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Dear Members and Friends of JPG and YHFG,

just a few months have passed since our last newsletter, and a lot has happened at JPG and at YHFG in Bolgatanga.

Remedial School 2018

The Girls Remedial School of YHFG has set off for the fifth time! In April 2018, the lessons in Maths, English, Science and Social Sciences have started for the new cohort of 27 girls. During the next six months, with the help of 4 volunteer teachers, the girls will prepare themselves for their resit exams in order to pass the Secondary School Exams successfully.

Based on our experiences from previous years, the program has been modified to make sure that the girls have better chances of passing their exams with good results and continue with their education. Therefore, in the recruitment process a greater focus is now on the chances of success based on previous knowledge and performance. Further, the library has finally been equipped with new books to facilitate self-study. As in the previous year, each of the girls is also supported on a personal level through a mentor from YHFG staff.



The Remedial School 2018

New JPG volunteer at YHFG

In March 2018 a new JPG volunteer has started to work with YHFG for three months. Daniela is currently doing her Master's degree in Social Work in Ravensburg and approached JPG to do an internship as part of her studies. Together we have developed a plan for her stay in Ghana. With her research project, she is supporting the Girls Remedial School to make the program even more effective in the future. She is doing this by qualitative and quantitative data collection and evaluation. Read here part of her first impressions about living and working in Ghana, the full story can be found on our homepage (<https://jugendghana.de/en/volunteer-first-impressions/>).

My name is Daniela and I am 25 years old. After my Bachelor Degree in Social Work I am in the Master Program called Applied Health Science. [...] My dream was to go abroad for some months and gain some experiences in research work. [...] Here at Youth Harvest Foundation, I can do exactly the kind of research I wanted to do. I will interview students of the Girls Remedial School to evaluate the Remedial School Program. I am interested in their opinion about the lessons and the whole program. I am going to interview some teachers as well to get a more comprehensive perspective[...] I am staying at a Ghanaian host family. [...] I couldn't have a better time somewhere else. The big family gives me all I need. Beside the local food there is always someone to joke with, someone to talk with, someone to discuss with, someone I can listen to and even a baby I could take care of. Since the first day I am part of the family.[...] Yesterday I've learned that even the former volunteers are my siblings now. What a nice feeling and way of thinking.

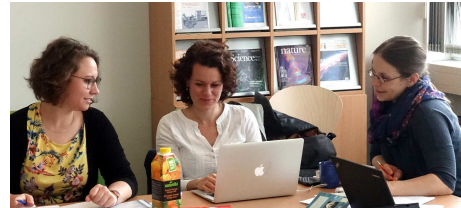


Daniela with her host-family



JPG Annual Meeting 2018

On 14 April 2018, the annual JPG Meeting took place in Berlin. As usual, we reviewed the development of the projects in Bolgatanga, in particular the Remedial School 2017 as well as the new JPG website and the Google Ad campaign. Furthermore, we discussed how to respond to the increased demand in volunteer service at YHFG and how to develop new fundraising strategies. On the side of new projects, JPG and YHFG are thinking about initiating a new Youth Leadership program within YHFG (*see article below*) and new activities in the Harvest Academy. Veronika, Jolien and Julia were reelected as JPG Board.



JPG Board 2018, V. Schlicker, J. van der Geugten, J. Frisch

New Pilot Project: Young Leaders Initiative

Since a long time, YHFG and JPG wanted to set up a program to mentor and support young students who are standing out by their academic achievements or who have shown promising personal leadership qualities. With special scholarship we want to give them the opportunity to fully develop their potential and grow as strong personalities who can take a leading role within their generation. Ideally, potential candidates should be affiliated with YHFG through the Harvest Clubs (or other attachments).

In August 2018 we want to start a pilot project with **Matilda Ayeltige**. Coming from a rural background and a poor family, Matilda has been a member of the Harvest Clubs during her Senior Secondary School and was part of the Newsletter Committee (*see picture*). With greatest self motivation and dedication she completed school and went to university to graduate with a Bachelor in Rural and Community Development. She has come back to YHFG for her National Service and has ever since supported the organisation as a volunteer. Today, she is 26 years old and her dream is: *I really have in mind to pursue my Masters Degree in Development studies or Social work so that I can gain more knowledge on dealing with issues of this continuous changing world we live in, in order to assist people especially the youth and women in society to be able to live a sustainable life.*



You will find more about Matilda and her story at YHFG on our homepage soon! If you are interested in supporting our new initiative and in particular Matilda in her academic career, please contact us!

Thank you very much for your continuous interest and support.

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Board of JPG