

# TO BE WORLDWIDE JANUARY-JUNE 2008 PROGRESS REPORT

## General Pictures



*prince teaching the kids*



*Cape Coast land owners & To Be Team*



*Pentium IV's ready for shipping*



*Kids helping each other on the computer*



*children in the library*



*kids from the schools we work with*



*"What's your business project"*



*Takoradi Educational Resource Centre*



*Lea working with kids on project*

## **ICT**

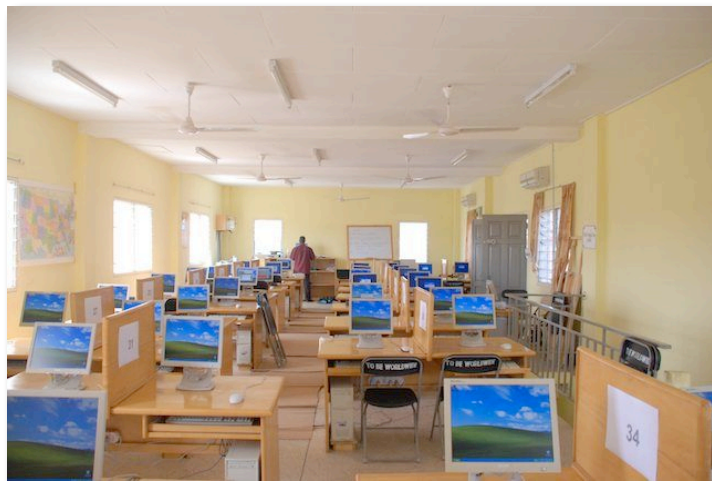
In this quarter we worked hard on the tech refresh we had planned. The Pentium III computers were replaced by Pentium IV and we brought in a new server with remote server control from the Netherlands to assist the staff. We had also been offered a number of flat screen monitors which were most welcome. Ruud Davids and his colleagues, Brendan Bak en Henny had arranged for computers to be donated by The Radboud Hospital in Nijmegen. They then proceeded to refurbish the computers to create as much of a "plug & play" set up as possible, making the installation process in Ghana more efficient.

The shipping agent Wim Bosman BV, made a 40 ft container available and sponsored the shipping of the computers to Ghana.

Everyone; the children, our computer tutors Prince and Sam are very happy with the new computer classroom. Prince and Sam were able to improve their skills as they learned from Brendan Bank.

**Enrolments for ICT courses:**

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| January  | 24 |
| February | 28 |
| March    | 18 |
| April    | 29 |
| May      | 34 |
| June     | 28 |



**Ms. Millicent Odongo**

of Computers for Development visits the Takoradi Educational Resource Centre. Computers for Development (CFD) has on several occasions provided To Be Worldwide with refurbished computers. CFD is a partner organisation of To Be Worldwide. As partner organisations CFD and To Be Worldwide applied for the cross-over program from PSO and were awarded funds for capacity building at the Takoradi Educational Resource Centre. CFD was responsible for the monitoring and evaluation of the program. Ms. Millicent Odongo travelled to Ghana to visit the Centre and to evaluate the progress made. These findings were presented to PSO in a report and at a PSO organised training. During the training a conference call was made to Mrs. Williams, Centre Coordinator of the Takoradi Educational Resource Centre to obtain feedback from her on the program and it's benefits to To Be Worldwide Ghana. We are

hoping to be considered by PSO at the next round for call for proposals and would like to build a more structural form of cooperation.

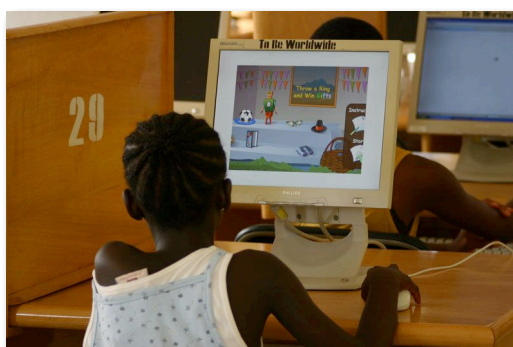


**E-learning Africa Conference**



The E-learning Africa Conference took place in Accra on the 28th till the 30th of May 2008. E-learning for kids sent in a proposal to speak at the conference. To Be Worldwide was asked to co-present at the event. Nick van Dam of E-learning for Kids presented their E-learning courseware and what a great and diverse number of subjects available, while Nellie Kirschner-Timmer presented on how E-learning for

kids courseware is used at the Takoradi Centre. Prior to preparing the presentation approximately 30 random children were given a survey on teachings at the Centre and their experiences. This survey also included a section on E-learning for kids courseware. Their input was used to prepare the presentation. After the conference Mr. Nick van Dam and his wife Judith, who is also actively involved in the E-learning for Kids Foundation visited the Takoradi Educational Resource Centre to see their courseware being used by the children.

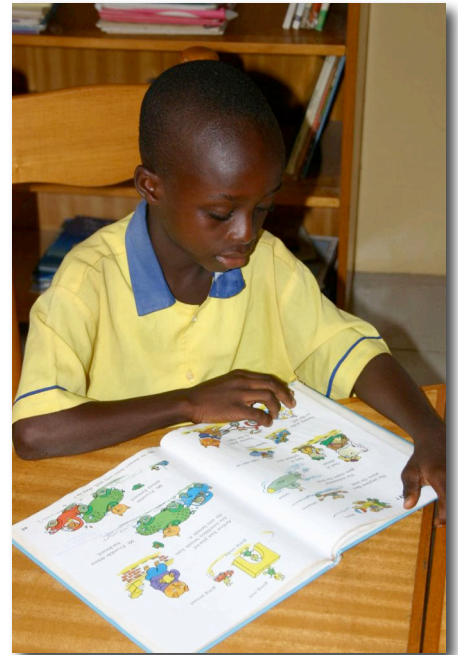




Intel and the Ghana Education Services have developed e-learning courseware [www.skooool.com.gh](http://www.skooool.com.gh) for the Junior and Senior secondary schools. Due to our relationship with Intel we were able to acquire the course on disk to run it on our server.

### **Library**

We have had a high library membership enrolment this period. Approximately 200 more new books were shipped. It has been wonderful to see so many children making use of the library facilities on an individual basis and with their whole school class. The annual survey done at the Centre confirmed the popularity of the library and that children feel that it is helping them to improve their English. They also use the reference books to work on their homework.



#### **Library enrolments were:**

|          |     |
|----------|-----|
| January  | 72  |
| February | 105 |
| March    | 48  |
| April    | 98  |
| May      | 71  |
| June     | 90  |

#### **Number of books borrowed:**

|          |     |
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| January  | 364 |
| February | 472 |
| March    | 520 |
| April    | 448 |
| May      | 594 |
| June     | 725 |

The Centre was visited by To Be Worldwide friends from The Netherlands, They spent a day at the Centre and pitched in to help process (selecting books, registering them in computer, providing them with barcode) a number of books. These could then be added to the books in the library.

### **Activities**

The dutchbased company CNote (*Cnote creates customer experiences that delivers bottom line results. They define strategy & concepts that work for your customers each time*) visited The Takoradi Educational Resource Centre.

The purpose of the visit was to see the work the To Be Worldwide Foundation does and to contribute by working with the children on a project. The Cnote Team, Lea Ward (To Be Worldwide Boardmember and co-founder of Cnote), Veronique van Cruchten and Bernadette Kuiper worked with a group of 12 children on a project called "What's your business". Translating the mini business plans written by the children



into commercials made by the children. It was a very inspiring project. The enthusiasm of the Cnote Team, the incredible creativity and talent of the children, everything fell into place.

To watch the results of their work, please see **Youtube:**

- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L0RpWAz73PQ>
- [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xf\\_dUaswhRk](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xf_dUaswhRk)
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3soWJQercw>
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wBISmi6lJlDQ>
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O3mz4Fqljsw>



## **Expansion Plans**

It has been very unfortunately that we were not able to get the final land papers for Komenda. Though we experienced a delay in our plans, we did learn a lot. We looked more into the land issues in Ghana and realised the intricacy of it. Since 2004 there are 66'000 land conflicts at court in Ghana. To Be Worldwide is however committed to taking the concept of the Educational Resource Centre to other areas besides **Takoradi**. We have identified 2 locations to develop. One in Cape Coast and one in Anaji. A memorandum of understanding on the use of the land in Cape Coast

has already been signed and the district assembly of Cape Coast is reviewing the technical drawings for approval and building permit .



*40 x 40 meters in Cape Coast land next to a school and serving 12 other schools*



## **To Be Worldwide finalist in the Stockholm Challenge Award**

The Stockholm Challenge is a biannual awards programme since 1994 when it was launched by the City of Stockholm. It is now owned by the Royal Institute of Technology (KTH) in Stockholm and sponsored by the City of Stockholm, Ericsson and Sida. The Challenge programme 2008 has been targeting ICT for Development projects globally. Great efforts have been put into the search for excellent examples of

information and communication technologies that show convincing benefits to people and communities, wide impact and proofs of future sustainability.

## **A look ahead**

- \*Finalise negotiations with Giftel [www.giftel.gov.gh](http://www.giftel.gov.gh) on cooperation and support for satellite connectivity.
- \*Obtain approval and building permit for building Cape Coast Educational Resource Centre
- \*Introduce educational software from Learnthings [www.learningthings.co.za](http://www.learningthings.co.za) (introduced to organisation by Intel at the E-learning Africa conference)
- \*Survey the use of E-learning Skoool software
- \*First phase completed of electronic student registration system
- \* Accountant Report for 2007 available on website – under, About us and Financial Reports.