

January 2018

Dear Friends,

"Happy New Year to you all!" - we trust it will be a peaceful and healthy one for you!

We are pleased to bring lots of good news regarding the various efforts of LFLG over recent months. We last wrote in October, then early November loomed quickly - we were in Ghana again preparing to meet our first team of volunteers, Jo, Georgia and Abi. They were joining us at the Orthopaedic Training Centre in Nsawam where a specialist team assess and provide prosthetics for adults and children while also supporting and educating the resident children at the centre. These children have survived customary scrutiny and been brought to the centre to receive help. During 2017, we spoke with Sister Elizabeth, the centre manager and she was happy for us to come alongside and enjoy a two way exchange of knowledge. It was a busy two weeks, John shared his carpentry skills, Julie supported the physio team to help develop their hydrotherapy skills and so treat a variety of conditions, while Jo, ably supported by Georgia and Abi, led creative craft activities for the children. We left the centre very encouraged, having made friends and learned a lot. We could only imagine the excitement as preparations were made for their Christmas celebrations!

As Jo, Georgia and Abi returned to UK we went to Accra to meet Mark, Jeremy and Lindsay and move on to stay in Kokrobite where football coaching and bottle building were on the agenda. Jane reported that the majority of aid we sent had been shared locally and between ten schools. All were thrilled to have such amazing gifts and resources. Some items remaining were due to be shared after Christmas and will then be rotated between three schools on a regular basis, so more students can benefit. While this team slipped easily into the 'Ghana lifestyle' and were deployed by Jane and Martial, John and I were able to meet with students and mentors to establish and assess needs and put plans into place for learning support. It was another very busy two weeks!

We met the Adou family on three occasions and all are well. Presently, the LFLG trustees decided to continue to support Christian in obtaining his work permit as the family transition into another phase. This will bring better employment opportunities in the long term and subsequently greater stability for the family. We are working through this process as we write. Ellen still home schools the children until they move house and she can find employment when Mawshakh is a little older.

While in the area we met Osmond and were able to deliver donations of French class books and early years reading books to FAYEF School. The children and teachers were thrilled with the donations which will transform lessons especially in the French and KG classes.

Wonder continues to do a fantastic work mentoring students for us and with his help we were able to follow up on students. We were able to secure three years of seamstress training for Elizabeth, a Senior Secondary School place for Phidelia and WASSCE classes for Richael.

It is really humbling to facilitate such opportunities for these students and we could do none of it without the continued prayers, support, kindness and encouragement of you all - both in Ghana and here in UK. From our learners, mentors and ourselves we say a huge thank you for a great team effort! Until the next time we hope you enjoy the few photos below!

Kind regards and stay happy and Blessed,  
Julie and John.



First week at OTC



Balls, boots, training and trophies!



Aid to FAYEF School





Wall art and chair art!!



Bottle Building - Benches to Buildings!



Wonder and students in school.