



Reading is fun



New computers!!!



Happy Kids



A little help reading :-)



Very busy at the Centre



Eye screening program continued



Kick-off new Adult Literacy Program



Workshops at the Centre



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Takoradi Educational Resource Centre

2013 started with the arrival of 2 volunteers, Isa Davids en Pomeline Mijster, to our Centre in Takoradi. Followed by another group of visitors, who came prepared to run some fun, creative and inspiring workshops. The new Adult Literacy Course kicked-off and our regular programs such as the Eye screening program continued. Some important steps were taken to realize the **Alumni Program**. We have been able to get in touch with a number of former students and are working with them to extend our reach to others. They are also taking part in a survey that will allow us to understand how we can continue to support them and how they can help the present students at the Centre understand what to expect once you continue your education.

Enrolments for ICT

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| January | 13 |
| February | 19 |
| March | 8 |
| April | 26 |
| May | 15 |
| June | 8 |



ICT



The ICT Program we organize for the public schools near our Centre is now well established. During the school year 3 school classes of approximately 40 children follow our Basic Computers Skills Course, which is supplemented with the theory lessons of their curriculum. These classes take place in the morning thus allowing the children who have signed up individually for a course to do so in the afternoon. Despite a change in leadership, a new Director of Education for the region will be appointed, we are confident the program will continue as schools are preparing for next school term.

New Computers

We would like to extend a great "Thank You" to Ruud Davids and Krijn Schuurmans of **InterimIC**, Brendon Banks of **Booking.com** and Henny Kohler for all their efforts in sourcing, storing and preparing new (refurbished) computers for our IT Lab in Takoradi. The computers were prepared in such a way that our staff, Godwin in particular was able to realize the upgrade.



| Number of books borrowed | | | |
|--------------------------|-----|-------|-----|
| January | 197 | April | 295 |
| February | 457 | May | 275 |
| March | 182 | June | 212 |

| Library Enrollments | | | | | |
|---------------------|-----|--------|-------|-----|-------|
| January | 170 | 31 RN | April | 130 | 15 RN |
| February | 124 | 16 RN* | May | 35 | 14 RN |
| March | 40 | 15 RN | June | 25 | 4 RN |

* RN = renewed registration

Library & Volunteers

It is our pleasure to introduce Isa Davids and Pomeline Mijster who spent time at our Takoradi Centre. One of their projects was to set up a Reading Club at the Centre. This was clearly well received by all the children and was very popular !!! To be more effective the program needed more structure and focus. Though many children were encouraged to read and undertake reading activities Isa and Pomeline, with the assistance of Stella Arthur, our resident teacher, worked with smaller groups. Stella has written a wonderful proposal to continue the reading groups as she was able to get feedback on the positive impact it already had on the kids who participated.



Isa & Pomeline with their first group of kids



Time for serious work



Time for fun!!

GAP-Year Program

Pomeline and Isa spent approximately 3 months in Ghana. After their time at To Be Worldwide they traveled to the Kumasi area to work at an orphanage from the organization Save Our Lives. To Be Worldwide considers Save Our Lives a partner organization and helped organize their volunteer program. We have received many request from volunteers in the past and with the input from Isa and Pomeline, we now feel confident to develop a program that will offer high school students the opportunity to do volunteer work in Ghana. Volunteer fund their own trip and pay a contribution to the foundation. We are in the process of writing a well thought through plan and hope to offer the program to the first group of 6 students in the first halve of 2014

Takoradi Statistics

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|-----------------------------|--------|
| New registrations Library | : 524 |
| Renewed memberships Library | : 95 |
| New registrations Computer | : 89 |
| Total Books Borrowed | : 1618 |



Workshops at Takoradi Centre

In January we welcomed Madelon Oudshoorn Spaargaren and her daughter Berine Mijster (her other daughter Pomeline was already at the Centre ☺), Gaby Rappange, Monique Cornelisse (who had been to our Centre the year before) and her daughter Anne Rose Cornelisse, to our Takoradi Centre. They came prepared! First of all they brought along a lot of toys and presents for all the kids and all the material they needed to run their fun, creative and educational workshops.

Madelon had prepared a workshop on **“Building and Design”** using different types of materials and playmobil to build rooms and a village with the children. She was assisted by Pomeline. Gaby works in advertising

and as such organized an **“Advertising”** workshop, where children encouraged to think about examples of advertising they knew and then went on to make advertising posters themselves! She was assisted by Berine.

Monique has a background in art, fashion and textiles, she taught a **“Knitting”** workshop. She also showed them how you could knit using the local textiles. Our star knitter ...was a little boy, Nicolas (see picture)! Monique’s assistant was her daughter Anne Rose. Nellie had the opportunity to run our second **“LEGO”** workshop ever! Again a huge success with the kids. Lego requires focus and precision. Isa was there to help out!



Knitting



Advertising



Building & Design

LEGO

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the family **Koopmans/Ter Kuile** for donating their LEGO to To Be Worldwide. This will allow us to have many more LEGO workshops :-)



Adult Literacy Course

After last years successful graduation of our first Adult Literacy Course students, we are very happy to be able to initiate a new course. The course started in January and will run for 24 months. It was great to see that our former students all enrolled again to continue to improve their reading and writing skills. To make sure the course is again a success and that attendance remains high, all students were involved in the decision making process with regards to scheduling the lessons. This way we could ensure that every one could attend.

We thank our sponsors for such an important contribution!!



Why I Come To Be Worldwide Everyday.

Name: Aaron Osei Sarfo (13)
Form: 1a (Junior Secondary School)
School: Dunwell Methodist Academy.

I am writing this essay to talk about why I come to be worldwide every day and what it has done for me. I come here to learn in addition to what I have learned in school and also practice what I have been taught. I also browse the internet and play some computer games because there is a proverb that says: all work and no play makes jack a dull boy. I have acquired good skills in typing and also in computer knowledge.

I thank my teachers for what they've taught that is beyond my understanding.
THANK YOU.



Cape Coast Educational Resource Centre



We were honored by a visit from the MP (Member of Parliament) for Pedu Cape Coast. Due to the low result of the students of the public schools in the vicinity of our Centre the MP has approached us about a collaboration to improve the ICT grades of the children. We are currently working on a proposal together. The plans, if approved, are to be implemented in the next school year.

Cape Coast Statistics

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|-----------------------------|--------|
| New registrations Library | : 126 |
| Renewed memberships Library | : 26 |
| New registrations Computer | : 22 |
| Total Books Borrowed | : 1975 |

| Library enrolments | New | Renew |
|--------------------|-----|-------|
| January | 14 | 1 |
| February | 42 | 7 |
| March | 24 | 5 |
| April | 17 | 4 |
| May | 18 | 4 |
| June | 11 | 5 |

| Number of books borrowed: | | | |
|---------------------------|-----|-------|-----|
| January | 397 | April | 374 |
| February | 367 | May | 272 |
| March | 295 | June | 252 |

| Enrollments for ICT | New | Renew |
|---------------------|-----|-------|
| January | 1 | 1 |
| February | 8 | 3 |
| March | 2 | 5 |
| April | 5 | 2 |
| May | 3 | 2 |
| June | 3 | 0 |

OUTLOOK Next 6 months 2013

- Alumni Program
- GAP year program
- Volunteer for 6 months