

## Greetings from Ghana

As promised, this time we are concentrating on Projects. When we arrived we learnt that the PTA had put a 10 000 cedi levy for each child towards a new KVIP (toilets). This is much needed, as one KVIP with two holes for 400 children is inadequate. If all the levy is collected it would amount to c4 000 000 and last October the estimated cost was c35 000 000 so a ten year levy might have made it except cement has gone up rapidly even in the time we have been here.

Thanks to British generosity the KVIP is going ahead. We were told the digging of the pit would start in March but in the event it started last month in June. Since the rains have come we must be the only village Primary school in the area with a swimming pool!



The digging (*above*) is being done with community labour, the blocks have been made but as the weeks go by the likelihood of it being ready for September looks remote.

Simultaneously the library extension (*right*) has started with paid labour and a lot of input free from the church youth.

Shelving and supports have been made with the help of a carpenter from Britain who came with

his partner to help the school.

The hoped for sorting of books, shelf fixing etc in the long holiday now looks remote. The

money for this has come

from a church in Britain through a “chance” encounter with two members of that church when we were in Potsdam for John Wesley’s 300<sup>th</sup> birthday party last summer.

Things certainly move slowly but at least they are moving. As we look ahead we hope to build two houses for teachers as we know that Alec Jones, after whom the school is named, also hoped for this and then we wish to add a workshop for JSS. At present we obviously do not have money for all this but we know of some events which have been planned to support this work.

To a “project” of a different kind, i.e. raising the standards in the school. This is hard when there are so few textbooks but as one school has



devoted money for books we plan to ensure that at least Fante and English books plus some workbooks are available for each pupil. GES has provided no BS5 books and only fifteen BS4 English books and without books much class time is wasted by writing so much at the board.

Keep praying for us as without that our work is in vain.

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## Building Together News

The grand total of funds raised now stands at £62 622.51. This has been raised from donations, sales, the sponsored climb of Ben Nevis and the Strawberry Tea. The latter raised £56, which was very pleasing as it had not been conceived as a fund-raising event but rather as a pleasant and convivial way to spend an afternoon. It was very successful on both counts! Delicious strawberry teas were enjoyed and we were treated to some lovely music by Mavis Fletcher and two of her friends. Our thanks to them and to Edna, Thelma and Joyce for the teas.

We intend this month to take a vehicle to a car boot sale. If you have anything to donate, please keep it safe.

**Don't forget to pray for our calendar girl.**

**She needs all your support now!**



The calendar is progressing well, but like all projects is more difficult than ever imagined at the start. Chris Hoban has been down with her graphic designer daughter Gail in Stansted, getting expert help on formulating the calendar for completion at home. The full impact of what she had taken on hit her like a sledgehammer and she hit a low. It was then that you were all remembered and all the prayers that have surrounded this project and she rallied after talking to herself severely. She wants to thank you all for the prayers and asks that you do not stop now please!

A lot of you will have seen Phil Hoban with his camera at your various groups. Chris is so glad of his support. Thanks to everyone for allowing them both to take photographs of your events and outings.

We aim to launch the calendar on Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October with a photo exhibition, called "**The Ones That Got Away**", featuring the odd fun photo as well as ones for which there just wasn't room in the calendar. Mums' bums in particular got in the way of a few photos taken with little children! The Hobans are just sorry there are not about 20 months in the year. Needless to say the recent Selection Committee had a difficult task choosing the photos which were to represent our fun, happy, caring church.

On the launch day you can have coffee and Chris will bring along a celebration cake. She has a special birthday in August and then things are hectic, so she will share her cake in October, rather like the Queen on her official birthday! She is so thankful for all the support from many sources. Please come along and have a look at the calendar then— and remember this year to please buy a calendar or two as Christmas presents.

The Souvenir calendar is also celebrating Myrtle's year in office and will never be repeated. The Circuit and District have also been invited to add two liners, like our church has, but this time inviting blessings for Myrtle. Chris is really hoping that the Churches within District and Circuit will band together and give a joint message.

We hope to prepare a list of people connected to the church: was one produced for the original launch? Any help on this would be appreciated by Chris on 01772 682503 as she wants to circulate them all.

### Forthcoming Events

Phil Dunnett will be coming to give us another **Plants Evening** (this time with an autumn slant)— on Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> September at 8 pm. There will be another Craft Sale on Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> October as well as a **Winter Pansy Sale** seven days later. The **Men's Weekend** will take place on 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> October. **Lizzie Jones** will entertain us on Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> November and the **Thornton Cleveleys Band** are performing on Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup>. The **Christmas Fair** will be held on Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> December.

### Can You Help?

Dorothy Smith is looking to borrow or buy a pair of ladies' cream over-the-elbow length gloves. Does anyone have such things hidden away in a drawer?

Dorothy Smith ☎716772.

