



Mawuvio's Outreach Programme

April 2015

Meet Alex Boateng

Alex comes from a large polygamous family in Kissemah and has many brothers and sisters none of whom have the financial means to attend school. Alex began attending MOP shortly after it was founded in August of 2009. Although he was only eight years old, he found a true love for learning at MOP.

He quickly learned how to read English and found a passion in reading story books.

In 2014, Alex moved to MOP's boarding school in Ayikuma. At Ayikuma Alex has ample time to read many stories and has grown to be an avid reader.

Since joining MOP, if you ask Alex what he will become in his future he will tell you he will one day become the president of Ghana.

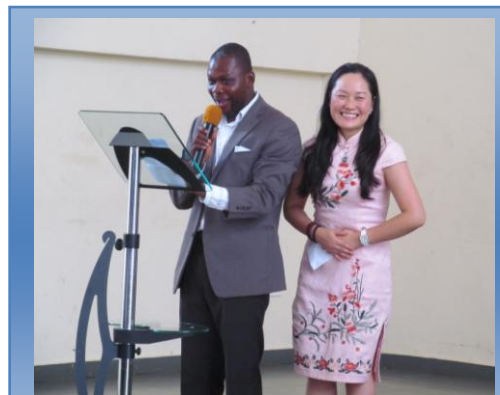
Alex is a very hardworking and dedicated Class 5 student. He enjoys playing football and of course reading story books in his free time. "I have made my mind to study hard and learn everything well so that I will become a successful man in my future and, in my future I will become president." ~Alex Boateng age 12. Keep up the good work Alex!

Opening of Ghana – China Intercultural Center

April 29 MOP was invited to attend the opening program for the Ghana – China Intercultural Center at Ho Polytechnic University Ho - Ghana.

On April 29, 2015, MOP attended the opening and dedication for the China Intercultural Center located at Ho Polytechnic University – Ho, Volta Region, Ghana. Directors Eric Kwame Agoe and Renee Farwell represented MOP and the NGO sector during the program. The program was held in Ho Polytechnic's auditorium with approximately 400 staff, students and invited guests in attendance.

MOP was approached to attend the programme by Ms. Vivian Hui who is the founding director of the Intercultural center.



Speech by the founder and director Ms. Vivian Hui of China

Ms. Hui aims to teach students attending Ho – Polytechnic the Chinese language to better equip them with the tools they need to be successful in the global world. During the programme, MOP, Agoe and Farwell were acknowledged as guests along with the Regional Deputy of Minister of Ho, the Ambassador of China to Ghana, doctors, soldiers, professors and approximately fifteen other invited guests.

Speeches were given by the Regional Deputy Minister, the Chinese Ambassador, Ms. Hui and the dean of International Studies at Ho-Polytechnic.



MOP Founders Renee Farwell and Kwame Agoe sitting on the panel during the opening ceremony

Following the speeches, a ribbon cutting was held at the new China – Ghana Intercultural Center. A reception followed at a nearby restaurant. MOP was honored to be invited to attend the programme representing the NGO sector. All attendees were excited for the installation of the center at Ho – Polytechnic. The only other Chinese language learning center is located at University of Ghana Legon – Accra. With more and more Chinese coming to Ghana, Ghanaians are excited to have the opportunity to learn Chinese to strengthen the bond between the two countries.



Ribbon Cutting Ceremony of the Chinese Intercultural Center at Ho Polytechnic



Electricity: A Real Problem in Ghana

For the past months, the whole country of Ghana has been experiencing a severe shortage of electricity. Mawuvio's Outreach Programme both in Kissemah and Ayikumah have been greatly affected by this shortage.

Electricity can be shut off for anywhere from a few hours to a few weeks. Mawuvio's Outreach relies on electricity to ensure that the school, dormitories and kitchen have an adequate supply of water as well as proper lighting and ventilation. A few months ago, MOP purchased a powerful diesel generator (pictured on the right) to power the six classrooms, two dormitories and kitchen that make up MOP's Ayikuma facility. The Kissemah facility also relies on a smaller generator to power the office and internet connection. At first, it appeared the Electrical Company of Ghana (ECG) was operating a twelve



hours on twelve hours off schedule, meaning that, electricity would be on for twelve hours and then be shut off for twelve hours. However recently, the schedule has been changed to reflect twenty four hours no electricity and twelve hours electricity. MOP's Kissemah location is experiencing more power outages, often two to three consecutive days with no power than its Ayikuma location which usually has power during some point in the day.

With no proper explanation from Ghanaian ECG officials or Ghanaian government, the staff and students of MOP are keeping their heads held high hoping that there is an end to the severe shortage.

Thanks to all who Donated Clothing!

For the last several months, friends and supporters of Mawuvio's Outreach Programme have been donating slightly used clothing to be sent over to MOP students in Ghana. All of us at Mawuvio's Outreach Programme would like to extend a big thank you to all who participated in this clothing drive. MOP students received clothes that they will use to wear to church on Sundays.



A special thank you to Ana Martinez, Laura Burkett, Karen Crawford, Christiana Pena, Shondelle, Silvia, Tiffany, Clare and Deja Simmons for your generous donations to the youth of Mawuvio's Outreach Programme!



Teacher Spotlight: Sir Vincent

Where do you come from?

Ayikumah – 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?

Teaching always keeps me focused on my books and

What do you like best about teaching?

The most interesting part of teaching is when students are able to cope with what is being taught and pass their examinations.

What is difficult about teaching?

I think teaching becomes a little bit difficult when the teacher is not prepared before taking lessons in class and also when the materials needed by students and teachers are inadequate.

Why do you like teaching at MOP?

I like teaching at MOP because of the sedulous effort made by making education accessible to all needy people and also the love they have for students and teachers alike.

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

I also wish to be a great agricultural economist in the next ten years to help the needy through sustainable agriculture. I will help others get access to education and create avenues to generate income for old people.



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

In the next ten years, I do hope my students are going to say it is by divine grace of God that MOP has brought me up a dedicated and prudent teacher who has trained

and taught us to achieve our dreams and aspirations in life.

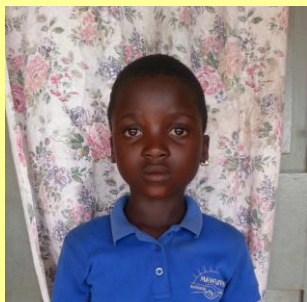
What advantages, in your opinion, do MOP boarding students have?

I think the MOP boarding students have a lot of advantages because they have access to all materials and facilities that makes education more meaningful and flexible. They also have well ventilated dormitories. There is tap water flowing every time and they get to bath in extremely wonderful bathrooms. They have meals three times daily.

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

I envision as more of just a school because through the four months of being a teacher at MOP, I have noticed that the school has a strong foundation in Christ and also a school where the impossible becomes possible. It is also an institution of positive transformation and elevation and I believe MOP is going to become the greatest and best caring institution in the world.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Saviour Ametonu turned 7 this month! Saviour attends MOP Kissemah and is in KG class.

Happy Birthday Saviour!