

Mawuvio's Outreach June 2011

Free Lunch Programme Implemented



Pictured:
from left:
Kingswey
Gborwosu,
Alice Afi, Mary
Ama Logo and
Charles
Frimpong enjoy
jollof rice for
lunch at MOP

"Today we ate beans. Everyone, they ate beans." said an excited Forgive Gborwosu.

Monday May 16th 2011 was a historic day for the children of Mawuvio's Outreach Programme. At the end of the morning class instead of going to play football or baseball, all MOP students were given lunch.

Omprakash Volunteer Briana Thomas travelled to Ghana for the month of May to volunteer at Mawuvio's Outreach. Thomas wanted to help MOP in a way that they really needed it and decided to implement a daily free lunch programme for all students.

Upon arriving in Ghana, Thomas wasted no time in evaluating what additional work she needed to do in order to make the lunch programme possible. She had already attained enough financial support from a donor base in Thomas's home of New Jersey but now needed to find support in Kissemah that would continue carrying out the programme.

Cecilia and Cena Avorseh cleaned out a small room inside their kitchen behind the classroom in which a weeks worth of food could be stored. They also volunteered to cook lunch everyday for the children.

Thomas attained enough funding from east coast donors to implement the lunch programme for six months and plans to acquire a stable source in which MOP can rely on for years to come.

In the meantime, children who just a few weeks ago did not know where their next meal would come from can now rely on receiving at least one meal a day!



A group of MOP students eat lunch from the MOP free lunch programme.

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The School Fund

While at the Clinton Global Initiative, Renee Farwell met Matthew Severson. Severson founded an organization called The School Fund (TSF).

TSF is a website that focuses on raising funds for schools with similar missions to MOP; to provide free education to children who have been denied one.

Severson offered for Mawuvio's Outreach to partner with TSF in efforts to aid MOP with funding.

"It is a great opportunity for Mawuvio's Outreach to partner with an organization like TSF, it is another way for MOP to continue to grow." said Farwell.

Please visit
<http://www.theschoolfund.org>
to learn more.



Kaitlyn Gitter sits behind the MOP booth ready to sell jewelry at the Main Avenue Craft Fair in Clinton, IA

This year at the Annual Main Avenue Craft Fair in Clinton, Iowa Mawuvio's Outreach Programme sold bracelets, necklaces and earrings handmade by MOP children and staff.

Barb and Renee Farwell and Kaitlyn Gitter spent May 15-16 at the craft fair selling MOP jewelry and spreading

News from Aiykuma:

The 6 classroom, 2 dormitory future home of Mawuvio's Outreach Programme school and orphanage has completed filling the sand of the 100x120ft building. Just over 70 trips of sand were used to fill the foundation. Beginning in January 2011 MOP volunteers and local workers began to fill



Spring 2011 community members & volunteers worked together filling the building foundation.

Handmade MOP Jewelry Sold at Clinton Iowa's Annual Main Avenue Craft Fair

the word about the work that Mawuvio's Outreach is doing in Kissema Village. Necklaces were sold for \$15, bracelets for \$10 and earrings for \$5.

Although the rainy weather conditions were not the best, there were many people in attendance. The colorful, African beads drew in curious Iowans.

"It helped to tell people the purpose behind the jewelry," said MOP treasurer Barb Farwell.

Mawuvio's Outreach has been featured in the area's local newspapers and fair goers were excited to finally put faces to the cause that they

had read about in the paper.

"The Goose Lake and surrounding community has given incredible support for MOP." said Renee Farwell. "For two years now they continue to support our efforts in Ghana and thinking about it leaves me speechless."



Barb Farwell (left) tells a craft fair goer the mission and purpose behind the beads.

the foundation. The filling of the sand was finally completed this month. The next step Mawuvio's Outreach will focus on will be cementing the floor of the building. As of now, MOP plans to accumulate funding so that there is enough funds to complete the flooring all at once instead of the stop and go building method used when filling the foundation with sand.



Headmaster Eric Kwame Agoe and building contractor Chief Justice Offin stand on the filled foundation.

Funds Raised

Mawuvio's Outreach Programme held three fundraisers in April & May and there are currently no upcoming fundraisers.

They are still using the Chip In application for online donations and still greatly accept and appreciate donations via mail to MOP's U.S. address.

MOP is currently focusing all of their fundraising efforts on their child sponsorship programme and getting MOP supporters to become involved this way.

All MOP donations are now 100% tax deductible.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

June:

ongoing bead sales

ongoing canvassing for MOP support

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MOP Child Sponsorship Programme

In mid-May, Mawuvio's Outreach Programme began signing up MOP supporters to become child sponsors. "We started this programme to provide MOP with sustainable and dependable income so that the school can be run at the best of its ability allowing full care for each of our children." said Renee Farwell who set up the programme.

Child sponsorship is the best way to support Mawuvio's Outreach. Sponsors sign up to give a donation each month. It is encouraged that they give \$30 each month to support the children with the following:

Educational supplies:	5
Clothing:	2
Boarding:	12
Food:	8
Medical Care:	<u>3</u>
	\$30

Sponsors have the opportunity to correspond in letters and pictures with one child attending Mawuvio's Outreach providing them with hope.

"I like to be writing letters to people in the U.S." said MOP student Wisdom Prempeh, 16. "I want to learn about how the life is over there."



MOP students in need of sponsors. There are currently 37 children awaiting sponsors.

To sponsor an MOP child please visit:

<http://mawuviosoutreachprogramme.weebly.com/sponsor-a-mop-student.html>

download the sponsorship form, fill it out and send it to the MOP U.S. address. Your donation is 100% tax deductible and you will receive a receipt, photo and biography of the child you are sponsoring.

Please contact MOP with any questions you may have about becoming a child sponsor.

Student Spotlight

Name: **Wisdom Prempeh**
Age: **16**
Class: **Primary 2**
Best Game: **Football**
Best Food: **Rice & Stew**



What do you want to be when you grow up? **Pilot**

Name: **Maame Segbor**
Age: **5**
Class: **KG1**
Best Game: **Ampe**
Best Food: **Jollof**



What do you want to be when you grow up?
Nurse