



Mawuvio's Outreach Programme

October 2014



Mayor of Wichita Visits M.O.P.



On October 4th, Mayor of Wichita Carl Brewer and City Council Member Lavonta Williams visited Mawuvio's Outreach Programme. A celebration was held that day to welcome the mayor and the council woman and to celebrate the opening of the new school with parents and community members. The children gave performances in both modern and traditional dance. Food and minerals (sodas) were served to guests and students. Mayor Brewer was a hit with the kids and teachers alike, and was himself impressed with the school.

Wichita has been connected with Ghana for a couple of years, recently focusing on networking opportunities relating to aviation. The Mayor, and a group of 15 other Kansan representatives spent about two weeks over seas this month,

splitting their time between Ghana and South Africa. For M.O.P., having Mayor Brewer and Council Woman Williams take time out of their busy traveling schedule to visit the school and interact with the students was an immense honor. We plan to keep in touch with them as the school continues to grow and as they continue to network with government officials and citizens of Ghana.



In addition to the Mayor's visit, many of the student's parents and other community members from Kissemah made the trip out to Ayikuma to celebrate the new school. This is the first time many of these parents and community members have seen the building, and to have them there now that the kids are there and classes are in session was really significant, and a treat for everyone.



M.O.P. News

Mother of M.O.P. Returns with Her Paints!

Co-Director Renee Farwell's mother, Treasurer Barbara Farwell spent another couple of weeks in Ghana this month. As usual, she left her artistic mark on the school. She, Renee, and M.O.P. volunteers painted for most of two weeks that Barb was there, often throughout the school day as teachers and students held class. Many final touches were made to both the inside and the outside of the school; trim was painted, murals touched up and embellished, a giant signboard to be placed near the road was decorated, and the kids even helped out. Farwell helped each student plan (on paper) and then paint their own fish in the hallway of the school. The fish project inspired giddiness amongst the kids, and turned out awesome!



New Desks to Tide Students Over



New desks have been built to accommodate the students as M.O.P. Co-Director Kwame Agoe and other M.O.P. staff members tirelessly continue to negotiate with border officials concerning the receipt of the shipping container. As many of you know, Flo Bernhart, with the help of his friends and family in Austria, organized the container and filled it with desks, chairs, linens, tools, and many other necessities to use at the new school. Bernhart and co. also raised funds to both ship the container and to pay taxes on it when it arrived so that it could immediately be used as the school year got underway in September. However, unfortunately, the container is still at the coast. An official, written apology *was* received by Agoe recently, for some corrupt business/false information during this long process of trying to clear it for delivery to Ayikuma; this is a pretty big deal in Ghana, so some hope is renewed that we may be met with more reasonability from here on out. We will continue to keep you updated.



STUDENT BIRTHDAYS!



Student Spotlights:

**Randolf
Adjanor**

October 14th

**Randolf is
16 this year!**



**Kwame
Ametonu**

Class 6

Favorites:

Subjects—Math and
English

Food—Banku and
Okro

Sport—Football

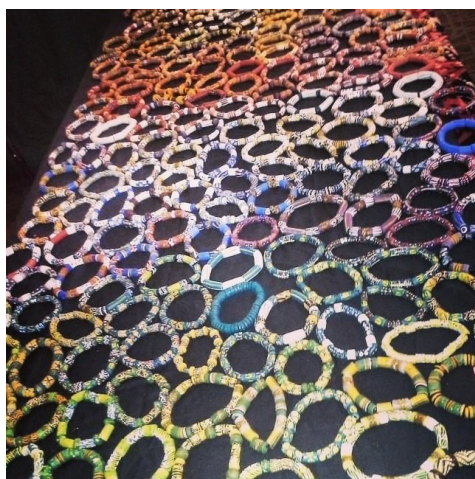
**What do you want to
be when you grow
up?**

Lawyer



Bracelets!

Co-director Renee
Farwell and Treasurer
Barbara Farwell sold
M.O.P. bracelets at a
craft show at the River
Center in Dubuque,
Iowa last weekend.
\$902 were raised for
the school! Remember,
you can buy a bracelet
any time online from our
Etsy site:
[www.etsy.com/shop/
mawuvios](http://www.etsy.com/shop/mawuvios)



**Abil
Akanbegawom**

Class 2

Favorites:

Subjects—English
and R.M.E.

Food—Waakye

Sport—Ampe

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

Nurse



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