

## Alumni Workshop

The Alumni Workshop on the 7th of February was a great success! Various issues our Alumni face were discussed.

One of the main issues discussed was how difficult it is to find the right information with regards to future steps in education and guidance in life in general. If your parents are not able to advise you (some parents are illiterates and some alumni live with their extended family) there are not a lot of other structures in place to help you along.

We have therefore taken on the task of providing (digital/phone) counseling on education/professional level as well as on a personal level through a partner organization called TUCEE. Our Alumni will be provided a special SIM card that will allow them access to personal counseling, but also as a group. Group sessions will be set up where various topics will be discussed.

At the end of the Alumni Workshop Frank & Qweku were appointed Alumni Coordinators. They have been very active in helping us track Alumni and building lines of communication.



Frank & Qweku Alumni Coordinators

## Activities at the Takoradi Centre



Reading Club children with Cerise and teacher Grace



Drama activities at the Centre



Kids favorite activity....jigsaw puzzles

It is such a joy to see all the different activities that take place at the Centre and how much the children enjoy them. On Saturday's all rooms are packed....sometimes the smaller children share a seat so that they can all be part of the activities. We are now looking at the possibility to add one more room to the Centre so that more children can come to enjoy activities at the Centre and meet their friends.



## Solar Light for Homework

With the escalating electricity situation in Ghana many children do not have access to light to do their homework or read. This summer we launched a program to obtain 200 WakaWaka solar lights to distribute to the children at the Centre (12-15 years) as their time at school is crucial. They are either transitioning from primary to secondary school or from Junior High School to Senior High School and have study for exams to do so. We have been able to obtain **150 WakaWaka** Solar lights so far. We would like to **thank everyone** who helped us achieve this by buying a WakaWaka Power or donating a Solar light.



### Takoradi Statistics

New registrations Library	: 400
Renewed memberships Library	: 45
New registrations Computer	: 25
Total Books Borrowed	: 353

**WAKA WAKA**  
share the sun



## "I Want To Be" Program



On the 11th of April we started the ***I Want to Be Program*** at the Takoradi Educational Centre. A Program designed to open the minds of children to career opportunities and to show them what's available in the community, to help them better understand their own talents and interests and to help develop important skills including computer skills, team work and self-evaluation. During the program, the children get together at the To Be centre in Takoradi to undertake various activities, ranging from discovering personal talents to visiting companies to finding out what careers interest them. Outside of the classroom sessions, kids complete assignments and ask input from family and friends.

12 children in the age group of 12 -15 years participated. The program is set to run over a period of 3 months. We have a great team in place to run the program. From our partner organizations Mr. Kofi Essien (OLE) Mrs. Cecilia Tutu-Danqua and Ms. Doris Agra (TUCEE) from the Ministry of Education Mrs Stella Arthur, Mr. Harry Richmond and Mrs Naomi Insaiddo. Not to forget our own TBWW team, Enoch Quaye. Godwin Cobbled, Cerise Tete, Sophie Geelen and Mrs. Lea Ward.

We are looking forward to reporting the progress made by the children and the team.



*The team*



*Introducing the children*



*Children using the I Want To Be Tool to support the program*



*Children on their company visit in this case a Pharmacy*

## Electricity update

In our last newsletter we discussed the electricity situation in Ghana, which was effecting the operations at the Centre in such a way that children could not follow their computer courses. This was especially worrying as many children relied on our computer courses to pass their ICT exams.

We are very happy to announce that we have been able to acquire a small generator which is used on days that we do not have electricity. This will allow us to continue providing our services as children expect from us and rely on us for.



## Cape Coast Centre

Recently a large meeting was organized at the Centre in Cape Coast that was attended by many of the head masters and mistresses of the mostly public schools in the vicinity of the Centre.

It was the first time that most of them had actually been to the centre. Their enthusiasm has resulted in an agreement to put together a schedule after the summer holidays for the schools to visit the Centre for ICT studies during school hours. We are very excited about that and look forward to informing you about it in the next newsletter.



## Healthy Mind & Body



To Be Worldwide strongly believes in the "Brain boost" ! How Sport and Physical activity enhance children's learning. With that in mind we are adding football (for now and other sports activities later) to the Saturday activities.

When the Centre closes at 14:00 around 60 (under 14) children head out to the football field for their soccer training and to watch the match/training of the older boys. The football activities also attract children who are not a members of the Centre, this gives us the opportunity to inform them about the Library and the ICT facilities motivating them to become a member.

We are very grateful to Mrs. Robine Lempers !!! for donating funds to help us organize these sports activities and purchase materials for training. We would also like to thank the youth players of AFC Football club for donating their old soccer boots.

## Takoradi Educational Resource Centre

Cerise, our volunteer, has completed her placement of 8 months with our organization in Ghana. We would like to thank Cerise for her time with us. Just like our former volunteer Gery, Cerise has now been employed by the Dutch School....not in Indonesia, but in Accra!



THANK YOU for your support  
It has been a wonderful 6 months

### We need you !!!

Have you always wanted to contribute to a meaningful cause, then you are who we are looking for!

To Be Worldwide would like to invite you as a **volunteer** to join our organization in Ghana for 6 – 8 months. We are looking for an educationalist with 1-2 years teaching experience working with children ages 6-15 years. Having worked in an African country is an advantage.

Your main task will be to sustain the educational programs at our Educational Resource Centre's in Takoradi & Cape Coast, Ghana. But also taking them to the next level by further development and incorporating the needs of the community we serve. Relation building is a key element of your tasks, making empathy, inter-cultural dialogue, patience and flexibility very valuable skills you will need to have....just to name a few!!!

To Be Worldwide will provide you with accommodation, travel expenses (to Ghana) and a volunteer compensation. If you are interested, please send your motivation and CV to [nellie.kirschner@tobeworldwide.org](mailto:nellie.kirschner@tobeworldwide.org)

Thank you!



Reading with Auntie Grace

### Cape Coast Statistics

#### OUTLOOK Next 6 months 2015

- Alumni Programs
- Eye Screening session
- "I Want To Be" Program Graduation

New registrations Library	: 90
New registrations Computer	: 25
Total Books Borrowed	: 3500