

Mawuvio's Outreach September 2013



Borehole Well is Dug at Ayikuma Building



Pictured: the finished top of the borehole

The newest and most recent development at the Mawuvio's Outreach Programme building site is the digging of the borehole well on MOP land. Directors have been planning to dig a borehole for over a year. A well is the most cost effective way to bring running water to the future home for Mawuvio's Outreach Programme.

Tom Hansen of Sabula, Iowa committed to donating all the funding needed to dig the well months ago, but finally the work is complete.

Mawuvio's Outreach Programme's board chairman Lawrence Dzegdey used his families borehole drilling business to drill the well for MOP. They dug down 90 meters when they hit a steady source of water. There is now a pipe that provides MOP with enough water to water all the plants and grass around the building site as



pictured: faucet where MOP can now get their own water

well as a polytank barrel sitting on top of the roof which stores water that is then used to supply the toilets and shower heads with running water. During this month, builders will continue to work finishing the inside of the building and completing electrical works moving the building one step closer towards move in.

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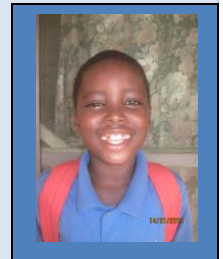
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Joyce Sogah
9 years



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Lukas Alorkpa
8 years



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Grace Mary Mensah
7 years



Volunteer Interview: Florian Bernhart

By: Elena Arosemena

Tell me about yourself

My name is Florian Bernhart, I'm 20 years old and I come from Frastanz, a town in the western part of Austria. I have finished high school in 2012 and did my national service after that. After leaving Ghana in September I'll start studying civil engineering in Germany.



What has surprised you the most about Ghana

It's really difficult to tell what surprised me most in Ghana, because there are so many things. But if I would have to choose one, it would be the different life style. It's amazing to see how people can be happy with the little amount of things they have. You can see children running around and playing with old car tires - I can't imagine children doing this in Austria.

Lessons Learned, Share some of the things you've learned

I've learned so many things here in Ghana. Not only cultural facts about Ghana, but also I got to know a new way of life. To be happy and thankful for the things you have, even if you have not a lot. Although it might be quite hard to grow up in a developing country, most of the people have an amazing lust for life.

Describe a typical day volunteering for Mawuvio's

A typical volunteering day at MOP looks like this: Standing up at about 7:00. Sometimes having a shower. Then having breakfast before school starts at 8:30. Before the children go to class, there's an assembly in front of the school, where they sing some songs and recite bible verses. According to the time table of KG2 (Kindergarten 2) teach English for about two and a half hour (8:30 to 11:00) . In English the kids learn reading, writing and grammar. After English I teach Environmental Studies for about an hour (11:00 to 12:00). In this subject the children learn about their culture, their community, different plants, fruits and vegetables, that they should keep their environment clean and many other things.

When we've finished with Environmental Studies the children, the teachers and the volunteers have lunch and then the children will go for break to play in front of the school for some minutes.

After the break at about 1:30 I teach Math until about 2:30. In Math the children learn addition, multiplication, subtraction, division and some other things. After Math the school closes and from Tuesday to Thursday there are after-school-program. So the children go home quickly to change their clothes and maybe eat something small and then they come back at 4:00. After-school-program is either going to a library to improve the reading skills of the children, creating some bracelets to sell them abroad and raise funds for helping the children.

After this it's nearly time for dinner and then I spend the remaining time with different things. About 9:00 to 10:00 I go to bed.

What do you want the readers of this post to know about the children and staff of Mawuvio's?

I want them to know that's Mawuvio's is a great organisation, which really helps the children to get out of their current hopeless situation through education to become a great person in future.

It's really worth to donate to this organisation because even with some small amount of money you can really make a difference

UPCOMING EVENTS:

12 vacation classes end

17 School resumes

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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The Power of Culture

by Jonathon Nuqah Class Three

There are various aspects of cultural traditions in my Ghana. The people of Ghana are very friendly and welcoming due to the cultural values and tradition that have been instilled in us as a people. Culture has played a large, positive role in our lives as a people.

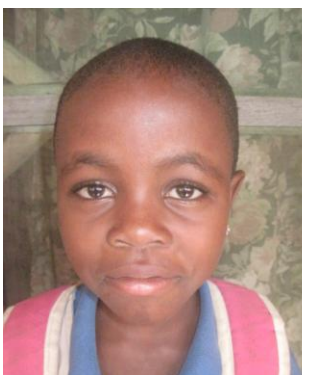
Since culture is a way of life of a particular people, it helps to bring people together and also unite them. The people of Ghana have different styles of dancing and music, most of the people in Ghana like dancing Agbaza and Bobobo dance which is from the people of Ewe's. Most of the people of the Ewe's live together in a particular place which is in the upper west region. They dance when they hear people singing Ewe songs. They start dancing immediately and their songs are very interesting for them. The women are the most dancers in the Ewe songs, more than the men and they don't dance sometimes when they hear people singing Ewe songs because they are busy.

I like the Ewe songs very much because whenever they are singing I start dancing and singing after them. The Ewes like dancing and going to funerals when someone is dead. They also like going to different places to learn how they dance. Ewe children like dancing when someone is doing a party or a birthday. Most of them like dancing Agbaza at the shrine. Sometimes they are also listening to different songs and like dancing different kinds of dance.

The women also have their own type of dressing which they use to dance when they have meeting. They have their ways of doing different kinds of things which they have learned from the older people. The grown men do not like dancing too much but they will dance immediately when someone is drumming. During the week they had been having meeting. On weekends at some places they all start singing and dancing but it is not every day they dance but they sing. Ewes are the most important people in Ghana because they help and take care of some people.



Student Spotlight



Name: **Mary Ama Logoh**
Age: **7**
Class: **Primary 2**
Best Game: **Ampe**
Best Food: **Rice**

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



Name: **Reuben Adjanor**
Age: **12**
Class: **Primary 5**
Best Game: **Football**
Best Food: **Waakye**

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