



Mawuvio's Outreach Programme

August 2014

Big Move Right Around the Corner

Students have been on vacation since July 28th, but school resumes on September 16th. Just as important as school starting up again though, is *where* school will resume. On September 16th of this year, Mawuvio's Outreach Programme will begin educating and boarding students at it's new facility in Ayikuma. The fundraising and building process has taken years, but everything has come together and the staff and students could not be more excited.

This is a huge move for M.O.P., and not just geographically. We have been feeding the students one meal (lunch) every day since the school's inception, but now we'll be boarding the kids. M.O.P. will be responsible for their full-time care, including three hearty meals a day, clothing, bedding, running water, and round-the-clock staff support.

But along with the added responsibility, will come the removal of many challenges M.O.P. has been dealing with for years. The rain will no longer interrupt class-time. Students will have bathrooms to use just down the hallway. All of the students will be well-fed and better focused. Sleeping and security conditions will be more comfortable and safe for many of our students. And, maybe most excitingly, they will have space to hang out, garden, and play!



The new school's new

Mother of M.O.P. and Friend Visit and Volunteer

This month, co-director Renee Farwell's mother, Barb Farwell has returned to Ghana to visit and volunteer, and this time she brought a friend! Barb used to teach art in Iowa, and her fellow art-teacher friend Ms. Bear expressed interest some time ago in visiting Ghana. Ms. Bear actually used to be Renee's high school art teacher!

So, Barb and Ms. Bear booked the trip... and brought their paints! They have spent a lot of their time in Ghana touching up and adding to the walls and murals of the Ayikuma school building.

They've also had some time to visit with the kids and, of course, with Renee.



New shelving units inside the school. ^



M.O.P. News

Final P.T.A. Meeting Before Move

The last P.T.A. meeting before the move to Ayikuma was held on Saturday, August 30th. Attendees were warmly welcomed by co-director of MOP, Kwame Agoe. Parents were then given details about the upcoming move to Ayikuma. Classes 1-6 will be moved to the new building, while Kindergarten classes will remain in Kissemah.

It was decided that children will move to the Ayikuma school on September 12th, 2014 and are expected to report to Kissemah school by 11:00am to leave for Ayikuma. Parents were invited to come along on moving

day if they provide their own transportation. Following moving day, visitation will be encouraged on the last Sunday of every month from 2:00-5:00pm.

The meeting went well and the parents are excited for the next step MOP is taking. Any concerns parents had were addressed at the end of the meeting and everyone seemed very at ease about the move. A parent or guardian for each student was sent home with a permission form which was compiled by a friend of M.O.P. who is studying to be a lawyer. These must be returned by September 7th before the move on the 11th.



Container Arrives, Gets Stuck at Shore

The shipping container, organized and filled by volunteer Florian Bernhart and members of his community in Austria, has arrived! It is on Ghanaian soil, but the process of clearing it for pick-up has been a little tougher than was foreseen.

The clock is ticking, as the container holds many of the supplies that we will need when the school year begins. In Ghana, however, these matters are often delicate. Co-directors Renee and Kwame are working hard to handle the paperwork and the other demands of the government workers there to get the supplies moved to Ayikuma as soon as possible.

We will update you as this story develops further.





STUDENT BIRTHDAYS!

Student Spotlights:



August 6th:
Angela Ayitey



Angela turned 9 this month!

August 12th:
Jonathon Nugah



Jonathon turned 12 this month!

Joshua Futri:

Class 3

Favorites:

Subjects—English and Math

Food—Fried Rice

Sport—Football

What do you want to be when you grow up?

Teacher



August 24th:
Blessing Adjekolo



Blessing turned 9 this month!

August 25th:
Kwame Ametonu



Kwame turned 13 this month!

Felicia Afla:

Class 3

Favorites:

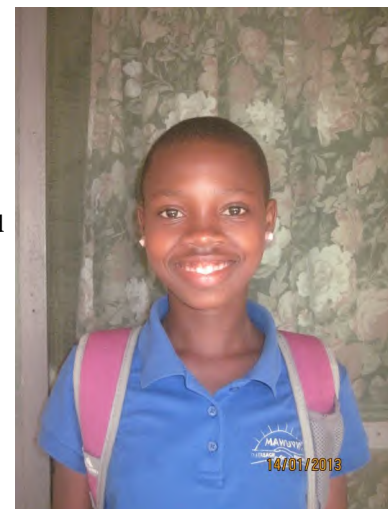
Subjects—Math and Science

Food—Fried Rice

Sport—Ampe

What do you want to be when you grow up?

Nurse



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