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## Our Largest Vocational School Opens in Sawla.

With help from our strongly supportive anonymous corporate donor and **The Man Charitable Foundation** we have opened a much needed vocational school for girls in Sawla, just across the border from Ivory Coast. **Sunderland Rotary Club** have helped us to build a hostel so that girls from remote areas can return safely to the education they have missed when they were younger.

We were astounded by the numbers wanting to come back to school. We expected 200 for the first intake but the demand has grown so that we have taken 250 this year, with as many again waiting for next year. The importance of this is told by Karimu Nachina who is one of the many volunteer workers in Ghana. Until now, many of the girls have gone into prostitution and menial work with no hope for the future.

*'With the Sawla girls It is really a problem and the people are happy we are coming in to help. Many of the girls go to Abijan and just come back to die. I am told no girl returns from Abijan and survives. If we ever have another HIV education program it will have to be at Sawla. Everyone in town greets us with joy and thanks. The news about the school has gone so far and wide that the girls keep pouring in to register'* Karimu 04/06/08.

The girls will learn to read and write alongside nutrition and family care. They will have high quality training for locally based careers including catering, tailoring, office work and, hopefully, hairdressing (we are trying to find a sponsor for this)

*'Sawla opened on 22nd September, 2008 with 140 girls reporting the very first day. We are still expecting more from the villages. The District Chief Executive (DCE), District Ghana Education Services (GES) and others were there to mark the occasion. The GES director is very supportive and greatly involved in whatever is happening in the school.*

*All the courses have started except catering which is very expensive. I usually do not include it and hair dressing in my original estimates. In Sawla twenty girls have already registered to do catering and thirty-six for hair dressing. Hair dressing is not so expensive so I managed to get the materials for them I think we should introduce the catering if we can get the funding. The catering teacher and students were very disappointed when I said I had to report to UK to see if there was money to start their department. I can get a deep freezer, refrigerator, four (4) gas cookers, 4 gas cylinders, regulators etc from our supplier to encourage the catering students if I can get assurance from you that in future we can get money to finance it. The supplier will be willing to wait for months to get paid. But the others materials which are equally very expensive have to be bought with cash now. Karimu 29/09/08.*

In reply to this e-mail, we sent out, by return, all the money needed to set up the new catering department with the help of a generous donation from **All Saints Educational Trust** which had arrived the day before. This trust has a special interest in home economics for girls and has helped us many times before.

*'I have collected the deepfreezer etc. The DCE of Sawla is here to help me carry the items to Sawla. With my vehicle alone it could' take me three trips to get all those items the 140 miles to Sawla'. Karimu 05/10/08*

John Clark from Sunderland Rotary Club commented:

*' Much of the funding for the hostel comes from Sunderland Echo readers, using, by kind permission, the Charity Car Parks at the University, stewarded by Rotarians who turn out throughout the year in all weathers.*

With the help of four generous donors we have been able to offer 250 girls a year a safe vocational education in Sawla.

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## Goodwill gifts for Gbani

Gbani is a large, very poor, village, miles from Walewale, that we have been helping for over four years. Their original 'mud school' was literally washing away. We had given them some desks but could afford little more. In 2005, with the help from a generous corporate donor, Wulugu Project was able to build a super new 6 classroom primary school and fit it out with desks, staff tables and blackboards.

In July 2008 we received the really bad news that, in a storm, the new 'wriggly tin' roof on half the school had ripped itself out of the wall, blown off and landed across the other building .



*New classroom at Gbani*

The children were safe but much of the school was out of action. They pulled the desks outside and carried on. A storm would not stop them studying.

*, 'I went to Gbani yesterday to see the damage for myself. I quickly asked the foreman and the head carpenter to go and assess the damage. I asked them to bring the estimates that they had made. I saw the estimates and decided to go and see the damage myself*

*The East block is the more damaged. The storm could not easily remove the roof so it butted the entire building for a long time as the storm lasted until the wall cracked and gave way removing the roof and hauling it onto the other west block. The storm pulled the beam and also broke the pillars. The repairs are needed as the buildings have been destroyed to window level.'*

*Karimu 02/06/2008.*

We asked the District Assembly and Ghana Education to help with repairs but they say, due to the success of the primary school, they are committed to building a Junior Secondary (14 plus) and this has taken all their school funding for this year.

In fact, this is a true success story—local government building on what we have set up with them. But it leaves us with a real funding headache that we have not been able to solve at the time of writing. We need £11,000 urgently. Gbani was our largest primary school with all children attending regularly. If we do not fix it quickly, it is likely that

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The repairs will have added strength, more beams. There will also be a tree plantation as a wind break—the Walewale area is notoriously windy.

The repairs are urgent as the weather will break again in November. We have a dilemma. We don't really have £11,000 to spend as most of our money was earmarked for other projects. Should we spend more money in Gbani when there are many other villages with great needs? We do not start something we can't afford to finish. But if the roof is not mended the school we built will be useless and the children lose out. We decided that the roof must be repaired now .

We are asking everyone that has helped us in the past to try and support us again. The profits from the Tabletop Book sale at Little Melton, and 'The Hundred club' along with all other unrestricted donations will go towards Gbani. Hopefully this Christmas you might GIVE to GBANI so that the children there will have a strong safe school for years to come.

**Stop press**

**We have just heard that a large donor has given over £5000 to Gbani. We are thrilled by their continued generous support.**

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## MORE CLASSROOMS FOR BOWINA

The nine primary schools that we have built are a continuing success story. So much so that the enrolment has at least tripled in each, with particular increases in the numbers of girls. More importantly, retention is greatly improved.

The continuing need is best described in the message from Ghana below. *'It has become necessary to asked for more classrooms for the above school because of the high enrolment and many children kept out school for lack of classroom space. The PTA and staff of the school applied to Wulugu Project and I decided to send the costing above for an additional 4 classroom block to enable more pupils to be enrolled. Inhabitants of Bowina and its surrounding villages are sending all their children to the six classrooms school that we provided in 2006.*

*However, the children are more than the school can contain, hence the application by the people for extra classrooms. As earlier indicated Bowina school now has 9 teachers and 349 pupils with over 200 turned away. This is as a result of the provision of the school and teachers quarters by Wulugu Project'*



Outside new School



Girls in Class 3

But in Bowina the school building just could not cope so we have extended it by adding 4 new classrooms. The extension opened in September 2008. We are so grateful to the donors who so kindly made this dream a reality

The result of this work is that all of the primary children will be able to attend school, so helping to meet the United Nations Millennium Development Goals for universal primary education. Importantly, all the girls in the area will be in school. This has become possible as their mothers benefit from our income generating loans. In addition, our teacher accommodation ensures there are female teachers and that all the teachers are of good quality.

Figures show that educated girls are likely to ensure their own children have education. (We are unable to show you pictures of the completed extension as Bowina is cut off due to the heavy rainfall. The Volta river at Daboya is almost impassable by the canoes and the 18mile track through the forest is underwater in places. Travel to and from Bowina is never easy and very seasonal.)

## TABLE TOP SALE AT LITTLE MELTON



Following the success of last year's Table-Top Sale in Little Melton Village Hall, we held our second one on Saturday 27th September 2008. We kept the same format as the first, inviting local charities and local representatives of national charities to hire tables for the morning, from which to sell their wares and promote their organisation.

Wulugu committee members and volunteers again produced, donated and served homemade soup and cakes along with drinks and other snacks – this produced a profit of £103.06, which was a significant increase on last year.

Nine charitable organisations were represented, including Wulugu with our book and CD sales. In addition there were two private individuals who donated some or all of their profit

to Wulugu. The display of the work of the Wulugu Project generated considerable interest.

Although numbers attending were slightly down on last year, our overall profit was £402.47, which includes two donations totalling £25 that were made on the day. Many thanks go to all who contributed to the success of this event.

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## WHAT WE HAVE ACHIEVED SO FAR

Since 1995, Wulugu has worked in some of the most challenging areas of Northern Ghana. With your help and support we have managed to achieve all the projects displayed in the boxes on these pages.

Every single achievement, however small, has improved the life of young girls from five to twenty-five. As the quality of education develops hopefully the life of their families will too. Slowly and gradually we are having an effect on attitudes and the standard of living in this most impoverished area. A big thank-you to all our loyal supporters!

### **Primary Schools**

We have built nine new primary schools and added extensions to several more which needed modernisation and updating. Here we have helped with building new roofs and generally improving the fabric of the buildings. These schools have also benefitted from the provision of desks and in many cases improved toilet facilities. It has also been necessary to provide accommodation for the female teaching staff. Some areas of the Northern area are so remote that it is difficult to persuade teachers to work there unless they feel they are able to stay in a safe environment. As all children should be able to access primary education for at least six years, the developments we have initiated have encouraged the Ghanaian Educational Service to begin providing adequate secondary schools so that the children can continue in full time education.

### **Training HIV/Aids Workers**

Wulugu supports efforts to train outworkers to go into the rural villages and schools to talk about the problems created by this disease. Successful students are provided with a bicycle, leaflets and teaching aids and visit as many villages as possible to spread the knowledge. Thirty teachers are

### **Books.**

**Twenty four** schools in Northern Ghana have complete libraries set up from our resources. As with all libraries, every now and again, their stock needs

### **Secondary Schools**

We have completed updating the Wulugu Secondary Schools Girls Hostel for a cost of £9000. This money was used to install electricity in the 24 bedroom hostel, purchase 63 bunk beds, supply 126 student mattresses and provide 30 electric fans to keep the building cool.

### *FIVE Vocational Schools*

*Wulugu Project has built and equipped five vocational schools in the Northern Region at Walewale, Daboya, Buipe, Savelgu and Sawla. These are so important because they give young girls the opportunity to train for a career and not search for the bright lights of the larger towns in the south where they often become involved with prostitution. Skills taught at these schools include weaving, tie-dying, dressmaking, hairdressing, computer literacy and typing. Wulugu has co-operated and collaborated with the District Assemblies in order to complete the range of buildings and courses on offer.*

### **Computers**

**SIXTY SIX** computers have been supplied to Vocational and /or Secondary Schools in N. Ghana since Wulugu started in 1995

### **OVER 2000 DUAL DESKS**

Desks are a vital part of the learning process and with up to 50 children in a classroom it is very important that the pupils have a surface to work on comfortably. Most of our desks are dualled and built to the Wulugu time and tested specification. In spite of this some schools three pupils have to share a desk.

### **One hundred and Fifteen Sewing Machines.**

With the building of the Five Vocational Schools, has developed a need to use the woven materials to produce a finished article. The Sewing machines make the final link in the chain and allow the girls to complete items to wear and sell.

### *Animal Husbandry*

*Wulugu has also helped smaller projects where they considered there was a justifiable need. One project purchased bullocks and ploughs to assist in the development of agriculture.*

### **Teacher's Accommodation**

Schools in the extreme rural areas have problems recruiting staff of quality, so Wulugu has also built teachers quarters for five primary schools Tauhidiya, Tarbiat,, Salfiat, Bowina, and Langbinsi. These help to ensure that the teachers stay for a realistic period of time and feel safe

### **SPORTS EQUIPMENT**

*Football is a wonderful means of communication and we have supplied 43 schools with sets of team strips and footballs. Sincere thanks to Sunderland for their continued support*

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## Good News From Our Treasurer

In her Half-Term Financial Report Leona Levine said that despite the Credit Crunch, we have had a very satisfactory five months - May to September inclusive. Our total income for this period was just over £34,000, as follows:

	£
Book Sales	949.99
100 club	428.00
(less prize money)-	175.00
Fundraising	1,522.47
(less cost of Fundraising)	195.00
General Donations	5,716.50
Restricted Donations	25,272.49
Charities Official Investment Fund Deposit Account (COIF) Interest	627.84
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 34,147.29</b>

The major fund-raising event was the Bishop of Norwich's Open Garden on May 12th where the gross profit was £1,331.62. Thank you to the many friends and supporters who made this event such a success. It can be seen from the table above that 90% of our income has come from Donations and we would like to thank everyone who has contributed to the Wulugu Project.

### UK

	£
Telephone/admin etc	173.11
NatWest Bank charges	24.15

### GHANA

Money Transfer Charges	210.00
Truck repairs and Tyres	500.00
Teachers' Support	1,000.00
Women's Micro Business Loan for Nasiriya and Sayoo	4,800.00
Gbani Storm Damage Repairs	10,565.00
Karimu general expenses	295.00
Sawla Vocational School	14,073.00
Sawla Girls Hostel	31,867.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 63,507.26</b>

Our biggest project has been building and equipping a new Vocational School with 250 places at Sawla, together with a hostel for 160 girls, incurring an expenditure of £45,940 in this reporting period. This is in addition to the sum of £25,922.50, which has been put to this project previously. The above table gives more details of expenditure for May – September 2008:

Yet again, thanks to our entirely volunteer workforce, we are pleased to note that only 0.31% of total expenditure has been in the UK. At 10th October 2008 we have balances of £27,397.39 in our COIF deposit account and £2,830 in our NatWest business current account.

Leona Levine

Treasurer

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## STORM DAMAGE IMPROVES BUILDINGS

Much of our work in Ghana is small scale. We work closely with communities, giving them the 'leg-up' they need in order to better reach their goal of improving lives through educating the children. We were asked to help with repairs to two schools where the roofs had been badly storm damaged. Constructed from mud blocks the buildings have a shorter lifespan than those made of our stronger cement based building blocks.

'Kitchen Table Charities Trust' generously enabled us to step in quickly and to put the schools back into use. Having witnessed the impact of weather damage on roofless buildings, it is important that this work is done quickly. Where there is no roof education is controlled by the weather. It can be too hot, with temperatures of 45 degrees, too wet or too windy. Northern Ghana suffers from weather extremes.

Our Ghana coordinator, Karimu Nachina, and his team of volunteers said:

*'The schools are in Yipala and Zanzugu, in the Central Gonja district and not too far from Tamale. There are nine classrooms in all. Three need a roof. The building survived the rains but need a lot of repair. The nine all need to be floored, walls plastered inside and outside. The foundations also need to be reinforced with aprons. We did estimates that when completed the schools will look like cement block buildings and which will last for very many years to come. I had to explain a lot. I assure the donor that he will be proud to see what he would have done after the work is completed.'*

The work was completed rapidly and to the highest possible standard. Wulugu Project found the funding to provide 250 double desks enabling 500 children to attend school regularly and gain an education.

**Kitchen Table Charities Trust** helps small charities like ours with projects that work directly with the people they are helping with all the money being spent 'locally' and not on lavish publicity. It was set up by John Humphrys for charities that do their paper work around the kitchen table. Those who have been to Wulugu meetings will know that this is spot on!

## THANKS BILL & JILL

Congratulations Bill Shorten on your 80th birthday.

Jill Thompson, Bill's daughter, arranged a garden party for her father and suggested to the many guests that a contribution to the Wulugu Project rather than a gift wrapped treat for Bill would be greatly appreciated.

The guests had a great day with band, wonderful food and a downpour and donated £150 to Wulugu project. Thank you very much indeed. All the money has been sent to Sawla School in Northern Ghana to provide a set of tables in our new vocational school in the dressmaking classroom.

## HIV/AIDS COURSE IN SAWLA.

We have already managed to raise funds for the HIV / AIDS programme. We will train 40 local teachers to work in remote villages. In our earlier programmes we found that this worked well as the teachers know the local people as well as the local tribal languages.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

26TH NOVEMBER 2008

Jumbo book and CD sale at 8 Camberley Road,  
Norwich

29TH MARCH 2009

Daffodil Day Langley School

## OUR MAIN EVENT FOR 2009

6th September 2009 Charities Day at Mannington Hall.

This year we are the 'main charity' so will be organising the day and benefitting from the gate money. We hope to have music, dancing and silver spoons to enjoy alongside the Hall being open, the gardens to explore and the usual range of stalls and food. Please put it in your diary now and try to come and bring lots of friends and relatives. Any offers of help or good ideas gratefully received.

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**100 Club Winners**

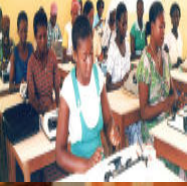
The draw was made by Lady Walpole at the Mannington Hall Charity Day in September. The lucky winners are:

1. Pam Grainger	£45
2. Liz Pilling	£35
3. John Pettman	£20

**A Radio Norfolk Winner !!!**

Edd Smith who bought 'A Day with Radio Norfolk' at our Auction of Promises last year, has just landed a permanent job at Radio Norfolk. He is thrilled.

**CHRISTMAS IS A TIME FOR GIVING**



A bag of cement ( they need thousands)	£4
A dual desk with seat (they need hundreds)	£25
100 building blocks for a school (they need thousands)	£30
Materials for Batik and tie and dye work in Vocational School. These act as a catalyst as they can be sold to buy more dyes	£30
Set of bunk beds	£50
Typewriter for vocational school.	£50
Income generating loan to mothers so they can earn enough to feed all their family and send all their children to school	£60
Start up loan for trained hairdresser to set up her own business in local area	£75
A 1000 gallon polythene water storage tank (with transport and fitting)	£250
Roof for a school. This makes a derelict school ( there are many) usable	£2,000
One toilet block	£2,500
One classroom	£4,000



**Patrons**

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