



TO BE WORLDWIDE

JULY- DECEMBER 2010 PROGRESS REPORT

General Pictures



Takoradi Centre in it splendour



Kids queuing at Cape Coast Centre Library



so sorry to have disturbed you.....



a reading class at Takoradi Centre



Hanging out at the Centre in Cape Coast



Simply wonderful to watch



Library at Cape Coast Centre



ICT classes taking of in Cape Coast



Enjoying his book

Takoradi Educational Resource Centre

ICT

The ICT classroom at the Centre underwent a little maintenance, it was painted using paint that can be wiped down (no children's prints on the walls anymore) and lessons continue mostly as planned. 107 new children followed a course 2010. Because of the ever-increasing number of extra classes children have to take at school, they are having a hard time scheduling their time for other activities, such as taking their ICT classes on a regular basis. This has resulted in quiet periods at the Centre, which is reflected in the enrolments in ICT.

Enrolments for ICT	
July	9
August	8
September	5
October	7
November	4
December	5

In our continues attempts to bring our activities more within the regular school structure and hours we were recently successful in welcoming the Metro Education Director of the Ghana Education Services of our region to our Centre in Takoradi. We discussed how best we can further service the schools in our vicinity. He has committed to working with us on this matter and we look forward to achieving this long awaited goal.

Library

The library is a very popular and important part of the Centre. In 2010 we welcomed 451 new library members. However the Library too has reflected in its enrolments and number of books borrowed the limited amount of time that children have, since the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year, to undertake other activities outside of school. They are now required to take extra classes after school, which results in children staying in school from 08:00 till at least 16:00 hours if not later. We hope that our renewed relationship with the Metro Education Board will help us understand and work around this situation.

Library enrolments			
July	22	October	46
August	25	November	45
September	18	December	23

Number of books borrowed:			
July	162	October	179
August	124	November	236
September	129	December	0*

- Due to Christmas break.

Activities at the Takoradi Centre

We have organized different educational activities at the Centre. With our new beamer, that we were able to acquire with help of our sponsors, we are now again able to show films and presentations to the children. We mainly show fun films at the moment on Saturdays. However we will be looking for programs that for example explain how a product is made or how something works, more informative programs to show. The children really like to watch films together! We have also added new local language books to our selection and Mr. Asare our resident teacher always has an exciting Quiz ready for the children. These quizzes vary from subjects like Maths, Reading, General Knowledge and Current Affairs using daily newspapers.



Sustainability

We have started renting out our activities room at the Cape Coast Centre to Laureate Online Education, an organisation that offers on-line courses. They have used and will use our facilities again in the future for presentations to prospective students. If this is successful it could be repeated. The first presentation took place in October and the next one is confirmed for the 24th of January 2011.





Cape Coast Educational Resource Centre.

The Cape Coast Centre is picking up speed. Since the first official day of operations, after the opening on the 27th of March, we have registered **588 library** members and **95 ICT** learners. The team is finding its feet and everyone has had time to get used to expectations from within the organisation. The Centre is to start its standard reporting process as of January 2011 and our efforts next year will be geared at reaching more of the public schools in our vicinity. We will invite schools for activities at the Centre in cooperation with the Ghana Education Services. Again working towards becoming part of their regular

school structure. We will also start implementing all standards, programs and activities in Cape Coast like in Takoradi. These activities make To Be Worldwide who she is.



We have offered 5 orphans from an orphanage in the vicinity the opportunity to study ICT at the Cape Coast Centre and we will continue to reach out to all underprivileged groups of children.

ICT Summer Camp

On the 16th of August To Be Worldwide organized an ICT Summer Camp. Participants of the Camp were children, young adults of the Save Our Lives orphanage near Kumasi. www.saveourlivesghana.nl. The youngsters spent around 4 hours a day learning the basic computers skills. They also enjoyed reading at the library. At the end of their training they all wrote a report on their experiences. We have selected two for you to read, which can be found on our website. The children stayed in the dormitories of the Montessori School with whom we share the grounds. The ICT Summer Camp was a success and we hope to repeat it for different groups in the holiday periods. Save Our Lives orphanage is supported by the Dutch NGO Kinderen In Ontwikkeling. www.kindereninontwikkeling.nl



Adult literacy Program



We are very proud of the progress made by our Adult Literacy students. They may sometimes seem like small steps to the outside world but they are great steps that impact the lives of our participants. Being able to deposit your earnings at a bank now because you can count and sign your name is just one of the many changes that have taken place in the lives of some of our participants. Therefore it is also with great pride that we present one of our participants who won a regional price awarded by the Ministry of Education's Non-Formal Education Department, for the skills she has achieved so far.

Focusspecs tested at our Centre

The Dutch organization Focus on Vision has developed a spectacle that can be adjusted by the individual user to correct his personal refractive error, the **Focusspec**. The variable lens is based on a lens principle that consists of two lenses with a special determined form. Its corrective (cylindrical) power (dpt.) changes when the lenses are



moved in opposite direction. We had the privilege of having the spectacles tested for children at our Centre. Dorine Poelhekke en Rianne Houba, students of the Technical University in Delft, The Netherlands, created a



whole testing environment with an optomologist Samuel Kusi at our Takoradi Centre. Children were invited from the surrounding schools to come in and have their eyes tested. Those who needed spectacles were given them by the team. Children were also asked to keep a diary of their experiences now that they could see better and also inform the team on the daily use of the spectacles. What adjustments were needed? Change in style, colour etc. a lot of information was collected.

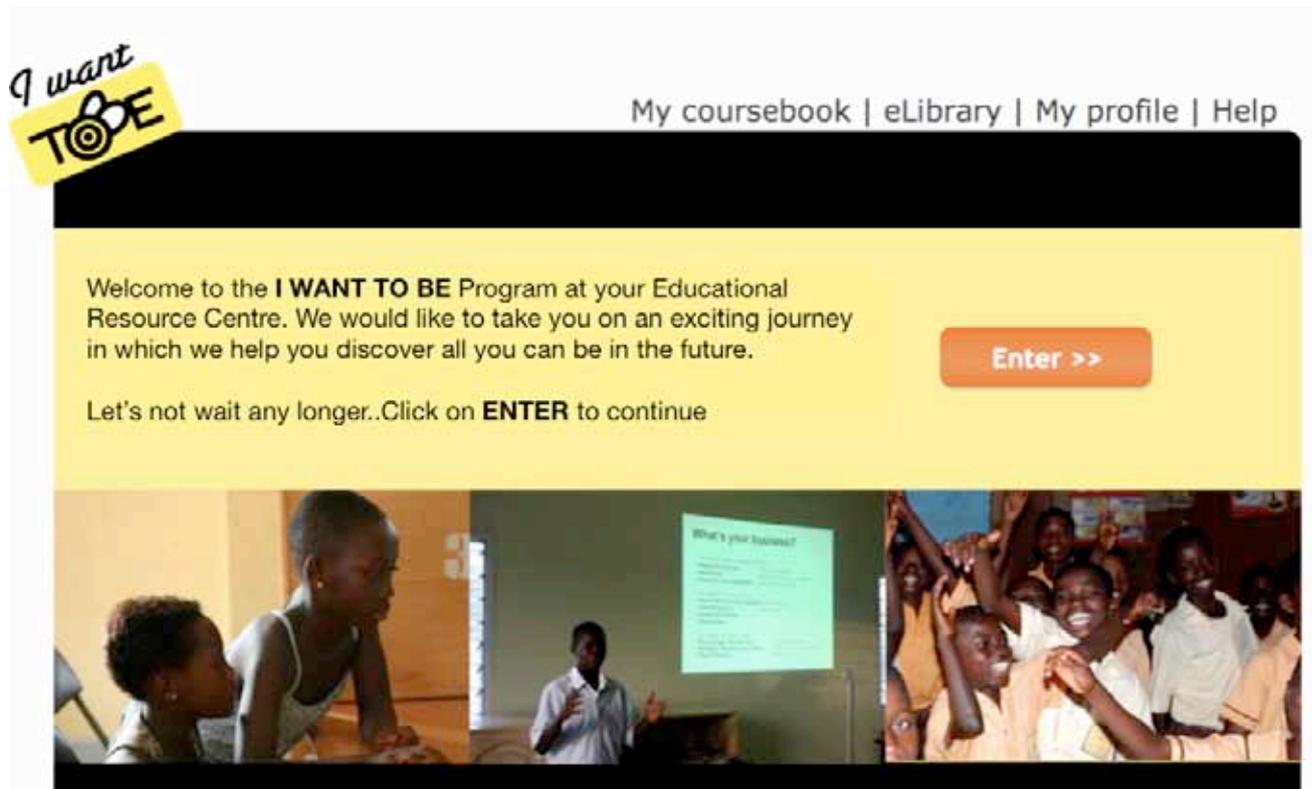
It is our wish to continue these screenings in 2011 and provide children with spectacles who need them. Too many children are sitting in the back of a classroom not seeing and not realising something can be done about it.

With the experience of the screening and the network of eye specialist and the producer of the spectacles that To Be Worldwide now had, we were able to offer these services to Tullow Oil, one of the leading oil companies who were instrumental in finding oil in Ghana. They organised a "Health Screening Initiative" in the communities that they will be extracting oil, as an activity in their Corporate Social Responsibility policy. From all the medical disciplines that were present the "**Eye team**" organised by To Be Worldwide was very if not most popular. We hope that our cooperation with Tullow Oil will yield further local support in the future.



Career Advise Tool

Just at the end of the month of December we were able to see the 1st version of the Career Advise Tool in action. We are now running test and taking out bugs and making small adjustments where necessary. It is wonderful to see an idea become reality and we thank all who were involved in making this possible (Ritu and Bob from *Cnote*, Malti, Nicolette, Marcel and the whole *Logica* Team).



We will be planning a trip to Ghana in March 2011 to test the screens with children, populate the database with professions and companies that children can visit during their course. Our aim of trip is also to start up the 1st pilot course.

Christmas party

It is always a pleasure to start our Christmas break with a party for the children at the Centre. There were minerals, cookies and sweets. Toys were raffled off and games were played and performances given. It is a pleasure to be able to see so many happy children enjoying our facilities and activities.

Thank you on behalf of all the children at To Be Worldwide and we look forward to keeping you informed in 2011.



Look ahead

- Introduction to staff and daily life at the Cape Coast Centre
- Pilot course using the Career advise tool
- Report on Ghana trip in March