



Wulugu  
P R O J E C T

NEWSLETTER  
Summer 2009

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# Mannington Hall Charity Day

*(By kind permission of LORD & LADY WALPOLE)*

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 6TH  
FROM 12- 5 p.m.

Come to our giant fund raiser for 2009.

This event will be held in the superb surroundings of the  
Norfolk countryside.



There is a wide and varied programme of events, a variety of stalls and activities to interest all ages and tastes! More in flyer inside newsletter.

Be there! See you on the 6th September.

Don't miss the **WULUGU PROJECT** event of the year.

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# LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION

**Ghana** is divided into ten regions. All our work is in the largest, the Northern Region. **Tamale** is its capital, 640kms or 400 miles north of Accra, with a population of 350,000. Karimu Nachina, lives in Tamale. It has a new football stadium built for the Africa cup 2008, a University of Developmental Studies and a teaching hospital, one of only eleven hospitals in the Northern Region.

**Northern Region**, is divided into 18 districts and we have built schools in nine of them.

**Walewale** is the capital of the West Mamprusi District, with district chief executive offices, Ghana education service offices and our first vocational school.

**Tauhidiya** is half and hour east of Walewale on a dirt track, and not shown on any map available in the UK or Ghana. We built a six classroom primary school in 2000, and in 2006 built our first accommodation block for six teachers to ensure the school would be able to keep good teachers, including women.

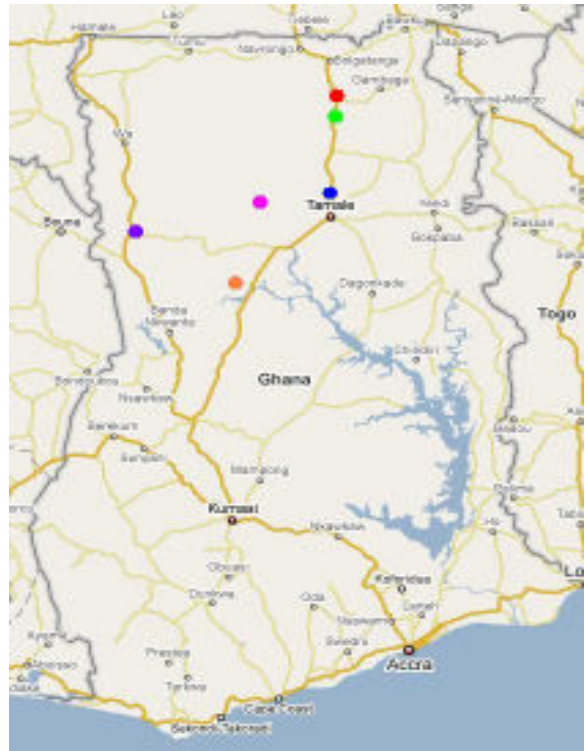
**Bowina**, our most remote primary school, is two hours on a graded road to the White Volta River, a quarter of a mile across in an open canoe into **Daboya** (capital of the West Gonja District), and 18 miles, or an hour and half, on a very rough track by tractor or 4WD if you are lucky.



*The road to Bowina*

Travel in Northern Ghana is difficult. Few roads are graded, less are metalled and most are dirt. There are very few petrol stations or sign posts!

## Some of the Schools we've built



- Wulugu Secondary Hostel, Wulugu Primary, Sayoo Primary, Gbani Primary, Zaami Primary
- Walewale Vocational School, Tauhidiya Primary, Nasinya Primary.
- Savelugu Vocational School.
- Daboya Vocational School, Tarabiat Primary, Sarafiat Primary, Langbinsi Primary, Bowina Primary, Lukulu Primary
- Sawla Vocational School.
- Buipe Vocational School, Catholic Junior High, Academy Junior High, Old Buipe Primary, Miekpegu Primary, Yipala Primary, Zanzugu Primary.

Northern Ghana has not been formally mapped and aerial photographs are not clear as the villages are so small. 'Google Map' 'Tamale, Walewale, Wulugu or Daboya' and you will see the area we are working in.

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## NEWS FROM THE CHIEFS.

We are proud to tell you that Prof. JS Nabila, Chief Wulugu Naba, has been elected as Chair of the Council of Chiefs in Ghana. This is an extremely important position.

Prof Nabila enskinned Lynne back in 1996 as 'Chief of Enlightenment and Education' of the Mamprusi people. Her tribal name is 'Nesim Poanaba'

We do work closely with the local chiefs and are grateful for their support. We recently received a letter of thanks from The Wasipewura's Palace. This is a brief extract:

*'The chiefs and Elders, Assembly persons, Unit Committees of the Wasipe Traditional Area under the leadership of the Wasipewura Anyame Kabasagya II, express his sincere gratitude to the Wulugu project for the great job done in the area.*

*The Daboya, Bawina and Lingbinsi communities are beneficiaries of the project but it serves the entire Wasipe area. In Daboya, 6 villages attend the Tarabiat school built by the Wulugu Project. Seven villages attend the Bawina Primary and the same number in Langbinsi/*

*In Bawina, for its over-enrolment, The Wulugu project added a three classroom block to serve the many pupils in the sub-zone.*

*For the numerous project there is large commitment to advancement of education. In addition fifty women each in Daboya and Langbinsi were given loans to run their economic activities.*

*Enrolment for Daboya Vocational School for girls is encouraging. Many now complete the courses and register for the final exams. Their children will never be in poverty.*

*Once again I thank you elephantly.'*

## THE FRUITS OF OUR PLANNING AROUND THE 'KITCHEN TABLE'



*A generous donation from the 'Kitchen Table Charities Trust' helps us to transform two dilapidated schools*

On 27th November we (Lynne) drove to Yapala to see one of the two schools we had re-roofed and re-built. This was quite splendid, with great kids and teachers. There was still no room for the kindergarden so they have 'Wulugu' dual desks under the trees! We gave them a football kit and a football. This village is totally neglected. They are so pleased with our help. The women came out to meet us—they had a long wait as this visit was in the middle of a very packed day for us. This is a photo where the old building is in the background. The contrast with the new one is considerable!

We had been told of the enormous difference we had made with the much improved and extended building but it is difficult to describe the real joy of the women that their children can now have regular and reliable schooling instead of being governed by the weather. Once children stop going to school, and particularly the girls, they often drop out for good.

We met with village representatives from Zanzugu (This is a long distance from the road) who were equally enthusiastic and enormously grateful. Although Ghana Education Service has responsibility for repairs and maintenance, the remote schools have little chance of any spending or attention. Teachers now are very proud of their schools and so more likely to turn up to teach.

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## WOMEN'S LOANS

### HOW THEY WORK AND HOW YOU CAN MAKE THEM WORK.

**A REPORT BY KARIMU NACHINA -OUR MAN IN GHANA!**

*The new women's loans will be for women in Lukula, Makarigu, Kpatarigu, and Yabon. There are 200 women altogether. 50 in each village that gives us total of 200 women. Each women will need £60. this will give us a total of £12,000.*

*The women deal in groundnut oil extraction, sheanut oil extraction, dawadawa making and food stuff trading. Dawadawa is made from the fruits of a native tree and is fermented and formed into a block, rather like a strong stock cube. (Slivers are scraped into your rice or stew to make it tasty) Their capital is so small that they run out of funds when prices of their raw material goes up. They need to stockpile the material during the harvesting season. Both dawadawa and sheanuts are fruiting and almost ready for picking.*

*It is from these activities they make money to take care of their children in school and it will be a good idea to support them.*

*To disimburse the loans a cash book is opened with each woman's photograph affixed to her page. Each woman is asked to provide a guarantor normally the husband or grown up children who have farms.*

*When the loans are given they have three months grace period. They start paying in the fourth month. They take ten month to pay with a small interest of 5%" Karimu Nachina -Our man in Ghana!*



*A group of women at Sayoo who have received income generating loans*

In our experience, we are impressed by the level of record keeping. The women's groups are strong and they are mutually accountable for defaults. Sometimes the pay-back is, of course delayed by up to a year, depending on trading conditions, weather etc.

What is most impressive is the major impact on retention of girls in school when the mothers do not need them to bolster family income.

In addition to the above, we would like to give start-up loans to some of the girls graduating from vocational schools in hairdressing, tailoring, weaving and catering. Each girl will need a minimum of £50 and, if we could begin with 20 in each of our five schools, this would help enormously. The school PTA will administer these and monitor repayment. Total outlay = £5,000

## AN UNEXPECTED PLEASURE

Treasurer Leona Levine was thrilled to receive an unexpected cheque of £1,655.10 raised by the pupils, staff and parents of Dartford Grammar School for Girls. A splendid gift.

We will be using this donation to provide mothers with small income generating loans in order to feed her children and to afford to send all her children (including the girls) to school.

*Life changing..... Thank you*

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## 100 CLUB GOES FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH

We now have 103 members but there is always room for more. The winners are:

### Upper Octave Concert

Vicky Baggelly	£30
Eileen Day	£20
I Dalzell	£10

### South Burlingham Fete

Pat Turner	£30
Mary Kerslake	£20
Mary Williams	£10



Mary Williams, David Wakefield (Rector for the Benefice of South Burlingham et al) and Isaac drawing the 100 Club winners

Many of the winners returned their prize cheques, with a signed Gift aid form, as an extra donation.

Purchasing a number in the 100 club costs £12 a year, paid preferably by standing order. About two thirds of money raised is for Wulugu Project and about one third is used for prizes. You are entered into four draws a year.

Interested? Then do contact Mary Williams, White House Farm, South Burlingham, Norfolk NR13 4EU.

## BOOKS, BOOKS AND CD'S

The sale of as new books, donated by Bertram Books and as new CD's bequeathed to charity by the executors of late Desmond Levine (Leona's brother) has led to a steady income over the last six months.

A pre-Christmas book and CD all day sale with refreshments raised £466.

A visit to afternoon tea at Royal Arch Court, a new complex of apartments for the retired, and home of committee member, raised £75. We met many interesting people some who supported us at the Upper Octave Concert.

Langley School, who helped us buy a motorbike for an HIV/AIDS educator in 2003, invited us back to their "Daffodil Day", we met many supporters including a parent, who has been a generous supporter of the '100 club' by standing order for many years, and won a prize but had moved so we had lost contact. We raised £159 from the CD sale.

Hethersett Old Hall School fete was another fine day, and with the help of my daughter we raised another £187 and renewed many friendships.

South Burlingham Church Fete raised another £75 .

These sales, like the talks we give to Rotary, Church groups and Townswomen's guilds may only raise a little cash but they often lead to new contacts and new groups helping us.

Jane Scott

Chairman

## Upper Octave Concert

Another excellent evening of 'Music from the Musicals' at Hethersett Old Hall School was enjoyed by over eighty supporters. Ticket money with the raffle, and donations raised nearly £1000 which was sent out to Ghana the next week to provide school desks.

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ALL SAINTS CHURCH LITTLE MELTON TO SUPPORT WULUGU

Over the past three years All Saints Church has devoted all its fundraising efforts to building a church extension that will house essential facilities - loo, kitchenette, meeting room and storage space. Now that the completion of this project is within sight, the Church has decided that it will adopt the Wulugu Project as its charity for 2009-2010 and the launch of this will coincide with the formal opening of the new facilities building at 4pm on Sunday 21st June by the Bishop of Thetford. Everyone is welcome to this event which should get good publicity in the local media and which Lynne is hoping to



The two main fundraising events that will benefit Wulugu during the year are **Santa's Grotto**, hopefully at Colney Hall where it has been for the past two years, on **Saturday 12th December** from 10am - 1pm. The **Little Melton Village Quiz** which will be held on **Saturday 30th January 2010 at 7.30pm**. As well as Santa in his Grotto for the children, refreshments and tombola, there will be the opportunity for the Wulugu team to sell books. A feature of past Village quizzes has been the auction of two or three significant items during the refreshment break which has virtually doubled the proceeds. It would be good if some Wulugu supporters could come up with some items to auction at this event. Please contact Jane Scott on 01603 453750 if you can help in any way.

## STOP PRESS

At the packed opening of the extension to Little Melton Church the collection which was in favour of the Wulugu Project raised £274.43, much of which can be gift aided.

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## WIDER IMPACT OF VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS FOR GIRLS

### Thanks from Mrs Francesca Moni-ira Headmistress of Savelugu Vocational School

*The intervention you have put into place has helped reduce the rural-urban migration in the Savelugu District and beyond. It has also taken care of the school drop-outs and created job opportunities for the youth and unemployed. It will reduce poverty and eradicate the spread of HIV/AIDS since there is gainful employment.*

*Through socialisation at school, and the teaching of moral education and entrepreneurship, behaviour will change drastically thereby creating peace in the district. Once again, thank you for your timely intervention and motherly care and visit.*

*Remember the bible says: 'when I was jobless, you gave me a job, miserable, you console me' This is exactly what you have done to us. We cannot pay you except by God.*

*We also wish to inform you that enrolment has increased. We are trying to contribute in our own ways to help finance the development of the school by selling our products Ghana education service have been the main advisers and providers of basic materials. The District Assembly is equally very helpful. They help with transport and have connected electricity to the school. Water is a big problem. There is no source of water around the school. We should be grateful for a bore hole. We also would like a hostel for students and teachers that will enable girls from the further villages to come to school*

There are 309 students registered now and a real need for more equipment. There are 17 staff, some paid (in theory) by Ghana Education Service, others through the 'National service' scheme. The school has a PTA and a well designed management committee.

### The District Assembly in Sawla told us:

*'This help for the hopelessness has been achieved tremendously'*

### The final word on vocational schools for this newsletter comes from Buipe, opened 2006,

*'The school is not only an educational institution but it creates a platform for meetings and workshops in the District. This is the best environment and a good facility for meetings in the District capital'*

**We have funding for 50% of another vocational school. Will you help us towards the extra £19,000 we need? For each girl we train, at least ten other children are removed from the poverty trap.**

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# LUKULA- KARIMU'S HOME VILLAGE

Lukula is my home village. I was born there and my family lives there, brothers, sisters, nephews and lots of grandnephews including Rasheed and Razak who are very valuable helps to Wulugu Project here. There was no school when I was young so I had to walk 46miles to the school in the village of Daboya. It is located in the heart of the 'overseas area' (Beyond the Volta)

While in school in Daboya we often stayed the whole school term and only came home for a few weeks in the holiday. My two older cousins that were sent to school with me couldn't stand it and had to drop out. My mother encouraged me so I made it through school.

Lukula, my own village now needs a 3-classroom block. The school has 407 pupils with 3 classrooms that take care of three classes, the other three sit under trees. You can imagine the feelings of the people when they hear and see what I do elsewhere. I tried to explain about the remote nature of the place.

With the construction of the bridge at Kpasenkpe the journey has been cut by half. From Tamale it will now take three hours to get to Lukula. I travelled on the new route and found it very good. I hope on your next visit you can get to see my village. As you rightly said the people are very patient. They complained behind my back, because I always told them the truth and have not promised anything. I hope one day we can also find the hardworking women some loans.'

Karimu has worked tirelessly for Wulugu Project for nearly 15 years, full time since he retired and for no reward except lately the use of the Wulugu pick-up which we insure and keep it in tyres and fuel, and the internet charges so we can keep in touch. The committee decided that his village should be treated as a priority as it is more accessible since the new bridge was built. We have received a generous donation from a supporter to build and furnish the extra classrooms immediately.



**Lynne visited Lukula many years ago and remembers a punishing seven hour journey and having to leave almost immediately after arrival as the tracks were in danger of flooding.**

## Patrons

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Baroness Shephard of Northwold

Oona King



\* I wish to contribute to the Wulugu Project

\*I wish to join the Wulugu 100 Club. I enclose a cheque for £12

\*I enclose a cheque for £.....( Please make cheques payable to the Wulugu Project)

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