

## SCHOOL INSPECTION GOES WELL

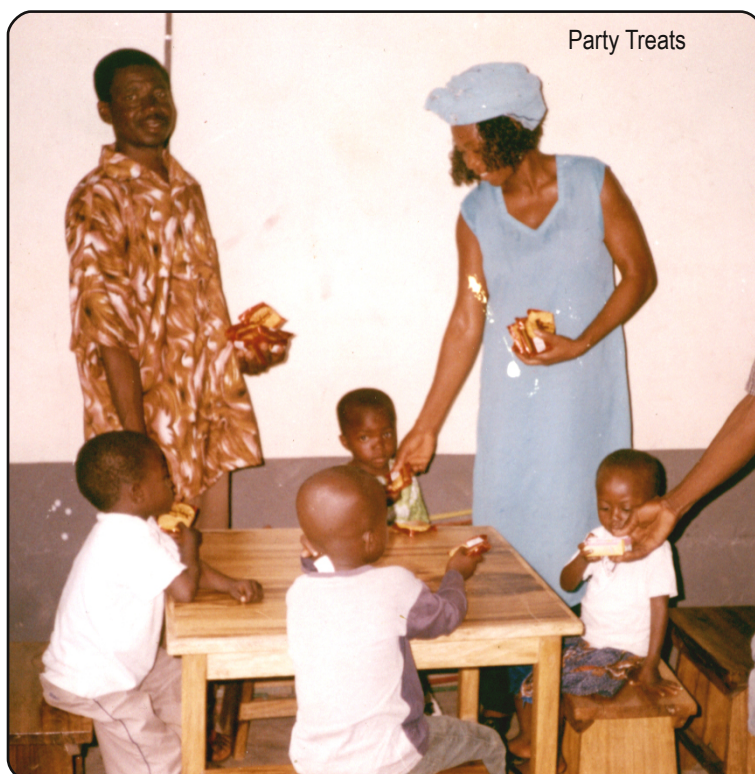
Earlier this year Kaleo Baptist Nursery School was inspected by an officer from the District Education Office.

The officer arrived unannounced but coincidentally she was a VSO volunteer from America working to improve standards in the Education Office and schools within the district.

She had come from a town about 15 miles away and was not aware of our involvement with the Nursery School, believing it to be similar to the other Nursery Schools in the area. On entering the classroom she was amazed and delighted to see Becky, the Nursery School's Head Teacher, teaching the children about phonics. Phonics is a technique used to teach

children to read and write by using letter sounds, shapes and other multi-sensory activities. This is not a technique commonly used in Ghanaian schools so the inspector was fascinated to know how Becky had come to be teaching this method.

After hearing the story the inspector, who is an experienced Primary School teacher, arranged to return to spend a day at the school, during which she taught a lesson and spent time going through all the teaching resources we had sent to the school, discussing ideas and different teaching techniques with Becky. Needless to say, the Nursery School got an excellent report.



## MOVING ON UP

As we come to the end of the second year since opening those pupils in form two are now preparing to move on and start Primary School.

Although Primary education is free in Ghana there are in fact a number of hidden costs which can deter parents from sending their children to Primary School. In order to help overcome this each pupil leaving the Nursery School will be presented

with a new Primary School uniform, a school bag, stationary and a maths kit. We believe that each pupil leaving the Nursery School will have been given an excellent start to their education and we hope that by providing these few resources they will be able to continue to further their education. We wish them all the best and will be keen to hear about their progress.

# NEW SCHOOL BUILDING TO BE CONSTRUCTED

The Nursery School has now been up and running for two years and is going from strength to strength.

Requests for admission hugely outnumber the available places in the school, as each class is limited to forty pupils (larger than class sizes here in UK but a lot less than the ninety plus pupils per class in other local schools). Currently one class is using the church building whilst the other is using the smaller Sunday school building so a new purpose built Nursery

School building is going to be constructed. The building will include two large classrooms, offices, toilets and an enclosed courtyard area. It will be built by the same building team that constructed the church and using the building machinery sent to Ghana in 2004. The builders have become very skilled through their training and experience and combined with the use of the hand powered tools and moulds this will keep the quality high and the costs as

low as possible. When needed the people in the church will be called upon to dig foundations, carry water, move materials and so on.

No matter how tough life is the people are always willing to sacrifice their time and effort to help get things done.

A plot for the new building has been secured. It is a

large plot, approximately half a mile from the church and close to another small community, called Buo-Duori, which has no schools or nurseries. This means that it will be just a fifteen minute walk from Kaleo and also in an excellent location for the people of Buo-Duori.

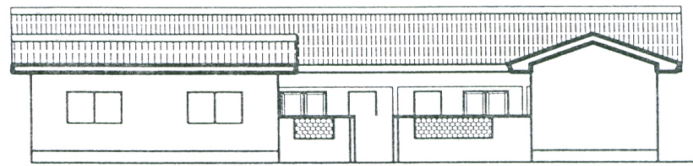


## FINANCIAL UPDATE

Last year's Kaleo Day was a record breaker, raising a total of £1280.70. The generosity of those who came was truly wonderful and has enabled us to continue the work in Kaleo this past year. We have received donations from various activities at Baildon Methodist Church totalling £347 and the Light Church, Bradford, was very generous in giving us a gift of £600. Our income from the Friends of Kaleo, who give regularly each month by standing order, has increased to £295, which is enabling us to budget for

the ongoing costs of food and teachers' salaries. In total we have received £6737.40 in donations this year, which means we can claim back £1130 in Gift Aid. Last September we sent money to Kaleo to pay for six month's worth of food for the pupils. By buying in bulk in harvest season, the cheapest time to buy food, and also setting up a Nursery School farm, run by the parents, the people in Kaleo managed to provide food for the whole year with the money we had sent.

Sketch of New Building



## HOW TO HELP

We really appreciate all your support, without it we could do nothing. Please tell your friends and family about the work that is going on in Kaleo, perhaps show them this newsletter or tell them about it over a cup of coffee.

If they would like to receive an e-newsletter via email please ask them to contact us at [careforkaleo@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:careforkaleo@yahoo.co.uk) or pass their email address on to us. We would like to give a special thank you to all the "Friends of Kaleo" who support the charity with regular monthly donations.

It is this income which enables us to pay wages and provide healthy, nutritious food for the pupils.

Our aim is for the Nursery School to eventually become fully funded by the Ghana Education Service, but until that time your support is invaluable. If you

would like to sponsor the Nursery School with a regular monthly donation please ask for a "Friends of Kaleo" slip and return it to the Treasurer, Jenny Capper, at the address below or contact us by email or telephone. We are also grateful for any donations you are able to give. If you would like to make a one off donation please send cash or cheques made payable to "Care for Kaleo" to the address below (please note our new address). If you are a UK tax payer you can Gift Aid your donation using a Gift Aid form, then we will receive an extra 25p for every £1 you donate. On behalf of all the people of Kaleo Baptist Church, the children and staff of Kaleo Baptist Nursery School and ourselves, we say a big thank you for all your support.