



Lego activities at Centre



Simply beautiful



Mrs Georgina Williams & Mr. Thompson of Takoradi



Reading is fun...



Singing activities at Centre



Meeting my friends to read together



Making jewelry at the Centre



Visiting a company to learn what they do



My weekly Computer Skills Class


Takoradi Educational Resource Centre

It has been an exciting 6 months at the Centre. We continued our Eye screening program, saw our first Adult Literacy Group graduate, great activities such as building LEGO and making jewelry were organized and a 2nd trial of our "I Want To Be" program took place.

On the ICT front we are about to end a full school year of working with the Ghana Education Services (GES) and providing ICT classes for children during school hours. We are very proud of the contribution we were able to make and look forward to welcoming 3 new classes appointed by the GES next school year.

Library

Seeing children read with such enthusiasm is simply wonderful. Children borrow books, write their book reports and participate in reading activities on the Saturday. The Librarians publish monthly Saturday activities so children know "what's on" at the Centre. They organize Quizzes, Watch DVD, make jigsaw puzzles (one of their favorite activities) etc. We particularly appreciate the trust parents put in us when they drop of their children at our Centre on Saturday's to read, meet their friends and participate in these activities.



Enrolments for ICT	
January	16
February	9
March	6
April	13
May	13
June	15

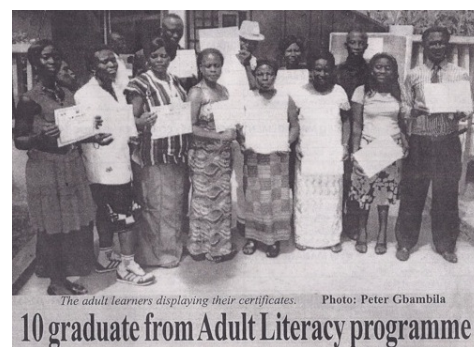


Number of books borrowed:			
January	96	April	29
February	315	Mei	126
March	407	June	448

Library enrolment			
January	43 new 22 renew	April	38 10
February	62 new 14 renew	May	100 9
March	73 new 18 renew	June	57 11

Graduation of Adult Literacy Class

The 21st of January was a memorable day for all of us. 10 adult learners graduated after 2 years of literacy training. It was a great celebration in the presence of their families and sponsors of the program. The learners performed a small play in which they illustrated what situations you can get yourself into if you are not literate. The news of their graduation made it to the national newspaper. The play performed was about a person who was not able to read signs in his community. Signs about not being allowed to urinate everywhere. He was then arrested and fined. This illustrated that not being able to read can put you in awkward situations. We do not realize the impact being literate has on our lives. We take it for granted. The 10 graduates are now able to go to the bank and sign their names, read the labels on the medication given to them by doctors, read important signs in their community as well as newspapers for example.



We would like to thank the SK Foundation represented by Mr. IJsbrant Spier (who was present at the graduation), Mrs. Margaret Wojeo and Mrs. Ruth Hughes from the department of formal Education for all their support in realizing this program. And we look forward to starting a new course later this year.

Fun and Educational activities at The Takoradi Centre

The Takoradi Centre was honored with a visit from Mr. IJsbrant Spier (SK Foundation) and Mrs. Monique Cornelisse (Friend of To Be Worldwide) in January. As part of her visit Ms. Monique organized a jewelry making workshop for the girls. The boys (and girls who wanted to of course) had the opportunity to play, build with LEGO for the first time in their lives. Both activities were a great success.

It was particularly inspiring to see how much the children enjoyed playing and building with LEGO. The educational value of LEGO is incredible and we hope to introduce LEGO activities on a regular basis at the Centre.



Timukota Millenium Travels

It was a pleasure to host the 12 participants of the Timikota Millenium Travels Ghana group. The objective of their travels was to learn how Ghana was implementing the Millenium Goal nr. 2. "Universal Education"..... But most importantly to learn about the Ghanaian culture, share experience with their counterparts in Ghana and hold workshops for them and the children at our Centre. The workshop on song and dance were a particular success with the children at the Centre. Read for yourselves the experience of one of the participants of the group.....

"Wow Ghana you stole my heart! You've got lovely people and wonderful nature. In April we've been to Takoradi with a group of young Dutch boys and girls. We were all curious how you live in Ghana. So we've met you and did some workshops about theatre, sports and music. And you showed us some Ghana dances and songs. I think the thing that touched me the most was when our 'music ladies' were busy on the guitar and sang beautiful songs about the lord. And all the children of the 'To Be WorldWide Centre' came around us and sang with us. You have all beautiful voices, and all so precious. I felt the love that we share for music. Music has no boundaries" and that's good. I wish the world had no boundaries than we could have been neighbors. A center like this is rare and I think the children who are there are blessed to know it. Please do your study well and learn a lot at school. And off course keep singing :)



Cape Coast Centre

Following a visit to the Ghana Education Service department of Cape Coast , we are confident we can count on their cooperation to help us reach as many public school children as possible. The enrollment statistics for the first half of 2012 were below expectation, although the number of books borrowed were higher than at the Takoradi Centre. We are now working towards the new school year to get the Centre into full swing of things, providing children with the much needed support. During the summer holidays we will be building a fence wall around the Centre, mainly to protect the property but it will also confirm our independence as an organization, which we feel will make it easier for the public school children to visit us.

Enrollments for ICT	New	Renew
January	3	6
February	2	1
March	3	0
April	3	0
May	3	10

Library enrolments	New	Renew
January	14	3
February	10	8
March	16	7
April	23	5
May	10	4
June	37	8

Number of books borrowed:			
January	305	April	264
February	397	May	301
March	403	June	407

Eye Screening Program

The screenings are already very popular with the community and the school in the vicinity of the Centre. We ran a full screening session in January, which was visited by 60 children including children from the Egyam Orphanage, and a follow-up session in March. We invited children (with specific issues) whom we had seen at previous screenings to the follow-up session to monitor their condition and perhaps refer them to the hospital where necessary.

We are very happy that we will be able to continue the program and Would like to thank Dr. Samuel Kusi for his tireless efforts and everyone for their support. We would like to say a special thank you to Laureate/Walden University for their support for the next round of screenings.



I Want To Be Program

We ran a very successful trial of our "I Want To Be Program". The program is developed to help to open the minds of children in Ghana to future career opportunities in their own communities. One of the most important goals of this 2nd trial was to test how the children experienced visiting a company and hearing and seeing first hand what it is like to work at a certain company. The children were very enthusiastic and were able to come up with questions right there, on top of the list of questions they had prepared. The company visited was **Supermaritime**, who offer a comprehensive range of ship and cargo related services in the Takoradi Harbour. Many children have never even visited the Harbour in their own town.

Our team, under the expert guidance of Kofi Essien, our Master Teacher, Loes Witschge, our star volunteer and Godwin Cobblod our ICT expert, did a great job! We also thank Sunney Quaicoe (Ghana Education Services) for his excellent coordinating role.

Thank you to Ana Paula Waaijenberg and Nicolette ter Rele of Logica for their input, working to make adjustments to the software and helping us to get the right version installed in Ghana on time.

Last but not least we would like to say Thank you to Mr. Justice Pobee and his team at Supermaritime for making our company visit memorable.



A Book report

My Book report

My Name Magdalene Akayaaba Age 12 years



My School Achbishop Porter A2 Primary School

Title of Book The Blues Singers

When I read the book (date) 11th June 2012

Summary of the story
B.B.'s mother and grandmother died before he was eleven. Ray went over a piano and "just started" he recalled. Ray Charles may be blind. But that doesn't mean he can't see into your soul. In the very first session Aretha recorded "I Never Loved a Man the Way I Love You"

What I liked most about the book and how it made me feel
What I like most about this book is that it made me new about The Blues Singers and it made me feel like I have met them before.



OUTLOOK Next 6 months 2012

- ICT Upgrade Takoradi Centre
- 3rd Trail of our Career Advise Program 'I want to be'
- Eye screening program continued
- New Adult Literacy Course

"What I like most about this book is that it made me know about The Blues Singers and it made me feel like I have met them before"