



# PAMBE GHANA

*Partnership for Mother Tongue-based Bilingual Education in Ghana*

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Dear Friend,

In some places, education is a privilege. With your help, PAMBE Ghana is making it a reality for children like Ganiu, who started school at La' Angum Learning Center eight years ago, graduated this year, and hopes to become president of Ghana.

Your support gives wings to children's dreams. When Ganiu was born, LLC didn't exist. Beginning in 2008 with a group of 40 pre-kindergarteners, the school grew by a grade each year, and today has graduated two classes of children who now attend junior high. Their future possibilities are limitless.



LLC's impact goes beyond the children, beyond the classrooms, deep into the community in so many ways. With your help, we've brought education home through our newly completed lending library. Our students can now borrow books to share with their families. You've also helped us save lives - LLC's standard Hepatitis B screenings for new students and staff have identified this disease in students and their families at a point where it is treatable.

As the school has added classes and classrooms, we also added staff, until today 10 teachers and eight teaching assistants teach 276 students. These dedicated teachers help our children unfold their wings. We have worked hard to build this strong, stable, well-trained staff. And we're committed to retaining these individuals in whom we have invested so much, and who are so central to our children's rich classroom experiences.



LLC's child-centered approach distinguishes it and provides teachers with great professional satisfaction. Teacher Majeed Salifu, right, who has previously worked in the public schools, says, "Compared to the experience I had in my public school days, my presence in LLC has enlightened me more on what teaching really is." You can read more about Majeed on the accompanying page.



Predictably, PAMBE Ghana's biggest costs are those related to teachers. We have steadily increased salaries to come closer to those in public schools, but a sizable gap remains. We also invest in ongoing teacher training and assessment, which is vital to maintaining a high standard in the classrooms. In so remote an area as ours, this has been challenging and expensive. We tried many possibilities before identifying our current, excellent training resources. But these essential services come with a price tag.



Our children will always need teachers, and teachers will always need salaries, healthcare and training. We ask that when you consider your gift to PAMBE Ghana this year, you give just a little bit more - for the teachers. Would you be willing to increase your current giving level 10%, 20% or even more? Since teachers are paid year round, you might consider a monthly donation. To make your dollars work even harder, a few of our donors have issued a challenge to match any new or increased donations up to \$15,000 by December 31, 2017.

Your ongoing help will solidify the foundation we have built over the last 10 years. Please review the accompanying page, which outlines how far your dollars go when you support the children of LLC through a donation to PAMBE Ghana.

With gratitude on behalf of Ganiu and all the children of La' Angum Learning Center,

Alice Iddi-Gubbels  
Executive Director



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Majeed Salifu is one of the teachers who is changing children's lives every day at La' Angum Learning Center. Majeed grew up in Gambaga and attended the local public schools. Upon high school graduation, he obtained his Diploma in Basic Education at the University of Cape Coast. He joined the staff of LLC in 2012.

Majeed began his teaching career in 2008 as a public school teacher assistant. Several years in front of a traditional classroom gave him a perspective that he contrasts with his experiences at LLC. "In those days I was not at all concerned with those who did not understand the lesson." He continued, "My presence in LLC has taught me what teaching really is. It's here in LLC that I have learned that children can be in the same class but receive different lessons. Before I deliver a lesson, I will consider the age, interest, and cognitive development of the pupils. I have to plan, considering the objectives of the lesson and putting the child in the centre. Afterwards I observe those pupils who have not understood and plan another lesson for them."

Majeed Salifu is the lead teacher for the grade 6 students. He teaches students in their final grade before junior high school. When they leave his classroom in July, they will be prepared for their future because of the dedication of Majeed and the other LLC teachers.

On Fridays, Majeed goes home to his wife, Isma Maha, and three month old son Muslim Sahawabgu Majeed in Gambaga (he lives in Langbinsi during the week). And each weekday morning, he returns to his grade 6 classroom, ready to shape young lives and futures. You can help – here are some ways your gift can work:



#### One time Gifts:

- \$25 pays for a nutritious lunch and snacks for the whole school for one day.
- \$120 pays for hepatitis B screening, vaccination and treatment for each entering class of 40 pre-kindergarteners.
- \$500 educates one child for one year at LLC.
- \$2400 pays a teacher's basic salary for one year.

#### Monthly Gifts:

- \$5/month pays the annual national health insurance premium for 12 students.
- \$30/month pays for nutritious lunches for ten students for the school year.
- \$40/month educates one child for a year.
- \$200/month will pay a teacher's salary.