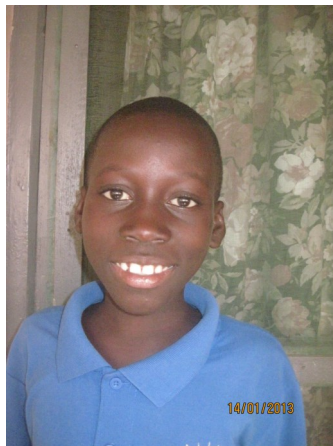
Student Birthdays:

Alex Boateng: June 9th



Alex is 12 this year!

Peter Addah: June 19th



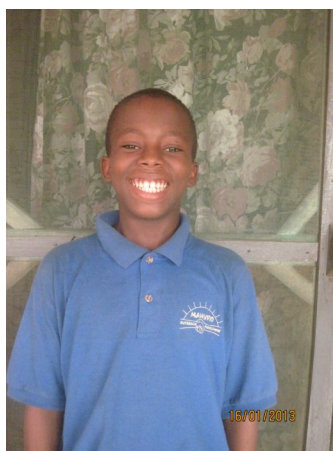
Peter is 12 this year!

Belinda Afedi: June 17th



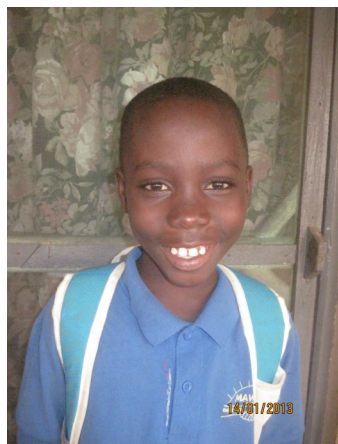
Belinda is 11 this year!

Gabriel Oko: June 21st



Gabriel is 13 this year!

Paul Addah: June 19th



Paul is 12 this year!

Nice Gbodo: June 21st



Nice is 10 this year!



Student Writings: ↓

The World

By Selina Aftetevi

The world is an interesting place for children when people love each other

But it is a dangerous place for children when people hate each other

There is always joy when a child is born and there is sadness when one dies

All these things happen in the world

Oh! What a world! I wish there is no war or hatred among humankind

I wish there is a world full of love for where there is love there is peace.

Gold

By Michael Logoh

You are always shining brightly

People mostly look for you

It is hard to find you

You always make people rich and happy

I wish I could have my own gold.

Laziness

By Patricia Avoryi

Laziness, laziness, laziness!

Laziness is a bad disease,

It is horrible, terrible.

Laziness is a destroyer of persons.

Let laziness creep into your life,

And you will be hungry,

You will want,

You will be miserable.

Laziness will make poverty overtake

You like a vagabond.

In all things, avoid laziness,

And success will crown your efforts.



STUDENT SPOTLIGHTS



Jonathon Nugah

Age: 11

Class: 4

Favorite game: Football

Favorite food: Rice

What do you want to be when you grow up?

Doctor



Akos Oko

Age: 9

Class: 2

Favorite game: Ampe

Favorite food: Fufu

What do you want to be when you grow up?

Teacher

Ayikuma Update:



The new school building in Ayikuma is being topped off! In order to be ready to move the students to our new building in the fall, building continues rapidly, and concrete—no pun intended—plans are

being made concerning staffing and budgeting. A roof is currently being placed on top of the second level to leave room for future expansion. Pictured is the skeletal formation of the roof. The wood you see will be reinforced with cement to support the metal roofing sheets to come.



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