

# PAMBE GHANA

Partnership for Mother Tongue-based Bilingual Education in Ghana

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## JANUARY, 2024 REPORT

### School Reopen

School resumes for the Second term of the academic year on the 8th day of January, 2024. Attendance on the reopening day was very poor. There was the rumour that reopening was extended by a week and many parents could not verify the right date of reopening. Notwithstanding, a good number of children came to school on the second day after having heard from friends that school is reopened.



Cleaning and arranging of the various classrooms started on the first day of school resumption and continued through the second to the third day. Head teacher asked the teachers to concentrate on the cleaning and arranging of the classrooms so that normal classroom activities could begin on Thursday and allow the general cleaning to be done later.





## Mamprulli (L1) Training

It was in one Advisory Council (AC) meeting that the head teacher of LLC, Mr. Majeed Salifu reported that the teaching and learning of Mamprulli (L1) in LLC has been reduced. A concerned parent asked why the teaching and learning of L1 is reduced since that has been a good way of laying a better foundation for the children. The answer was that, many of the current teachers have not received any formal training in the teaching of L1 as was done to previous teachers. It was decided that a training session on L1 be organised for all teachers. A committee was immediately constituted to source for resource personnel, materials and schedule a time for the training.

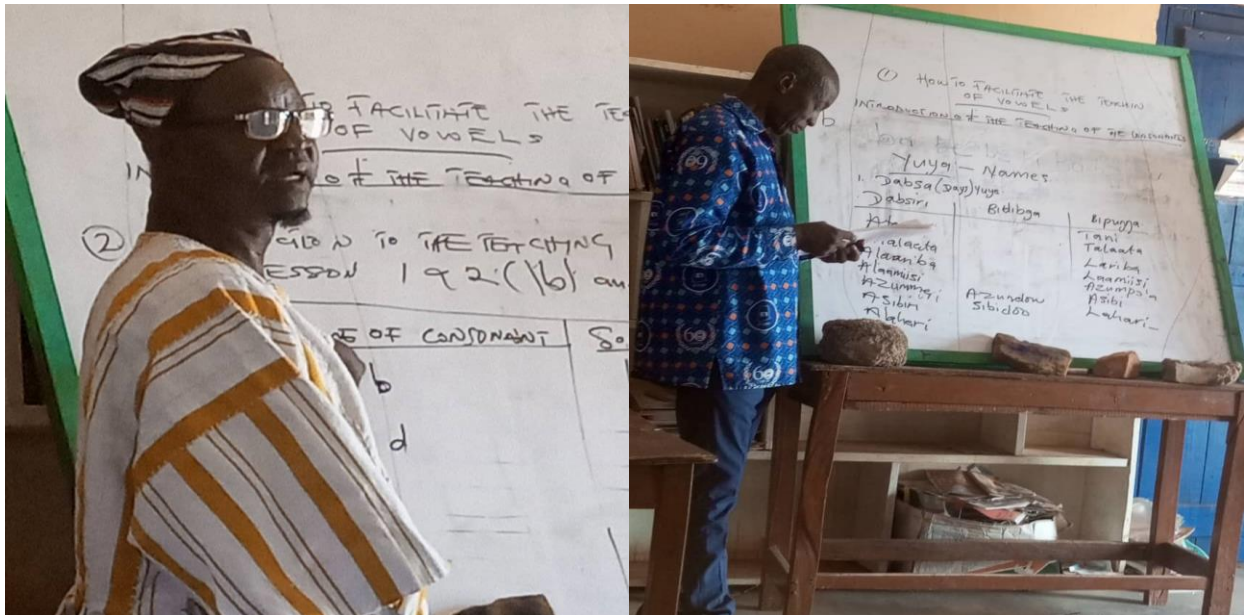


In consultation with teachers, it was agreed that a 4 day period for each term be spared for the training and the first one was slated for the 3rd to 6th of January, 2024. The 4 days workshop took place at LLC during the vacation period.



The resource persons, Mr. Ben Bukari and Mr. John Yakubu who were engaged in previous training sessions, were decided on, consulted and they agreed to support in the training.

The main agenda for the training was to help teachers to be able present lessons in the Mamprulli to the children and ensure that such lessons are well understood. Children should be able to read, write and understand the local language as much as possible.



Facilitators made various presentations and teachers were put in groups to discuss, practice and make presentations on behalf of their groups on chosen topics.

At the end of the training session, the Head teacher thanked the facilitators and teachers and assured that the lessons received shall be put to better use in the classroom.



## Jeremie Donates Table Tennis Kits

As indicated earlier on, Jeremie is involved in every game and activity that the school children and the teachers do undertake. He played Table Tennis with the children and developed much interest in playing the game. He went on to purchase and donates a set of Table Tennis kits for the school. The children were happy and immediately mounted the table and started playing with NO or LITTLE rules attached to the game. It was fun and everyone appreciated the gesture.



## A visit by Jeremie's family

PAMBE Ghana and the La'angum Learning Centre were fortunate to receive two (2) friendly and charming visitors from Germany, Ellen and Philip (Jeremie's Mum and brother respectively). They came to pay a visit to Jeremie and to visit PAMBE Ghana and the La'angum Learning



Centre. The 2 were taken through the classrooms, interacted with teachers and children, visited the ICT lab and the kitchen. PAMBE Ghana hosted them in the PAMBE Ghana residence for 2 nights. They were delighted and expressed their appreciation for the time, care and support that PAMBE Ghana and the La'angum Learning Centre have given to Jeremie. The donation of the Table Tennis kits coincided with the arrival of the 2 visitors. The mother prayed that much more support gets to the children and thanked the teachers for the dedication to duty. She said, "I am a teacher by profession and I know what it takes to handle kids such as these". Ellen was so impressed especially about the material setup and classroom arrangements.

### **Donation of Furniture to Basic 4 to 6 children**

In one of the many meetings and interactions PAMBE Ghana and the La'angum Learning Centre staffs has had with Jeremie, the Programme Director was briefing teachers on the year's budget and Jeremie asked if there was a priority area he could source funds to support. The PD threw the question to the teachers who said there was the need to help furnish the basic 4 and 5 classrooms. Jeremie accepted the challenge and did deliver. Through the fundraiser he had with family and friends, he was able to provide enough furniture to basic 4, 5 and 6.

The programme Director informed the PTA and the Advisory Council chairmen and they organized and received this handsome support on behalf on LLC and PAMBE Ghana



**Furniture Donated by Jeremie's Friends and Family**



**L-R: Chief Kpanuraana, Mr. Patrick (AC Vice Chair), Mr. Kuntoba (PTA) Chair**

Jeremie also donated teaching and learning materials to the children and teachers of the La'angum Learning Centre (LLC). He's been teaching and supporting in the classrooms for the past six (6) months and knows which items are consumed quicker and volunteered to support the school by "providing a little to support". The supplies included smaller work books for the Kindergarten and the lower primary, chalk, masking tapes, my clear bags, teaching note books for teachers, pencils, sharpeners and a lot more.



The teaching and learning materials were also received by the PTA and AC representatives and handed to the head teacher's representative. The PTA chair man on behalf of all parents thanked Jeremie, his family and all his friends who supported in any way to make this possible. Jeremie thanked everyone for the love and support that has been given to him and did not forget to thank the Board for accepting him and given permission to the Programme Director to support him with an invitation letter which paved way for his visa applications and entry.

### **PAMBE Ghana and La'angum Learning Centre Appreciates Jeremie**

Our people say "the beauty of a gift and or good works is a show of appreciation". To show our appreciation for the time, effort, share of knowledge and experience and for the various donations, PAMBE Ghana in consultation with the Advisory Council (AC), acquired and presented a traditionally woven smock and a hat to Jeremie. The type of smock (Kpankobgu) is culturally considered as a symbol high recognition and esteem.

The presentation was done by the PTA and AC representatives on behalf of PAMBE Ghana and the Board of Directors.



Teachers and their children also showed their appreciation to Jeremie and the family by providing a large smock to be given to Philip (Jeremie's elder brother). One teacher, Mustapha made a portrait photo of Jeremie and presented to him through Madam Gifty and the PTA reps. This is the teacher who made the maps on the school walls and drew some photos of Ellen and Logan when they visited. Mustapha is a very good artist and he always involves his class children in his works.





At this point, it became so visibly and emotionally difficult for Jeremie to give his word of thanks you and appreciation. One could see traces of emotional tears when he said a goodbye to the children. He promised and said that his people have it that “a journey is only worthwhile when you take it the second time, and that he shall be back.

### Arrival of Fay Airi Record

The blessings for LLC and PAMBE Ghana continue to pour in as the third young person from German landed in Ghana and into LLC. She is our friend, **Fay Airi Record**. She arrived in the premise of PAMBE Ghana and the LLC on the 14th of January, 2024. She was met at the airport by the PG accountant, Fidelis Yirdong and Jeremie Laskawy, the German friend.



She was taken to school to meet with teachers and children. She was so happy that many of the children in the KG 2 class recognized and called her, Dilara. As usual, the children come to meet her in the residence to go to school with and play card games and Rubik cube games.

The admin team of LLC met with her to assist her draw a program for her 2 months stay. She will take care spoken, written and comprehension of the English language. She's into week one and shall be with LLC

We are grateful for her visit and we pray that her stay becomes beneficial to both parties. Thanks for permitting PAMBE Ghana to support her visa request with an invitation latter.

**Baba Bukari, Programme Director**