

# To Be Worldwide Newsletter

July - December 2019

**Dear all**, It has been wonderful to hear how our work has impacted the lives of our students and we can't wait to share this with you! Daily life at the Takoradi Centre is buzzing... all our programs are going strong and where we have taken steps to innovate and improve it has paid off. Children are enthusiastic about our new e-learning platform EducationCity, pushing us to expand access to it. The To Be Improved program for Alumni is contributing to their skill development, making the online sessions a unique experience. A big "thank you" to you for making it all possible! With the hard work of our team, your commitment, our board, volunteers and Mr. Kofi Essien, our new team member, we are ready for 2020!

For regular updates on our work do visit our, Facebook page <a href="https://www.facebook.com/tobeworldwide/">https://www.facebook.com/tobeworldwide/</a>, website www.tobeworldwide.org and follow us on Instagram. Thank you and we hope you enjoy reading the newsletter.





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Hi! I have always loved to read and growing up, I had access to read so many books after coming into contact and registering with your organization in Takoradi. I was probably too young to understand how great your organization was impacting in my life, but now I do. Thank you for helping me discover my potential and for equipping me with all the wonderful literature from your library. I am currently an LL.B graduate from KNUST and entering Law School in October, I'd love to help and give back in any way I can. Thank you so

So nice catching up with Benjamina! She was a member of our Education Centre in Takoradi 10 years ago. Benjamina featured in one of our short movies in those days Have a look <a href="https://vimeo.com/143722127">https://vimeo.com/143722127</a>



We are humbled to have had such an impact on her life and are very proud of her! We can't wait to celebrate with Benjamina when she gets called to the Bar as a lawyer this year.



## New Classrooms



The Construction of the new classrooms has been completed and one is already in use (next picture to the right). Our carpenter is making the computer tables based on the sample you see here. Pure craftsmanship! The computers are expected to arrive in February 2020.

The official opening is planned for 24th of March 2020. Let us know if you would like to join us! info@tobeworldwide.org



#### I Want To Be Extra



We implemented the I Want To Be Extra program this fall in order to give the children who participated in the main program during the summer a stimulant to continue visiting the Centre.

The program combines the highlight of the I Want To Be Program with tutoring for English, Math and Science. It is a pilot and we will report our findings soon.



### Seize the opportunity



Our football Team played a match against an Academy team in Accra. Curious about the educational opportunities they offer their players, we found out these were limited. We then decided to help set up a small library to improve the reading and vocabulary skills of the players. Doris trained the players on how to use the library and how best to improve their reading and vocabulary skills.



#### A father's story

My name is Charles COBBINA. I am sharing my experience of the TOBE LIBRARY PROJECT and how my first child benefited from age 7 years. I introduced TOBE to my son in 2005. During school days he spent 4 hours every Saturday reading, playing and making friends. During vacations he spent 4 days, 4 hours a day at TOBE. He used to tell me when he came home "Daddy today was good, I read about 6 books" Such was the foundations of his present skill, passion and love for reading. His reading prowess has taken him far.

Today Akpene Darko-COBBINA is 22 years and a trained lawyer and has been called to the Ghana Bar in October 2019. We both still have fond memories of the good times he had at TOBE.



Mr. Charles Cobbina - Public Relations Officer to the Regional Minister of the Western Region



### Our new e-learning material a success!

After an online training session for the Team, the kids were given acces. It was fun to see how quickly they adapted to the new e-learning material and were enjoying themselves. It is now used across programs and the children have to the material at the Centre and at home on a smartphone. Help us give more children access to the e-learning material! € 20.- provides access for a whole year. Click on the link to make a donation. Thank you! http://bit.ly/2naoc4w









Congratulations!



She matters!



We are proud of Naomi, who graduated from her Nursing course! With your help we were able to support her through our Alumni Fund! Presently Adam is completing his Accounting Course with support from the fund. We look forward to extending this support to other Alumni in 2020.

Julie (on the left) could not read when she came to the Centre. After participating in our Reading Club Program, she can! How wonderful it must feel to be able to write your name, she matters! She now helps to teach others how to read as she knows what they experience.



New Team Member



We have worked with Kofi Essien on projects for many years. As expert educator when we were developing our I Want To Be Program e.g. He has joined our team in order to help us structure our ICT curriculum and improve the reach of our Cape Coast Centre.