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## DUNJAGU KINDERGARTEN AND PRIMARY SCHOOL

We are now working in the small community of Dunjagu, about five miles north of Kaleo. Pastor Solomon, our partner in Kaleo is coordinating the project and working with the local people to build a Kindergarten and Primary School. There has not been any education provision in Dunjagu in living memory, the children having to walk many miles every day to attend school, a journey too far for the youngest children to manage. The Kindergarten in Dunjagu has already been completed. Although the walls have been built using mud blocks, in time these will be replaced with much more durable concrete blocks. Currently parents are loaning benches for the children to sit on, but the children are having to practice their writing on the floor. Chairs and desks are being made by a local craftsman, and should be ready soon.

The building has been officially dedicated by the District Director of Education in a formal ceremony, during which free uniforms were presented to the first class of students at the school. We always present free uniforms to each student when they start at any of the Care for Kaleo schools. It gives the children, and the parents, a sense of pride, helps to build a strong school community and thereby encourages good attendance.

In order for the school to be taken on by the Ghana Education Service, it has to be up and running for a full year. All being well, next January the school will be fully assimilated into the Ghana Education system. Building work continues on the Primary School in Dunjagu. The people of the village have started digging the foundations, by hand! They are giving all their labour for free.



Dunjagu Kindergarten



The first intake at Dunjagu Kindergarten

## SCHOOL MEALS

Although school dinners are not always popular here in UK, especially since they stopped serving Spam fritters, school meals are hugely appreciated in Ghana. Whilst parents do their best to provide meals for their children, they sometimes struggle to do so on a daily basis and can find it difficult to afford the ingredients for a nutritious meal. To provide a healthy school meal costs about 50p per child per day. The fact that many parents earn less than \$1 per day highlights the problem. Ghana has a national schools feeding program, but it takes time to get a new school registered.

Firstly, the school has to be captured by the Ghana Education Service, a process that takes a minimum of one year. Only then can the school apply to register with the schools feeding program, and then patiently wait for the bureaucratic process to be completed!

We have decided that we will provide the money to pay for a daily school meal for every student in Dunjagu until they start receiving meals through schools feeding program. Currently this is just for the Kindergarten, but it will also include the Primary School, once it is up and running.



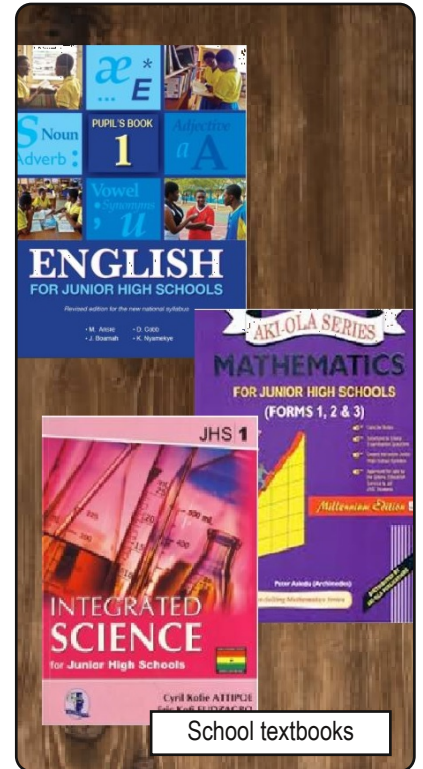
The official dedication of Dunjagu Kindergarten

# WHAT'S HAPPENING IN KALEO?

All the schools in Kaleo are back open after a year-long Covid-19 lockdown in Ghana. In order to control the spread of the virus, the government closed all places of education and students returned home. They reopened in January 2021 and the government decided to make this the start of the new academic year. So now the academic year in Ghana runs from January to December, rather than September to August. We have recently sent funds to Ghana for them to purchase new class sets of textbooks for both

the Primary and Junior High Schools. These will cover the required syllabus for the Junior High School students, as well as replacing worn out textbooks in the Primary School. The first intake of students into Kaleo Baptist Kindergarten, from 2009, have now started Senior High School. The education they received in Kaleo provided the foundations they needed to progress to High schools throughout Ghana. We give them huge congratulations for all their hard work and wish them all

success in their ongoing education. There is an ongoing war taking place in Kaleo, against termites! Despite the school desks produced been of a high quality, it didn't make them any less tasty to the millions of termites that live in the area. Gradually the desks, along with the classroom doors, are being eaten. We have sent funds for replacement desks and doors to be made, out of steel. These are, perhaps, not as aesthetically pleasing, but they at least they aren't edible!



School textbooks



The intake of 2009. Then and now



Termite-proof desks

## TEACHER TRAINING

Back in 2019 we started sponsoring a trainee teacher from Kaleo called Faith. Faith is using this sponsorship to attend Teacher Training College. Her course was delayed by the Covid-19 lockdown, but is now back up and running. This sponsorship has made a huge difference to Faith and she has passed on her thanks and appreciation.



Faith

## THANK YOU

Care for Kaleo is a Christian based charity and we believe that prayer to our loving God is a vital part of our work. Your support in prayer is really needed as we work alongside the people of Kaleo and the surrounding area to make a difference in their communities. Thank you also to everyone who has supported us financially over the years.

Your ongoing generous support has made a huge difference to the lives of so many young people and their families in Kaleo and the surrounding area, without you we could not do anything. If you would like to make a one off donation, or become a "Friend of Kaleo" by setting up a regular monthly gift, please contact us using the details below.