

NURSERY SCHOOL UP AND RUNNING

The new Kaleo Baptist Nursery school opened on the 15th September 2009 with 40 children. There are outdoor play facilities including a slide, swings and a seesaw. Indoors there are tables and chairs and all the educational facilities to provide an open approach to multi-sensory nursery education. We are so grateful to God that he has not only provided the teacher that we hoped for but also that the Nursery has been recognized by the Ghana Education Service and they are paying the majority of her wages. We currently add £25 per month to encourage her in her work, which will increase to £50 per month from this September. We also employ a Teaching Assistant who is paid £50 per month by us.

Each child is given a school uniform to wear, all the educational equipment that they need and a nutritious meal each day to help in the fight against malnutrition. We are told that the children enjoy being at Nursery and that even if they are poorly they still make it in for the meal!

The local economy has also received a boost from the manufacturing of the play equipment and furniture for the nursery as well as the school uniforms. All these things were made locally by skilled craftsmen and tailors.



Nursery School children looking very smart

FARMING TOGETHER

To help with the cost of the daily meal given to each child the pupils' parents and Church members have prepared land to make a farm. Planting started recently when parents and Church members gave up a whole day to work on the farm. We believe it is important for the local community and especially the pupils' parents to be involved in the Nursery School and to get a sense of ownership and responsibility. By working together on the Nursery School farm they are making an important contribution to the success of the project. We hope and pray they will get a good harvest!



Farming is hot work



Lunch time

NURSERY IS GROWING

Because of the huge demand in Kaleo and surrounding villages for Nursery places, we are preparing to expand the Nursery School by having a new form one intake in September. Tables, chairs and uniforms are again to be manufactured by local tradesmen. Two extra Teaching Assistants are to be employed to care for the additional children so that the teacher can use her expertise equally amongst all the children. The oldest children will move into the Church Building from September 2010 to make way for the new children who will use the Sunday School Building.

PARTNERSHIP TRUST

The Partnership Trust, a Christian Organisation that helps small charities, invited Care for Kaleo to join. Barry attended a meeting in Sheffield in November 2009 where the charity was welcomed as an associate member. It was agreed that as long as the cost of membership was nil, membership could only be advantageous for the charity.



Teachers and pupils

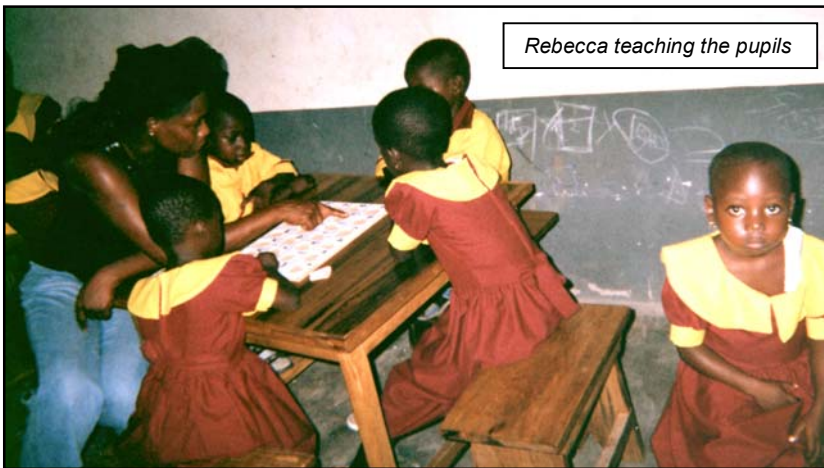
PRAYERS ANSWERED

Thank you for supporting us in prayer. Here is an update on the prayer requests from last year:

- Pastor Solomon's wife Rebecca has seen an eye specialist in Accra. Unfortunately her condition is genetic and has progressed too far for treatment to cure her. By using eye drops and taking the correct vitamins and supplements she can slow the advance of the problem and hopefully prevent it worsening. It is possible that the same condition could affect her children in the future but the eye specialist explained that if diagnosed early it can be effectively treated and the eyes should remain healthy. Please continue to pray for Rebecca to make a full recovery.
- We prayed that Rebecca would be made the teacher of the Nursery School. Initially the Ghana Education Service had said that we would have to prove the sustainability of the Nursery School over a period of at least three years before they would consider paying a teacher to work there. In fact they would not even allow Rebecca to take a two year, unpaid sabbatical in order to work with us. Rebecca, the Church members in Kaleo and us here in UK continued to pray and then, out of the blue, in August 2009 she received a letter from the Ghana Education Service transferring her to teach in Kaleo Baptist Nursery School and they are paying her wages!! Wow.
- The cost of the daily meal for all the children should start to reduce in time as the Nursery farm starts to produce food. Can we extend this idea further?
- The Nursery is certainly successful. The demand for places is huge as more and more parents in Kaleo and villages roundabout ask if their children can attend.

We thank God for all His help and answering our prayers. Please also pray for these points:

- For the success of the new Teaching Assistants and pupils starting in September.
- That we will have enough funds over the next year and beyond.
- That the Nursery School farm will be a success and produce a great harvest.
- For guidance on whether to build new buildings for the Nursery School to move in to as it grows.



Rebecca teaching the pupils

TREASURER'S UPDATE

Once again another BIG THANK YOU for your loyal support. This year the money we receive by standing order has increased to £235 per month, which means we have been able to claim back £1069.18 from the Taxman in Gift Aid. Your generosity is absolutely fantastic!! Our total donations received up to 30th June 2010 are £7293.55. We are very grateful.

We have provided money for the Nursery Kitchen to be built so the children can have a hot, nutritious meal at lunch time. We have provided funds for a fence to be erected around the Nursery site. In September 2009 we sent sufficient money to Kaleo to pay for the running of the Nursery, the provision of the food and the making of the uniforms for the children. The money has been carefully and efficiently used by the Nursery School committee.

TRUE YORKSHIRE GENEROSITY

Barry and Tony were again invited to speak to the White Rose Bikers. We updated them with the latest news from Kaleo and answered many questions. At the end of the evening we were presented with a further cheque of £100. Many thanks again.



Happy with their new toys



Having fun in the playground

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

We can't do anything in Kaleo without your support. If you would like to Sponsor the Nursery School by making a regular monthly donation please ask for a "Friends of Kaleo" slip and return it to the Treasurer, Jenny Capper, at the address below. These regular donations are very important to us as they enable us to budget for the running costs of the Nursery School and plan for the future. We are also grateful for any donations no matter how large or small. If you would like to make a one off donation please send cash or cheques made payable to "Care for Kaleo" to the address below. If you are a UK tax payer you can Gift Aid your donation using a Gift Aid form, then we will receive an extra 28p for every £1 you donate.

Thank you so much for your support. Your kindness and generosity is changing lives in Kaleo.

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