

PAMBE GHANA

Partnership for Mother Tongue-based Bilingual Education in Ghana

Dear Friends and Family,

Greetings from Ghana! I hope this letter finds you all well and getting settled into the New Year.

Here in Ghana, PAMBE Ghana has started the second term for the current school year at the model school that we have established with rural communities around the village of Bumboazio that have never had a school before

This year, we have 101 children enrolled, in grades from pre-kindergarten to Grade 2. The progress the children are making based on instruction and learning materials in their “mother-tongue” is already very striking. It makes such a huge difference when children can start learning in a language they already know!



I would like to thank all our friends and well-wishers in Canada for your support for the past school year of 2010-11. Please see our annual report which gives details and quite a few pictures of what PAMBE and the communities have accomplished.

I have good news! With Peter’s help, we have developed a partnership agreement with a Canadian non-profit organisation called “**Rainbow of Hope for Children**” which is based in Alberta. They support educational programs like ours (bilingual education) in other countries. Rainbow of Hope has agreed to work with PAMBE Ghana in support of our program in Ghana.

We share similar values and mission. For more information about Rainbow of Hope for Children, you can visit their website (www.rainbowofhopeforchildren.ca).

This partnership with a Canadian organisation is very welcome. It means that any of you who would like to support PAMBE Ghana can send a donation to Rainbow of Hope for Children (saying it is meant for the PAMBE Ghana program). They will acknowledge it with a tax deductible receipt, and they will send the funds to PAMBE Ghana.

Rainbow of Hope for Children's charity registration number in Canada is: 889160172-RR0001. You may be interested to know that Joe Gubbels, a second cousin of my husband Peter, and a former missionary in Peru, is on their Board of Directors.

Our local community here has called their school "La'Angum" which means teamwork. This comes from a proverb in the local Mampruli language: "La'Angum ka toom!" (**Many hands make light work!**).

I am appealing to you to join **hands** with the people of Bumboazio and Bantambaare communities to **make the work** of raising this year's operational budget of \$65,000 "**light**". Your donation will be used to support quality primary education. This will first of all benefit the 101 children currently enrolled and many more children in future and their families in future.

Please make your cheque out to "Rainbow of Hope for Children" and write: "for PAMBE Ghana" on the memo at the bottom. Send it to the following address:

RAINBOW OF HOPE
P.O Box 2883
Wainwright, AB T9W 1S7

If you prefer, ***you can also send a secure donation on the phone with Visa or MasterCard to the Treasurer, Richard Forer.*** He can be contacted at +1 (250) 832-5454.

We hope you will be able to make a donation to help us meet our budget for the current school year.

On behalf of the students and the La'Angum school community, I would like to thank each every one of you for your continued support. I wish you peace and good health in the New Year.

Alice Iddi-Gubbels

Executive Director, PAMBE Ghana