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Impact of CRAN Abakam Presby School on the Community

The CRAN Abakam Presby School which was started in 1993 by CRAN has indeed made a lot impact on the community twenty-three years after its establishment. The purpose for the establishment of the school was to give the children, many of whom were not going to school as a result of the distance from the nearest school the opportunity to attend school. The School has given many of the children in the community the opportunities to obtain formal education at least to the JHS level and to set the tone for the more serious ones to continue to the higher levels. Some of the children have been able to complete university education, while some went as far as the polytechnic, others to the teacher training colleges. The school has brought a lot of enlightenment into the community as many of the children in the community are in school instead of loitering about. The School has also attracted several qualified teachers who are giving the children the best tuition so as to prepare them for future life.



Some of the children in the School. The future of these children look bright as they have the opportunity to attend school. If the school had not come, perhaps, it would have been a different story.



GES Supplied CRAN Abakam Presby School KG with Furniture

The Ghana Education Service (GES) has supplied six round large tables and thirty-one single chairs for each of the thirty-one children in the KG 1 class. The nice tables and chairs have come to replace the old ones which have become quite difficult to us. This is the first batch of set of tables and chairs to be supplied to the KG children of the Abakam School. The second set of tables and chairs will be supplied to the KG 2 class which has the same enrolment as the KG 1. Both the teachers and pupils of the class are very delighted for the kind gesture and grateful to the GES for thinking about the school. The School is very grateful to the GES for recognizing the School and supplying the nice furniture. It is hoped that this will motivate the children to come to school regularly and take their studies seriously.



The KG children sitting on their chairs round the tables which were donated by the GES

CRAN Abakam Presby School Head Retires

The Head teacher of the CRAN Abakam Presby School Mrs. Patricia Kwakye has retired from active service and therefore has to leave the school as a Head Mistress. The retirement came at the beginning of the year 2017 after she has turned sixty years. This is in line with the statutory provision of Ghana. In her absence, Mrs. Rose Tokpo, the former assistance head mistress is presiding temporarily until the Ghana Education Service (GES) appoints a substantive head for the school. During her tenure of office, Mrs. Patricia Kwakye brought a lot improvement to the school. She was able to revive the parent- teacher-association (PTA) meetings and got the parents to show interest in the education of their children. She also ensured that the school building was renovated, and a toilet facility provided in addition to other good things she did during her tenure. She created a very conducive teaching and learning environment to enable both teachers and pupils freely express themselves. We wish her well in her retirement.



Madam Patricia Kwakye sitting at her office in the school during her tenure

Once supported by CRAN, now staff of CRAN; the impact of the CESS Programme

Mr. Felix Dzikunu, was a beneficiary of the CESS programme from the lower primary to the first year in tertiary education. He obtained HND Accounting from the Ta-koradi Polytechnic in 2008. He is now the accountant of CRAN and he is doing very well. According to him, he is very happy to work in CRAN, to meet the people who took care of him in school, whose names he heard though he did not see many of them. Now he is part of the team and knows what it takes to support these children. According to him, he is amazed and thank God for CRAN. He said, it would have been totally impossible or perhaps very difficult for him to have come this far. He and other siblings were being cared for by a single parent; his mother since their father passed on at a much younger age. His mother was a petty trader and not earning much income from her business, making it difficult for her to cater for him and his siblings. According to him, because of the support from the CESS programme, he had the peace of mind to go through his education and now he has become the accountant of the very organization which supported him. He is grateful for the support.



Mr Felix Dzikunu behind his desk at the CRAN office

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