

A Day in the Life...

Dear Friends,

As I write this last article about the teachers of Akrampa, the school is on vacation. But by the time you read this, the children will be back in school. The first week of September the children return to school for the 'first term' of the Ghanaian academic year. We have three terms in the school year. At the beginning of the school year, in the first term, the students move on to the next grade level. I believe it is the same in the USA. This year when the students come back they will be ready, and excited, to use the computers from FLC!

The first of the 3 teachers featured this month is Faustina Ackaah. Fausty, as she is popularly called, is 26 years old and married with two children, the youngest being a year and a half old. She always brings her littlest boy to school with her because she has no one at home to help take care of him, and doesn't have the resources to enroll him into a creche. Fausty is dark in complexion and about 5ft, 2in tall. She acts as my "eyes" in the school when it comes to seeing if any of the children are unwell or need special attention. She is so dependable and very motherly toward all. Sometimes she will take the sick child to the local clinic before I get to the school and then I reimburse her for the the expense. One could say that this caring attitude is why she is in charge of the Kindergarten class. Fausty has been with the Akrampa school for the past 6 years.

Victor Osardu is the Stage (grade) Three teacher. He is married and has 5 children of his own. He is 43 years old and loves to play chess and listen to music. Victor is a 'classroom' teacher, and therefore teaches all of the subjects to the 3rd graders. Victor has taught at the the Akrampa school for the past 4 years. Victor is the only teacher currently on staff who is a relative, a great grandchild, of one of the chiefs of Akrampa. He was hired by the District Education Office that oversees the management of the Akrampa school. It was thought that his presence would bolster the confidence and hopes of the parents in Akrampa to help them see the benefits of education and send their children to the school. This does seem to be working. Victor serves as a point of contact between the adults in the village and the school staff. He is improving communication between the two groups and provides a source of inspiration for the children.

We conclude with teacher Joyce Padoe. She is 32 years old, married, and has one child, a 3 year old son. Joyce has taught at the Akrampa school for 7 years. She has moved around as a class teacher in the school, but is currently teaching Stage (grade) Two. She teaches all of the subjects to the 2nd graders. Joyce comes from the northern part of Ghana, a town some 300 plus miles from Akrampa. Joyce loves to listen to music and will visit the internet cafe from time to time for personal as well as educational purposes. God Bless,

Love - Pastor Ben

Faustina



Victor



Joyce



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