

Project Reach Out Canada



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19 years for Project Reach Out Canada!! It seems impossible but it is true! 2009 has been a difficult year for PRO in Ghana. A storm in March took down the carpentry shop and the 2nd sewing centre at the Klefe Vocational School; the new government has not honoured the contracts for seedling trees for the reforestation of the riverbanks projects; and the registration of the Ashiyie Clinic for the National Health Insurance Scheme was ongoing all year. **BUT the year has ended on a very positive note!**

News from Ghana



- Instead of 2 buildings, one large building is being constructed at Klefe Vocational School. The larger building will give more strength and stability. The foundation, floor and 21 pillars have been constructed and the wood and roofing have been purchased. It is planned that the exterior of the building will be finished by the end of the year. The 2 sewing instructors and the carpentry teacher have returned to school for upgrading and Lord Willing the school will reopen in the new year.

Masons building foundation at Klefe

~ The demonstration Farm at Ayi-Kume is currently on a forced hiatus. Without the government contracts only a few seedlings have been started. The pineapple crop was successfully harvested and sold and the Mangos are maturing and should be ready to harvest in January. A good crop of hot red peppers has been harvested and currently okra is being grown to sell. Pray with us that the government will renew the contracts for seedling trees.



Jemima picking the red peppers at the farm

~ The Ashiyie Clinic has been in the very slow process of applying for registration with the government for many years. **Finally on December 9th registration was received!** The final step is receiving the accreditation from the national Health Insurance Scheme and this is expected to come quickly. We can now buy supplies and drugs from the Christian Medical Association at much lower costs and patients will be able to receive their medical care paid by the government scheme. The clinic building has been totally painted and is now the designated hospital for the new Adenta Health Region. All government public health nurses meet at Ashiyie to plan their work schedules for the Adenta area.



Pictured at the left is Carole Tanney with the clinic staff: Edward Gyentuo-orderly; Samuel Jampong, pharmacy; Amelia Adjea, nursing assistant; Anthony Emil Lab tech; Eveyln PRO projects officer and Mrs. Emily Kote, matron nurse and midwife. missing from the picture Joyce, the second shift nurse.

at the right: public health nurses in their weekly conference- Dorothy, Ruby, Monica, Love, Amelia, and Esther. Dorothy has worked with PRO for many years.



researched. Suitable candidates for nursing scholarships are currently being sought. It is hoped that by October 2010 intake of the nursing school at Tamale we will have scholarship students studying to help staff our 4 Northern clinics.

~ For three consecutive years the grade 9 class from Anum School has had 100% passing into Senior High School. As a result many parents from other schools in the town are bringing the children to our school. Currently there are more than 300 students enrolled. Anum School now has electricity and 2 computers are in use.

At the right are the assistant principal Alex Takiti and some of the Anum teachers: Margaret Affei, Manu Esther, Seth Amoalcohene, Martha Ownsu K, Obed Asane Djan, Asirifi Stephen, George Ayisi Samuel Adu Anyane & Darko Daniel



News from Ghana continued

~ The Kindercare School at Ashalley-Botwe continues to serve families in this village. There are currently 45 students attending daily.
Students and staff of Ashalley-Botwe school



~ Construction has started at the new vocational school at New Edubiase. It will contain a computer room for 10 computers and a library and will be 25 feet long with a large porch. The property is next to a school complex where students are in need of a library. *Picture of the construction at the left*

Fund Raising News from Canada

- The annual spaghetti supper and silent auction was held on October 23rd in Brockville
- Project Reach Out took part in the annual Craft And Bake Sale on Nov. 28th at Centennial Road
- The Ghana Market was held at the Commission to Serve Missions Day in Belleville on Nov. 7th and at the St. Lawrence Lodge Craft Sale on Dec. 1st in Brockville
- CD's of inspiring Christian Songs by the O'Neill Brothers (twin pianos- relaxing piano music) were sold
- Heritage Community Christian School held several fund raising events as well as singing at the Spaghetti supper.

The Annual Meeting for Project Reach Out Canada will be held On Monday, March 8th at 7:00 pm at Centennial Road Church in Lyn/Brockville. Election of 2010 board will take place plus reports on the activities of the board and its committees during 2009. All who support PRO or who are interested in the humanitarian work we do in Ghana are invited to attend. Nominations for board members will be accepted until February 16th. Please contact Linda Owen at linda.owen@sympatico.ca or Carole Tanney at ctanney@sympatico.ca with nominations.



It is with regret that we announce the resignation of Patty Skelton as PRO Canada board treasurer. Patty has been treasurer for almost 18 years and has faithfully and efficiently carried out her duties. Thank you Patty and your financial committee team for all your years of serving God in this capacity. We couldn't have done it without you!

Announcement It is with pleasure that we announce that Grace Phillips of Brockville is willing to let her name stand for election to the PRO Canada board as treasurer. Grace has many years of experience in the financial field and she will be a great asset to the work of PRO Canada.



Come to the annual meeting to say goodbye to Patty and meet Grace.

TOP PRIORITIES FOR 2010: microfinance projects, nursing scholarships, the new vocational school at New Edubiase, get the Klefe vocational school up and running

Carole Tanney represented PRO Canada at the Biannual Conference of the Wesleyan Standard Church of Ghana. Evelyn Sabbi, PRO Ghana projects officer, gave her report on the work done in Ghana and Carole gave a report on the work of the Canadian board. Ladies Night Out in Brockville donated money which was used to give each pastor's wife a gift. Also money was sent from Centennial Road to assist each Pastor in some way with their education. All gifts were gratefully accepted.



Joe and Jemima Ocran send greetings to all their friends in North America. They wish everyone a God filled and happy 2010. They thank everyone for your support in the past year and encourage your continued prayers in the new year.

The Board of Project Reach Out Canada wish a Happy New Year to all those reading this newsletter and to all our financial and prayer supporters

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