

ARCHIVE NEWS (archived March 2022)

It is calculated that we have improved the lives of well over half a million people. Our major impact is on girls and women, and this has a massive effect on all sectors. Boys, of course, benefit from schooling where there are usually equal numbers of boys and girls now. When we began, there were very few girls in school and almost none at secondary level.

In North Ghana, most charities have shut down but we hope that they will be able to operate again before too long. Wulugu Project certainly hasn't stopped working, in fact our teams in Ghana and UK have met with obstacles head-on and done whatever was needed, as far as possible, to continue to make education more available, particularly for girls and women. Our supporters are loyal and help when they can—for example Little Melton Mothers Union gave us £100 as they couldn't hold their summer tea party.

Recently, thanks to support from Foundation Eagle, we have built new Primary schools at Cheshugu and Guomo. Our Koldani School was one of our greatest challenges. It is easy to see why others avoid helping in our districts.(p7 NL 2018) We have majorly repaired Sankumpe Primary, thanks to INTO Giving moving it from collapse to a strong building that will last at least 30 years.

Toilets are growing in importance now. When we first visited, there were few of these anywhere. Now we have many, including at our Koldani (thanks to Kitchen table Charitable Trust) and Larabanga (Thanks to the Hilden

Charitable Trust) schools. These, together with disabled access, were much needed and appreciated.

The Clive and Sylvia Richards Charity made it possible for Wayamba to have a complete re-build of collapsed rooms, with more much-needed rooms added. They also, together with Laing Trust, gave the wonderful headmaster at Disiga his first ever school. We built Boamasa Primary together with the school PTA, local M.P. and The Catholic relief Fund .

Virus Education

Our Ghana team, since February, have visited many of the most neglected villages. They took a generator and short power-point to explain the problem and what people need to do. 'Wulugu' is highly respected and is trusted to tell the truth.

Bore Holes

It soon became clear that the main problem was the lack of clean water. Many villages had no access to this, relying on ponds and lying water for drinking, cooking, washing. The same supplies were used by the many animals, from crocodiles to wild boar. So we have managed to provide bore holes to serve 20,000 villagers. We are working on 14 more. This is a temporary departure from our usual work that is firmly geared towards

education. We are grateful to all who have helped, particularly to Wymondham Rotarians, Kitchen Table Charitable Trust, Clive and Sylvia Richards Charity and Foundation Eagle, and other individual donations.

Face Masks

Girls in our Vocational Schools are making masks at home for the villagers and some for Tamale City. These previously illiterate girls came back from slavery to learn to read, write, and understand the science and technology that help them as they train in a locally marketable skill—including weaving and tailoring. Girls were allowed to take sewing machines home to make masks. This is benefitting their families as it brings an income during the hardest of times. Ghana was advocating use of masks back in February—a long time before UK did the same.

Building New Schools

We have recently built 2 new schools and changed their lay-out to ensure that children have the extra space they need to stay safe. We were so lucky in March, right at the start of the current problems, that Clive and Sylvia Richards. Charitable Trust made it possible to provide a 9-classroom /3 store/teachers rooms at Wayamba. Our builders could work safely and villagers helped willingly with this much-needed venture. These will be officially opened in January and publicly handed over to Ghana Education Service(GES) GES take responsibility for employing teachers, maintaining the building and supplying books etc. They work in partnership with 'Wulugu Project' and are very aware that we are doing what we can to benefit the most neglected and inaccessible communities.

Vocational Schools

While schools are closed, key teachers have been keeping a watch over our 7 Vocational Schools, checking equipment and making sure that any insect(or larger animal) infestations are tackled promptly.

We have just received a very kind donation from All Saints Educational Trust . This will be used to buy more practical equipment. The large numbers in our schools mean that equipment wears out, even with careful use.

Junior Highs (JHS)

After Primary, some children move to Junior High. Since only a small number were able to do this (most were still needed to help with household tasks/fetching water/ tending cattle etc) the JHSchools were distant from

many villages. This meant that girls were unlikely to enrol, as they could not safely stay so far away. Now that communities are recognising the importance of education, it is vital to provide more of the JHSchools locally.

These open doors to Senior Highs. Wulugu Project has helped Ghana Education Services by providing 12 Junior High Schools to support the best students from clusters of our village schools. The students, being older will still have to walk or bike further to reach them , but it is much easier for them now. We have recently doubled the capacity of Larabanga Junior High, thanks to Foundation Eagle (P6 2018 newsletter)

For the coming months.

We are trying to raise funds that we need to build more schools. We keep watch over all of our schools and step in at an early stage if there are any structural problems. For the past 6 years we have used a strengthened building model, ensuring that fewer repairs will be needed. But the often vicious weather and other threats mean that we must be alert.

Current Projects In The UK.

We have 'The Wulugu room' opening at Norfolk Constabulary Training Centre—probably November 2020.

More Support from Rotary Anti-slavery international group. They are using us as example of good practice

New initiative linking Wulugu Senior High with The Norwich School—starting mid October 2020

Working with ' Norfolk has Heart'—who are using our photos to showcase evidence of UK Aid really working well.

New bore hole thanks to Seaburn Rotary in Sunderland

'Trade Aid' is about to send more tailoring boxes to Ghana for our vocational schools

