

Project Reach Out Canada



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The Ocran family in 1993

August 2010 marks 20 years since Rev. Joe and Jemima Ocran and their 2 little children, Albert and Diella, left Canada and moved to Ghana to begin their ministry of telling their own people about Jesus and His love for them. Before they left Canada in 1990 they invited some of their friends to join them in setting up an organization to be the humanitarian arm of the church in Ghana. Thus Project Reach Out Canada was born! A year later Project Reach Out Ghana was started and the partnership with the Ghanaian church was established.



The Ocran family in 2008

News from Ghana



- work is being done to improve Anum School:
 - ❖ the Junior High school classrooms are being extended and a veranda being built in front
 - ❖ an office is being built for the principal and his old office has been turned into a computer training classroom
 - ❖ 3 computers have been installed, a computer teacher hired and computer training already started
- The micro financing project is continuing with many loans from last year already being repaid and new loans being given. (loans for trading have 6 months to repay and farming loans have 1 year to repay) Asite women have used the loans to start market trading businesses selling fish and tomatoes. New loans for farming of cassava, peanuts and other farming have been given in Asite. Ashaiaman women are also doing market trading and a cafeteria style restaurant (called a chop bar in Ghana) has been started. The people at Nsawam church are doing farming. In the North many are farming yams. Recently 900 Ghana cedis (approx. \$625 US) was loaned to people in the Yendi district to start farming projects. The new church in Dambai in the Northern Volta region is also starting maize and yams farms with loans. The purpose of this micro finance project is to help people with income generation so that they will improve their lives and also be able to pay the pastor's salaries and church expenses.
- We have talked to a village chief in the North asking him to recommend qualified and interested students for a nursing scholarship program. These students must be willing to sign a contract for five (5) years of work in one of our northern clinics in return for receiving a scholarship. Scholarships would be awarded to graduates of Senior Secondary School (our grade 12) with high marks in the sciences and math to attend a government run school of nursing for an accredited 3 year nursing or medical assistant program. The costs in 2010 are estimated at approximately \$1500 U.S per year. This cost includes accommodation, library, maintenance, computer, indexing, registration, examination fees, text book fees, tuition subsidy, transport for field work, transport for commuting, and directly to the student, a book allowance, uniform and packet money (spending money).



completed Kabeso clinic

▪ The District Director of Medical Services in the Northern area has assigned a nurse to both Kabeso clinic and Waie Clinic. PTL! We have waited for a long time for this to happen. Now the population of these two villages will have health care. There are still 2 other clinics waiting for nurses.



completed Waie clinic

Canadian Fund Raising

- The annual Christmas Craft and Bake Sale in November was very successful. Your church or group could plan an event to help support the work of Project Reach Out in Ghana.
- Heritage Community Christian School Ghana committee fund raising events
- The annual giant lawn sale is being held on Saturday, June 12, 2010 at 508 Laurier Blv'd, Brockville 8am -12:00 Good used items (no clothing please) can be taken to the site on Friday afternoon and evening or early Saturday morning. Volunteers to sort and help with selling are needed. Call Patty Skelton at 613-342-8717 for info or Brian Barton at 613-342-4865 for pick up of items.
- Other fund raising events are being planned but dates have not yet been set. Keep an eye open for announcements.
- We are looking for new and innovative ideas for fund raising. If you have any ideas please contact us at the above address.
- Holding your own lawn sale and donating the proceeds is one good way to help.

A group of seamstresses at Centennial Road church in Brockville called "The Sew 'N Sews" donated baby blankets, skull caps, hats and dresses that they had made. These items were given to children in Ghana.

Shown below are some of the group and at the right a little girl in Loloto is given a new dress



Ladies Night Out group in Brockville donated \$100 to be used in Ghana. Carole Tanney purchased Ghanaian fabric and gave each pastor's wife 4 yards of fabric and a small cosmetic case filled with items. Thanks to all the ladies. To God be the glory!



Carole gives packages to 2 pastor's wives at conference

Project Reach Out Canada held its annual meeting on Monday, March 8, 2010 in Brockville. Patty Skelton was recognized and thanked for her many years of service to the board and the people of Ghana. Dorothy Vanderzagg, of Whitewater Wesleyan Church and Grace Phillips, of Brockville were elected to the board to join Carole Tanney, Kathy deSouza, Laurence Crowell, Sherrie Rounding-Davis, Martha and Rick Jackson, Mabel Hewitt, John Markus and Linda Owen. Rev. Joe Ocran, our International Director, sent a video of greetings and a report of what is happening in Ghana.

Joe Ocran is planning his annual visit to Canada for June and July. Plan to visit him when he visits your church or camp/conference. Contact Sheldon Gilmer at sgilmer@sympatico.ca for itinerary dates.

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"Spending of Project Reach Out funds is confined to board approved projects. Funds given towards a project are used as designated, with the understanding that when the need for that project has been met, or cannot be completed for reasons determined by the board, the remaining funds designated will be used where needed most."