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REPORT ON AID PROJECTS: April 1990 (Ghana Visit) to Dec.1992

- Books, woodwork tools, science equipment, sewing machines, wall-charts taken out with visiting party, April 1990. Aprox.cost £1995 (actual value closer to £3000 because of discounts and gifts). Given in the main to our two "adopted" rural schools, Abokobi and Dodowa Junior Secondary near Acera but small quantities taken to schools in Cape Coast, Kumasi, Ho & Tamale.
- 2. In 1991, we were investigating the best and cheapest means of sending out books and materials. We sent books to the value of £100 to Bagabaga Training College, Tamale (a gift from Eelin Page); and books to the value of £108, via Longmans, to Assin Achiase JS School, Central Region, where our former colleague Michael Asiedu is now a Chief. We also gave a grant of £500 towards construction costs of a new nursery school at AssinNyankumase named after a recently-returned VSO, Naomi Roberts. Following a contact set up by Roger Ashworth, we were able to arrange a gift of approx. 1000 books from a school which had closed, via the Ranfurly Library; these were mainly divided between Abokobi and Dodowa, the balance being donated to Ranfurly for general use in Ghana. From the same source, a supply of unused exercise books was sent, via the Ghana Universities Office in London, to the Primary schools at Legon and Achimota. Fam Lewis also packed two Ranfurly chests for Navrongo and Tamale. So, although our direct expenditure on aid projects in 1991 was not high, we were not idle!
- 3. Early in 1992, we made a grant of £1000 for the purchase locally of further woodwork tools and equipment for Abokobi and Dodowa. This sum was sent to Robert Asiedu via Kofi Ohene; this realised 785,000 cedis and R.A. has sent us a statement recently with a list showing the purchase of tools to the value of c.450,000 by Abokobi. The grant to Dodowa has been with-held to await the completion of the workshop started in 1990.
- 4. Later in the year, we ordered sets of readers relating to primary health education from the Child-to-Child Trust at a cost of £1920 and educational wall-charts costing c£500. These were formally presented to the Ministry of Education and accepted by the Secretary for Education at a ceremony in Accra on 9 October; they are being distributed to some eighteen schools by Ghana Education Service officers. We are exploring with Child-to-Child and the Head of a new School Health Education Unit in the GES, possibilities of further cooperation.
- Arrangements are being set in hand to send a substantial supply of books to Navrongo Senior Secondary School and further projects are being considered.

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