



TO BE WORLDWIDE

JANUARY-JUNE 2010 PROGRESS REPORT

General Pictures



Sanne (volunteer) reading with kids



Cape Coast Centre entrance



Adult Literacy Classes continue



Children visit library with whole class



IT Classes at Takoradi Centre



Library of Cape Coast Centre



Official cutting of the ribbon



Chiefs of Pedu at opening event



Proud to present the Cape Coast Centre

Takoradi Educational Resource Centre

ICT

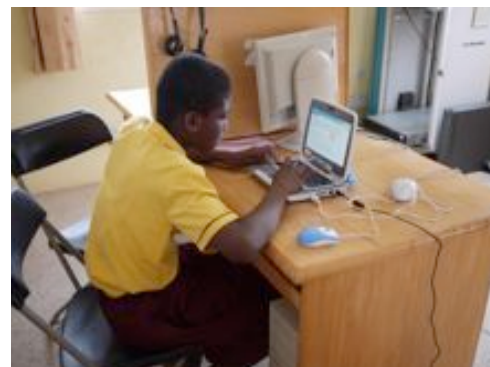
A visit from Ruud Davids and Krijn Schuurman of IntrimIC to our Centres not only resulted in a fully installed IT classroom at Cape Coast, which we will tell you more about later, but also saw a new server for the Takoradi Centre delivered. Ruud and Krijn had the opportunity to work with Godwin, our Senior IT Tutor and instruct him on its use and maintenance.

Most of the activities during this period were geared at getting the Cape Coast Centre online and the staffs at the Takoradi Centre was involved in this.

Enrolments for ICT	
January	22
February	13
March	9
April	2
May	11
June	12

* Enrolments for March and April were affected by preparations for the opening of the Cape Coast Centre as staff from Takoradi worked in Cape Coast and the Takoradi Centre was closed. All staff had an annual leave of 3 weeks in April.

We received a wonderful gadget/educational tool for our Centres from Jan Boers of IDCP www.idcp.nl. A digital Microscope!! Here you can see Godwin testing it on the back of his hand, showing the skin structure. We also received an Intel PC Classmate, which is a small children's laptop, which we will use to award children by allowing them to take it home for a period of time.



Library

We were happy to welcome Sanne van Gessel, master student in Linguistics at the University VU in Amsterdam, to our Educational Resource Centre in Takoradi for a period of 3 months. Sanne divided her time between helping children at a primary school in Takoradi and at the Centre. ***“The children at the school can barely read, the school doesn't have any books and they don't spend much time on reading during class time. When I came to the library of the Centre and heard how well the children here can read, I experienced how important it is for the development of the reading skills to have the books and to use your time after school for reading”*** – Sanne.

Library enrolments			
January	67	April	12
February	61	May	36
March	78	June	18

Number of books borrowed:			
January	608	April	75
February	579	May	326
March	367	June	343

By special request from the children we have purchased new jigsaw puzzles. We are a big fan of jigsaw puzzles for the skills they help develop. ***“Puzzles encourage cognitive development like memory, problem solving and decision-making skills. When shared with others, puzzles promote social interaction thereby helping develop a child's social skills. The educational value of a puzzle doesn't stop with basic educational skills, puzzles also teach life skills such as patience, persistence and self-worth”***

To Be Worldwide thanks Net4kids Aid Foundation their continuous support for the Takoradi Educational Resource Centre.

Sustainability

To Be Worldwide is continually looking for an effective way to create a level of sustainability. Our plans to set up an E-waste recycling Centre, requires further research and an investment to do so. Whilst looking for funding for this we are exploring other possibilities. We have been discussing the option of renting out our facilities to other organisations to use in off hours. We are still in negotiations with Intel about this, but will be running a pilot at our Cape Coast Centre with Laureate Online Education. They would like to use our facilities for a presentation to prospective students. If this is successful it could be repeated.

Cape Coast Educational Resource Centre.

The Cape Coast Educational Resource Centre opened its doors on the 27th of March 2010. We are so proud to have realised this new Centre and would like to thank everyone who helped us achieve this. We thank the *Fondation Les Paquerettes*, *Turing Foundation*, *Wilde Ganzen*, *Ghanasi*, the *American Book Centre* and the *Western Union*



Fondation for their support. Our team in Ghana did a great job in getting the Centre online and a complement goes to Mr. Acheampong for

craftsmanship in building the Centre. We are particularly very grateful for the help of Ruud Davids and Krijn Schuurman from *InterimIC* and their colleague Henny Kohler. Henny prepared the new servers for both Takoradi and Cape Coast, which were then shipped to be installed by Ruud and Krijn in Ghana. It was quite an achievement for them to complete setting up the whole IT classroom in Cape Coast in time. They arrived in Ghana before the server and computers did due to an unforeseen delay of the ship. For an impression of the ICT classroom see: <http://vimeo.com/9724533>. A big thank you also goes to the Radboud Hospital in Nijmegen for

donating the computers to us and to E-learning for kids for their great course ware

The 27th saw an early start. Decorating the different rooms in the new Centre and preparing the stage for speeches and performances was our first task. The Montessori school next to our Centre provided a marching band and a cadet corps who performed through out the ceremony. We were grateful for the presence of the Chiefs of Pedu, Mrs. And Mrs. Kumi-Bruce who donated the land to To Be Worldwide, the District Assembly Man Mr Mohammed Mustapha, The Director of the Metro Education Board, Mrs. Denise Clarke of Gesci (working within the ministry of Educations) and the board and staff of To Be Worldwide.

Bishop Augstine Wellbourne, who is also a board member of To Be Worldwide Ghana, performed the official cutting of the ribbon. But the greatest moment was when all the children were aloud to enter the Centre. They were so surprised and so happy....lots of ooh's , aah's and wow's. Their excitement was fantastic and it became really clear in the first week we were fully operational and accepting registrations, 250 children registered that week!

We would like to take the opportunity here to thank Spaans Babcock for their support towards the operational aspects of the new Centre and were proud to have welcomed their CEO Mr. Jan Bernard Nolst Trenite to our Centre in Cape Coast.

For more impressions of our new Centre visit our website www.tobeworldwide.org



Correspondence with a former To Be Worldwide Student

Onderwerp: Form record received

Datum: 21 juni 2010 17:40:57 GMT+02:00

Aan: info@tobeworldwide.org

Name: nana kwame ankumah

Message: I was ones a student in tobe

Van: nellie.kirschner@tobeworldwide.org

Datum: 24 juni 2010 18:04:51 GMT+02:00



Message: Hello Nana,
Thank you for your e-mail!
Tell us what you are doing now? Which secondary school are you in? Greetings Nellie

Message: I am a student of Ahantaman secondary school and
I am an agriculture science student.

Van: nellie.kirschner@tobeworldwide.org

Datum: 24 juni 2010 18:04:51 GMT+02:00

Message: Hi Nana,
Thank you for the information
Could you tell me how you feel To Be Worldwide
has helped you achieve your goals ?
greeting Nellie

Van: nana kwame ankumah

Datum: 25 juni 2010 18:07:20 GMT+02:00

Message Since they taught me ICT I am one of the best student
when it comes to ICT. I was taught by Mr Francis and
apart from learning ICT from To Be , I had access to the
library which has help me in my vocabulary. I am very
gratefull to you all and i miss madame (Mrs. Williams –
Centre Director) a lot.

Nana is helping us to contact more former students in order to set up an alumni program.

Adult literacy Program

It is very encouraging that with the lessons that the participants have had so far, it is already making such a difference in their lives. It has already enhanced a participant's personal development. He no longer has to put his thumb printing on documents but can now sign his name. Others are being held in high esteem by non-participants and another example is something we take for granted, having learned numeracy a participant can now use the mobile phone not only to receiving calls but to call himself by dialling numbers.



ToBeTV

We have been in touch with several companies in Ghana whom we have asked to work with us to show our children what happens in different fields of employment in Ghana. What happens at an Airport, in the Harbour, in the Food Processing or Oil industry? The initial response from companies is very positive. We hope they will decide to work with us on this so that we will soon be able to show you the results.

Transportation

With two Centres operational To Be Worldwide Ghana's management travels up and down (2 hours up & down) between the Centres on a regular basis. Our present vehicle is 11 years old and is about to give up on us. We are looking for support to purchase a new or second hand vehicle. Please don't hesitate to let us know if you have any suggestions here.

The Future



Vital to the future of To Be Worldwide is the capacity to preserve our achievements to date, in particular our commitment to reaching as many children as possible, helping them develop their full potential through our innovative approach, high standards of; environment, curriculum and services offered. With two Centres we feel we have achieved the "proof of concept" phase. We will realise one more Centre under full To Be Worldwide management. Future centres will be realised under a partnership agreement with reliable Non Governmental Organisations in different regions of Ghana. In order to achieve our goals, we need to strengthen our Ghana based organisation to lead these developments. To Be Worldwide Ghana must evolve into an organisation whose objectives it is to innovate, develop, define and document To Be Worldwide curriculum, development processes, staff and operational standards. It must provide leadership vision to the Centres, monitor the quality of existing centres, lead the way in opening new centres and monitoring the quality of our concept once implemented by partners organisations.

- More information on our future will appear on our website soon.

Look ahead

- Focus on Vision research at Takoradi Centre - providing children with adjustable spectacles
- Introduction to staff and daily life at the Cape Coast Centre

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