



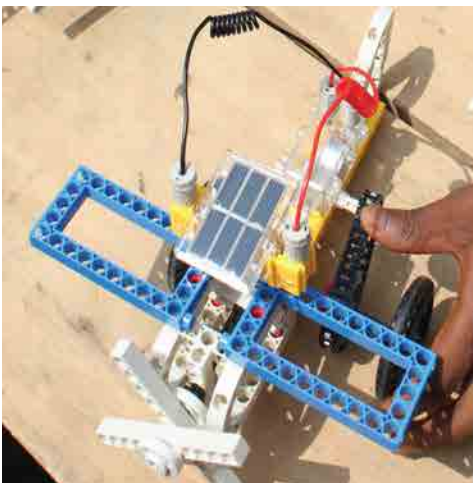
EPI Progress for the Summer of 2014

Empower Playgrounds Inc. has stayed busy this summer while working on new community projects, continuing to install merry-go-rounds, and increasing our work with science education in Ghana. We also said goodbye to Chris Cannon and brought in our new Executive Director, Crys Kevan Lee.



Merry-Go-Rounds

EPI looks forward to having 40 merry-go-rounds installed by the end of 2014. KSL News Channel 5 was able to attend our most recent installation in Atansu Deduea MA Primary School in Ghana. We were pleased that so many community members arrived to help and celebrate the installation of the new merry-go-round. We look forward to sharing the news story with you soon. With the electricity produced through playground equipment, EPI has produced an estimate total of 2.1 million hours of light since 2008 for children in Ghana.



Science Kits

Empower Playgrounds has delivered 3 different science kits to over 15 different schools, with the goal of getting the kits to all the EPI schools. The most recent science kit EPI is delivering covers the basics of solar power and includes various locomotives students can build that can move via solar power. One teacher who received the kit said, "[They] make science class interesting and not scary for students." You can learn more and view videos and pictures at <http://empowerplaygrounds.org/science-labs/>



Community Projects

In partnership with the Roberts Foundation, Empower Playgrounds has built its first Bore-hole (well) and Biofil system at the Bahankra School in Ghana. The Biofil system is an innovative way to get rid of waste in a sanitary and odor free manner. We firmly believe children can not study well if they are using the side of a school as a bathroom or if they spend large amounts of time fetching water. The bore-hole and the Biofil system will allow the children to focus on learning. We hope to have more projects like this in the future.

Change in Executive Director



We are so grateful for the hard work and dedication of our former executive director Chris Cannon. We wish him well in his new position at Global Visionaries, in Seattle, WA. We are excited for the fresh eyes of Crys Kevan Lee and her well-rounded experience in management, marketing, and design. After her first trip to Ghana, she fell in love with our project and the people we serve.

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We estimate that there are over 2700 schools that serve communities without electricity in Ghana. The children still need our project. Help us get 10 new merry-go-rounds so we can have 50 merry-go-rounds by 2015. Contribute here.

