



# PAMBE GHANA

Partnership for Mother Tongue-based Bilingual Education in Ghana

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Dear Friend,

This year brought some excellent news - the superior performance of our 9<sup>th</sup> grade LLC graduates on their first national standardized achievement test. Because of their high scores, these 24 students (14 girls and 10 boys) were accepted into the best high schools in Northern Ghana and qualified for government scholarships which pay their tuition, room and board. All 24 are now attending high school. These students were members of our very first pre-school class back in 2008. After completing 6<sup>th</sup> grade at LLC in 2016, they attended Unity Junior High School in Langbinsi.

These 24 LLC grads achieved scores in the top 20% of all 9<sup>th</sup> graders from all eight junior high schools within the Langbinsi School District. The top two scorers of this group were LLC grads. How exciting for each of these 24 students! And how affirming for everyone who has supported LLC! These results demonstrate the value of a quality early education.



*LLC grads Rashida Mohamudu (L) and Joshua Moyom (R) were among LLC's high scorers on the 9th grade achievement test.*



*Education opens doors for LLC students.*

This past year has presented some big challenges but they have resulted in a stronger, more sustainable position for the future. When Program Director Eric Gumah resigned unexpectedly in the summer, we reviewed our options and opportunities and revised LLC's administrative structure. I have deferred my retirement to help smooth the transition, and we are thrilled that the Program Director position is being filled by long-time and trusted staff member Baba Bukari.

Today 266 boys and girls call LLC their elementary school. They now have a new restroom facility (girls on the left, boys on the right) which integrates four sustainable systems: rainwater harvesting, solar pumping, grey water recycling, and biogas technology. Biogas produced will



*Students play in front of the LLC's new sustainably-designed restroom facilities.*

be used for cooking the school lunches. It was funded through a grant from Rotary International, in collaboration with two Canadian Rotary Clubs-Wainwright and Revelstoke, and coordinated with Rotary Tamale in Ghana.

Another grant, from the Paul Milburn Gift Fund at the Oklahoma City Community Foundation, will enable two teachers to enroll in a diploma program in Accra so they may obtain their Montessori pre-school certification. The Milburn Fund also contributed to the Parents Association's efforts to build a dormitory for teachers who commute.

We have accomplished good things through grants, but grants won't pay for teachers. That's where you come in. Your donation enables every LLC classroom to have a teacher and a teaching assistant to guide the children. Your \$2400 gift pays the annual salary of one experienced teacher. Your \$600 gift pays for a teaching assistant for a semester.

And your gift of any amount doubles, thanks to a generous dollar-for-dollar match up to \$34,000 from the Paul Milburn Fund. When you give \$25, your gift becomes \$50. When you give \$500, your gift becomes \$1000. Please give generously!



*Every LLC classroom has a teacher and assistant.*

The 266 children of LLC are ready to learn. Many walk long distances to school because they know this education will open doors for them. Your gift makes it happen.

Thank you, on behalf of the children of La' Angum Learning Center,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alice Azumi Iddi-Gubbels'.

Alice Azumi Iddi-Gubbels



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