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Dear Members and Friends of JPG and YHFG,

another busy year is coming to an end and we are delighted to share our latest news from the YHFG projects and JPG activities with you.

JPG visit in Bolgatanga - Remedial School 2017 - Alumni Meeting

In the last week of August Veronika Schlicker travelled to Bolgatanga to meet up with our Ghanaian partner Youth Harvest Foundation. The visit turned its attention mainly to the ongoing Remedial School(RS) project. This year up to 50 students took part and 24 girls were accommodated in the local housing of YHFG.



The Remedial School 2017, girls and teachers in class, at the accomodation, discussing with Veronika

8 volunteer teachers provide lessons in Maths, English, Social Science and general science. To increase the efficiency of the course and improve learning outcome, in addition a mentoring system for the participants was set up. Every staff member of the RS mentors 5 students and supports them on an individual level. Furthermore YHFG invited guest speakers as role models for the students, who delivered their life stories to the young girls in order to encourage and motivate them.

During the visit, YHFG organised a homecoming for past students of the RS. The intention behind this event is to form an alumni group and strengthen a lasting relationship with past and current beneficiaries in the promotion of girl-child education and skills development. During this event Veronika was able to interact both with past and present students to learn about their views, successes and challenges regarding the project. A meeting was also held with teachers to evaluate the impact of the RS. We discussed how to implement improvements for next year's class and the future of the project.



past and present RS students during the Homecoming event, discussions and group picture with the volunteer teachers

We would like to express our appreciation to YHFG and the volunteer teachers in Ghana for a very successful and inspirational meeting. Our extended thanks go to ZetVisions AG and Rotary Club Schloss Heidelberg for financial support, which made the 2017 remedial school possible. Also the journey of Veronika to YHFG was kindly supported by ZetVisions AG Heidelberg.

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Abigail Adumolga, Mandela Washington Fellow 2017

Abigail Adumolga is the Youth Center Coordinator of the YHFG. She is involved in youth friendly activities such as comprehensive sexuality education in Junior and Senior high school as well as an advocate against child marriage. She is a trained Social Worker from the University of Ghana and the University of Education respectively. Working and mentoring young people is her passion. Her contribution to society and the youth earned her a prestigious award; The Mandela Washington Fellowship programme for Young African Leaders Initiative.

Abigail was sent to the US to the Wagner College in New York where she underwent a six week intensive training on Civic Leadership. The training was to equip her with more knowledge, the spirit of servant leadership so she could go back to Ghana and continue her work with young people in Northern Ghana.

Abigail connected with other young African leaders across Africa where they learnt and shared experiences. She also had the opportunity to work with a youth focused organisation known as Generation Citizens in Manhattan.

JPG website in German! - Videos available on youtube

Finally, our new JPG website with information about our projects and the people behind it is also available in German: *http://jugendghana.de/de* (or *http://jugendghana.de/en* for the english version).

You can find news and updates from Ghana on a regular basis in our blog. Furthermore all publications and two videos from Veronikas visit in Ghana are accessible here.

New Bank account

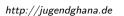
Due to administrative reasons, JPG has moved its bank account from Volksbank Freiburg to GLS bank. The GLS Bank is a social and ecological bank in Germany, the name GLS stands for 'Gemeinschaftsbank für Leihen und Schenken', which translates as 'community bank for loans and gifts'. The bank aims to support various sustainable and independant projects and businesses in the educational, agricultural and health sector as well as communal living projects, as well as sustainable businesses.

The new JPG account details are:

JugendPartnerschaft Ghana e.V. IBAN: DE53 4306 0967 1219 1238 00 GLS Bank

We would like wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a good and healthy year 2018.

Jolien van der Geugten- de Lang, Julia Frisch, Veronika Schlicker; Board of JPG



GIRLS REMEDIAL SCHOOL - HOMECOMMING 2017



