



## December Visitors Lead Vacation Classes



With help from Moude Bedi (right), Elena Arosemena (left) holds up a world map showing MOP students some favorite places in the world.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Term at Mawuvio's Outreach ended on December 16<sup>th</sup>. The following Monday Mawuvio's Outreach began vacation classes. "We usually run vacation classes for our students during the break between terms and school years." said director Renee Farwell. "It gives our students a safe place to go during the day and something positive to do." During the month of December, Mawuvio's Outreach hosted three visitors to the programme who implemented the vacation classes. Elena Arosemena, Elizabeth Roling and Traci Trenkamp all arrived in Ghana on December 9<sup>th</sup> excited to get involved with Mawuvio's Outreach.



Natashia Donu, Forgive Gborwosu and Lukas Kojo make snowflakes during classes.

Elena Arosemena led a class on her favorite places in the world. Students learned about Panama, Italy, Izuazu Falls and Ghana. Arosemena also taught MOP students simple words and phrases in her native language Spanish. "I learned how to say agua, pan and arroz and me llamo Sherriff." said MOP student Sherriff Kwaku. Arosemena also spent a day with students watching Michael Jackson's "This Is It" and ending the lesson with a dance. She ended out her classes by introducing MOP students to poetry. Students composed "I am" poems under the direction of Arosemena. Elizabeth Roling and Traci Trenkamp also led classes teaching students about snowy weather and helping them create cut-out snowflakes which they then decorated with glitter and hung in the KG classroom.

All students that participated in the vacation classes were able to learn new and different things outside the school curricula which MOP believes will allow them to grow and develop well-rounded.

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### Happy Birthday!

Mawuvio's Outreach  
January Birthdays:

January 7  
Beauty Mawuvi  
8 years



January 8  
Kofi Samson  
11 years



January 12  
Daniel Mayor  
14 years



January 20  
Faustina Atsu  
9 years



January 25  
Godsway Ametonu  
7 years



January 28  
Mary Ama Logoh  
6 years



# Mawuvio's Outreach Visitor Presents Students with Backpacks



left: Joyce Sogah, Belinda Afedi, Mary Ama Logoh, Kingswey Gborwosu, Elijah Futre and Patricia Domevenu sit with their new school bags

All Mawuvio's Outreach students received a very special gift this holiday season. A group of donors from all over the United States came together under the direction of Elena Arosemena to present the students with their own school bag. Arosemena began organizing donors in early

November. "Elena contacted me asking what she and her family and friends could give to the students when she came to visit in December. She suggested backpacks and I agreed this would be both very special as well as beneficial for all the students." said director Renee Farwell. Arosemena was able to get 65 High Sierra backpacks donated for Mawuvio's students. "Especially for you! Enjoy and take good care of your backpack. Do your best in school. Best wishes from your friends in Georgia, Florida, California, Virginia and North Carolina." read the note carefully placed inside each bag. "I wanted to make sure all the children know that there are a lot of people out there who are thinking of them," said Arosemena. Aside from the note each bag had a special name tag, pencils, erasers, sharpeners and a pair of

sunglasses for each student. Mawuvio's Outreach directors are happy to see that now each student has a place to safely keep their things and can proudly carry a school bag everyday when they come to school; something they have never been able to do before.



Excited students celebrate their new school bags.

## Cement Work continues at Ayikuma:

In the month of December Mawuvio's Outreach began construction on the 2 toilets and 2 baths of the future boys' dormitory. Piping was laid before casting the cement flooring of the bathroom. During the month of January the bathroom is planned to be

completed along with the front room. The front room has been built up to ceiling level. Mawuvio's Outreach directors are working together with MOP supporters to raise the funds needed to be able to cast the concrete ceilings. At this time Mawuvio's Outreach building progress is experiencing delays due to lack of funding. All supporters are encouraged to assist in whatever way they can.

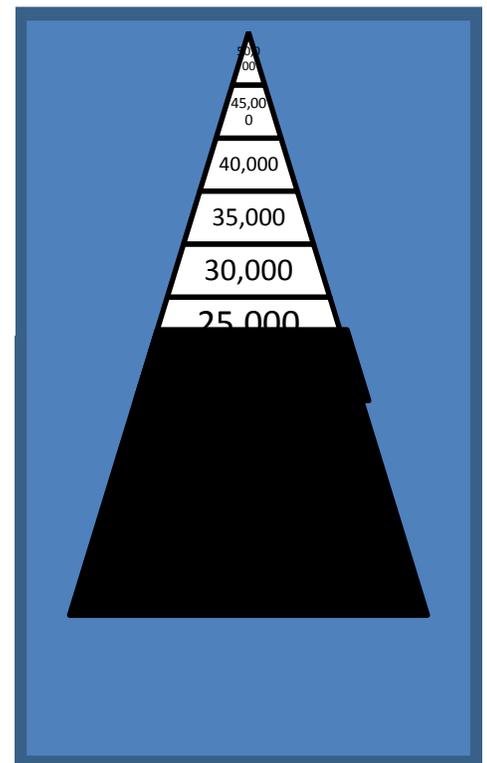


the future boys' bathroom with 2 showers (left) and 2 toilets (right)



the front room at Ayikuma completed up to ceiling level.

## Funds Raised



## Christmas Programme at MOP

Mawuvio's Outreach held their 1<sup>st</sup> Christmas Programme on December 17<sup>th</sup> 2011. The programme began with a performance by MOP students. They sang popular Ghanaian and American Christmas songs led by Mary Adu Gyamfi for programme attendees. Afterwards all students were given their 1<sup>st</sup> Term terminal reports and a borbobor drumming party followed and went into the night. The programme ended the 1<sup>st</sup> Term for MOP students as well as marked the departure of many ISEP volunteers who left Ghana the following day. All volunteers were in attendance and were presented with individual awards by MOP directors. All students, parents, guardians, volunteers and visitors in attendance enjoyed themselves.



MOP girls Felicia Afla, Angela Aryeteh, Beauty Mawuvi, Moude Bedi, Gloria Abalo, Nice Gbodo, Gifty and Celina Dokuvi perform agbuja dancing at the programme

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

January:

5 Classes Resume  
Beginning of 2<sup>nd</sup> Term

Presentation to ISEP Student  
Volunteers at Legon

Monday & Wednesday's  
4:30pm – 6:00pm Music  
Programme

Tuesday & Thursday's  
5:00pm – 6:00pm Beading  
Programme

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## A Very Merry Christmas at Mawuvio's Outreach

Students at Mawuvio's Outreach Programme had a memorable December 25<sup>th</sup> this year. On Christmas afternoon, 15 MOP students along with Elena Arosemena, Elizabeth Roling, Traci Trenkamp and Renee Farwell went the Accra Mall to celebrate the holiday.



Yvette Ankrah and Alice Afi enjoy cotton candy on Christmas Day.



left: Komlavi Avory, Yvette Ankrah, Elena Arosemena, Isaac Gborwosu, Stefan Amenya and Sherriff Kwaku are ready to eat pizza

Everyone shared a meal of pizza and Coca Cola. The children had never eaten pizza before and everyone liked it. For desert Elena Arosemena treated the children to another new food; cotton candy.

"It was a great way to spend Christmas" said Elizabeth Roling. "Seeing all the kids so happy was a present all in itself."

### Student Spotlight

Name: Dennis Bankesiea  
Age: 6  
Class: Kindergarten Prep 2  
Best Game: Football  
Best Food: Banku & Okro

What do you want to be when you grow up? TroTro Driver



Name: Celina Dokuvi  
Age: 13  
Class: Primary 3  
Best Game Ampe  
Best Food: Rice

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

