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General Fund

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Scholarship Tuition is \$550 per year for three years. ABC also provides tutors out of the Scholarship Fund to help the children excel. All Scholarship donations go directly to the High School for tuition and tutors.

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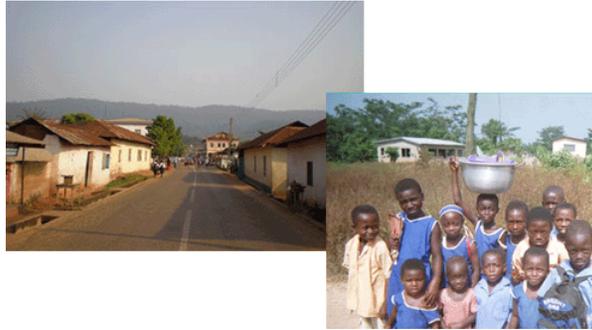
Please mail supplies (soccer equipment and books) to the address provided (on the back) or call for pick-up.



*Please join ABC in this worthy cause,*

*Share your blessings,*

*Make a difference in a child's life today.*



“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.”

- Nelson Mandela

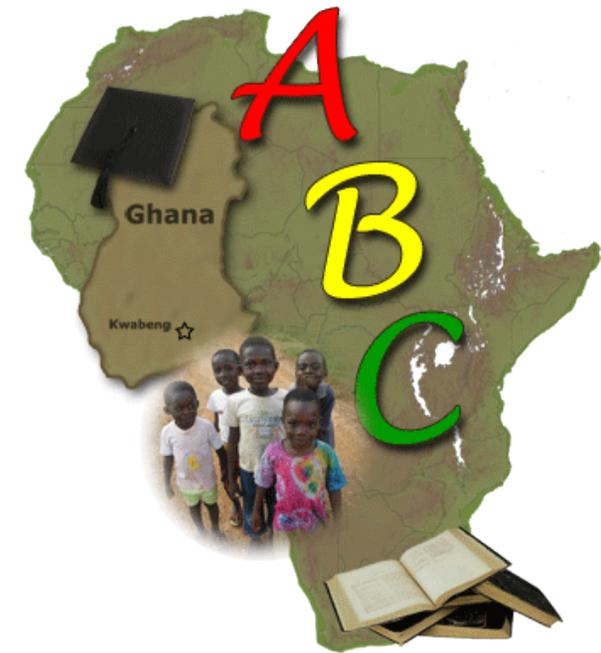
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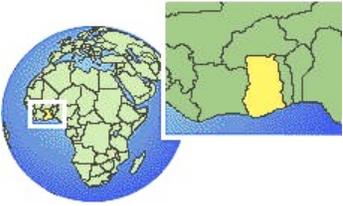
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**African Book Challenge (ABC) is a New Jersey based charity dedicated to working with school administrators, teachers, children, and parents to improve access and quality of education for the kids in Kwabeng, a rural town in Ghana. ABC is helping the children in the village reach their full potential through education that ultimately gives them hope for future prosperity for themselves and their community.**

**We are achieving our goals through various impact programs. We can only operate due to the generous support of many individuals who share our vision that -  
“To Learn is to Live”**

# Kwabeng



Kwabeng is a small town located in the eastern region of Ghana, West Africa. It is about 85 miles north of Accra, the national capital. The current population is estimated to be approximately 8,000 people.

The majority of the people, usually born into large, extended families in the township, often live there until they die. Most of the adult population is farmers who have no fixed income. They depend exclusively on income from cocoa - which is harvested annually between October and February.



Until the last few decades, the majority of the people were illiterates. However, the township now boasts of a number of public schools. All the schools face the same basic problems - huge classes, scarce school supplies, and no library. The educational needs of the students are extremely low on the priority list of both the central and local governments. Parents must pay a relatively high tuition (and boarding fees) for their kids to attend Senior High School (SHS). Unfortunately, most parents in the town are too poor to afford the fees that would enable their children to continue their education in SHS. Consequently, less than 15% of Junior High School (JHS) graduates are fortunate enough to attend SHS each year; the majority of the children end up roaming the streets without any hope for a job or a brighter



# How You Help

## Shipments

During the last few years, ABC has shipped to the schools large quantities of educational materials, school supplies, used children's clothing, sports equipment, and toys. All the items were donated by ABC supporters in our local community who also kindly paid for the shipment of the charitable goods. The charitable donations were distributed to all the schools in the village.



## Special Project

For several years, the children at the town's main pre-school and kindergarten used a small playground with a couple of crude and unsafe pieces of equipment. In 2008, with generous donations from our community, ABC purchased and shipped to the school a nice, wooden swing set. The equipment was assembled and installed by volunteers from the town. Since then, over 200 children who attend the school each year enjoy playing in a safe environment.



Old                      New



## Capital Improvements

In 2008, ABC embarked on two modest capital improvement projects in the main pre-school and Kindergarten (KG). First, ABC built modern restrooms to replace the unhygienic outhouse that the kids had been using for years. The second project was the construction of two new classrooms for the school. The addition of the classrooms helped to reduce overcrowding in the four, small classrooms, each of which had over fifty kids (ages 3-5). Can you imagine the excitement of the kids who are now using modern restrooms for the first time in their life? Good-bye, outhouse!! ABC has also replaced the roof of two classrooms at the JHS that was damaged by a wind-storm. In addition, ABC financed the renovations of two classrooms as well as the electrification of one JHS. For the first time, the students in that school have lights in their classrooms!



# Ways to Give

## Scholarships

Out of the 2,000 children who attend the various schools in the town, only about 125 of them graduate each year from Junior High School. Unfortunately, most of them do not qualify to attend Senior High School. Out of the limited number that are offered admissions to various SHS across the country, only a handful of parents/guardians are financially able to pay their children's fees covering tuition, boarding, books, uniforms, and related fees. In effect, the majority of JHS graduates end their education at that level with no hope for employment or a bright future. ABC has established a scholarship fund to provide financial aid to needy, smart, and ambitious children in the town to enable them obtain SHS education. Would you partner with ABC in this worthy cause? Help us give hope and opportunity to some needy children in Ghana by donating to the ABC Scholarship Fund or commit to sponsor one child for their entire SHS education.

*Make a difference today in a kid's life!*

ABC President and three of our sponsored scholars



## ABC Library Fund

There is not a single library in any of the schools in Kwabeng and none within 25 miles radius from the town. ABC plans to open a public library in the town in 2011. During the last couple of years, ABC has received and shipped, to the town, large quantities of books donated by the local community for the proposed library. Just recently, the town made available to ABC a large room for the proposed library. However, the room needs a lot of renovations before it can be used. ABC is currently raising funds for the repairs, electrification, and procurement of bookshelves, tables and chairs for the library.

*Please donate to the Library Fund to enable ABC to accomplish this important project.*