

TO BE WORLDWIDE ACTIVITIES FROM JANUARY-JUNI 2007 PROGRESS REPORT

A: General Pictures



Pictures by Hugo Lingeman – Net4kids Aid Foundation

B. Narrative of Use of new Computer Classroom and ICT in general

B1. Activities

Since the opening of the new computer classroom in November 2006 we have seen an increase in enrolment. In the past 6 months a total of 127 children enrolled for the Basic Computer Skills course. (January 18 students, February 23 students, March 28 students, April 18, May 19, June 21.) Children are now able to work on an individual basis at a computer. This has proven to be very motivational. Children rush to their favourite spot. The Tutors are using a beamer projection to teach, allowing all students a good view of the tutorials.

Ernest Asare has joined the team as our second Computer Tutor. He replaces Norbert who after 2 years of employment at the Centre has joined his family in South Africa. Prince and Ernest will introduce themselves to you in this report.

As previously stated in our reports we are working on a more structured relationships with Local Education Board. We also had to renew our relationship because there had been a change of management at the Metro Board. We are therefore happy to share our progress with you by including their *letter of recommendation* in this report. The objective of our meetings was to negotiate a more structural position of our ICT courses in the school curricula. Allowing whole classes to continue to take the Basic ICT course at our Centre. The Metro Board has asked us to commence with the teachers, who would then be able to motivate the children to follow the course. The Teachers Training has commenced.

An exert from the monthly report of June 2007, prepared by Prince:

“In the new educational reform structured for the course outline in Ghana, Computer Studies is one of the major subjects a student must study at the Senior Secondary School level to facilitate the rapid growth of labour delivery after schooling. Therefore there is going to be increase enrolment of (adult) students in the centre.”

The Ghanaian government is making ICT more and more part of the educational curriculum. To Be Worldwide has anticipated this development and is a capable partner in helping local government achieve these goals.

Results



E-learning partnership

In March we announced our partnership with E-Learning for Kids, a global nonprofit foundation dedicated to providing free online learning for children 5-12. E-learning for kids's (EFK) Online courses will be available at the Takoradi Educational Resource Centre in Ghana. We are very pleased to enter into a partnership with EFK, as this will enable us to provide the necessary content for quality education at the Takoradi Centre. The Takoradi Centre will be a test ground for EFK's courseware in developing countries. We will provide feedback from the children and

recommendations from teachers and tutors via the structured questionnaires and the focus groups that we are planning. The partnership with e-learning created exposure for To Be Worldwide in the e-learning for development community. A joint article was published in the magazine of the e-learning conference recently held in Kenya. We will provide e-learning for kids with feedback by the end of August and naturally it will be mentioned in our next report. www.elearningforkids.org

ICT General

Prince and Ernest our computer tutors would like to introduce themselves to you, Prince has taken on the Head Tutor role previously carried out by Francis Ackon.



ABOUT MYSELF

I AM PRINCE KAFUI BUAMAH A CITIZEN OF GHANAIAN AGED 26, BORN ON 30TH JANUARY 1981.

I AM SINGLE WITH NO CHILDREN. I COMPLETED SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL IN THE YEAR 2002 AND FURTHERED MY EDUCATION IN ONE OF THE COMPUTER TRAINING SCHOOLS FROM YEAR 2003 TO 2004 IN ACCRA. I WAS TRAINED AS A SOFTWARE INSTRUCTOR AND HARDWARE TECHNICIAN WITH THE SKILLS IN NETWORKING ENVIRONMENT AS WELL. I COMPLETED WITH THE TRAINING CENTRE'S CERTIFICATE AND AN ADVANCE CERTIFICATE FROM COUNCIL OF CITY AND GUILDS UK. I THEN JOINED A COMPANY TO ACQUIRE TRAINING SKILLS AND FROM THERE, I WORKED WITH ONE OF THE PREPARATORY SCHOOLS IN TAKORADI AS ASSISTANCE TO THE ADMINISTRATOR AND COMPUTER INSTRUCTOR FOR A YEAR. CURRENTLY I AM A COMPUTER TUTOR AT TO BE WORLDWIDE WHO TRAINS KIDS AND



ABOUT MYSELF

I AM CALLED ERNEST NATHANIEL ASARE, I AM FROM AKROPON IN THE EASTERN REGION GHANA. I WAS BORN IN THE YEAR 30TH JULY 1979. I COMPLETED MY SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL IN 1999 AND I HAD MY COMPUTER TUITIONS IN SOFTWARE AT OIC SEKONDI WESTERN PART OF GHANA FOR TWO AND HALF MONTHS WITH A CERTIFICATE.

THEN LATER, I CONTINUED WITH THE HARDWARE AT DATA DANG ANOTHER COMPUTER TRAINING CENTRE IN TAKORADI WITH A DIPLOMA. I WAS ONCE TEACHING SOFTWARE IN A SCHOOL CALLED SERVICES PREP SCHOOL BOTH PRIMARY AND JSS FROM 2003 TO 2005 AND FROM THERE, I MOVED TO TOP RIDGE PREP SCHOOL TO TEACH THEM LESSONS ON COMPUTER. I HAVE WORKED WITH AN NGO CALLED CANADIAN FOUNDATION FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT (CFCD) FROM CANADA AS CARE TAKER. CURRENTLY, I AM A TUTOR AT TO BE WORLDWIDE GIVING CHILDREN THE BASIC KNOWLEDGE ABOUT COMPUTER. THANK YOU

Library

The number of books borrowed by children is increasing steadily (April - 215, May - 312, June - 356, July - 357) The numbers are increasing steadily as children are more confident using the library. In one of our recent surveys children mentioned that visiting the Centre has helped improved their reading skills. We are now building a database of our students, which will include their school report. This will allow us to monitor their progress and focus on subjects that need improving. More books will be processed for the library in August. The actual number of books at the library will be mentioned in the next report.

Children were given an essay competition at the end of June. We will draw 3 winning essay's in August (on my visit 26th August – 2nd of September). All winning essay's will be published on the website. We are looking forward to the results.

Komenda



We are currently awaiting the final land search to be completed by the District Assembly of Komenda. We are aware that this is a very extensive bureaucratic procedure. Dr. Cobbah, the Development Chief of Komenda, has called in the assistance of the minister of the Central Region to finalise this process. We have recently been awarded € 50,000 by the Turing Foundation (set up by founders of Tom Tom) www.turingfoundation.org towards the Komenda project. With the € 20,000 from Les Paquerettes and the €10, 000 raised by the St. Willibrordus School in Deurne, we will be able to commence the building process once all papers are approved.

The land search procedure is proving to be a time consuming process. Any progress will be reported in our next report or on our website as soon as it is received. We have also started procedures to look for other locations in the Western and Central Regions as it is our sincerest wish to offer our services to other children in Ghana.

Activities

We are presently working with a photographer Caro Bonink to link a school in the Netherlands and our children through a photography project called “Similarities” A school in Amsterdam-North is very enthusiastic to work on this project. Caro will start teaching the children in the Netherlands the basic photography skills, after which they will be given assignments to photograph. Caro will then (October) teach in Ghana and give the children there the same assignments as their counterparts in the Netherlands. A link on the To Be Worldwide website will be allocated to linking the kids and their work to each other, allowing them to comment and discuss each other's work. We have been able to secure most of the funding for this project. InterimIC and Iona Stichting and a Design Studio are the main funders. Several individuals have donated digital cameras for us to use. Also see www.tiscaro.nl for more information on those who have donated their camera's and Caro's work.



Caro Bonink completed the Academy of Photography in 2002. She has travelled in Asia reporting on issues such as child labour and the sex industry in which children are involved. Caro is also a regular photographer for the Amsterdam based news paper “Het Parool”.

Other activities have included using the beamer to show children movies, which they very much enjoy. They have asked to see more and we are looking for inspiring and educational films to show them. The children are allowed to bring a sibling or a friend to the movie afternoon's.

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**Metro Education Office
P. O. Box MC 405**

Takoradi

26th January, 2007:

RE: ICT TRAINING FOR SCHOOLS IN EFFIAKUMA

I am--pleased to introduce an NGG -To Be Worldwide Ghana - to you.
This NGO has a mission to help children realize their full potential so they can later enrich their community. A core function of this organization is ICT training.

The management of To Be Worldwide, Ghana, has scheduled a series of ICT training programmes to make teachers and students computer literate.

As a first step, a programme is being organised solely for teachers (those teaching JSS 1). Another programme will be organised for students in due course..

We therefore write to urge you to ask your teachers to take advantage of **this programme to become computer literate.**

The Organisers of this programme would therefore contact you and brief you on the whole programme.

We are counting on your usual co-operation.

Thank you.

(M. A. MORGAN)
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Cc: Centre Director

A look ahead

- * A trip to Ghana has been booked for the 26th of August till the 2nd of September. I will be joined on this trip by Ruud Davids of Interimic, who will be doing research into realising the Internet/Edu Café at the Takoradi Educational Resource Centre.
- * UPC/Liberty Global to work with To Be Worldwide
- * Visits to the Takoradi Educational Resource Centre by other NGO