

# TO BE WORLDWIDE

JULY-DECEMBER 2009 PROGRESS REPORT

#### **General Pictures**



Kids in computer class



Benjamina for ToBeTV



Daily scene at the Library



Cape Coast Centre progress



Kids in class at school



Adult literacy course



To Be Woldwide wins award



Next phase Cape Coast Centre



Kids in Library

#### **ICT**



**Godwin Cobbeld** has worked with To Be Worldwide as our Senior ICT Tutor since September 2008. He is very allround, a teacher and a technician. He likes a challenge and is hands-on, solving our technical problems as they arise. He maintains structure in class and brings along a good balance between work, explore and play. Godwin is looking forward to working with Ruud Davids of Interimic on the next upgrade at the Takoradi Centre and the installation of the computer lab at Cape Coast as this will increase his knowledge.

Enrolments for ICT	
July	20
Augustus	26
September	18
October	15
November	19
December	10



**Henry Ashun** joined him in February 2009. Henry is completing his studies at NIIT in Network Engineering whilst working with us. Henry often works with the beginners, with patience and commitment. He also starred in one of our To Be Worldwide Movies which you can find on our website under ToBeTV or at the following link

www.tobeworldwide.org/index.php?option=com\_content&task=view&id=52&Itemid=84

#### **Library**

The library is running well. Books are being borrowed regularly and children know to visit the library on Saturdays for the activities with Mr. Asare, a local teacher employed by the Centre for the activities program. In January 2010 we will have a volunteer from Holland (Sanne van Gessel) at the Centre for 3 months. She is specialized in reading disabilities and will work with needy kids from the schools in the vicinity of the Centre to improve their reading skills.

Library enrolments	
July	31
August	33
September	34
October	95
November	33
December	18

Number of books borrowed:	
July	389
August	184
September	390
October	605
November	566
December	4

<sup>\*</sup> December saw only 4 books borrowed due to the holiday period.

### **E-waste recycling for sustainability**



volunteers and funds to explore this possibility.

To Be Worldwide would very much like to explore the possibility of dismantling older computer systems, now obsolete and in for recycling purposes. Based on a similar initiative by Computers for Schools Kenya, funds are generated by dismantling old systems and selling parts for recycling. To Be Worldwide would like to create an educational program for it's students around the issue of e-waste, run a pilot dismantling old systems for recycling and have a feasibility study done to find out if this is an activity that could help secure sustainability for its Centres. We are looking for companies,

#### Thank you Laureate Online Education

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Laureate Online Education for the great fundraising event in support of To Be Worldwide and her Educational Resource Centres of last December. We look forward to keeping you informed on our progress.



# To Be Worldwide wins 1st Prize in Global Junior Challenge

The Global Junior Challenge is an international competition rewarding the most innovative projects employing ICT technologies in the field of youth education and training. The competition, promoted by the City of Rome, is an initiative designed and organized Fondazione Mondo Digitale to promote an inclusive knowledge society. The competition is supported Microsoft and is open to everyone: associations, public and private institutions,

cooperatives, schools, universities, individuals and companies of any age from all around the world.

This year the competition received 456 applications out of which 12 winners were selected.

#### To Be Worldwide Career Advise Tool

In some of our recent discussions with parents we were asked if there is any way we can help them and their children prepare for the future. Parents indicated that they do not have a complete understanding of the opportunities on the labour market for their children. In other words which career paths there are and what schooling leads up to a specific career. It is with this in mind that we have developed a program to help sensitize the children at our Educational Resource Centre to the opportunities around them, in their community.



Sample of a possible design for the application

This program will include doing research on companies in the community, visiting these companies and interviewing people in these companies with specific jobs of interest. "To Be What you want" is a course and application that opens up children's world to all the possibilities of what they could do later in life. We are currently working together with **Logica** and Cnote to develop this application. **Logica**, a leading IT and business services company, is realising the project within their Corporate Responsibility activities by using the knowledge & skills of its people during working hours. C-note donates its time and expertise in the field of project management and the development of interaction and visual designs for the application.

#### **ToBeTV**

Please take a moment to look at our new movies on our website under ToBeTV. In our next newsletter we hope to inform you more about our ideas about ToBeTV. An online broadcast channel for kids by kids!



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

The Centre is nearly completed! It is looking good! Unfortunately we have now encountered some delay in the final phase, due to different issues from materials not in stock to the shipment of computers being delayed, which has its effect on the installation of the ICT Lab. Our constructor is doing such a good job of our Centre that it has created more construction jobs for him in the area. Perhaps stretching his resources also has a bit of an effect on the delay? We are now heading towards an opening in March 2010. This will give us sufficient time to organize all aspects necessary for a "Grand" opening. We have now shipped computers, servers and accessories, 3000 (new) books, folding chairs for the new Centre Ruud Davids and Krijn Schuurman of InterimIC are preparing for their trip to Ghana in February 2010 to help install the Computer Lab at the Cape Coast Centre and upgrade the server at the Takoradi Centre.





#### **Adult literacy Program**

To Be Worldwide started running an Adult Literacy Course at our Takoradi Resource Centre in the evening hours. These courses are a result of a survey held at our Centre. One of the findings was that quite a number of parents of our children are illiterates. In cooperation with the Ghanaian Governments Non-Formal Education Department and sponsorship from the Netherlands we are now able to run a 21 month literacy course. The course will teach the participants to read and write in a local language and in English.

Mr. Asare, the local teacher working for To Be Worldwide teaches this course to the Adults. He has received specific training for this from the Non-Formal Education Department.



#### Look ahead

- Opening of Cape Coast Educational Resource Centre in March 2010
- Trip to Ghana in March 2010
- ToBeTV

## Opportunities to support To Be Worldwide

- € 5000.- for capacity building to equip the Ghana based organisation to manage
  2 Educational Resource Centres.
- € 10'000 running cost of the Cape Coast Educational Resource Centre

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