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Together We are Making a Difference



(below) FACE was presented with a certificate of appreciation by the Queenmother of Asokore, Eastern Region.

(above) Children in Mankoadze village
(right) Sponsored child with guardian in Assin Anyinabirim, Central Region



(left) We typically met children and guardians under a bamboo structure with palm leaves for shade in each village.

Can you believe it has been seven years now since we started sponsoring children? This year we went to Ghana from March 2 to 18, 2013. It was another exhausting trip with ten of us on the road for ten days. George and Beverley Piprah, Joseph Frimpong, Suzanne Evers and this year joined by three new volunteers from Vancouver, BC: Daniella, Anitra and Bruce Nelson. As usual we were joined by our Ghana board members: Nana Wereko Ampim, Joyce Opoku and Dr. Emmanuel Owusu.

We are happy to report that for the seventh year in a row we were able to help more children to go to school than the previous year. A fantastic 270 chil-

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(right) Nana Wereko Ampim presents a soccer ball to the school principal at Mankoadze; there's always great excitement with soccer balls!
 (below left) A grateful mom with her sponsored child.
 (below right) Our two drivers made sure the shoes fit the kids.



(above) Joyce, one of our directors in Ghana, interviewing in Manso Abore, Ashanti Region.
 (right) Sponsored children and guardians in Agbozume, Volta Region.



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dren were sponsored in 2013, up from 250 the previous year. They were given backpacks full of textbooks, two sets of uniforms, a pair of shoes, exercise books, pens, pencils, and school lunch money to the guardian. More importantly, in all ten villages we visited, our team had one-on-one meetings with each one of these orphans/needed children and their guardians and we encouraged them about education and the importance of staying in school. They told us about what they want to be when they grow up and we are sure have some future teachers, nurses, engineers and even politicians among this group of 270 students.

Rather than a lot of words, we thought this year we would give you more pictures from our trip. We hope you will see the hope of getting out of the poverty and a promise of a brighter future on the faces of these kids. As they say: a PICTURE SPEAKS MORE THAN A THOUSAND WORDS.

George Piprah, FACE Board member and Honorary Consul General for Ghana in British Columbia

A Report by Suzanne Eyers from Ejura, Ghana



(left) Suzanne with children sponsored in Ejura and their guardians.

(right) Suzanne, Douglas and Danielle presenting full backpack to a child.

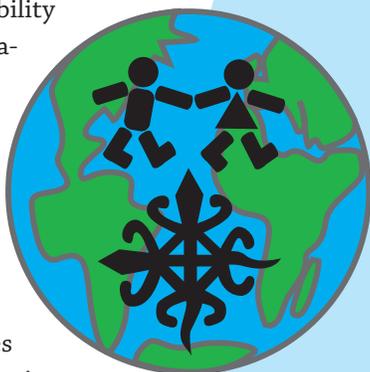
This year's journey to Ejura was a jubilant one for many reasons! While we continue to watch the currently sponsored children

grow and learn, we were able to provide education to a total of 58 children this year. This is our largest number to date. Of the 58 children, nine will be graduating this year: six from Grade 12 and three from Polytechnic training. This is a major accomplishment for the children in Ejura. These children have been offered a better future through continued sponsors. In gratitude to FACE, these graduating students have spoken of helping other children in Ejura to gain an education. This hint of sustainability encourages us to have hope that education can occur for all.

Also, my daughter Danielle joined me this year to experience the work taking place in Ejura and share the pleasure of helping so many children. Together we shared in the enjoyment of meeting the sponsored children and their families and knowing that the work being done in Canada with FACE is truly making a difference.

The need in Ejura remains evident. I look forward to continued support from our sponsors to provide valuable education to children in Ejura. As always, I am honoured to work with FACE to meet this need.

Suzanne Eyers, FACE Board member



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Our mission

- To work to break the cycle of poverty through primary education.
- Focus on primary school children in the rural areas of Africa.
- Focus on getting 100% of sponsors' donations to children through the use of volunteers and direct action.

Criteria for selection of sponsored children

- Must be attending primary school.
- Must live in a rural area of Africa.
- Parents must be known in the community as having experienced financial difficulties.

What your donation does for the child

- We personally deliver to the child and his or her parent a kit containing essential school supplies: 2 sets of school uniforms, a pair of sandals, 2 dozen exercise books, pens, pencils, and a dictionary all in a nice backpack. To help with providing lunches we also give \$50 to the parent.

Criteria for on-going support of a child

- Child must stay in school. The monitoring committee in the village must certify this.
- Money must be used for the intended purpose.
- The child must continue to do well in school.



(above) FACE volunteers having fun with some guardians who came with gifts in Bodoma village.



(above) Anitra Nelson, a new volunteer from Cloverdale, BC, in an interview. She and her husband, Bruce and daughter came to visit one or two villages. They enjoyed their experience with the children so much they went to four villages with us.

Number of children sponsored

In 2007	50
In 2008	120
In 2009	158
In 2010	180
In 2011	240
In 2012	250
In 2013	270

Focus on Africa and FACE sincerely thank all the child sponsors.

JOIN US

Have you always wanted to go to Africa as a volunteer?

You have an opportunity to go with us on this project, next year, to Ghana as a volunteer. You will travel with us to seven villages so you will see a good section of the countryside. Volunteers pay for their airfare, etc. If you are interested in this life-changing experience, call George at 604.230.8659.

Donation form

Yes, I want to make a difference in the life of a primary school student in Africa.

I will sponsor (check one):

- One (1) child to go to school. Donation is \$150 annually.
- Two (2) children to go to school. Donation is \$300 annually.



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Your donation today can give a child a future!

You will receive a tax deductible receipt for your donation. You will also receive a picture of the child, their name and, if possible, a letter from the child.

Name: _____

Address: _____ Postal code: _____

E-mail: _____ Phone: _____

My first cheque for \$_____ is included.

Please make cheque payable to: Focus on Africa
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We are proud to say that 90% of your donation gets to the sponsored child.