

Mawuvio's Outreach Programme

Dedication of "Dad's Place"

A pavilion was erected at the new school in memory of co-director Renee Farwell's father, Steve Farwell. In Ghana, the pavilion is called a summer hut and is used for eating, playing, hanging out, and, when necessary, shelter from the rain or sun—has been lovingly named the "Dad's Place" in remembrance of Steve "Dad" Farwell. Over the past couple of months, some finishing touches were added to the hut, including the installation of broken-tile flooring, stairs to enter the raised space, and a low cement wall for seating and safety.

The funds used to build "Dad's Place" were entirely memorial money given a Steve's funeral to be used for Mawuvio's Outreach. A plaque was hung on the day of the dedication and pictures Steve and Barb Farwell and is inscribed "Dad's Place: In memory of Steven R. Farwell 10 November 1954 – 27 September 2013."



pictured: Renee Farwell, Kwame Agoe and Barb Farwell stand underneath the memorial plaque for "Dad's Place"



pictured: Barb Farwell plants the tree in honor of her husband Steve while MOP students and staff watch.

Next to Dad's place a tree was also planted in remembrance of Steve. On the day of the dedication, Barb Farwell led the tree planting and a small ceremony was held and attended by MOP students, staff as well as the second in command to the chief of Ayikuma. Sir Austine Tettey led a powerful prayer at the ceremony.

The ceremony concluded by everyone sharing mineral drinks and fellowship. Barb and Renee Farwell were also presented with beads on behalf of the chief of Ayikuma as a sign of thanks for all that they have done for the children of Ayikuma and Kissema in opening the new school that will help many disadvantaged children from the Ayikuma community.

Swimming Thru Education



Elias Afedi age 10 stands by the fish he painted outside his Class 2 classroom



Students in Class 1, 2, and 3 work on painting their fish



Selina Tetevi, age 9, poses with the fish she painted outside of her Class 4 classroom.

The students and staff at Mawuvio's Outreach recently got to show off their artistic side as they all helped design the main hallway leading to the 6 classrooms at the Ayikuma school.

The project was entitled "Swimming Thru Education" and was led by Barb Farwell, a retired art teacher of 36 years and treasurer for MOP. Farwell began with an art lesson teaching MOP students about individuality and design as well as how to draw a fish. She had all students draw, design and color a fish on a piece of paper so everyone had a plan of what they were going to draw on the wall. Students then picked a space on the wall and enlarged their drawings with the help of Farwell and other MOP teachers and volunteers. All students had to draw their fish with a pencil and have it approved before they could start painting. They also painted their names on or around their fish. MOP teachers, staff and volunteers also painted their own fish as well. The main hallway at the Ayikuma school is now filled with fish of many shapes, sizes and designs.

The vision for the "Swimming Thru Education" hallway is that every MOP student that attends the Ayikuma school will paint a fish in the hallway filling it with fish as unique as the people who painted them and that students may return to the Ayikuma school many years from now and see the fish that they created when they attended MOP.



Madam Bernice, Class 1 Teacher, poses with her fish she painted outside of her classroom.

MOP Students Get Looney!

Living at a boarding school has changed many things for MOP students. It gives them much more time to learn, study and of course play. Recently, MOP students learned how to play a game called the Looney Olympics. They learned about the Looney Olympics in 2012 when they participated in a cross cultural exchange with inner – city youth from Milwaukee, Wisconsin who were attending Camp Helen Brachman (CHB), a residential summer camp. MOP youth and CHB youth learned what it would be like to be a young person in one another's culture through activities, letters and Skype.

The Looney Olympics was one activity CHB youth taught and described to MOP students however until now, MOP students had not actually participated in them. MOP designed their own version of the Looney Olympics splitting the 35 children into five teams of seven. The teams then participated in events such as the onion-spoon race, bear crawl race, wheelbarrow race, jump rope competition and more. Students loved the game and MOP staff is looking forward to organizing more Looney Olympics for Friday physical education as well as weekend activities.



Belinda Afedi, Prisilla Mensah and Adzo Atsu participate in the wheelbarrow race.



Godsway Ametonu focuses on balance during the onion – spoon race.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



November 11

Charles Frimpong Class 4.
Charles is 9 this month!



November 27

Emmanuela Danso Class 1.
Emmanuela is 7 this month!

