



Reading Club

Designed to support children from both public schools in our community and members of our Education Centre with reading difficulties. Teachers put forward students they feel would benefit from the program. Most students face temporary reading difficulties often related to lack of individual attention due to large numbers of children in a class.

We have recently expanded the Reading Club to include sessions for children with more severe or specific reading disabilities (dyslexia and mentally challenged children). We have a wide range of educational material at our disposal to create the much needed step by step progress.



I Want To Be Program

The programs objective is to open the minds of children to career opportunities and to show them what's available in the community, to help them better understand their own talents and interests and to help develop important skills including computer skills, team work and self evaluation. Our biggest wish is that as many children as possible can benefit from this Program.

Instead of previous sessions with 12 children we were now able to offer the program to 40 children. Which was a wonderful challenge! In the 3 weeks that followed we saw 40 children grow in knowledge, skills and attitude!! Parents were enthusiastic and amazed by the changes they witnessed in their children.

We would like to thank the team Kofi , Doris, Stella, Enoch, Sophie, Frank, Naomi, and Cecilia & Team for taking on this challenge. And a big Thank you to the companies the children visited: **Petite Palais Guesthouse, Aqua Plus water bottling company, Frank's International, Good News FM, Yenok Furniture** and **GDC Stone Quarries** and the professionals the children interviewed. The program is a great success and we look forward to the next round.



Takoradi Statistics

New registrations Library : 510
Renewed memberships Library : 75

New registrations Computer : 110
Total Books Borrowed : 550

I Want To Be Program continued

Comments from participant and family about the program:

Blandina Alorzuke - “ I used to be very shy. When the teacher is in class teaching, and I know the answer to the question, I would not raise my hand. But now I am able to speak in front of the class. I also did very well in my ICT exam. The company visit to Aqua Plus also helped me a lot. The things I learnt there helped me in our science class. At home, I am able to speak to my friends about what I learnt at the centre.”

Blandina's Sister – “Blandina has become more confident and vocal. Previously, she would accept whatever you tell as the best. But now I can see that she has discovered a mind of her own and she is able to choose what she likes for herself. The programme has really helped her.”



Sports Activities

Our football training activities are popular! Many children and young adults are enrolling. Though our priority is to provide the activities for children, the group of young adults are most welcome as they contribute by helping the trainers with the activities for the children.

With so many children interested in football, we have been able to assemble 4 teams. O17 (over 17) U15 (under 15) U13 and a girls team. Our O17 team has played a season in the 3rd division and ended up in the 3rd position, Well done!

All players from our O17 team are on a season break at the moment and will be following the Basic Computer Skills Course at the Centre. All other players U15 and U13 must become members of the Library.

We are would like thank Mrs. Robine Lempers and Supermaritime, a Dutch company operating in the harbour of Takoradi for their support of our sports activities this past year and their commitment together with Foundation Les Paquerettes for the season to come.



Would you like to help us build a multi-purpose sports field for the children? Please don't hesitate to contact us

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Meet Shadrack Essien

We have asked Doris, our Capacity Development Coordinator responsible for the educational programs, to introduce some of our children to you in the newsletters to come.

Shadrack is a fifteen year old boy, with an interesting outlook on life. He is the 2nd of five children and lives with his family in Takoradi. He attends school and is in class six at the moment.

Shadrack has had an interesting educational history, having gone through school for a while and is now in class six. Per his age, he should be in Junior High School at least. Different factors account for this delay, with the primary factor being his slow rate of information assimilation. Shadrack's mind tends to process information much slower than the average child. Perhaps this is because he was severely ill when he was younger.

One Tuesday afternoon, his class teacher brought him and two others to the To Be WorldWide Centre for help. She explained the situation to us and asked us if we could help to improve their reading skills. We took them through a pre-test to ascertain their level before starting the class. After that, we scheduled our meeting time and our special class began!

In the first few weeks, we spent time sounding out the letters and the following week when we met, I showed him the same letters we had worked on the previously, and he was able to mention them. It has been great and fun for Shadrack and his friends to use the Play Dough as a learning tool. It allowed them to use all their senses to create and visualise the letters. We are happy with the progress he has made.

There is a lot more work to be done; with him especially, since he has the most acute challenge. We are looking to see much better improvements by the end of the academic year - **Doris Agra , Capacity Development Coordinator**



Squla!

Squla is a renowned Dutch e-learning program for children ages 4-12 years and early secondary school, covering language skills, math and science topics.

Now they have an English version and To Be Worldwide has been awarded 30 subscriptions for children at our Centre.

We are very excited to hear how much the children like working with Squla. Thank you for your support.



Ghana Education Service (GES)

To Be Worldwide has received full support from the GES for her activities in the community.

The new head of the department visited the Centre and was very enthusiastic. This resulted in her department issuing a letter to all schools in the city to cooperate and benefit from the services offered by the Centre. We are very proud of this achievement.



Cape Coast Statistics

New registrations Library :160
Total Books Borrowed :1800

New registrations Computer : 60