



PAMBE GHANA

Partnership for Mother Tongue-based Bilingual Education in Ghana

Dear Friends,

As you read this, forty children in a remote area in northern Ghana are working their way through grade 6, with every expectation of graduating from elementary school next July and going on to Junior High School in September. None of them had much hope of even becoming literate before the La' Angum Learning Center opened eight years ago. The graduation of this first class of students, who started in pre-kindergarten, with not one child dropping out in all these years, is a huge accomplishment for these 40 students, their parents, and their communities. It is literally life-changing for everyone.



Your contributions helped create this remarkable school from the ground up, in a remote and underserved area. No electricity, no running water, and until La' Angum Learning Center opened, no school. Now, 250 students walk the paths to school from three neighboring villages. The basic infrastructure is in place, including a small solar-powered computer lab, a library, and a rainwater harvesting system.

The graduation of this first class of students is a victory for all of us! And there are more than 200 students following right behind—and more waiting their turns until they are old enough to attend this school. Students are mastering elementary level academics and learning English, Ghana's official language, yet also a foreign language to many, especially in the remote, rural north. It is why La' Angum Learning Center has carefully developed a curriculum in which children begin to learn in their mother tongue, and gradually add English.



In May, fifth grader Nemaui Mumuni wrote:



"I think (my school) is better than all the schools in Ghana. It has a computer lab, reading centre, and water tanks. They also cook lunch for us every day. More important, we have serious teachers. But there are ...water problem and assembly ground problem.



Your contribution to PAMBE Ghana is extremely important. It provides the children and their school with the necessary resources for a successful learning environment, year after year. Your gift purchases students' learning materials such as pens, books, and paper. It provides students with a hot, nutritious lunch, so that they are well fed and ready to learn. Well-trained, competent teachers who are paid fair wages for their work and commitment are possible only through your generosity.

For a \$500 gift, you can do a world of good:

- Pay the cost for one student for the entire school year.
- Cover one quarter of the annual National Health Insurance premium for all 250 students and 18 staff members.
- Pay the salary of our most experienced teacher for two months.

Your \$300 gift provides lunch for the school for a week.

Your \$200 gift pays the average teacher's salary for one month.

Your \$100 gift pays for a week of teacher continuing education.

Your \$50 gift feeds the entire school for one day.



Please know that your gift in any amount will have a big impact on these children. This school is their future. Your gift today ensures that the school will continue to work hard and effectively on their behalf, offering them opportunity and empowerment.

We also ask that you consider a more long-term contribution, with an impact that lasts into the far future. Last year, we were able to start a small endowment fund with a special gift. This fund has potential to provide a reliable income to La'Angum Learning Center, guaranteeing education and opportunity to children for years to come. We invite you to help us grow this fund and provide a source of stability to the entire community.

The Board thanks you. I thank you. The villagers thank you. The teachers thank you. But most of all, the children thank you for their education and their future.



“Ti puusiya pam.” Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Alice Azumi Iddi-Gubbels.

Alice Azumi Iddi-Gubbels
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