

Mawuvio's Outreach May 2013



Mawuvio's Outreach Soccer Begins



Pictured:
Mawuvio's
Outreach students
left (in yellow) boys
and right (in blue)
girls

Football, or soccer, is the most popular sport in Ghana; a sport all children and adults enjoy playing. During the third academic term (May to July) the Ghana Education Service organizes inter-school soccer games.

This year, for the first year Mawuvio's Outreach Programme is a recognized school in the Kissema-Achimota area and has decided to form a team to compete in the games. Currently, either all boys teams, or co-ed teams are accepted to play, all female teams are not allowed.

MOP students go to the nearby Kissema Park every other Friday for physical education which consists mainly of an hour long soccer game. Aside from this, MOP director Eric Kwame Agoe has begun setting aside time Saturday mornings from 5:00 am to 7:30 am to coach a team of players.

Approximately boys and three girls have been attending the practices which began in early January. Agoe is accepting anyone over the age of ten who attends MOP and is interested to come and practice.



MOP students at Kissema Park during physical education

Benjamin Gborwosu (15), Komlavi Avoryi (16), Randolph Adjanor (15), Reuben Adjanor (11), Mubarak Bello (11), Kwame Ametonu (11), Forgive Gborwosu (10) Gabriel Oko (11), Alex Boateng (10), Michael Logoh (10) Jonathon Nugah (10), Patricia Avoryi (12), Morde Bedi (10), Princilla Mensah (10), Shadrach Atio (10), Victor Dokuvi (9) and Peter Addah (10) are the MOP students who have been participating on the Mawuvio's team.

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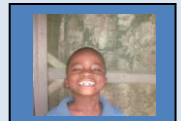
Happy Birthday!

Mawuvio's Outreach

May Birthdays:

May 2

Joshua Futri
8 years



May 5

Shadrach Atio
9 years



May 10

Dennis Bankesiea
8 years

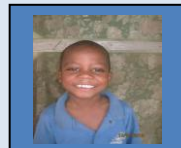


May 23

Reuben Adjanor
11 years

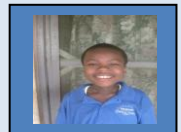


Elijah Futri
6 years



May 25

Natashia Donu
11 years



May 26

Celina Dokuvi
15 years



Victoria Attah
8 years



Third Term Begins at Mawuvio's Outreach Programme

The third term at Mawuvio's Outreach Programme will begin on 2 May 2013. Students will return for a half a day on Thursday and Friday and then begin the week of 6 May as per usual.

The third term is the final term of the 2012-2013 school year. All MOP staff are working hard with all students, especially those who are currently struggling to ensure that they pass their current grade and move on to the next level.

The beginning of a new term also means more enrollment inquiries from community members looking to bring their children or children that they know to Mawuvio's Outreach school.



students at morning assembly during the Lord's Prayer

Directors face these inquiries throughout the school year, but especially at the beginning of a new term. Due to spacial and financial constraints, MOP has limited its enrollment to sixty students. However because MOP is the only school in the area that does not accept school fees, directors are constantly facing people who want to bring their student to MOP. There are currently fifty eight students enrolled at MOP and directors plan to enroll a few students who are truly in need of their services for the third term. MOP has been operating in the Kissema community for four years and determining which children are in need of their services versus those who want to take advantage of what MOP offers is becoming more and more difficult for MOP staff.

Building Progress at Ayikuma

The building progress at the 6 classroom, 2 dormitory permanent home of Mawuvio's Outreach Programme has been on hold for approximately four months due to lack of funding to continue. In late January, MOP finished roofing the building completing the external work to be done. Now, directors are facing another challenge to their building progress, the rainy season has begun in Ghana creating pools of standing water on the top of the building. This water is then dripping down

and being blown in the buildings windows. Standing water has accumulated both inside and on top of the building creating more problems and work for directors.

MOP is now in need of approximately \$2,000 to lay one coast of cement blocks on top of the ceiling and create holes for the water to run off the roof without entering the building. The rainy season in Ghana lasts from May thru October. Directors are hoping to generate funding to construct the run off for the water as soon as possible as the rainy season is upon them. Anyone interested in donating is encouraged to visit www.mawuviosoutreachprogramme.org where you can donate online or feel free to contact us in the US, information is below.



pictured: the front of MOP school and current roof

MOP to Reconnect with Former SYTO Director

UPCOMING EVENTS:

2 MOP Begins 3rd Term

3 & 4 Bead Sales at Dutch Days Fulton, IL

18 & 19 Bead Sales at Main Avenue Craft Fair Clinton, IA

Saturday morning football training for MOP students
5:00am – 7:30 am

Ongoing bead sales on etsy.com and local representatives

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former SYTO volunteer Oliver Yeh and MOP students in June 2010

For over a year, Mawuvio's Outreach Programme has not been receiving the residential volunteers that it used to through the Student Youth Travel Organization (SYTO) due to managerial problems within SYTO. Ms. Tina, the SYTO contact for MOP has since left SYTO and formed her own and new volunteer organization called Experience It! based in Kasoa just outside of Accra.

Ms. Tina has recently re-visited Mawuvio's Outreach Programme with interest for MOP to become a partner organization with Experience It! Since SYTO began experiencing problems, MOP has partnered with two other volunteer organizations; Omprakash and Boa Woyonko both of which provide MOP with residential volunteers who stay at the school in Kissema anywhere from one to six months and work as teachers or teachers assistants in the school.

Partnering with Experience It! will provide MOP with more volunteers throughout the school year. MOP directors have decided to have no more than three residential volunteers at the school at one time because too many teachers often distracts the students taking away from MOP's main focus: education.

For more information on the volunteer organizations that MOP partners with you can visit their websites:

Omprakash – based in the United States

<http://omprakash.org/>

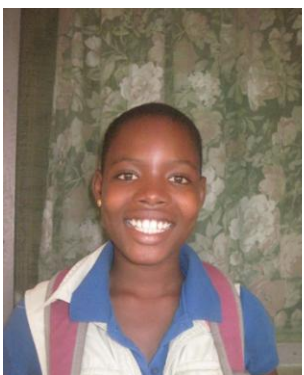
Boa Woyonko – based in Austria

<https://bwvolunteers.org/en/mawuvios-outreach-programme>

Experience It! – based in Ghana

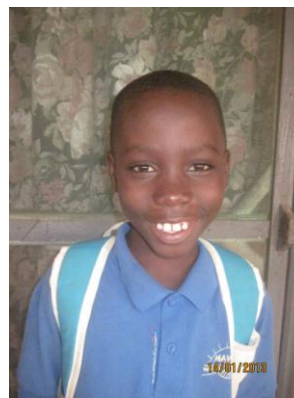
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Student Spotlight



Name: **Gifty Dokuvi**
Age: **12**
Class: **Primary 2**
Best Game: **Ampe**
Best Food: **Ackble**

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



Name: **Paul Addah**
Age: **10**
Class: **Primary 2**
Best Game: **Football**
Best Food: **Rice & Chicken**

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