



HIPS GHANA

Information letter No.3

Dear Godparents, Sponsors and Friends of **HIPS**,

you have been supporting our **HIPS** Kindergarten and School project graciously through the last years.

We thank you very much for your financial help.

Today I would like to report to you what has happened since the time of my last report.

Since my visit to Ghana November 2001, my second trip to Weija that year, and my last visit in April/Mai this year to Africa, a couple of month has passed by, and it is now time to tell you about the development of our project.

The kids are attending Kindergarten and school - which has started in September 2001 - with great joy and enthusiasm.

"How can they go to school, if we did not build one until now?" you will ask.

Here's what happened. We decided to find a way, even if it was only a compromise, to give our kids a continuing education, by dividing the Kindergarten in a School- and a Kindergarten- Area. By this it was possible to furnish, for the time being, all those kids with school lessons, who have reached the age to attend school.

Also still in 2001 we bought a wooden Train, where the Kindergarten children can have their breakfast and lunch.

A Christmas party led the kids and their parents by bus to a botanical park, where they got something to eat and also enjoyed the day with a variety of games.

While I was in Ghana in November 2001, Helene and myself had a very fortunate coincidence. We met the manager and his leading team of a large Dutch company, which is working on different water projects in Ghana.

While visiting **HIPS** Mr.J.Pinkney, project manager of Vermeer Ghana, was so enthusiast that he directly offered help. This showed already a few days later, when he brought us the construction drawings for two classrooms, a building with two restrooms for boys and girls and a large septic tank for the kindergarten and school.

Already a few weeks later the company began, whenever they have some spare time, and most of all without any charge for HIPS, with the earth movement for the first building.



When in April/Mai this year I went back to Ghana, my direct way led me to Weija. With great pleasure I could see an almost finished School building. Only some windows were still missing and the electrical installation. Some people were also working on the toilette building and the septic tank.

This incredible big help gave us the trust in starting another urgent project for the success of **HIPS**.

For over two years now an English social Organisation sends us Volunteers for our Kindergarten. They stay there for some month and HIPS takes care of the housing. All other cost are borne by the organisation in England.

For the time being we had the possibility to rent a room for those volunteers in the village, but it seems to be more and more of a problem. Since we don't like to give up this qualified help of this ambitious young people, we decided to set up the necessary infrastructure by erecting at our own cost a little house close to the school, were the young people can stay, while they are working at the Kindergarten and school.

The next time I'll be in Ghana, which probably will be in October/November this year, we hopefully can make the final decision for the erection of that building.

During my visit to Ghana in May we were also able to find an artist who is willing to do the outside of the new buildings with some colourful nice paintings, as they can already been seen on the Kindergarten building.

So everything was ready to start with the selection of the new 35 children for the Kindergarten. This process takes always some time, since we try to basically recruit children from very poor families.



With the qualified help of some people of other social organisations, we were able to find a teacher in charge for our new school.

New material for the school was bought, uniforms for the school- and Kindergarten kids were prepared.

Before school can start in September, the mosquito nets on the Kindergarten house have to be renewed and some minor things repaired.

All the children are already impatiently awaiting the start of Kindergarten and School .They wait for the start of a promising chance for their future life.

As you could read in my report, especially after the finished expansion, we rely further even more on your generous help. About 70 children trust into our ongoing support to give them a qualified education and help them by this to strengthen their own chance for a liveable future.

Please help us through your ongoing engagement to continue the **HIPS** project. A project which is situated in a part of our world, where the care of all of us is urgently needed to better the chances for the people to manage successfully their own future.

If you could personally see - please come and visit on site if possible, what has been started in Weija – how the children love and enjoy their Kindergarten and School, it would be easier for you to take a sponsorship for a child or give **HIPS** a donation to do its work.

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