



Mawuvio's Outreach Programme

December 2014

Meet Matilda Doe

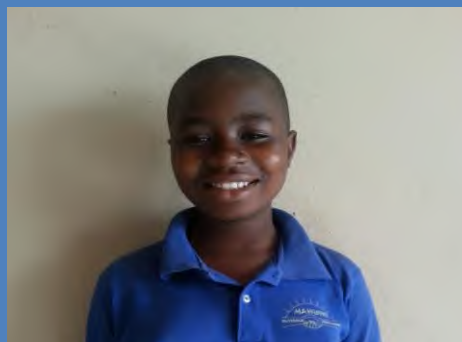
Matilda Doe has been attending Mawuvio's Outreach shortly after it was established in August of 2009. Matilda is orphaned and was living with an aunt and her grandmother in Kissema. Matilda, like many Mawuvio's students was faced with many more responsibilities than simply going to school and being a kid.

A typical day for Matilda would involve waking up as early as 4am to walk throughout Kissema selling vegetables to raise money to help support her grandmother. When it was time for school Matilda quickly changed and went. After school it was back to selling to help earn more money. Because of this Matilda was often late to school and did not have her homework complete.

Matilda was failing almost all subjects in school and was absent often due to the pressures she faced at home. She repeated class 2 three times before passing.

Matilda moved with many of her colleagues to Ayikuma this September and has since began to thrive in the classroom. She went from last in the class to first in the class in 1 term receiving 90%'s in all six subjects.

Matilda is one of many success stories thriving at the new boarding school. Congratulations Matilda and keep up the good work!



End of First Term at Mawuvio's Outreach

The first academic term ended on December 18 2014 at both Mawuvio's Outreach locations (Kissema and Ayikuma). This is an especially memorable moment for MOP's Ayikuma school because it is the first term students and staff have completed at the new facility.

MOP has faced challenges in the first term getting the school up and running. For the first month and a half, MOP students and teachers attended school and sat on mattresses. All desks Mawuvio's Outreach was planning on furnishing their school with were inside a shipping container in the port in Ghana. Governmental and Harbor officials delayed MOP directors from collecting the container with high fees and a very lengthy exemption process. Unfortunately, directors have still been unable to clear the container, which arrived late August, but are continuing efforts to clear the container at a reasonable cost. So in the meantime, local wooden desks were built to furnish the school at Ayikuma.



Students in Class 1 using their mattresses as desks

Another challenge MOP's Kissema students faced was being able to move to the new Ayikuma boarding school. All Kissema students in Classes 1 – 6 were given the opportunity to move so long as they had parent/guardian consent. Unfortunately, approximately 15 Kissema students did not have a

parent/guardian show up on their behalf and sign the necessary consent form. This occurred due to a many of reasons ranging from, too many responsibilities at home, or the responsible adult just has yet to show up and sign the form. These 15 students are now no longer in school because upon moving to Ayikuma, MOP is only offering pre-k, kindergarten and class 1 at their Kissema facility. All students in classes 2 – 6 will only receive MOP's free education at our Ayikuma location.

While MOP has face challenges with the move to our new facility, the success stories that are arising are worth facing any and all challenges. 35 MOP students moved from Kissema to Ayikuma in September and within a few weeks all students appeared happier and healthier. Infected sores and scabs were clearing up, malnourished faces were dissolving and all children were laughing and smiling much more than before. "The Library" was opened to all students and was full of children outside of school hours. All around health, happiness and learning was becoming evident changes in all students.

End of First Term at Mawuvio's Outreach cont'd....

MOP hired 4 new teachers from the Ayikuma community to staff the new facility. Madam Bernice is teaching class 1, Madam Rose class 2, Sir Vincent class 3 and Sir Paul class 4 with veteran teachers Sir Austine and Sir Francis teaching class 5 and 6 respectively. Children from the Ayikuma community are being enrolled on a rolling basis with the current number of Ayikuma children attending MOP around 20. Mawuvio's Outreach has successfully expanded to helping two Ghana communities, Kissema and Ayikuma.

In conclusion, the end of this first term, marks so much more than simply one-third of the school year complete. It marks the first 3 months of learning how to live, learn and work in a new environment and MOP has done so successfully.

What it takes to be a MOP Teacher

Every month, our newsletter highlights MOP as an organization and of course all the wonderful children we work with. We have never shed the light on all the fantastic MOP teachers who play a key role in helping our children learn, grow and develop into future leaders.

MOP strives to employ teachers who truly care about each and every student's educational, personal and social development.

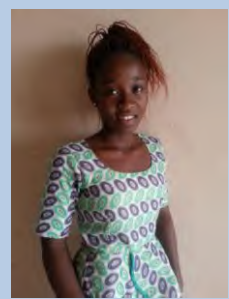
Our teaching staff comprises a wide range of individuals and experience levels but they all have one thing in common, they want the best and will do the best for their students.

As MOP has made the crucial move to our new boarding facility in Ayikuma, everyone has had to make changes, especially our teachers. Two teachers, Sir Francis who is in his fourth year teaching at MOP and Sir Austine in his third year of teaching have taken on the role of head teachers. They have made it their responsibility to best mentor the new teachers on the MOP staff. Two teachers, Sir Paul and Madam Bernice came to MOP with prior teaching experience. Madam Rose and Sir Vincent do not have teaching experience but possessed a strong desire to work with and teach children.

In Ghana to become a teacher, you need to have completed senior high school; no college education or degree is required. Therefore, teachers use their personal experience as a student in school to develop their lesson plans and teaching styles. Little curriculum is available through the Ghana Education Service.

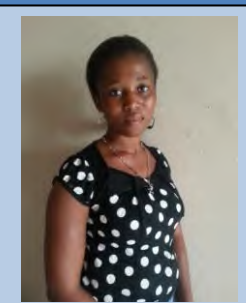
The teaching staff at the new Ayikuma is working as a team, the combination of old teachers who know the job and the students are coaching the four new teachers who are quickly catching on and developing into great teachers as well.

With the first term complete, it has been made very clear looking at the high examination results from all Mawuvio's Outreach students that the teachers, both old and new are doing and continue to do a fantastic job in their field of work.

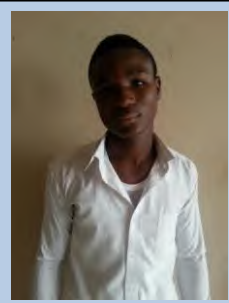


Madam Bernice
Class 1 Teacher

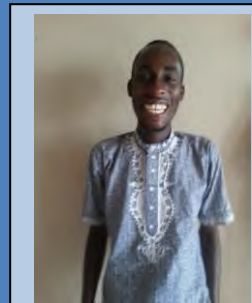
Madam Rose
Class 2 Teacher



Sir Vincent
Class 3 Teacher



Sir Paul
Class 4 Teacher



Sir Austine
Class 5 Teacher

Sir Francis
Class 6 Teacher



Thanks to all Child Sponsors!

Everyone at Mawuvio's Outreach Programme would like to extend a big thank you to all our child sponsors. Child sponsors help MOP tremendously by giving a monthly donation which goes to support feeding costs for all our students. We depend on your support each and every month and it does not go unnoticed. One student is paired with a child sponsor and they communicate with letters and pictures. Students who have sponsors to write to absolutely love writing letters and drawing pictures as well as receiving letters from their sponsors and getting to learn about them. So from all of us at MOP....

THANK YOU!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Patricia is **10** this month!

Her favorite subject is English and Patricia wants to be a nurse when she grows up.



Elias is **10** this month!

His favorite subjects are English and Math and Elias wants to be a pastor when he grows up.



Morde is **13** this month!

Her favorite subject is English and Morde wants to be a teacher when she grows up.

