



PARTNER WITH A SCHOOL IN AFRICA

**African Adventures is an award-winning volunteer travel company that provides humanitarian and financial support to educational projects in Africa, and organises opportunities for people in the UK to spend time volunteering at them.**

Dan Mew first travelled to Kenya in 2007, where he volunteered at a community project called The Walk Centre. Set up by Alex and Patricia Maina, it provided a basic education and lunchtime meal for children living on and around the nearby dumpsite.

Dan was so impacted by his time at The Walk Centre, and in Kenya, that he decided to set up African Adventures, which would support similar projects and increase access to education for disadvantaged children in Africa.





Today, we support over 20,000 children across our three volunteer programmes via the partnerships that we have with 25 schools, which are a combination of non-government organisations and government schools.

Our principle aims as a company are to enable development at these partner projects in order to increase access to education for young people, and to provide valuable learning experiences for people from across the UK to increase global awareness.

By engaging in our School Partnership initiative, you can help us to do just that whilst bringing a bit of Africa and its culture into your classroom.





## SIVA VORDZORGBE

**SIVA IS OUR GHANA DIRECTOR, AND HAS BEEN WORKING WITH AFRICAN ADVENTURES SINCE 2012.**

Siva had a very difficult childhood, becoming homeless as a young boy. His father died when he was young, and, because he had fathered over 50 children with different women, there was not enough money to be shared around the various families, meaning that Siva's mother and siblings were left with no means of support. Siva's mother was forced to move elsewhere, leaving Siva living on the streets as a young boy.

Eventually, Siva managed to find a job on a farm, and he used the small amount of money that he made to pay his school fees. He attended school for the first time at the age of 14 and found himself learning alongside six-year-olds. Since that time, he has worked very hard to find himself in the position he is today, and he has become a respected figure within the local community. Siva is at the forefront of the work we do in Ghana. His life experiences have shaped the person he is and given him the drive to succeed in helping others. We are honoured to work with him.



In Ghana, we're based in a rural fishing village on the coast of the Volta region where there is little commerce, few tourists and a proud West African heritage.

Many schools in the Volta region are underfunded and under-resourced. Because of the high rates of poverty, some children come to school hungry, and many children have lots of after-school duties at home, including helping with family farming and fishing, which are the two main industries in this corner of Ghana. Consequently, there is a high drop-out rate of pupils, who tend to work from a very early age.





Your school partnership with

**WOE EP SCHOOL**

WOE, GHANA



## KEY INFORMATION

18

STAFF

530

STUDENTS

11

CLASSROOMS

*All figures correct as of February 2020.*

Woe E.P is a government school which was established in 1909 in the village of Woe, Ghana. The school delivers Ghana's national primary curriculum, and provides an education for approximately 500 students aged between four and 20 years old. On completion, students sit their BECE (Basic Education Certificate Examination). The head teacher of the school is Rev. Semenyo Allan Bosman.

Although Woe E.P is funded and administered by the Ghanaian government, the school has a distinct lack of teaching resources and equipment, and its facilities are in need of repair and improvement. There is also a lack of sufficient classroom space, meaning that the school is forced to use two rooms at the neighbouring church.





# THE STORY SO FAR...

African Adventures started working with Woe E.P in 2013 – our first partnership with a Ghanaian school. Since then, our volunteers have helped to renovate the existing classrooms, build six new classrooms, and mould bricks for a perimeter wall, which will improve the security of the school site. In addition, they have donated essential classroom resources and sports equipment.



# 2013

We partnered with Woe E.P in 2013. In the first year of our partnership, volunteers helped paint the exterior classroom walls at the school, assisted with sports sessions, and donated vital educational resources.



## 2014

Volunteers completed further renovation work on the school's existing classrooms, including painting the interior walls to create a more engaging learning environment. Woe E.P also received donations of sports kit and equipment, and educational resources.





## 2015

By 2015, Woe E.P was supporting 441 students across 11 classrooms. Volunteers assisted with further construction and renovation work to improve the school's classrooms and reduce overcrowding in lessons.



## 2016

Improving the security of the school site was identified as a priority in 2016. Alongside providing teaching support in lessons, our volunteers helped to mould bricks and construct a wall around the school's perimeter. Sadly, two classrooms were deemed unsafe for use this year, forcing the school to use two rooms at the neighbouring church for lessons.





## 2017

Construction of the perimeter wall around the school site continued, and volunteers assisted with the moulding and laying of bricks.



## 2018

Further progress was made on the school's perimeter wall, with 240 bricks moulded by our volunteers. Woe E.P also received donations of teaching resources, stationery, and clothing.





## 2019

Volunteers assisted with teaching in lessons, and moulded a further 200 bricks for the school's perimeter wall. The school also benefitted from donations of sports equipment, sanitary pads, shoes, textbooks, and stationery.



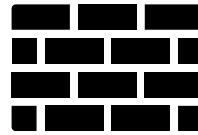
# AIMS FOR THE FUTURE

We are working with Woe E.P to improve their facilities and extend their outreach in order to encourage more children to attend school. To do this, we aim to provide the school with:



## REPAIR CLASSROOMS

To reduce overcrowding in lessons



## FINISH PERIMETER WALL

To improve security



## ASSIST WITH TEACHING

To provide support in classrooms

Perhaps in the future you'd like to fundraise?



"GHANA HAS ALWAYS BEEN MY HOME AND I LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU. AS A VOLUNTEER, YOU'LL BE HELPING TO PROVIDE SOME OF GHANA'S MOST DEPRIVED CHILDREN WITH BRIGHTER FUTURES."

SIVA VORDZORGBE



TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT WOE EP SCHOOL, VISIT:

<https://www.african-adventures.co.uk/woe-ep-school-partnership/>

**The students are looking forward to hearing from you!**