



Mawuvio's Outreach Programme

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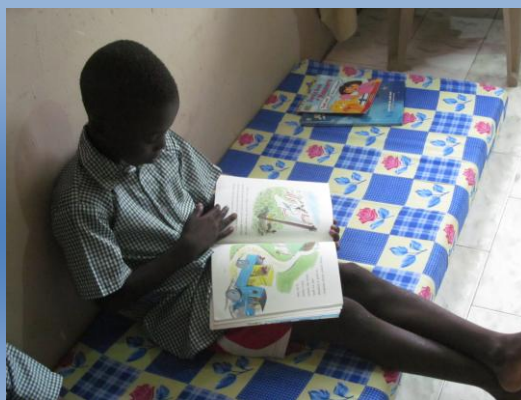
Meet Shalome Akafu

After being orphaned, Shalome and her elder brother moved from their village in Togo to Kissemah Village. Shortly afterwards, Shalome's brother enrolled her at Mawuvio's Outreach in 2010. Shalome spoke no English and had never sat in a classroom before. At the age of 8, Shalome started pre-school. She loves learning and attending school and quickly caught onto the English language and the culture of being in school. She rarely misses a day of school and always comes with her homework complete. Her older brother, who never had the chance to attend school, values the opportunity given to his sister by Mawuvio's Outreach Programme and pushes her to succeed in her education. In 2014 Shalome moved with many of her classmates to the Ayikuma boarding school. She is now in Class 2 and has emerged as a leader amongst the girls. Outside of school, Shalome loves helping out the cooks in the kitchen because she aspires to become a chef in her future. Her teachers are proud of her accomplishments both in the classroom and out. Her can-do attitude promises a bright future for Shalome!



Student Impressions of Boarding at MOP

A few days after moving into the Ayikuma boarding school, MOP students were asked to write down their impressions of their new home. Below are their responses.



Godsway Ametonu reads a book during his down time

I am so grateful for what I have seen. ~Akos Oko age 10

The Ayikuma school is nice and beautiful and everyone appreciates it. The most beautiful things are the classrooms and dormitories.

~Jonathon Kwesi Nugah age 10

You are such good friends. All this place is nice.

~Abil Akanbegawom age 10

I like that I now have a bed to sleep on. ~Angela Ayiteh age 9

Thank you for helping us and letting our dreams come true. You are caring and lovely. The school is so good and nice. ~Faustina AtsuAgbo age 12

I have come to this new school building. I have made up my mind to study and learn very hard to become a successful person in my future and what I want to become in future is president. I am so happy to see this new school building. ~Alex Boateng age 11



The girls clean up their dormitory

We have moved Mawuvio school to Ayikuma. It is a very big school. It is a very nice place. Many things I saw surprised me. ~Priscilla Mensah age 12

I like the bed.

I like the fan.

I like the light.

~Grace Mary Mensah age 7

I love the bed I sleep on.

~Dennis Bankesiea age 10

The things I like here is how the fan is blowing air.

~Charles Frimpong age 9

All the things I saw is nice. The bed, fan and light are very good.

~Deborah Kwasafo age 6

I like the library because you can learn a lot of things from the books you pick.

~Selina Afeteti age 10



Students in Class 5

I thank you for helping us build our school. It is very nice. ~Morde Bedi age 12

I like the school the teachers are very nice.
~Godsway Ametonu age 10

The school is a very big school. It is a very beautiful school.
~Matilda Otubia age 11

I love the place. We are happy. I saw a kitchen in the school. I saw a summer hut. I am so happy.
~Elijah Futri age 7

Immediately the car stopped at the new school I say the park covered in green grasses.
~Michael Logoh age 11

I like everything in the school. The best thing in the school is all the colours. ~Shadrach Atio age 7

**The cookers can cook well.
I like them very much.**
~Reuben Adjanor age 13

I love the books.

I love the pencils.

I thank you for the door.

~ Patricia Domevenu age 8

I thank you for the fan and the light.

~Joshua Futri age 9

May God richly bless you all. May God give you people abundant blessing.

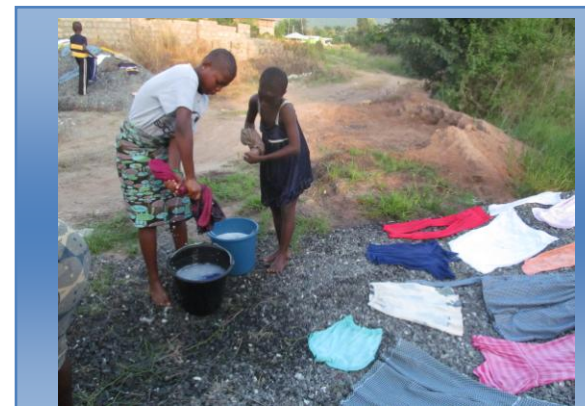
~Shalome Akafu age 12

I like the place so much it is a nice place. I love the beds we sleep on.

~Randolf Adjanor age 16

Ayikuma is a very nice place. The cooker is good. Her food is good.

~Mary Ama Logoh age 8



Josephine Akpoto and Victoria Attah wash their clothes



Luck for the Ladies Fundraiser



Women's Soccer Chicago (WSC) organized a fundraiser for MOP this month. Mawuvio's co-founder Renee Farwell joined Women's Soccer Chicago last year. After sharing with the other members the work MOP is doing in Ghana, WSC founders Elyse Cleveland and Veronica McAllister decided to dedicate their annual fundraiser with funds raised going to support Mawuvio's Outreach. This was the second annual tournament organized by WSC. Six teams participated in the 3 v 3 tournament held on March 21. Just over \$600 was raised for Mawuvio's Outreach Programme.



MOP supporters Barb Farwell and Ruth Karner selling MOP jewelry

Mawuvio's Outreach Programme would like to extend a big thank you to Women's Soccer Chicago, organizers Elyse, Veronica and all competitors who came out to support MOP. Also thank you to Jeff Zoline for taking photos for us to use in our newsletter!



MOP co-founder Renee Farwell and volunteer Sarah Karner playing in the tournament

Teacher Spotlight: Sir Paul

Where do you come from?

Ningo, Ghana

Where did you attend school?

Ghanata Senior High School - Dodowa, Ghana

How long have you taught at MOP?

4 months

Why do you like Teaching?

The passion I have stems from the fact that, it is a unique opportunity to connect with not merely students, but hearts and minds and to guide them in becoming empowered, literate, engaged, creative and forward looking people who want to join in the effort to make a difference in society.

What do you like best about teaching?

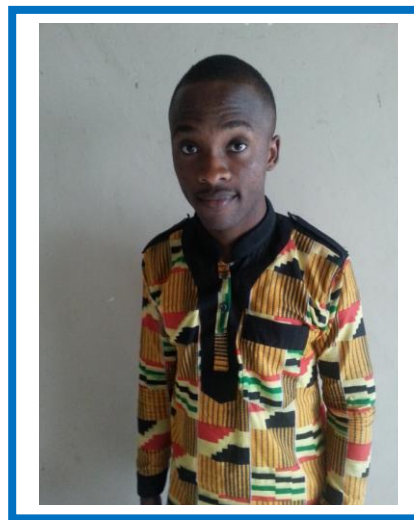
Every day I can feel successful. I can look at my students and think, "I thought you something today ".Moreover, nothing could be rewarding than sharing your knowledge with a captivated audience and using your imagination and ingenuity to bring your subjects to life in ways students will always remember.

What is difficult about teaching?

Every occupation comes with its own vicissitudes and the most challenging aspect of teaching to me is that, in the process of teaching, you deal with uniquely different students, different faces, origins, family backgrounds and intellectual strengths and you have to make room for all of them, taking into account their individualities. Keeping myself up to date with latest trends in my field and coming up with recent examples to suit the needs of the students presents another challenge.

Why do you like teaching at MOP?

Teaching at MOP is an unparalleled opportunity for me to dissipate my energy, time, and experience into a worthy course to bring quality education and development to children in straitened circumstances.



What do you hope your students will say about you, their teacher, 10 years from now?

A decade from now, I hope my students will look back at those moments in elementary school at MOP and say, I was once taught by a young and ambitious teacher whose name Sir Paul. He had a good sense of humour that

could make us laugh to the point of shedding tears that soaked our writing pads, drew a fish which bore a dramatic resemblance to a spaceship adorned with too many colours. He had a thing for music yet his voice was nothing to write home about. He was kind, gentle, but firm and wouldn't spare a chance to correct me when I was on a wrong path.

Where do you hope your students are 10-20 years from now?

My students will be pursuing their dream careers with heartfelt enthusiasm, dedication and happiness in what they do. I envision a future where Charles will fly a Delta commercial airliner from Accra to Detroit, Priscilla getting viewers edged to their couches with breaking news on television and Selina billing the hours in a world class law firm. A future where Morde will hold her send her audience cheering her on with her spell binding musical performances, Faustina giving exciting lessons in to children here at MOP, a future where Atsu Adzo with be acclaimed industry of the greatest entrepreneur of the times and Belinda giving relief to sick people in a hospital. Joshua already has the makings of a scientist.

What do you hope to be doing 10 years from now?

I love to work in fields where improving the lives of children and society is a priority, and it is my dream to do some further studies to acquire the requisite human resource to work in this regard.

What advantages, in your opinion, do MOP boarding students have?

They have enough textbooks and a supply of learning materials, a wonderful library, comfortable sleeping space in a congenial and exciting atmosphere and perhaps most importantly, ample time to study after school with assistance from teachers as well as the opportunity to take three balanced meals a day. It's hardly surprising that they are putting up sterling performances in their examination.

In your opinion, is MOP more than just a school?

MOP is not merely a school, but an institution with determination to provide quality and holistic education for disadvantaged children and raise the next generation of global leaders for the transformation of Ghana and beyond.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Hannah Tawia Teiko

Hannah is a new student to MOP. She attends the Ayikuma school as a day student. She is in class 3 and comes from Avikuma.