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Introductie

The objective of this newsletter is to provide information on the progress of our activities. This newsletter will be submitted to donors, friends, family and all others who are interested in United Development Foundation.

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1. About 2008

In 2008 United Development Foundation has been established. Funds have been raised by means of several fundraising activities. Friends, family members and others also sponsored United Development. Thanks to your support we are able to start with the construction of the next 3 classroom school block for the primary school, which means no more education under a tree and outdoors.



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2. Ghana visit

From 27 February till 13 March we visited the school and the village together with our local project manager Emmanuel Tettey Quarshie.

During our visit in Yawsae we spoke several times with the Chief (Nana Kwaku Nuro), the headmaster of the school (Nana Kwaku Ananse) and the teachers to get a clear view on what is mostly needed. We updated them also on the status of United Development Foundation.

We have shown our school building project to Michael Ofori, who was in Ghana for Business. Michael is a member of the [Rotary Club Amsterdam International](http://www.rotaryclubamsterdaminternational.nl) (RCAI), who sponsored the construction of Christel Community School Block in 2003. We visited the school, the village and the Chief. In April we are kindly invited to present our building plans to the RCAI.

We taught the students of the primary school about Dutch history and culture, which was a great experience. After our session the students asked a lot of questions about The Netherlands.



We also organized a meeting with all teachers and the headmaster to learn about their requirements for the education. Main request was learning and teaching materials such as posters with the alphabet, numbers 1 until 100 and the human body. The next day we went to Sunyani to buy these materials. This is an example of the fact that Ghana has all the materials, but not always the resources (= money) available.

In addition to this there is a request for electricity in the teachers home and a request for a cheap and cost effective means of transport of the teachers to Yawsae from Sunyani. These two smaller projects will be looked into later this year.



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In 2008 foundation The Helping Hand of Sabic Innovative Plastics from Bergen op Zoom in The Netherlands has donated funds for school uniforms. During our visit we were able to provide 66 school uniforms to the pupils that did not have one yet. We bought the fabric in bulk in Sunyani and the uniforms were made in 2 small sewing shops in Sunyani.



3. Construction plans 2009

The highest priority for Yawsae is an additional 3 classroom school block. The 3 classrooms will be 6 meter long and 6 meters wide and will be build attached to Christel Community School Block, which was build in 2003. During our visit we spend a lot of time on the preparations of the construction the school block.

Emmanuel Tetey Quarshie, our local project will supervise and coordinate the construction in co-operation with the headmaster Nana Kwaku Ananse.

In daily life Emmanuel works for the Court in Accra, he will ask for permission to use his annual leave to supervise the project, which we appreciate a lot!

During the construction he will live and work in Yawsae at the worksite on weekdays, during the weekends he will stay in Sunyani in order to update us on the progress and the project. We are fully confident in Emmanuel and Mr. Ananse as a team and are grateful for their offer to supervise and lead the project. Emmanuel has all ready proven his capabilities when he built Christel Community School Block in 2003 together with Christel.

Moreover Emmanuel and Mr. Ananse have strong relationships with the Chief, the villagers and all others involved, based on mutual respect, trust and long relationships. The expected start of the construction is July 1, 2009. Through our website we will inform you on the progress of the project.

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4. Fundraising

For those of you, who would like to organize a fundraising event for Yawsae, please contact [us](#) and we will support you.

For upcoming fundraising events please visit our [website](#).

