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Dear Friends:

We, the Trustees of AACO send you our warmest greetings this holiday season and pray that your joy and strength are renewed in more ways than one. We sincerely hope that you and your families are keeping well as we navigate living through these strange pandemic times, and we wish you an awesome celebration into 2022.

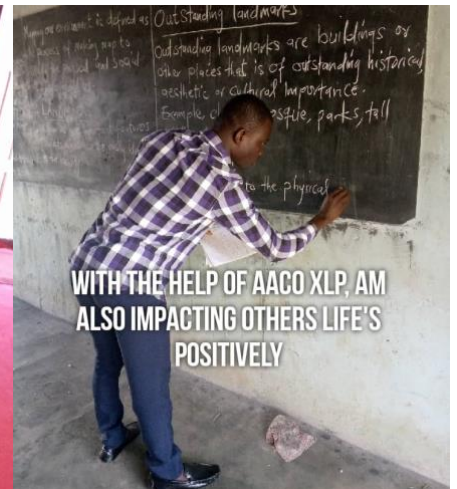
This newsletter provides updates on the latest news and activity of the Charity.



Akosua Arkhurst on UK's TBN TV



I AM ANTWI BOASIAKO, MY BIGGEST MOTIVATION IN LIFE IS THAT NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE AND GOD ALWAYS GIVES HIS BEST TO THOSE WHO LEAVE THE CHOICE WITH HIM. MY LIFE WAS TRANSFORMED WHEN I MET MAD, AKOSUA AND AACO XLP ORGANIZATION WHO MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR MY SECONDARY AND TERTIARY EDUCATION WHEN THERE WAS NO HOPE AND I AM BIG TESTIMONY OF MYSELF. AM FOREVER GRATEFUL TO GOD AND I SAY THANK YOU AACO XLP.



WITH THE HELP OF AACO XLP, AM ALSO IMPACTING OTHERS LIFE'S POSITIVELY

Testimonies from ex-Jubilee pupils

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Jubilee Senior High School, Dampong

In 2019, following discussions and exchanges with the Ghana Education Service (GES), the GES commenced a two-year probationary period of progressive Partnership/Absorption as they assumed the running of the school, taking over more each year. This looked very promising, but in early 2020, the COVID pandemic struck, and this has undoubtedly caused large scale disruption to so many things.

Despite reassurances regarding the Government's intention of a 'Partnership' arrangement with AACO, this has not materialised to date, and the default position is that in the new year, the school will become fully 'absorbed' and managed by the GES, after which the AACO will not be able to participate in the running of any part of the Senior High School.

With the end of the two-year GES 'probationary' period imminent, we issued a three-point plan to the GES in late November 2021 as a simplified interim measure to provide AACO 'Partnership' continuity in the new year while we await GES agreement to the full Partnership Memorandum of Understanding proposal issued previously. This plan comprises:

1. The appointment of AACO's nominated Headteacher; Mr John Koduah.
2. The AACO to be authorised to implement the Government's and AACO's strategic vision to improve the quality of educational leadership, teaching, learning and outcomes.
3. GES to provide Partnership funding for teaching and non-teaching salaries.

To date the AACO have received no response, however, as the Government's and the AACO's future strategic objectives for 'Partnership' are so well aligned, we remain hopeful that a true 'Partnership' will emerge at some stage, and much effort is currently being put into achieving that goal. We are determined that the Jubilee High School will once again become a beacon of excellence in Education.

AACO - Supporting the Community

The AACO's vision is about education, but it is also about much more! The broad core of our mission is to serve the community in whatever way we can. Our focus has been mainly on Senior High School education, and while we sincerely hope that will resume soon in true Partnership, with our role in the High School diminishing at the present time, the AACO is moving its focus to other ways of serving the Community.

We are delighted to inform you that we will shortly be appointing a 'Country Director' to lead the work in realising the AACO vision on the ground in Ghana. Additionally, we have made considerable progress in our Information and Communications Technology (ICT) infrastructure, thus expanding access for the community. We are looking at the other community actions envisioned within the remit of our Charity and our master plan. These include:

1. 'Basic' education needs (*Nursery, Primary and Junior Schooling*)
2. Encouraging business start-ups and development
3. Community health and medicine
4. Leadership development
5. Local agriculture and farming (*The recent failing rains have reminded us how important Agriculture is to all the Communities in the region*)
6. Sports and recreation

Discussions and consultations will be held with the community to establish and update the priorities of need for the above key support activities.

Akosua's appearance on UK's TBN TV

The head of our Charity; Akosua Arkhurst, appeared on TBN TV in discussion with Patrick Regan, formerly of the Charity XLP, who was involved in starting the Jubilee High school. In this interview, Akosua discussed her vision for AACO, efforts to date, and plans.



Akosua Arkhurst on UK's TBN TV

How can you help?

The COVID pandemic has hurt the contributions to many Charities around the world, and we are no exception. We rely totally on your kindness and generosity to be able to carry out our critical work.

Our Trustees, Consultants, Advisors and 'organisers' all volunteer their time to help the people of the Ashanti Akim Region, and to continue, we urgently need your help.

Even the smallest donations make such a huge difference and we do not operate using 'intermediate parties', we take direct action ourselves so you know that any donation finds its way directly to the service of the people.

We are here for the long term and need long term sustainable plans, so donations by direct debit are very important to us, and we appeal to you to help us, even though these are very difficult times.

You can support AACO's mission by setting up a direct debit for regular payment, or by making a one-off donation directly to AACO's account details below:

Bank name: Barclays
Account name: AACO
Sort code: 203590
Account number: 60098809

Please quote the following reference when setting-up your direct debit or when making a payment: 'AACO DONATION'

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Letter from an ex-Jubilee pupil

If you ever wondered what happens to those school children who the AACO have supported over many years at the Jubilee High School, or whether real positive results are being achieved by the Charity, please take a moment to read this letter recently received by AACO from a former student at Jubilee SHS. It is very moving and makes all the challenging activities we face in support of the Ashanti Akim communities so worthwhile:

Thank you letter for Sponsoring my Education

I am writing this letter to extend my gratitude and respect to you for being my biggest support in life. I would not be able to get my education complete without your kind support. The reason I am writing this letter to you is also to thank you and to announce that through AACO/XLP I'm almost finishing my Master of Philosophy in Environmental and Occupational health education.

Thank you for taking out the time for investing in my life, your sponsorship has perhaps helped me pull it off with great glory without AACO/XLP I could not have been educated by now but your precious heart has given me a stepping stone to my life.

I completed Junior high school at Dampong Presby in the year 2006, and I never thought of going to Senior High School because of financial constraints, my mother is a peasant farmer and my late father was then a stroke patient, so I never thought of going to Senior High School but glory be to Highest God that brought AACO/XLP through Madam Akosua Arkhurst to establish Jubilee senior high schools which I was admitted. Please AACO/XLP allow me to express my gratitude to you, for the decision of your sponsorship and let you know the sponsorship has helped me make my future bright.

Your sponsorship in many ways has brought a huge amount of help to my cause and I'm here to send my obligation to you, thank you. This sponsorship has given me the chance to envision a positive future with a great approach to professional enhancement. I wish am there with you people testify with tears what you have imparted in my life.

Your kindness is permitting me to fulfil my purpose and dreams. All I want is just to say thank you for all your support and help which you extended through the journey of my life.

So much of me has come from what I learned from you. You'll always be with me, like a handprint on my heart. I want to say that I am very thankful to you, AACO/XLP for sponsoring my education. It is because of you that I can do it. am extremely thankful to you for your help, and support.

I have no words to thank you AACO/XLP for extending your full support in making my life a successful one. I am forever grateful to AACO/XLP for the help they have extended to me.

Thanking you once again.

Sincerely,

Appiah Joseph
Student at University of Education, Winneba, Ghana

Long live AACO/XLP
Motto. Helping people to help themselves wherever they are.

"It was because of your kind support that I was able to finish SHS, University, and Master's Degree and I am sure that my Ph.D is right at the corner."

- Appiah Joseph