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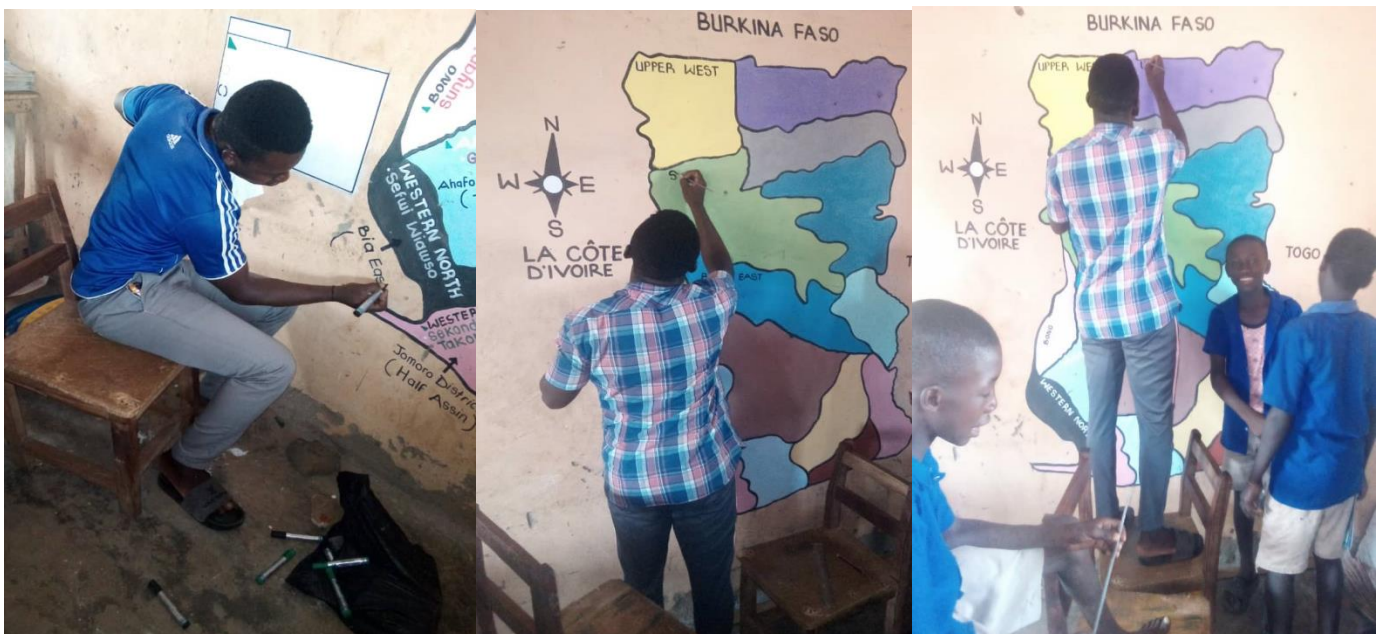
Overview

This reports details on the events that took place in the month of December with some few in November, 2023. Basic Schools in Ghana prepares to end the term to enable teachers and school children to observe and celebrate Christmas and the New Year. Teachers as usual, set assessment schedules to evaluate the teaching and learning that had taken place during the term which will help teaching make informed decisions on the children's knowledge and abilities before the next term begins.

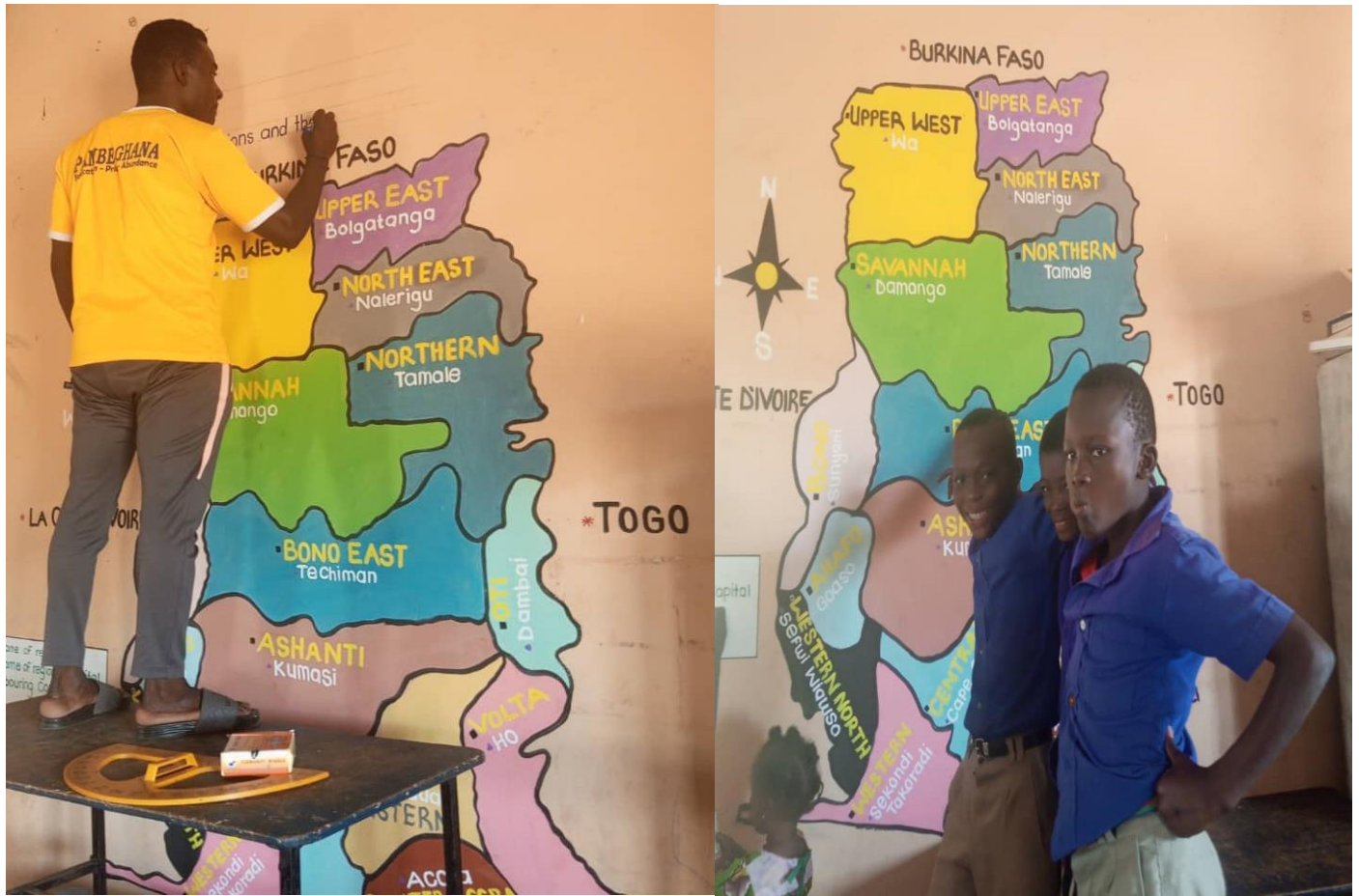
Sketch of Maps

Given the scarcity and outline of the textbooks that were recommended by the state to assist teaching and learning on the new curriculum, children in certain schools do pair to use the books in the classroom or find it difficult understanding some of the concepts. In one biweekly meeting, some of the teachers complained of the tiny nature by which some of the words are written especially in maps where a lot of information needs to be captured.

Fortunately for LLC, a particular teacher, Mr.ustapha asked that teachers submit those aspects that poses the challenges so that he could volunteered to sketch them large enough in the classroom walls for now and future use. It was agreed that PAMBE Ghana rsource him to buy the colour, brushes, pencils and any other material that he may need to do the work.



It was agreed that Mustapha should prepare an estimate and submit to the accountant for funding to do the work. Mustapha promised that he was going to do a good job and to use some of the students as his assistants. He was the staff that engaged the children to label the furniture that were donated by our German friend, Dilara.



Different topics were covered in different classrooms depending on the needs of the classroom according to the syllabus of the National Curriculum. In some classrooms, he drew the map the map the Ghana and indicated the regional capitals. In other classrooms, he indicated the rivers of Ghana, the climatic conditions in some, mountains, occupations, vegetation cover etc were indicated. The children were happy to part of this exercise and posed for a photo. It is worth mentioning that these work was done over a period of 2 weeks since he was using only after school hours.



Visit by the Schneebeli Family

The PAMBE Ghana/LLC friends from Switzerland, Christain and his daughter, Sara Schneebeli paid a very refreshing visit to the PAMBE Ghana office and the La;angum Learning Centre. They were accompanied by one Francis who happens also to be a friend of Pater and Alice Gubbels. The PTA executives had a meeting in school and were present to welcome the visitors to LLC. The PTA chairman and some expressed their happiness for the visit and took them round the school after which the head teacher and assistant took them through the classrooms.



The PTA executives took them to visit the computer lab, the library and the Kitchen.



The visitors were later handed over to the head teacher and his assistants who led them through the various classrooms to visit with teachers and children. Sara especially was so impressed about the classroom and material arrangements.



Bumboazio Joins National Grid

On one faithful evening, a host of trucks and cars numbering eight came to the PG office to invite me to join them to Bumboazio to power and connect the community to the National grid. Bearers of these vehicles were politicians who had come to campaign to be elected to represent the ruling New Patriotic Party at the parliamentary level.

At Bumboazio, we visited the chief Palace to inform him of the visit and later met with the community members. The Volta River Authority (VRA), the company that is in charge of the supply and regulation of the electricity in the Northern part of Ghana were invited to connect the community to the national grid.

The chief delegated 2 of his sub chiefs who together with the aspirant switched the light on. The community became so happy and jubilated with singing and dancing.



Almost all the houses are wired and electrical meters are placed on. Some of the houses haven't been connected yet but since there is now electricity in the community, everyone will gradually be connected. Thanks to efforts from the aspirant (Nureini Fusheini Abdulai) though, he did not win.

Continues Education Support

The Junior High School (JHS) 1, 2 and 3 students as usual were invited to come to the pg office with their parents to receive the OCCF support of books, pens and sets of mathematical instruments. The JHS 1 students received 2 pairs of school uniform, a school bag, 20 note 1 books, pens, a set of mathematical instruments and thirty Ghana cedis each to help buy sandals to start the JHS program. Parents and students showed their appreciation as the head teacher and his administrative team did the distributions.





Also, The basic education certificate examinations as was sat by our students in the 3rd years of the JHS as exit exams, the results were released and all the 28 students that sat 5he exams, passed. They were placed into the senior high schools and have started reporting. PG has started presenting the support items of note books, set of mathematical instruments and scientific calculated to them according to class and needs.





Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) meeting

It is a regulation within the PTA that a meeting is held at the beginning and ending of the term aside urgent and impromptu meetings that may be called where necessary. The second and last meeting of the term was help for teachers to brief parents on the happenings within the term and to collaborate with parents to plan for the next term.





The PTA Chairman urged parents to continue to support the school with their responsibilities such as commitment fee payment, food and fuel wood contributions and attendance to all calls to the school. He also asked parents to support teachers and be part of training and modeling of their wards since “one finger cannot pick a stone”.

Head teacher on behalf of the teachers, thanked the parents and mentioned that the attitude of parents to their obligations to the school has notably improved. He urged parents to continue in that direction to be able to realise the dream of their investments on their wards

