

Mawuvio's Outreach July 2012



A Summer to Volunteer at M.O.P.



Kevin Fannan works as a volunteer Primary class 2 teacher for a month at MOP

Volunteer teachers play a key role in the everyday operations of Mawuvio's Outreach Programme and during the summer of 2012, MOP directors are finding themselves blessed with a large and diverse group of volunteers who will visit throughout the summer months.

Mawuvio's Outreach established a relationship with Student Youth Travel Opportunity (SYTO) providing MOP with volunteers who lived on-site for anywhere from one-six months however for over a year SYTO has been experiencing problems



MOP Director Eric Kwame Agye introduces California volunteers during a school assembly

that prevented the organization from providing volunteers to groups like MOP that depend on them. The lack of SYTO volunteers left MOP very understaffed. Directors were forced to hire additional Ghanaian staff to replace SYTO volunteers.

In June, Boa Woyonko, a new volunteer organization similar to SYTO, based out of Austria, accepted MOP as their first organizational partner. Three volunteers are already scheduled to work for at least six weeks over the summer starting in July. Boa Woyonko was started by Florian Riegler who gained interest after spending time at the University of Ghana.

Apart from Boa Woyonko, more and more individual volunteers are spending time visiting and working at MOP. As the story and good work being done at MOP travels literally around the world, directors are seeing more and more individuals wanting to visit and get involved with the programme.

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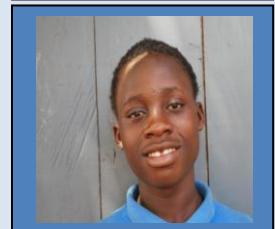
Unknown Birthdays:

celebrating the birthday of students who do not know when their birthday is (ages are approximated)

Morde Bedi
9 years



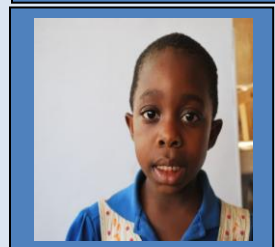
Komlavi Avoryi
16 years



Matilda Doe
11 years



Grace Dagbey
7 years



MOP Featured on KWQC – TV6 News

June 5th 2012 marked a historic day for all friends, family, students and staff of Mawuvio's Outreach Programme. KWQC – TV6 based in Davenport, Iowa serving the Quad City Area did a feature story on Mawuvio's Outreach Programme. It was the first time MOP had been featured on television.



MOP director Renee Farwell(left) and her sister Ellen (middle) stand with KWQC-TV 6 Fran Riley(far right) in Goose Lake, Iowa

The MOP story was told by KWQC reporter Fran Riley as a part of the "Fran Riley Features" segment. Each Feature tells the story of an individual or organization with connections to the Quad City Area that is doing something positive

to improve the lives of others, the environment or the community they live in.

"I have done 180 stories as part of my features, and this story is by far one of the most inspiring I have had the honor to tell". said Fran Riley to MOP director Renee Farwell. Riley interviewed Farwell and her family in their Goose Lake, Iowa home a day before the story was aired on the 4:00pm news. The story was focused on how M.O.P. was started and what it has become today. Besides interviewing Farwell, Riley used many photos and videos featuring the M.O.P. students, staff and director Eric Kwame Agoe who were unable to be interviewed.

"It is a big honor to be featured on the American news." said director Eric Kwame Agoe. "And I am so happy to know that a lot of people are learning about MOP and the good work we are doing in Ghana."

The MOP Fran Riley feature aired three times in the Quad City area June 5th at 4:00pm, and June 6th at 6:00am and 12:00pm. It can also be viewed on <http://www.kwqc.com/category/222448/fran-riley-features>

Building Progress Report:

Cement flooring has been poured for the two dormitories and six classrooms on the ground floor of the future home of Mawuvio's Outreach Programme. Director and building overseer Eric Kwame Agoe is ensuring that the month of July is spent bringing up the remaining walls in the classrooms, hallways and girls dormitory.



Builders cut cement blocks by hand. One bag of cement cuts twenty five blocks. It takes, on average, three days to cut five hundred blocks. After the five hundred blocks are cut, builders then spend approximately three days laying those blocks to form walls.

By the end of July, directors expect that all the walls on the ground floor of the building to ceiling level. Plans will then be made to pour cement roofing on the ground floor.

MOP directors are aiming to move into the ground floor of the new building by the beginning of the 2012 – 2013 school year in September.

An estimated forty children will begin boarding in September with additional day students attending from the Ayikuma community and surrounding areas.

MOP Receives Second Donation from PUC

UPCOMING EVENTS:

MOP & COA Intercultural Exchange Programme between Ghana and Wisconsin

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

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Pentecostal University College at Accra Marketing students made their second donation of provisions to Mawuvio's Outreach Programme in late June. The first donation by the Marketing students was made in mid-March when PUC students also gave a presentation to MOP about the importance of education.



MOP Staff and Primary 4 students stand with the items donated by the Pentecostal University College

After seeing the need at MOP, students decided to do as much as they could for the students meeting PUC's mission to give back to community. Some of the items PUC donated are bags of rice, cooking oil, notebooks, palm oil, and toilet paper which is much needed and greatly appreciated by all at Mawuvio's Outreach Programme.

First Giving 25K Match Completed

In late January the Mawuvio's Outreach board began an online \$25,000 fundraiser through First Giving online website. Shortly after the fundraiser began Mawuvio's Outreach Programme was approached by a private foundation offering to match every dollar raised through the online fundraiser up until 31 May 2012.

As the month of May wound down, the MOP board found themselves only a few dollars short of their \$25,000 goal. MOP directors were beyond belief of how large the MOP support system is. All money raised will go to finalize the completion of the ground floor of MOP's permanent home in Ayikuma Township. "The success of this fundraiser ensures that next school year and years to come will no longer be outside under trees but instead inside comfortable classrooms." said director Renee Farwell. "We have been working hard for three years and now we can begin to see the successes of all the hard works and we give all the thanks to those who have been supporting MOP financially." said director Eric Kwame Agee.

Student Spotlight



Name: **Mubarak Bello**
Age: **11**
Class: **Primary 4**
Best Game: **Football**
Best Food: **Fufu**

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



Name: **Josephine Akpoto**
Age: **10**
Class: **KG 2**
Best Game: **Skipping Rope**
Best Food: **RJce**

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