

Mawuvio's Outreach August 2013



End of 2012 – 2013 School Year at MOP



Pictured: MOP students and teachers in front of MOP Office

The 2012-2013 school year at Mawuvio's Outreach came to a close on 1 August 2013. Students enjoyed a small party provided by MOP directors, teachers and volunteers. Students each received a soft drink, cookies and candies.

This 2012-2013 was the most successful year MOP has had thus far. Three teachers joined MOP as staff; Class 1 teacher Nathaniel Dzegdey, Class 2 teacher Steady Kudlor and Class 3 teacher Austin Tettey. MOP now has five employed Ghanaian teachers. Students learning increased dramatically this year compared to past years as teachers began assigning daily homework and taking lessons very seriously. During the 2011-2012 school year approximately 15% of MOP students had to repeat grades. This year that percentage has dropped to 5%.

Mawuvio's Outreach held a Parent and Teachers meeting at the end of the school year as well. Thirty one parents/guardians were present, approximately 77% of MOP students represented by the adults taking



pictured: parents and teachers of Mawuvio's Outreach students discuss school progress.

care of them. Parents, teachers and directors discussed the roles each must play to ensure the utmost success of students. Also discussed was the future move of MOP students to the permanent building in Ayikuma. Parents are happy with the work MOP is doing and agreed to work together with teachers to help their children as best they can.

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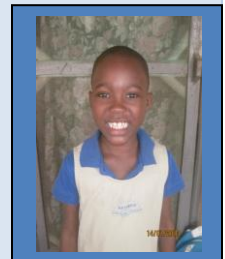
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Happy Birthday!

Mawuvio's Outreach August Birthdays:

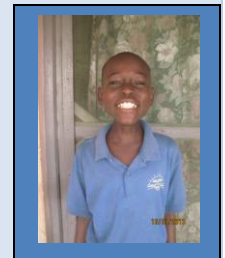
August 6

Angela
Ayitey
8 years



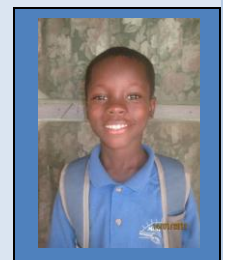
August 12

Jonathon
Nugah
11 years



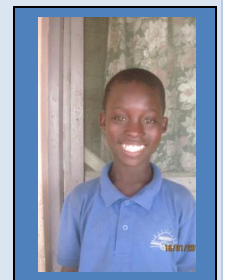
August 24

Blessing
Adjekolo
8 years



August 25

Kwame
Ametonu
12 years



MOP Enters Tigo: Ghana Reach for Change Contest

Mawuvio's Outreach directors Eric Kwame Agoe and Renee Farwell along with the help of Austrian volunteer Florian Bernhart have entered Mawuvio's Outreach Programme into Tigo's Reach for Change contest.

Tigo is an phone company serving Sub-Saharan Africa and they are asking people working in each country they serve to submit ideas



and projects that will improve the lives of children. The winner will receive \$25,000 for up to three years. Agoe and Bernhart attended an informative meeting in late July at the LaBode Beach Hotel in Accra and learned how to apply. Together with Farwell, the three worked together to answer the seven essay questions and submitted the proposal on behalf of MOP. They also submitted MOP's work on Tigo's Reach for Change Facebook page. Facebook users can vote for MOP's submission until August 6. The Facebook submission with the most votes will win \$500 from Tigo and be entered into the semifinalists. Please visit this link to vote for MOP!

<https://www.facebook.com/R4CAfrica?v=app_306225262780703&rest=1&app_data=essay%3D269292>

Mawuvio's Students First in their Class

The following MOP students ranked first in their class receiving the highest overall exam scores in their class. Students were tested in seven subjects: English, Math, Science, Environmental Studies, Religious & Moral Educaiton, Information Communication Technology and Creative Arts. Test scores at Mawuvio's Outreach continue to improve with each academic term. Congrats to all students and good work!



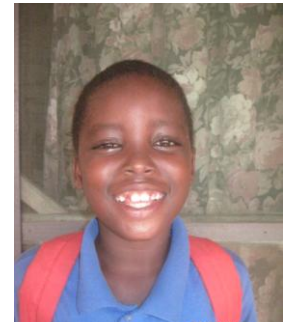
Dora Ampasah
Nursery



Florence Boakye
KG 1



Grace Mary Mensah
KG 2



Lukas Alorkpa
Primary 1



Selina Afteti
Primary 2



Michael Logoh
Primary 3



Benjamin Gborwosu
Primary 4/5

UPCOMING EVENTS:

1 End of 2012 – 2013 School Year

1 MOP Soccer Match against Dome

13/8 – 12/9
Vacation Classes
Tuesday thru Thursday
9:30am – 12:30pm

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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Naming Ceremonies and Other Traditions

by Kwame Ametonu Class Five

Naming ceremony is known as an 'outdooring.' When a child is born you will put the child in the room for eight days and the parent will bring the child out and name him or her. When they are coming to name the child they will call the pastor or the traditional leader. They call the person which is coming to name the child.

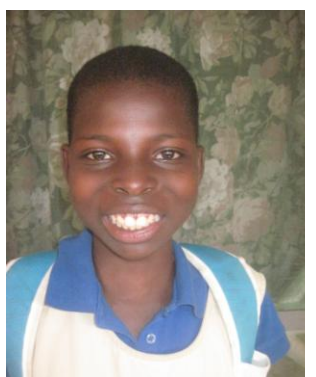
After the child is named they will tell the people which name is given to the child. It is important that if you didn't name the child, people will not know the name of the child. Once the child is named, they will go and buy alcohol, and everyone will take some food.

The traditionalists also worship a statue. The statue is made of many things. First when the traditionalists are coming to worship they kill a goat or a chicken and put the blood on the statue and pray to the statue. The statue is sometimes named Abla or they give another name to it. They use that statue to do many things, like kill and so many things. Most people have this in their room or other places to protect themselves. If you go and fool them, they will use that thing to kill you or destroy you. The traditionalists also pour libation. People also circumcise a new baby girl with a blade, a sharp knife or a broken bottle which is sharp. The northerners, Bennis and Akans do this. Traditionalists also worship other things like stones, trees, the sea and other things because they believe what it will do well for them. Whatever they want, the thing does it for them.

If you worship it does not mean to be proud or fool. If you fool the thing it will kill you because if it tells you to do something and you don't want to do it, it will punish you or kill you. Because of this, people go to church to return it back to the sender. Because of this, many people hate their friends. Some people kill their mother or father for Sakawa, or some kill their brothers and sisters. Because of this, some people don't bath. If water touches them, they start shaking and die. If they do not die, they get a mental problem or go mad. You should not try this because it is dangerous.



Student Spotlight



Name: **Atsu Adzo**
Age: **12**
Class: **Primary 2**
Best Game: **Ampe**
Best Food: **Jollof Rice**

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



Name: **Forgive Gborwosu**
Age: **10**
Class: **Primary 2**
Best Game: **Football**
Best Food: **Fufu & Light Soup**

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