



MOP Mourns Loss of Our Father



Pictured: Eric Kwame Agoe and Steve Farwell

On September 28 the students, staff and entire Mawuvio's Outreach Programme community in Kissemah Village Ghana was hit with an tragic, unexpected news; Steve Farwell had passed away the night before. "Dad" as everyone at Mawuvio's Outreach and Kissemah Village at large was highly respected in the Ghana community. Steve had visited Ghana twice; first in December of 2010 spending the Christmas holidays at MOP. He immediately gained an immense amount of respect from children and adults alike. His second trip lasted only five days at the beginning of December 2012. He made a last minute decision to accompany his wife Barb and surprised all of MOP expecting "Mom" to be at the airport. He spent that trip helping paint the outside of the new school building in Ayikuma. Steve said many times he never dreamt he would travel to Africa and although he didn't think so, he impacted many people in Africa, Ghana and Mawuvio's Outreach

It's with deep sorrow that I talk about the sudden story, our school, the M.O.P has been hit by an unprecedented tragedy this morning. For we have lost a great man and Father I never think that one day I will hear or tell our school in such circumstances. I am personally devastated, I have lost a father and mentor. I extend our deepest condolences to Mom Babra Farwell and children and Grand moms, our hearts are with our mother Babra. She had deep respect for the M.O.P and the people. We say dad "Rest in perfect peace" ~ Eric Kwame Agoe (director)



pictured: Barb and Steve Farwell at the December 2010 excursion to Labode Beach.

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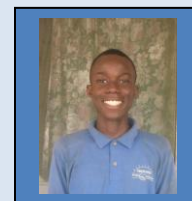
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Happy Birthday!

Mawuvio's Outreach October & November Birthdays:

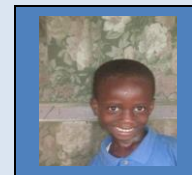
October 14

Randolf Adjanor
15 years



November 9

Prosper Mensah
7 years



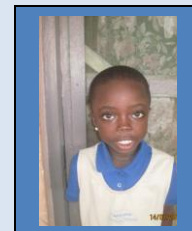
November 11

Charles Frimpong
7 years



November 21

Florence Boakye
7 years



November 29

Emmanuela Annan
7 years



Staff and Student Condolences Expressed

“When a man has lost in the sea, one can’t restrict himself / herself from drinking or using water. Nobody would forever lives in this world but the sudden pass away of Mr. Steve Farwell really pricked and led me in total confusion.

A shock news like this can leads any of us to a worse situation, because the Great Tree that shelters the children and the teachers of M.O.P has fallen.

In life one needs to slow down in order to gain ground. I say please to the Farwell Family to take it easy. Mr. Steve Farwell May You Rest In Perfect Peace.”

~ *Steady Emmanuel Kudlor (Teacher Class 3)*



“We are going to miss dad so much. He’s a very kindful and peaceful man. All that he has done for us we thank him.

May God let him rest in peace.”

~ *Benjamin Gborwosu class 5*

**“We miss you very much.
May your soul rest in
peace.”**

~ *Matilda Doe class 2*

I am very sorry to hear this sad news and I would like to send my condolence to the whole family especially Mum the widow and our Aunty Renee to have my sympathy. I am really shocked because Mr. Farwell is the main pillar of M.O.P.

Something that can never been forgotten so soon. Why should it be so?!!

Good bye and sleep in the Lord.

~ *Lawrenda Dzadey (teacher KG1 & KG2)*

For everything under the sun there is a time and season for every matter under the sun; as it is written in Ecclesiastes 3:1-8. A good name is better than riches or precious stones. I believe that Daddy Steve Farwell has earned a good name in our hearts especially for us in M.O.P.

Therefore I want to celebrate the life of a man who fought tirelessly for the less privilege in a society he had nothing in common with, except for blood. I say it with a smile on my face, that His name will forever live on. And to the family, especially Mom, I say “ It is well with your soul” because Daddy Steve is smiling at you always.

Rest in Peace Sir. ~ *Austine Gabo Tettey (Teacher Class 4)*



Thank you dad for everything you have done for us. I will miss you very much. You are so kind and good to all of us at this school. Dad let your spirit be in peace. Thank you.

~ *Morde Bedi class 3*

“Hello Daddy. We thank you for all that you have been doing for us and may your soul rest in perfect peace.”

~ *Alex Boateng class 4*

“Thank you for bringing Aunty Renee here. We miss you. Let us be good girls and boys. Sorry for dying. Bye bye.”

~ *Grace Mary Mensah class 1*

“I pray that God will guide you and the gate will open to you. God said that child anything you need to call on me. I pray that anything bad will never happen to Aunty Renee and her family again. Thank you.”

~ *Atsu Adzo class 3*



This is my condolence to Aunty Renee and family. What happens is very shocking and sad. This unprecedented tragedy make my eyes full with tears and heart full of mourning. Because it is unbelievable story.

I and all M.O.P teachers are mourning and sympathizing with you. My condolence all goes to Mum Farwell particularly; May God hold her heart firmly for this difficult time. I pray that Almighty God protect her and control her through all the activities. Anti Renee we are really behind you. May God also guard you and protect you, as you are going God should carry you safely on His feathers to your destination.

Mr. Steve Farwell may you rest in perfect peace.

~ *Francis Asiamah (class 5 teacher)*

Steven Robert Farwell



UPCOMING EVENTS:

2 MOP Donors Depart Ghana

23 River City Craft Show Dubuque, Iowa

24 Clinton Community College Craft Show Clinton, Iowa

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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GOOSE LAKE — Steven R. Farwell, 58, of Goose Lake, died suddenly Friday, Sept. 27, 2013. Funeral services will be held 10:30 Wednesday, Oct. 2, at the Ascension Lutheran Church in Goose Lake. Visitation will be held Tuesday from 5 to 8 p.m. at Ascension Lutheran Church in Goose Lake. The Pape Funeral Home is assisting the family. Burial will

be at Center Grove Cemetery. Casket bearers will be Garry Farrell, Greg Wancett, Dennis and Allen Schroeder, Jeff Hoffmann, Rick White, Ryan and K.B. Jargo. Honorary pallbearers will be Rick Smith, Loran Jacobsen, Keith Cain, Larry Johnson, Joel Petersen, Jason Farrell, Dennis Stolk, and D.J. Sidlinger. Memorials may be given to Goose Lake Lions Club, Ascension Lutheran Church, or the Mawuvio's Outreach Programme (M.O.P.) in Ghana. Online condolences may be left at www.papefh.com.

Steve was born on Nov. 10, 1954 in Sacramento, CA, the son of Arthur and Lois (Stolk) Farwell. He graduated from Northeast High School in 1972. He married Barbara Cousins on May 22, 1976 in Goose Lake. Steve was a truck driver with Kunau Implement and a plumber with Ron Poole. In 1978 he went into trucking business with his father, bought his first truck in 1980, and since 1984 owned and operated Steve Farwell Trucking. He was a member of Ascension Lutheran Church, Goose Lake Lions Club, and the Eastern Iowa Nova Club. His pride and joy was having his grandfather's 1950 Ford pickup restored and driving it on Sunday afternoons. He also liked to attend antique car shows, sometimes entering the 1950 Ford pickup in them. He enjoyed traveling, having traveled with his wife and children throughout the United States. He also looked forward to the February tropical vacations with friends. Steve traveled to Ghana Africa twice to support Renee's Mawuvio's Outreach Programme, helping to paint the new school building in December 2012. He was held in high esteem in Ghana, being called the "father" of M.O.P. Steve was very proud of his two daughters, Renee and Ellen. Steve is survived by his wife, Barbara; his two daughters, Renee of Ghana / Chicago, IL and Ellen (Derek Witt) of Andover; his mother, Lois of Preston; a brother, Kenneth of Clinton; two nephews, Dean (Melanie) and Ken Allen (Codi); and two nieces, Lynn and Jenny. He was preceded in death by his father, grandparents and a nephew.

Death Date: Sept. 27, 2013

Student Spotlight



Name: Deborah Kwasafo
Age: 7
Class: KG1
Best Game: Ampe
Best Food: Rice

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



Name: Mubarak Bello
Age: 12
Class: Primary 5
Best Game: Football
Best Food: Fufu & Light Soup

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