



## Winter Newsletter

*Dear Sponsors and Supporters,*

*We would like to once again pass on our sincere gratitude for another year of support for our projects in Ghana. Let Us Shine have had another great year and are very excited to share our updates with you on the growth of the schools and vocational training centres.*



Senior High School class 1



Junior High Girls returning from Exams

*Our second body of students sat their Junior High School (JHS) national exams this year to proceed to our Senior Secondary School and not only did every pupil pass but we had a 100% rate of distinction which is the top bracket achievable. Once again we topped the districts for results. Well done girls we are so proud of you.*

*We currently have a LUS school role of 213 girls we are supporting entirely, including our primary school, Junior High school and Senior High School. This year's projects include the building of another stand alone accommodation block and further work on the Senior High School buildings. An extended area of the land covering the Senior High School and accommodation was also electrified. Thank you to country director Jerry for taking these projects to completion.*

## Returning Volunteers

### Mary Higgins

***'Dr Mary' as she is known to everyone in Kpandai town embarked on her 6<sup>th</sup> trip to Northern Ghana in May this year only 7 months after her previous trip. Mary's phenomenal fundraising activities throughout this year have once again blown us away as an organisation as she has engaged many local organisations to her home town of Stirling and filled her suitcases once again with much needed clothing for the girls. Below is a montage of some of this years highlights both in Scotland and Ghana.***



St Kenneths donating sponsorship money



Veronica taps for good hygiene



St Marys donations of sponsorship, mosquito nets white boards



The girls receiving their mosquito nets and the St Marys jumper

## The Barclays group

**Some of our original Barclays group from 2014 returned for a third time this summer taking with them some family members. We can't thank you enough for all your hard work.**



**Third time volunteer Andrea's top 10 moments of the trip, written on her last day...**

***'My Top 10 from the last week (in no particular order)***

- 1) seeing the Senior High School in action that we built last year - smart, beautiful, dedicated girls who are going to become amazing women***
- 2) planting Hawas vegetable garden - if they can grow some of their own vegetables it will make such a difference and the girls are already so dedicated at watering the garden***
- 3) giving out the clothes that my mum spent the last year shopping and buying. For these girls to get new underwear and a new T-shirt is incredible and they appreciate it so much***
- 4) spending time with the girls - this is my 3rd trip and to have seen them grow and their personalities develop over that time has been wonderful***
- 5) spending time with Jerry and Hawa who basically run the whole operation - what an amazing job they do - if you ask them how many children they have they say 200+***
- 6) the class 1 group - they're so confident and just wild!!!! I adore them!***
- 7) helping teaching class 6 this week because teacher was off- it was really hard but I loved it - especially because of the terrible twins Joycelin & Joyce***
- 8) art classes that my dad ran - the girls rarely do art and they love it - the pictures they drew for us are fabulous***
- 9) the letters that the girls wrote to us expressing their love and gratitude - I will treasure every one***
- 10) the mentoring session I ran with the girls from Junior High School who are about to go into Senior High, helping them to choose their subjects***

***And finally ..... the group of volunteers I came out with - such an easy group to live with, such amazing love from each and every one of them and such fun with all of them - absolute superstars'***

# What's new for 2017?

## New Class Sponsorship

Another new class has joined and we have a cohort of 5-7 years olds that started P1 needing sponsorship. If you think you can help please get in touch

Every new girl sponsored will allow security and sustainability for the education programme as well as all the feeding and medical costs associated with supporting each individual.



## Hospital Partnership

Mary Higgins brought out an electric auroscope provided by her son, trustee Paul Higgins, a Consultant at Royal Hospital for Children. The Auroscope came from the old Yorkhill Hospitals and we were delighted to donate that and other equipment to the hospital that looks after the community.



## Growth of Vocational Training Centre

Our returning Barclays Volunteers were delighted to see the Vocational training centre making a real difference to people's lives, particularly in the field of adult literacy. We want to expand further the classes we offer in 2017.



## Completion of SHS

The final portion of the Senior High School should be completed in 2017 with the full opening of our state of the art science lab to cover all year groups. We can't wait, watch this space.

**And finally.....We have launched a Christmas Appeal with our Barclays volunteers to buy new mattresses for the girls as many of the original ones badly need replaced. Please consider one extra Christmas present this year at [www.mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/mattressappeal](http://www.mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/mattressappeal)**

**Merry Christmas**