

FIRST STAGE OF PRIMARY BUILDING COMPLETED

In our last newsletter we reported that the first phase of the building of the Primary School had started. At that time the building team were clearing the ground and preparing to dig the foundations. The plan was to initially build a two

classroom block that would be added to year on year until the entire school was completed. This year we can report that our friends in Kaleo have managed to go beyond their original plans and have completed a three classroom block. Under the

organisation of the team leader Prosper, they were able to build the three classroom block within their original budget. They have also managed to construct the first toilet block for the students. The first two classes of the Primary

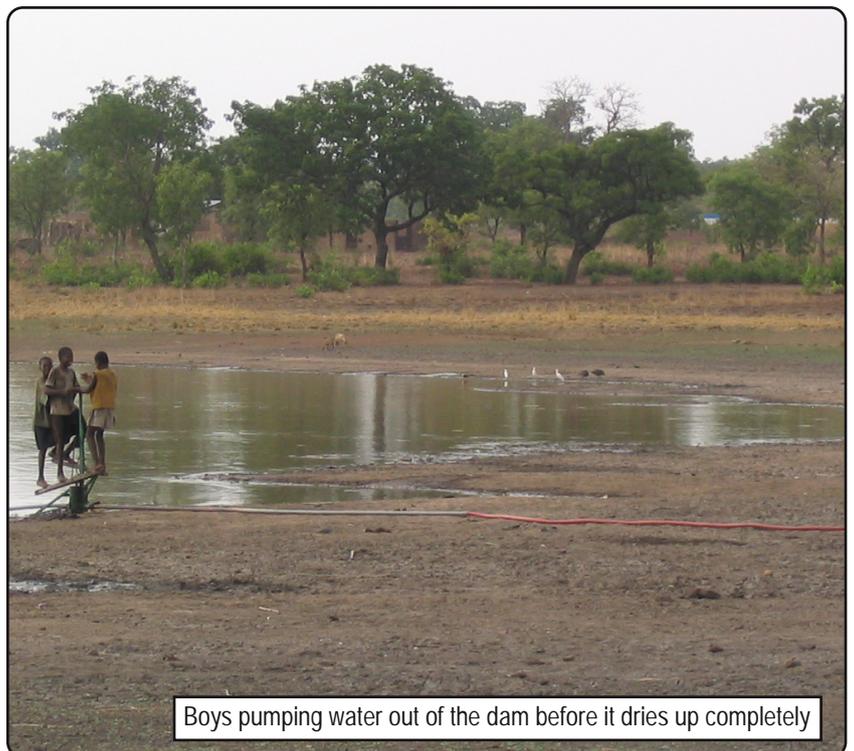
School, that had been using temporary accommodation, were able to move in to their new purpose built classrooms immediately on completion. The remaining classroom will house the third year as from September 2015.



DROUGHT HITS KALEO

The rainy season is late starting in Kaleo. After a brief spell of rain in April the farmers planted their crops, but the rains stopped and now their crops are dying. This has resulted in the prices of food rising in the markets. The dam which supplies water for irrigation, and also for the building work, is dry. This again goes to show the hardship of life in northern Ghana. Due to there being no

water in the dam the building work on the Primary School has had to stop temporarily. Fortunately the piped water to Pastor Solomon's house is still running and this is being used to both cook the school meals and as the students' drinking water. The water, however, has to be carried over half a mile to the school. We are all praying that the rains will come soon.



SECOND PHASE OF PRIMARY SCHOOL BUILDING

The second phase of construction started earlier this year with the clearing of ground, digging out trees and preparing for the foundations to be laid. The plan is to construct a further block of three classrooms plus a second toilet block. The final phase of the construction will be to provide a teachers' room, a cookhouse and any other finishing touches.



Construction of the first Primary School Classroom Block



The projects were featured on the National GTV News

NEWSWORTHY

Every year the Kaleo Baptist Kindergarten has a Graduation Day in January and this year the new District Director of Education was invited to be at the ceremony. He invited Ghana TV and two Radio stations to be there. Ghana

TV included the graduation in their News Bulletin and excitement abounded in Kaleo. Pastor Solomon was even stopped in the regional capital Wa and was told that he had been seen on TV, clearly now a celebrity!

ONCE AGAIN THANK YOU

Another amazing year as the money has kept coming in. Thank you all so much. Every September we send money for wages, food, uniforms etc. which is saved up during the previous 12 months. We also of course send money for the building work to continue. This year we also sent funds to start the construction of the Primary School having completed the Kindergarten. This was done when our funds were very low and we were having doubts whether we could afford or even risk the commitment. Days later a large cheque arrived from a new source and we knew that God was telling

us to go forward in faith. The total money we have sent out this year, including that saved over the last 12 months, is a staggering £14500. I find it hard to believe. It is totally down to your generosity and God's help. So thank you to our "Friends of Kaleo" (monthly sponsors) and to all who donate so generously. A Christmas donation this year came from Baildon Methodist Church who, instead of giving Christmas cards, donated to Care for Kaleo. Magnificently £1077.50 was raised. Gift Aid brought in from HMRC added a further £1738.38.

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Kindergarten with Primary School in Background

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