



# TO BE WORLDWIDE

## JANUARY-JUNE 2009 PROGRESS REPORT

### General Pictures



*Building process of the Cape Coast Educational Resource Centre*



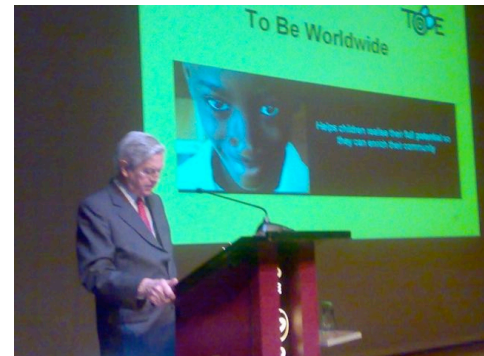
*Roof stage reached June 2009*



*Furniture for Cape Coast Centre*



*Who moved my cheese workshop*



*Mr. Frits Bolkestein speaks at "Develop Your World"*

### ICT

Enrolments for ICT	
January	14
February	24
March	13
April	18
May	14
June	32

The ICT Courses at the Takoradi Centre continue steadily. The 1<sup>st</sup> Teachers Training program has been completed. Goodwin, one of our ICT tutors took part in a training program by Intel. *"I've acquire some remarkable skills from the Intel teach program the organization sponsored on my behalf and hope to put it into effect for not only myself but to the vast benefit of To Be Worldwide"* - **Godwin Cobbled**

## ICT Staff

You met Godwin in our last report. Henry Ashun joined him in February. In our next report they will both introduce themselves a little bit more.

## E-learning for kids and other courseware

To Be Worldwide participated in the preliminary development of new courseware for The E-learning for kids organisation. The courseware is all about "Choosing the right Career" We look forward to running the software at our Centre. In the mean time we will receive the new



courses that have just come out this summer. E-learning for kids recently introduced their new brochure in which To Be Worldwide is prominently featured. The children have also been working with the courseware from



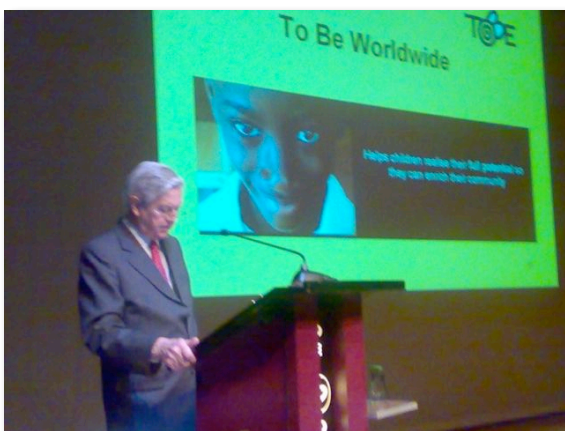
Learthings (South Africa) [www.learningthings.co.za](http://www.learningthings.co.za). We are particularly pleased with this courseware as it has modules that inform children on how you go about setting up a business (Business Studies) and pays attention to skills such as Design and Technology. Once the children have worked with the courseware for 6 months we will provide feedback to Learnthings through a questionnaire.

## Library

The library continues to be the place to be for children. Those waiting for their computer classes start out reading or looking up topics in the various reference books available. We have also added copies TIME magazine to the library. We hope to add copies of National Geographic in the future. We were able to buy different types of dictionaries (rhyme dictionaries, spelling dictionaries, regular dictionaries) for the library with the support of Net4kids Aid Foundation.

Children can borrow them and they will be used for quizzes and word games in the library.

Library enrolments		Number of books borrowed:	
January	52	January	656
February	33	February	532
March	37	March	599
April	37	April	489
May	42	May	507
June	45	June	527



**Frits Bolkestein** – former Dutch Minister of Foreign Trade and of Defense, former member of the European Commission

### Speaks at the "Develop Your World" Conference.

Mr. Bolkestein spoke at the Develop Your World Conference in Groningen in March. Develop Your World (DWY) is the largest congress in the North of the Netherlands that deals with the topic of development aid and development cooperation. The congress is aimed at stimulating interest in and awareness of the themes related to (international) development aid and cooperation amongst students and youngsters. In his speech "Look Back in Anger"

Mr. Bolkestein argued that a large amount of official Aid is not sufficient a condition for development other factors such as peace keeping, good governance and economic growth are crucial. When it comes to Aid he feels private Aid can be very effective as long as the project avoids getting ensnared in the official bureaucracy.

He selected our work at the Takoradi Educational Resource Centre as an example. His full speech can be read on the following website [www.fritsbolkestein.com/site/references#this](http://www.fritsbolkestein.com/site/references#this) select the article "Look Back in Anger".

### **Who moved my cheese Workshop**

During my trip to Ghana in March Mr. Steven Veenendaal accompanied me. He travelled to Ghana to see the work done at the Takoradi Educational Resource Centre. He took the opportunity to run a workshop for our Junior Secondary School 3 children. These children will make the transition to Senior Secondary School after the summer holiday. They will be faced with many changes. Adapting to a new school, new friends, often Senior Secondary Schools in Ghana are boarding schools. The workshop was based on the well-known book and programme by Mr. Spencer Johnson called **Who Moved My Cheese**. This is the story of four characters living in a "Maze" that face unexpected change when they discover their "Cheese" has disappeared. Sniff and Scurry, who are mice, and Hem and Haw, little people the size of mice, each adapt to change in their "Maze" differently. In fact, one doesn't adapt at all..... Mr. Steven Veenendaal also donated a number of "Who moved my cheese" books to the library, which will allow more children to get familiar with this great story. Thank you.

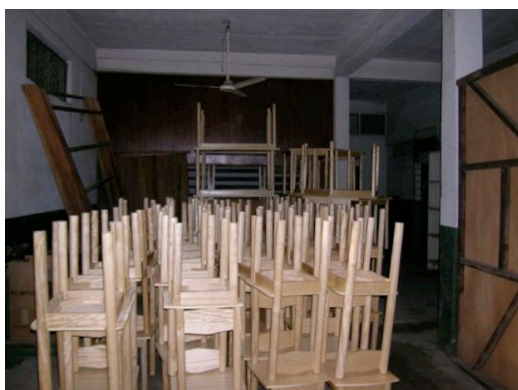


### **Cape Coast Educational Resource Centre**



To Be Worldwide's second Centre at Pedu, Cape Coast is making great progress. It is now time for the construction of the roof. At the moment they are impregnating the beams for the roof against termites. The roofing sheets have been bought. Once the beams are dry and the weather permits (it is rainy season in Ghana)

the roof will be completed. When this is done, work on the inside of the building can start. We have recently shipped computers and accessories to Ghana, these also included 100 headphones donated by **Centraal Beheer Achmea**. The computers and accessories were donated by the **Radboud Hospital in**



**Nijmegen**. When it is time to prepare the computer lab, Ruud Davids from **InterimIC** and Brendan Bank, who helped with the upgrade of the Computer Lab at the Takoradi Educational Resource Centre, will travel to Ghana to help the team set up the lab. Part of the furniture (the chairs for the library) has already been produced leaving the computer tables and bookshelves. Some of the furniture was sponsored by Ghanasi foundation [www.ghanasi.com](http://www.ghanasi.com) run by Georgina Kwakye who is half Ghanaian. Preparations to recruit staff and organizing a Grand Opening are on our to do lists.

## **Comments by Children**



Tobe worldwide has helped many pupils in their grammar language since their library has the right books for us to read

(2)it has also helped us a lot because of the computer programs in which we the pupils are taught more about computers.

(3)tobe world wide has really helped me and so many others and we are grateful for that.

thank you -**Benjaminina**

TOBE WORLD WIDE EDUCATIONAL RESOURCE CENTER is a very good place to get good books to read and access to the computer. It is important to me because, through the computer classes, I get to know a lot of things about the computer and also get access to the internet. Secondly, it provides good books which contains good vocabulary for me. You can also get information about people from other countries and get to know more about their culture; that is how they dress, they talk and they eat. Moreover, I get to learn how to socialize to people. Through quizzes, puzzles and games we get to know each other properly and how to relate with them. So as you can see, this is how Tobe World Wide is important to me - **Esther**

Tobe worldwide plays an important rule in my everyday activities in a way that since I registered at Tobe Worldwide Educational center, I now have something to do after school. This is because before I registered at Tobe worldwide Educational center, immediately I close from school, if my teacher gives me homework, after doing it, I just watch television. But since I ever I registered at the center, I always have something to do after school. I learn more about I .C. T apart from what I am taught at school. I sometimes play games to improve on my skills. Some of the games that I play are dress up games, adventures e.t.c. I also get friends there. On Saturdays we sometimes play games and puzzles. This is how Tobe Worldwide Educational center important to me- **Yaa Safoa**



The importance of To Be Worldwide educational resource center is helping me in my studying , it has been helping to gain more knowledge and also to be improving more in school.

First and foremost, I would like to talk about the computer that I have been taught , I'm gaining more knowledge and developing more skills at the resource center due to the teaches and training given to us. Also, To Be Worldwide has helped me in improving at school because I have seen many new things like some of the topics that I have not been taught at school and so for, I tried to learn it at to be worldwide educational resource center and it is important to me and for this , I would like those that have not register for to be world wide educational resource center and register because it is important for each and every one. - **Patience**

## **A look ahead**

- \*Working towards the completion of the Cape Coast Educational Resource Centre.
- \*Planned opening of Centre for fall 2009
- \*To Be Worldwide E-waste recycling program for sustainability
- \*To Be "What You Want" application
- \*Trip to Ghana planned for November 2009
- \*New To Be Movie

### **Opportunities to support To Be Worldwide**

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#### **We are currently looking for:**

- € 4800.- for capacity building to equip the Ghana based organisation to manage 2 Educational Resource Centres.
- A contribution towards operating budget of new Educational Resource Centre (total budget needed € 25000.-)