

The Importance of Education



Students in Mawuvio's Outreach youngest KG1 class practice alphabet recognition every afternoon

Mawuvio's Outreach Programme was founded on the principles that the key to eradicating poverty lies in the hands of education; that if one has the ability to read, write and make use of numbers then they can pull themselves out of poverty. During the month of March MOP students will explore why education is important and necessary to them. "Our students have come a very long way in just 3 short years." said director Renee Farwell "we want to make sure they remember where they came from in order to appreciate where they are now."



Students in Primary 3 work on their reading skills during English

In 2009 Mawuvio's Outreach began with just fifteen students, none of whom had attended school before. Today thirteen of those fifteen students remain in attendance at MOP and have raised themselves from KG1 to Primary two and Primary three.

When asked the question "Why do you like coming to school?" the responses from MOP students encouraged directors, board members, teachers and volunteers.

"It is important to go to school and to stay in school. I want to become a very successful person in the future and only learning more things will help me do that." said fifteen year old Ben Gborwosu when asked why education was important to him. Gborwosu is one of the fifteen students who were the first to attend Mawuvio's Outreach. Since, Gborwosu has gained the ability to read and write and make use of numbers something he has now realized will help him immensely in his future.

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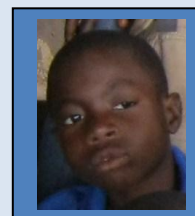
Student Spotlight

Happy Birthday!

Mawuvio's Outreach March Birthdays:

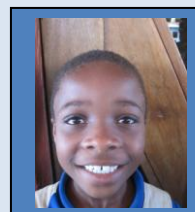
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Prince
Doegby
8 years



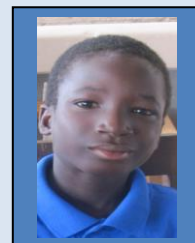
March 17

Helen Atati
9 years



March 26

Forgive
Gborwosu
10 years



March 26

Gifty Dokuvi
12 years



"I like to come to school because it is good to come and learn." said six year old Joshua Futri. Futri has attended Mawuvio's Outreach for a little over one year and is excelling in his KG2 class having gained the ability to read and write his own name, read simple words and complete simple math problems.



"I like to come to school to become a great man in future."

~ Sherriff Kwaku age 11

"I like to come to school because it is good to come and learn." ~ Joshua Futri age 6



While the organization continues to grow, Mawuvio's Outreach Programme wants its students and children to understand why education is so important to their future successes so that it does not turn into an opportunity that is taken advantage of. The majority of children attending Mawuvio's Outreach Programme are of the first generation in their families to attend even basic schooling.



"School is important to become a successful person. I want to learn hard."

~Mary Adu Gyamfi age 10

"I like to learn and I like the rice." ~ Yvette Ankrah age 5



"I learn how to read at school. I didn't know how to read before I came to school." ~ Michael Logoh age 9

"...to succeed, you will soon learn, as I did, the importance of a solid foundation in the basics of education - literacy, both verbal and numerical, and communication skills..." ~anon~

"It is important to go to school and stay in school. I want to become a very successful person and only learning will help me to do that." ~Ben Gborwosu age 15



Cement Work continues at Ayikuma:

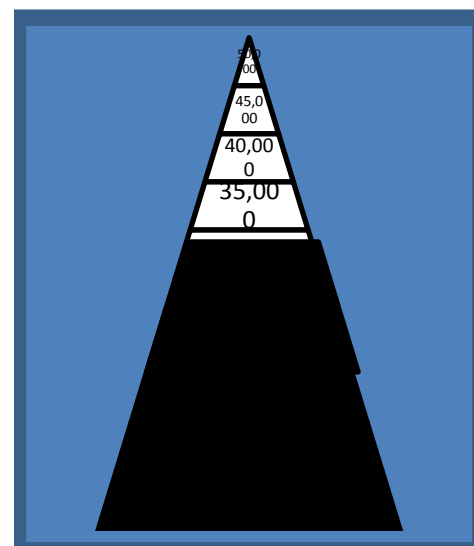
In late February MOP received funding to continue work on the front room and boys dormitory. Construction started in early March and will continue for some time. A level cement ceiling will be cast in the front room and boys bathroom during the month of March and upon completion,



additional flooring will be cast on the remainder of the foundation and block laying of the walls will begin. The finishing of the front room will allow builders to store tools and also spend 3-4 day periods building saving both time and money. Additional funding is still needed. Donations are accepted on MOP the website.



Funds Raised



Mawuvio's Outreach Launches Baseball Team

UPCOMING EVENTS:

February:

Monday & Friday's
4:00pm – 6:00pm Baseball
Training

Ongoing bead sales on
[etsy.com](http://www.etsy.com) and local
representatives

Fundraiser

<http://www.firstgiving.com/fundraiser/mawuvio/SCHOOL>

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A few years ago children at Northeast Elementary School began collecting baseball gloves, balls and bats to send over with their Art Teacher Ms. Farwell in December 2010 when she travelled to Ghana to visit her daughter Renee. Over 30 gloves were collected and brought to Mawuvio's Outreach Programme in Ghana. The past year while the students had baseball equipment they had no one to teach them how to play the game. In early January Brendan O'Brien travelled to Ghana with the International Student Exchange Program (ISEP) and was looking for a place to play baseball. He is now heading up a team of MOP students coaching them on the rules and techniques of baseball. Every Monday from 4:00 – 6:00 students meet for baseball practice with O'Brien and other volunteers. "It is good to learn other sport than just football" said student Ben Gborwosu. "So one day if I travel to U.S. I can show them that I already know their sport."



Brendan O'Brien teaches MOP students and staff members the basics of baseball

While the first couple of practices were very rocky; with the first baseman running the bases while the runner stayed on first and batters carrying the bat with them while running to first, the children are getting the hang of the game. "A lot of the kids are picking up the game really fast; faster than I thought they would." said O'Brien. There are approximately 12 MOP students regularly participating in the baseball practices. O'Brien and Farwell are working together to organize a spring lead for MOP students where together with college aged students they will play actual games. Until then, MOP students continue to learn the fundamentals of the game all students aspiring to become rising stars in baseball.



MOP students learn how to bat

Student Spotlight

Name: **Jonathon Nugah**
Age: **8**
Class: **Primary 2**
Best Game: **Football**
Best Food: **Fried Rice**

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



Name: **Grace Mary Mensah**
Age: **6**
Class: **KG 2**
Best Game **Skipping Rope**
Best Food: **Fried Rice & Chicken**

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

