

An Amazing Tenth Anniversary!

PIE turned 10 years old in 2010; and what an amazing tenth year this has been. On August 18, 2000, PIE was formed to promote the advancement of education and learning in secondary schools in Ghana and to further cross-cultural understanding both within and between the U.S. and Ghana. It has been ten years of modest success in fundraising, and ten years of reaching thousands of secondary school students all over Ghana. Over the ten years it has been in existence, PIE has made grants to 28 secondary schools in Ghana. Grants have consisted of computer equipment for the establishment of computer labs for students, and equipment and materials for use in science labs in schools. There is no doubt that PIE's grants have made a major difference in the lives of the thousands of students who attend the 28 schools that have received grants from PIE. To hear how PIE grants have impacted some of these students and their teachers, watch the video available on the PIE website (www.progressineducation.org).

For its tenth year, PIE established a goal of raising \$25,000 in contributions to support its mission. This was indeed a stretch goal for PIE as the organization had never received that much in a year. Amazingly, we not only reached the goal, we doubled it! Total donations for the year ended July 31, 2010, were \$51,480! Among the big drivers in this achievement was the November 2009, gala fundraiser hosted by Mr. Joe Osei in Houston, Texas, and a July 2010 gala fundraiser in Washington, DC jointly sponsored with the 1980 Year Group of the Mfantshipim Old Boys Association. In addition to the galas in Houston and Washington, in July 2010, PIE held its Sixth Annual Golf Tournament in Northern Virginia. For the sixth year in a row, the event was hosted by Thompson Grant, a member of PIE's Advisory Board,

As we celebrate our tenth anniversary, we are grateful for our many donors, and volunteers, who have invested their money, time, and talents to enable us provide grants to schools in each of the 10 regions of Ghana. We look ahead to provide grants to enable Ghana secondary schools provide better instruction to thousands of students in science and technology. We hope we can continue to count on the support of our donors and volunteers.



PIE welcomes Mr. Joe Osei Houston Gala host, as Vice Chairman



In-coming Director, Dr. Sheila Clarke and husband Dr. Kofi Clarke,



Dr. Sybil Pentsil, (r), in-coming Chair, Kodwo Ghartey-Tagoe (l) and Mr. Folson at DC Gala.

The year in review

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PIE completed two shipments to Ghana during the year ended July 31, 2010. We shipped 45 personal computers for distribution to eleven secondary schools at total cost of \$10,000. The shipment also included commercial-grade laboratory equipment (donated by Huntsman) estimated at \$11,000. The University of Mines and Technology- Tarkwa, was the beneficiary institution.

Our second shipment comprised of chemicals and glassware (\$16,000) for science laboratories, arrived in Ghana during the last week of June. Upon distribution, our school count will reach 34!



Cultural exchange

Ms. Carly Williamson, a high school student from North Carolina became our pioneer ambassador to Ghana. Please see page 4 for her report from Ghana.

New Developments

Subsequent to the end of the fiscal year (July 31), PIE transferred \$17,000 to the PIE- Ghana, to facilitate sponsored projects at Mfanstipim (funded by class of 1980- \$16,000), and La Anglican schools (ENBA Memorial fund \$1,000).

On September 12, the Board elected the following to two year terms starting October 1, 2010:

Kodwo Ghartey-Tagoe, Esq.- Chairman (NC),

Josiah Osei, Vice Chairman, (TX)

Sybil Pentsil, M.D., Secretary (MD)

Samuel Abanyie CPA, Treasurer (NJ)

Paulina Benyah, Director (VA)

Cecil Nkegbe, Director (TX)

Griffiths Ayiteyfiio, Director (TX)

Sheila Clarke, M.D., Director (PA)



Houston Gala - November 2009



Thompson Grant, Advisory Board member, and host of Virginia Golf fundraisers, with Ms. Paulina Benyah, new Director.



Out-going Chair- Griffiths Ayiteyfiio (l) and Cecil Nkegbe, Director

Beneficiaries and Financial Report

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Students of Wa Secondary with computers donated by PIE

Director, and in-coming Treasurer, Sam Abanyie, CPA, (c), with Ghana Director, Rev Emmanuel Ansah (r) in DC.



Sponsored projects: Aug. 2000- July 2010

- 1 Mfantshipim speechday project - Nov 2000: \$3,500.
- 2 Sekond – Takoradi Library -2003: 4,000 books
- 3 Wesley Girls High School project- 2006: \$4,025
- 4 Kwaman SDA library project July 2010

Program beneficiaries -prior to 2010

Program beneficiaries -prior to 2010	Location
1 Aburi Girls Secondary School	Eastern
2 Ebenezer Secondary School	G/Accra
3 Ghanatta Secondary School	G/Accra
4 Keta Secondary School	Volta
5 Kumasi Poly Technical	Ashanti
6 Larkeh Salem Sec school	Eastern
7 Mankessim Sec/Tech. School	Central
8 Mfantsiman Secondary School	Central
9 Mfantshipim School	Central
10 Nsutaman Catholic Sec.School	Ashanti
11 Odorgomo Secondary School	G/Accra
12 Saint Johns Grammar School	G/Accra
13 Swedru Secondary School	Central
14 Tarkwa Secondary school	Western
15 Wesley Girls High School	Central
16 Winneba Secondary School	Central

New beneficiaries - 2010

17 Acherensua Secondary School	Brong/Ahafo
18 Ada Secondary School	G/Accra
19 Bolga Girls School	Upper-East
20 Have Secondary Technical School	Volta
21 Kumasi Academy	Ashanti
22 Oda Secondary	Eastern
23 Savelugu Secondary School	Northern
24 Segakope Secondary School	Volta
25 Serwah Kobi Ampen Sec. School	Ashanti
26 Wa Secondary School	Upper-West
27 West Africa Secondary School	G/Accra

Selected schools - pending donations

Holy Child School	Central
Labone Secondary School	G/Accra
Opoku Ware Secondary School	Ashanti
Achimota Sceondary School	G/Accra
Prempeh College	Ashanti
Tema Secondary School	G/Accra

Financial Position

	July 31, 2010	July 31, 2009
Assets		
Cash**	\$ 24,604.46	\$ 23,732.31
Donations receivable	6,599.84	905.00
Donated Equipment	-	11,000.00
Total Assets	\$ 31,204.30	\$ 35,637.31
Total Liabilities	1,721.00	346.12
Restricted funds		
Mfantshipim '80	\$ 16,439.84	\$ 3,900.00
Memorial funds	2,050.00	700.00
Total Restricted funds	\$ 18,489.84	\$ 4,600.00

Financial Activity

	Year Ended July 31, 2010	Year Ended July 31, 2009
Total Donations	\$ 51,483.16	\$ 9,706.00
Fundraising expenses	14,996.85	1,692.15
Net available for programs	\$ 36,486.31	\$ 8,013.85
Program expenses/transfers		
Computers/science supplies	\$ 26,137.52	-
Lab Equipment	11,000.00	-
Funds to PIE - Ghana: port clearance & operations	3,500.00	-
Kwaman SDA Library project	800.00	-
Total program expenses	\$ 41,437.52	\$ -
Total Admin. & other exp.	856.68	240.72
Total Program & admin exp.	\$ 42,294.20	\$ 240.72

Please visit www.progressineducation.org for more detailed financial information.

A Report from our first US volunteer to Ghana

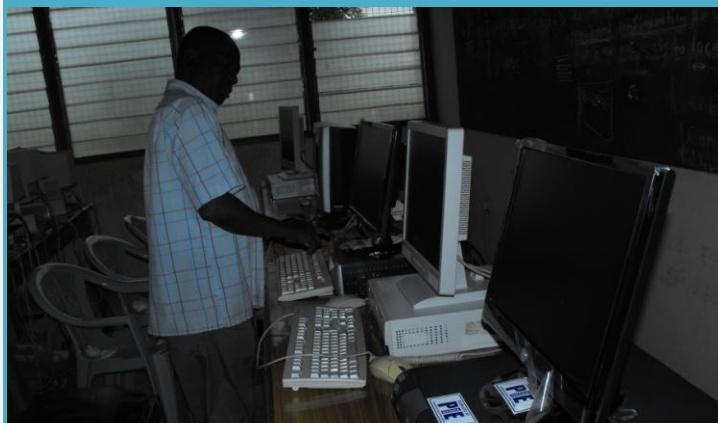
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Ms. Williamson with school kids in Northern region, Ghana. Below, picture from Savelugu computer lab with new PIE equipment.



Visit to Savelugu and Tamale Secondary Schools, Ghana Inspection Report prepared by Carly Williamson, Huntersville, N.C., for PIE July 2010

Savelugu and Tamale

I visited Savelugu on July 3rd. It is only about a ten minute taxi ride from downtown Tamale. The school was the most impressive I have seen in the area and very well kept. The headmaster was able to locate the donations records and tell me exactly what PIE had donated to their school. He told me that they had received four computers and a printer. One computer was still in the headmaster's office, the printer was being used in the secretary's office. The other three computers were placed in the computer lab. The lab had a variety of different computers, about fifteen working ones in total. The PIE computers were certainly the most advanced, and placed in the front of the room.

I was given a tour of the school by the headmaster and a few other teachers. They were all very thankful for the computers. They asked me to put in my report that they were extremely thankful for the supplies that PIE had already supplied them, and if PIE was interested in donating anything else to the school they are in great need of science lab supplies, such as beakers, testing tubes etc.

I toured the Tamale Senior High School which was also very nice. I told the assistant headmaster about PIE's mission and goals. He was very excited and said they would be thankful for any donations they would receive, but he too told me of their school's need for science lab supplies. He told me that they currently have about ten computers in the school.



Ghana Board: l-r: Rev. E.K. Ansah, Mr. K. Prempeh-Eck, Mrs. (Dr.) Boye, Chair; Mrs. Cecilia Davis, and Mr. Koby Jackson.



Mfantshipim waste management & power plant under construction. \$20K to be funded by specified donations to PIE.