

“ I like the library because it is a very good thing and the best a school can have to enable the student to learn and read a lot ”
Frank Sewornu (aged 18) KCF beneficiary

“ The Library was very beautiful and the things I saw in the library were good. ”
Evans Asare (aged 16) KCF beneficiary

“ The speech that was given by the Chief of the Tema area was very good, he said the children should not waste the books but they should learn from them. ”
Maxwell Asare (aged 14) KCF beneficiary



These backpacks contain school uniform, shoes, stationary, dictionary and sundry items for Share Foundation scholarship students.

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**Special Issue on
Praise Community Library, Tema, Ghana**



Library users with
Lily Mintah, Chairman Share Foundation

Welcome to our first newsletter of 2010.

PVF UK has now been working to raise funds for underprivileged for 10 years (although we did not register as a charity until 2002).

This special issue is all about the new Community Children's Library in Tema, Ghana.

We hope you enjoy this update and please pass it on to other interested people.

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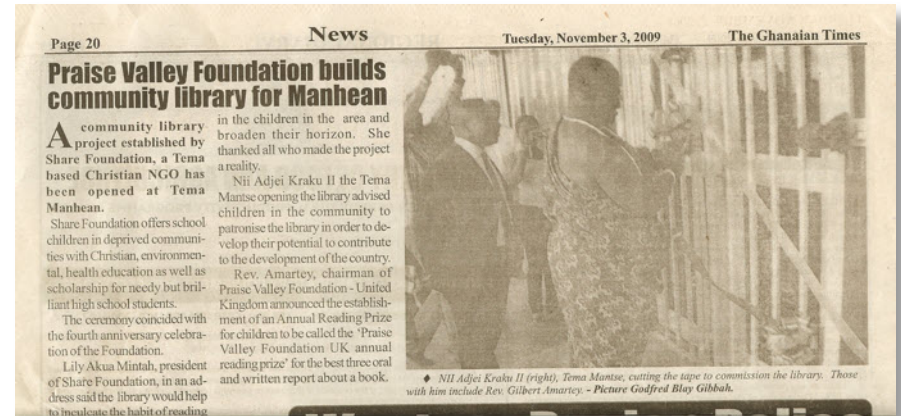
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Library users read in the shade



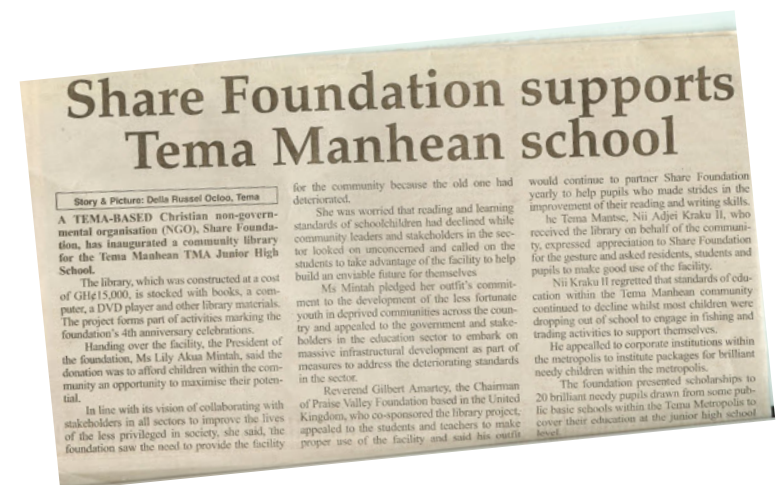
January 2010
Enjoying a meal on the porch

Glossary **Praise Valley Foundation UK (PVF UK)** We are a registered charity working to relieve sickness, hardship and distress in accordance with Christian principles, advancing the Christian Faith and providing or assisting in the provision of education.

Kings Care Foundation (KCF) This is an organisation that works with street children and underprivileged children in Accra, Ghana. Through KCF we sponsor 5 children. KCF has a social welfare certificate in Ghana

Share Foundation (SF) This is another Ghanaian NGO that provides scholarships for children in Tema, Ghana to attend school. We have been working with them for 2 years.

World Gospel Missionary Ministries (WGMM) This Christian ministry is in Ghana's impoverished North. We work together to sponsor children and Christian outreach ministries including evangelism and training for Christian workers.



What Library Users Say - January 2010

"I like using the library because it has so many interesting books to gain knowledge and skills" Silas Darko age 10

"There are some books when I read them they give me ideas and I take it seriously. When reading in the library I feel comfortable because the chairs are soft and it helps me read very fast. It also helps me speak good English and I keep lots of stories in my mind." Eric Hovor age 13

"Whenever my teacher asks any questions, I am the first person to answer. This is because the library has helped me know more things." Obed Frempong age 11

"The books that I read are good for me. I like story books." Lucky Asem age 9

"The reason I like this library is because I read to understand and speak good English to people. It looks like a container and it has so many books. There is a fan in the library and I sit at a table. There is a window and one light in the library. It is always kept nice and put the book back at the same place where you took." Maxwell age 10



Tema Gets A Community Children's Library

September 2009 marked the official launch of the Share Foundation Community Children's Library (Praise Community Library). Our Chairman, Gilbert Amartey was there along with a UK supporter and representatives from all our Ghana partners.

It was a very exciting day. PVF UK helped to raise half the costs for converting a donated 40 ft shipping container into a library complete with a roof and sun canopy, window bars, power, air-conditioning, bookcases and a secure door. Through the help of many sponsors we donated more than 2,000 used and new books, a DVD player, TV and 2 PCs. We are grateful to everyone who donated books. **Special thanks is due to Wetwang Primary School in Yorkshire for the generous donation of several complete reading schemes and many fiction and non-fiction books.**

The one-of-a-kind library is already proving to be a huge benefit to the children in Tema (Ghana's busy fishing and shipping community). 50 children use the library every Saturday and between 20 and 30 use it on weeknights.

The library provides reading assessment and help and it is also supporting students who are due to take exams in April. Share Foundation has a vision for a second library to serve this densely-populated community with 8 Junior schools and 2 senior schools.

The library is situated in the grounds of a school but open for the use of any children who want to use it.

Scholarships were also handed out at the library Inauguration to help children attend (free) school. The packages include school bag, shoes, exercise books and stationary. This year the government of Ghana is expected to start providing free uniform to children who attend free schools. This will make such scholarship funds go much further!



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Images

1. Chief Nii Adjei Kraku II cuts the tape to open the library
2. Key people and scholarship beneficiaries outside the library
3. Library interior
4. Library users
5. A supporter of PVF UK takes pictures in the library

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