

# TO BE WORLDWIDE

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PROGRESS REPORT

## General Pictures



*Working seriously*



*To Be Team , librarians and Ms. Williams*



*Mr. Frits Bolkestein visits TBWW Ghana*



*One of our partner schools*



*Daily compute Classes*



*Some quite reading time*



*Ms. Williams speaking at the Sod cutting ceremony*



*Brass band at the ceremony*



*Building progress*

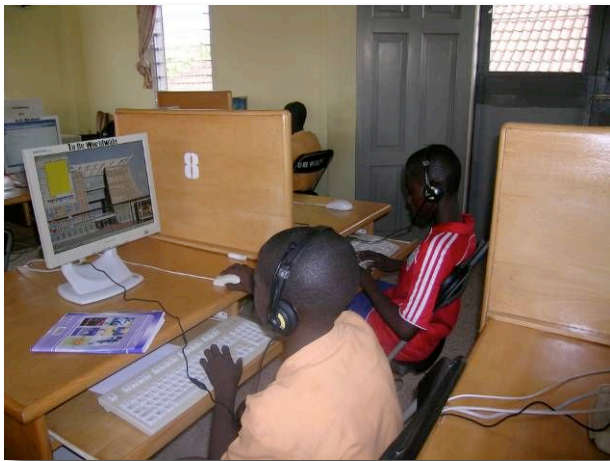
## ICT

Enrolments for ICT	
July	18
August	0
September	19
October	13
November	24
December	4

The new ICT set up is very successful. Children rush to the lab in order to occupy their favourite seat. They are making good use of the e-learning material available. In January 2009 we will hold a survey on the experiences of the children using the Skool courseware. The survey was developed in cooperation with Intel and the Ghana Education Services. It is our intention is to make using Skool a second nature for the children. We feel as this is the same content taught at school on math and science it will help them do better.

## Teachers Training

31 teachers from our partner schools are taking the Basic ICT Course at our Centre. We are offering this course to the teacher free of charge. ICT has become part the curriculum at primary and junior secondary schools now and many teachers do not have the ICT skills. Now the teacher will be better equipped to motivate children to take the ICT course at our Centre and point out the benefits of such skills.



## E-learning for kids

The E-learning for kids software is very popular with the children and is used on a daily basis. We recently received a donation of headphones from Net4kids Aid Foundation to be used with the E-learning courseware. In 2009 we hope to add some more courses e.g. on topics such as Malaria and HIV/AIDS.



## New ICT Staff

Godwin has joined the ICT Team. Our colleague Sam left To Be Worldwide in September. We are happy to welcome Godwin to the team (from left to right, Godwin, Nellie and Prince).



## Library

The library is just such a wonderful place to be. It's a very lively place. Kids borrow books, classes come to read, homework is done in the library using reference books and every Saturday, Mr. Asare, a teacher from one of our partner schools organises different activities quizzes, arts and crafts and games, for the children.

Library enrolments	
July	98
August	0
September	55
October	137
November	78
December	26

Number of books borrowed:	
July	635
August	0
September	361
October	930
November	759
December	60



**"The greatest good you can do for another is not just to share your riches but to reveal to him his own" - Benjamin Disraeli**

**Frits Bolkestein** – former Dutch Minister of Foreign Trade and of Defence, former member of the European Commission **visits To Be Worldwide Educational Resource Centre in Takoradi**



Mr. Bolkestein recently visited the Takoradi Educational Resource Centre as part of a personal West African tour to Sierra Leone and Ghana. Arriving at the ToBe Centre in Takoradi, Mr. Bolkestein had the opportunity to experience the children's eagerness and enthusiasm. He asked them about their experiences and aspirations and looked over their shoulders as they worked. He also spoke to the staff at the Centre about the daily operations, enrolments and future developments. He commented that the concept of the ToBe Centre(s) can contribute to Ghana's success. Empowering children in their community creates a next generation to sustain the country's economic growth". To Be Worldwide is naturally very honoured that Mr. Bolkestein took time from his busy schedule to visit our Centre in Takoradi. forward to seeing the Takoradi success model in operation at Cape Coast.



**Turing Foundation visit 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2008**

It was a pleasure to welcome the board and employees of the Turing Foundation to our Takoradi Educational Resource Centre on November 3rd. The Turing Foundation, established in 2006 by Pieter Geelen, co-founder of TomTom NV, awarded To Be Worldwide a grant to build its second centre in Cape Coast, Ghana. Construction on the Cape Coast started in November 2008.

They visited the Takoradi centre to get a feel for how future ToBe centres will operate and what they will achieve in their communities. They were enthusiastic about their visit and saw our project as one that proves that ICT education can be effective to help kids reach their education goals. They also felt that the Takoradi centre was well-run, solidly rooted in the community and highly scalable.



**Net4kids Aid Foundation visit Ghana**



To Be Worldwide was very pleased to have the opportunity to show Mr. Emile van de Kloek, of Net4kids Aid Foundation, our work at the Takoradi Educational Resource Centre. Net4kids Aid Foundation has supported To Be Worldwide since 2003 and is always committed to helping us realise our goals. Mr. van de Kloek also worked with us to identify opportunities and create ideas to obtain a level of sustainability for the Centre and the Ghana based organisation. We hope to put some of the ideas discussed into practise in the future. For a full report on Mr. van de Kloek's visit please the link below:

[http://www.tobeworldwide.org/images/stories/pdf\\_files/tobeworldwide\\_visitreportnov2008.pdf](http://www.tobeworldwide.org/images/stories/pdf_files/tobeworldwide_visitreportnov2008.pdf)

## **Expansion Plans**

### **To Be Worldwide builds her 2<sup>nd</sup> Educational Resource Centre**

To Be Worldwide has commenced building the Cape Coast Educational Resource Centre (CCERC). The location is Pedu, a suburb of Cape Coast, in the Central Region of Ghana. The location is within a 10-minute walk from a cluster of public schools. We will be servicing 12 schools with 5500 students. The Cape Coast Educational Resource Centre will be based on the successful concept of the Takoradi Educational Resource Centre.

The plot is 40 x 40 meters and belongs to private owners who run a Montessori primary and junior secondary school on the adjacent plot. This will allow their students to use the Centre as well. To Be Worldwide has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (M.O.U) with the owners of the land giving us a lease on the land for 99 years and the right to an extension. A representative of the District Assembly witnessed the signing of the M.O.U.



Ground breaking ceremony in Cape Coast



The foundation walls

To Be Worldwide has received funds from Turing Foundation, Fondation Les Paquerettes, Wilde Ganzen and the Western Union Foundation to build the Centre. The contractor who has taken on this task is the same company who built the Centre in Takoradi. The groundbreaking ceremony and the laying of the foundation took place in October/November 2008. We expect the building to be completed late summer 2009.

More information including picture will be posted soon on our website for you to follow our progress.

- \* The Centre was closed in the month of August due to holidays.
- \* Statistics for December were lower than usual due to holidays and it is custom that books are always returned before a holiday.

## **A look ahead**

- \*Negotiations with Giftel [www.giftel.gov.gh](http://www.giftel.gov.gh) on cooperation and support for satellite connectivity still ongoing-Maybe difficult to realise as there is a change of government now which will mean a change of management at Giftel.
- \*Feedback on educational software from Learnthings [www.learningthings.co.za](http://www.learningthings.co.za) (introduced to us by Intel at the E-learning Africa conference)
- \*New children's activities and projects initiated
- \*Progress made in the construction of the Cape Coast Educational Resource Centre
- \*Trip to Ghana planned for March 2009