



Mawuvio's Outreach Programme

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Meet Martha Agboli

Martha Agboli is 8 years old and lives in Ayikuma. When Mawuvio's Outreach Programme moved to Ayikuma in September of 2014, Martha was enrolled as an MOP day student.

Along with fifteen other Ayikuma students, Martha walks to and from MOP school every day. She shares the classroom with her fellow Ayikuma day students and her new friends who are boarding students at MOP.

Before September 2014, Martha had never sat in a classroom before. There was no one in her family who had enough money to pay the required school fees to attend Ghanaian public schools.

Martha is in MOP's Kindergarten class where she is learning the alphabet, numbers and counting, and how to speak the English language.

Martha loves coming to school and learning. She wants to learn how to read and write sentences so that she may become a teacher in her future.



Mawuvio's School Passes GES Inspection

Mawuvio's Outreach Programme School underwent an inspection from the Ghana Education Service (GES) last month to determine the internal and external functions of Mawuvio's School.

This was the first inspection MOP has had from the GES since our move to Ayikuma in September 2014.

Mawuvio's Kissemah School has been registered



Class 3 students learning in their classroom

by the Ghana Education Service since January 2010. Ayikuma however lies in the a different district, the Shai – Osudoko District, so when MOP opened the Ayikuma boarding school, the organization needed to register the school again through the Shai – Osudoko District.

The inspection graded MOP on twelve key factors that educational institutions must meet in order to be a licensed school by the Ghana Education Service.

	Area of Inspection	Grade	Remarks
1.	Standard Classroom with Good Ventilation & Lighting	B+ - Very Good	work on ventilation
2.	Suitable and Age Specific Furniture	A - Excellent	
3.	Quality Teaching Staff	D - Needs Improvement	almost all teachers are untrained
4.	Library	B - Good	there should be room allocation
5.	Availability of Relevant Teaching/Learning Materials	C+ - Good	teaching/learning materials should be displayed in classroom
6.	Availability of First Aid Box	A - Excellent	box stuffed with enough medicals
7.	Spacious Demarcated Land and Compound	A - Excellent	
8.	Playground with Outdoor Games	C+ - Good	yet to provide outdoor equipment
9.	Availability of Safe Drinking Water	A - Excellent	
10.	Provision of Good Food	A - Excellent	
11.	Permanent Landsite	A - Excellent	proprietor has shown evidence of land ownership
12.	Administrative Records	C+ - Good	

Overall, Mawuvio's Outreach Programme scored very well for a first time inspection. Directors are now striving to improve the areas in which they did not score well in. The factors Good Ventilation & Lighting is an easy fix for MOP. After the inspection, boarding students were told that every day after waking up they must open the dormitory windows to ensure proper ventilation into the classrooms. The classrooms are in the middle of the building, surrounded on both sides by dormitories so to ensure good ventilation into the classrooms, dormitory windows must be open every day. Before the inspection, MOP was in the process of hiring a Ghanaian Language teacher to fulfill GES Primary School Curriculum Standards that every Primary student must be take Ghanaian Language course. Shortly after the inspection, MOP hired a Ghanaian Language instructor. Hiring this instructor is an improvement to the factor Quality Teaching Staff. Board Chairman Eric Agbozo has also stepped up and begun leading teaching in-service trainings to all MOP teaching staffs. These in-service trainings assist MOP teachers, all of whom are high-school graduates but have yet to attend any GES approved teacher training programme or college. Agbozo along with Mr. Bright, a locally based trained teacher are helping MOP teachers to ensure they are doing the teaching job to the best of their ability as well as meeting GES standards in the field of education. Overall, MOP is very happy with the results of their first inspection. For a school that is only six years old, MOP impressed the GES with what they have been able to accomplish as such a young school and organization.



Students eating lunch underneath the summer hut.

MOP Students Begin Ghanaian Language Course



Mr. Jonathon teaching Primary 3 students the Dangme Alphabet

Students at Mawuvio's Outreach Programme began the third and final term of the school year on April 21. Shortly after the beginning of the term, students started learning a new subject; Ghanaian Language. As required by the Ghana Education Service (GES) Primary Education Institutions must offer at least one Ghanaian Language in their timetable. Up until this term, MOP had yet to hire a Ghanaian Language teacher for the Primary students. However, as the GES inspection approached, directors began to search for a Ghanaian Language teacher in the Ayikuma area.

Mr. Jonathon Bismark Lartey applied and was hired to be the Ghanaian Language teacher for MOP. Mr. Jonathon teaches Ghanaian Language to a few other schools in the Ayikuma area and had time in his schedule to accept the position to teach for MOP as well.

Mr. Jonathon is qualified to teach both the Twi and Dangme Languages. Twi is the most common Ghanaian language and is spoken by the Akan people in the Ashanti region. Dangme is the language spoken by the people in and around the Ayikuma community. MOP directors and classroom teachers decided that Mr. Jonathon should teach Dangme at MOP because it is the language spoken in the community.

Mr. Jonathon was hired to teach one hour lessons, once a week to students in Primary one thru Primary six. He spends Monday, Wednesday and Thursday at MOP. Each day he teaches two lessons to two MOP classes. Monday he teaches Primary one and Primary two, Wednesday he teaches Primary three and Primary four and Thursday he teaches Primary five and Primary six. Every week he spends a total of six hours teaching at MOP. The students love learning to speak, read and write the Dangme language.



Why do you attend school?

I attend school because I want to be a doctor or a teacher in my future. I want to be great great in my future. I must be learning and not playing. I must focus in class every day. I must learn and go to JHS because education is very important. I also attend school to learn good attitude and behave well. I also go to school to learn how to keep my environment clean. Oh how wonderful and excellent it is to go to school.

In which ways is MOP like a family for you?

I think MOP is like a family to me because our teachers like to tell us the right things to do. The male teachers behave like a father and the female teacher behave like a mother. They also advise us to learn very hard so that we can pass our exams. They tell us to do the right thing.

What has changed in your school in the last year?

My school has changed in so many ways. Before, we did not have a proper place to eat. We suffer when rain fell. Now we have a dining hall, we have a dormitory and we also have bathroom. We also have library and prep time every evening. We are not staying with our families again and we are not eating once a day, we eat three times a day.

Why do you like boarding school?

I like the boarding school because they feed us and they also take care of us. There are nice things like beds, toilets and shower. We also painted fishes on the wall. The building is painted colour blue. We have a kitchen and an office in our school. We have many books in our school.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Victoria Attah turned 10 years old!



Dennis Bankesiea turned 10 years old!



Deborah Kwasfo turned 8 years old!



Reuben Adjanor turned 15 years old!



Precious Yattley turned 13 years old!



Shadrach Atio turned 12 years old!



Eric Kwame Agoe Director



Lawrenda Dzadey KG Teacher (Kisseman)