



EPI Progress for the Winter of 2017

Empower Playgrounds Inc. was busy this winter installing our 50th merry-go-round, distributing a microscope science kit, and building new sanitation projects. We also have updates on our girls scholarship program. Thank you for making all of this possible!



50 Merry-Go-Rounds Installed

This winter we added two schools to the EPI family by installing new merry-go-rounds at Yonguase M/A Basic School and Mosipanin D/A Basic School. The children were so excited to run on the merry-go-round. There are now 300 new students who will have access to light to study at night. They are very excited for the opportunity for play, light, and learning in the coming years. The students will be divided into groups of 4-5 students per lantern that they will use at night to practice reading, spelling, and math and work on completing their homework.



Girls' Scholarship Program

Meet the first 3 girls' scholarship recipients, Jennifer, Mary, and Gladys who are attending Ada Secondary Technical School. They are doing well in their classes and loving their time in school. Gladys is the first to go to high school in her family. She is excited because she believes from her example, her younger sisters will follow her in continuing their education. She hopes someday they will all be able to get good jobs to take care of their parents. These girls have great character and look forward to their future and supporting their families.



Microscope Science Kit

We partnered with Discovery Scope to provide a durable, portable microscope that has a one-inch focal length lens that produces beautiful wide field, high resolution views of insects, worms, tiny plants and flowers and so on. Teachers are excitedly incorporating the microscopes into their curriculum. Most children and even teachers in rural Ghana have only seen pictures in textbooks showing the antennas of an ant or the particles in water. With the microscope they can see all of that in real life, which adds another level of understanding to their education.



Sanitation Projects

Without access to proper sanitation children and community members are at higher risk for cholera, typhoid, and diarrhoeal diseases. If children are sick, they cannot go to school. This is why Empower Playgrounds partners with a private foundation to improve access to proper sanitation. This winter, EPI renovated a toilet at Nyapienya Primary and Junior High School (pictured at the left) and installed a set of BioFil washrooms at Watro Watro Primary School. The schools are very happy to have these new facilities and provide safe, clean, healthy toilets for the students.

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