

Mawuvio's Outreach December 2013



MOP Music Programme Grows with ISEP Volunteer



Pictured: Kaia Duke practices reading music with MOP students

Last year in September Omprakash volunteer Kaitlyn Gitter began an after school music programme at MOP. Students worked diligently for two months learning how to play a variety of instruments. This year, MOP was fortunate enough to have an ISEP volunteer, Kaia Duke, who was studying abroad at the University of Ghana for the fall semester, continue the music programme. Duke is originally from Arkansas and attends Hendrix College. She began volunteering at MOP as a teacher and quickly expressed interest in also helping out with the after school music programme.

Kaia quickly became the leader of the music programme helping students prepare for a recital in mid-October. She continued the programme after the recital when she realized that most students were unable to read music. Students met twice weekly and Duke

taught them the basics to reading music. Duke returned to Arkansas this month and was happy to report that the majority of the students participating in the after school music programme are now able to read music. Class four teacher Austin Tettey and director Eric Kwame Agoe also helped Duke implement the music programme.



pictured: Kaia Duke teaches Primary 1 at MOP

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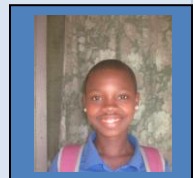
Student Spotlight

Happy Birthday!

Mawuvio's Outreach
December Birthdays:

December 2

Felicia
Afla
13 years



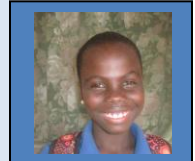
December 12

Benjamin
Gborwosu
16 years



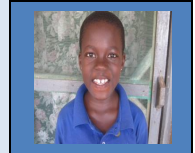
December 14

Josephine
Adziwonu
9 years



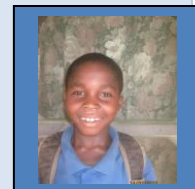
December 21

Lilian
Ampomah
9 years



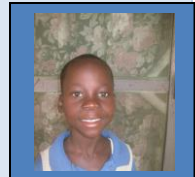
December 22

Elias
Afeidi
8 years



December 28

Patricia
Domevenu
8 years



MOP Student Hospitalized for Three Weeks

Mawuvio's Outreach class one student Lilian Ampomah was hospitalized for three weeks at Ridge hospital with a serious case of pneumonia in late November thru mid- December. Lilian is eight years old. She missed several days of school when the illness presented and upon a visit to her home, director Eric Kwame Agoe observed that Lilian was hardly able to breathe and insisted the family allow him to take Lilian to the hospital. Once at the hospital doctors immediately put Lilian on oxygen and confirmed her lungs were filled with fluid.

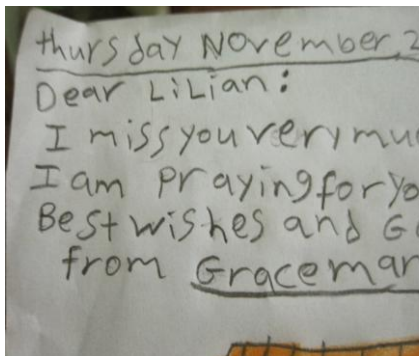
Lilian underwent surgery to have a tube placed in her lungs to drain the fluid. The tube was in her lungs for about two weeks where she remained hospitalized.



While in the hospital Lilian completed all her first term exams performing very well and was realized just in time for her 9th birthday on December 21.

The majority of the time when MOP students fall sick, the programme covers all of their medical expenses as MOP children come from families who cannot afford basic medical care. Too often parents and guardians are too ashamed to ask directors for medical support because MOP is already helping them very much. Thus, student's sicknesses progress and get worse before MOP becomes involved, as was the case with Lilian.

All throughout her hospital stay Lilian was visited by MOP directors, staff and volunteers.



Elena Arosemena found support from a group of individuals in Atlanta, Georgia who agreed to provide all funding (approximately \$500) for Lilian's medical care these last 3 weeks. MOP would like to thank these individuals and everyone who gave thoughts and prayers to Lilian!

Support Grows for MOP Child Sponsorship Programme

For 3 years Mawuvio's Outreach Programme child sponsorship is one of the major ways the programme ensures sustainable funding to support the monthly costs of running our pre-primary and primary school in Ghana. Recently, MOP has seen a great increase in child sponsorships due to a campaign headed by board member Elena Arosemena. Arosemena has been working on finding sponsors for all sixty four MOP students. Currently approximately 35 students are sponsored.

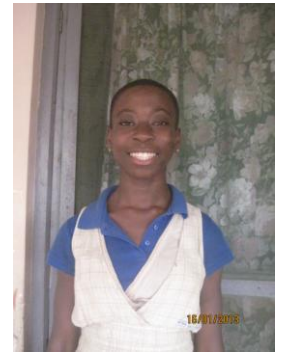
Every month, MOP spends \$600 on the school lunch programme, providing free lunch for all MOP students as well as \$400 for the salaries of the five Ghanaian teachers, one cook and a music/sports teacher. Directors allot \$100 each month for miscellaneous expenses such as medical care, school supplies ect.

Sponsors play the main role in supporting the \$1100 it takes to support MOP month to month. In addition, sponsors are given the option of corresponding one-on-one with a MOP student providing both the sponsor and student with a means to communicate and give one another the hope of the positive future of MOP.

Sponsors can give on a monthly, bi-annual or annual basis. Monthly sponsors are strongly encouraged as it is the best way to ensure the programme is supported each and every month. Anyone interested in supporting MOP as a child sponsor can contact Renee Farwell at renee@mawuviosoutreachprogramme.org or Elena Arosemena at elena1025@comcast.net. Thank you!

Family and Religion in Ghana

by Patricia Avoryi Class Five



the following essay was written in part as a submission to the GOI Peace Essay Contest. Students in Classes four and five participated in the contest. Essay topics are about different aspects of Ghanaian culture.

Family plays a very strong role in the culture of my country Ghana. Families sometimes help their family members and they have a family head to control the family. The head of the family helps in many ways. The head of the family helps the family to solve some problems. The work of the family head is to control the family in many good ways. The family has many things to do. The children have to respect the elder people in the family.

In Ghana many people worship God to help them succeed and to bring peace in their lives. And they are Christians and some worship other Gods and they are the traditionalists. The Muslims trust in the holy Koran, the Christians trust in the holy Bible and the traditionalist people pour libation. The oral tradition tells the children to obey their idols and what the idols says, they must do it.

The Christians celebrate Christmas on the 25th of December because that was the day Jesus Christ was born and he was the leader of the Christians. He leads the Christians in everything they do to worship him. We celebrate Easter to celebrate the death of Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ loves us very much, that is why he came to die on the cross for our sins.

All these aspects of culture that has been spoken of have one thing in common, which is celebration that brings people together.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

3 First Term Exams Begin

13 End of First Term

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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Student Spotlight



Name: **Deborah Kwasafc**
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