

Commissioning and Blessing of Nursery School in Bolgatanga *(funded by Preslink)*

The Municipal Director of Ghana Education Service (GES), Ms. Ann Estella Kyieebo for Bolgatanga together with the Province Leader of the West Africa Province, Br. Emmanuel Aminenta jointly commissioned an ultramodern Kindergarten (K.G) Block for the Presentation Brother's School Complex in the Upper East Region, Bolgatanga on Friday 24th May 2024, The kindergarten consists of a two-unit classroom block, an office and store, kitchen and dining hall, porch and 4 toilets. Two bathhouses coupled with recreational centre was funded with generous donations by PresLink, Ireland at the cost of Six hundred and Thirty-Two Thousand, five Hundred and Fifty-Two Ghana Cedis (GH¢ 632,552) an equivalence of Fifty-Two Thousand and Four Euros. (€52,004).

Ms. Ann Estella in her speech stressed that education remains the best tool to alleviate poverty and that every investment in education is greatly welcomed. She thanked PresLink for their generous contributions to build the new facility for early childhood education.

Ms. Ann Estella assured the Brothers, staff, parents, chiefs and the people gathered that the Municipal Directorate office of the Ghana Education Service-GES will continue to supervise and monitor teaching and learning outcomes of the school. She also encouraged the management and staff to put the school to the best use and encourage school attendance by the pupils.

The Province Leader Br. Emmanuel addressing the people noted that, education can only be improved when a conducive environment for effective teaching and learning is provided. He praised PresLink for its commitment towards access to education for children in rural communities and lauded the staff and students of Presentation College, Ireland for their financial support over the years.

This K.G block will attract more kids to the school and that is exactly what the Province Leadership is committed to providing access to quality basic educational facilities for all in the communities, recognising the importance of education in empowering individuals and communities to reach their full potentials.

Speaking at the commissioning, the Congregation Leadership Team (CLT) member responsible for the West Province and Development offices, Br. Alban Besigrinee, stated that, the new facilities were funded through the Special Collections of the students of Presentation College in Ireland, aimed at supporting the efforts of the Brothers in WAP to provide quality and affordable education to the youth at the margins of our society for sustainable socio-economic development in the future. He advised parents to focus more on their children's education particularly the girl child as it is through education that he has come far in life.

Also present at the commissioning ceremony were some Presentation Brothers, PTA executives, community members, staff of the Social Welfare Department, staff of the Catholic Education Unit Bolga and the chaplain of the school Rev. Fr. Jonas Atarah who blessed the building.

The Head teacher of the newly commissioned school, Br. Godfred Betreyel, expressed gratitude to the Mission Development Officer (MDO) Mr. Dáithí Ó hAodha and the Province Development Office, Tamale, for coordination the building of the new facility, he remarked that the school is a dream come true. Br. Godfred said the pupils were previously housed at the primary school building where they were uncomfortable with the grown ups. The new building will provide the proper environment for realizing the children's potential and for further development of their curriculum, he added.

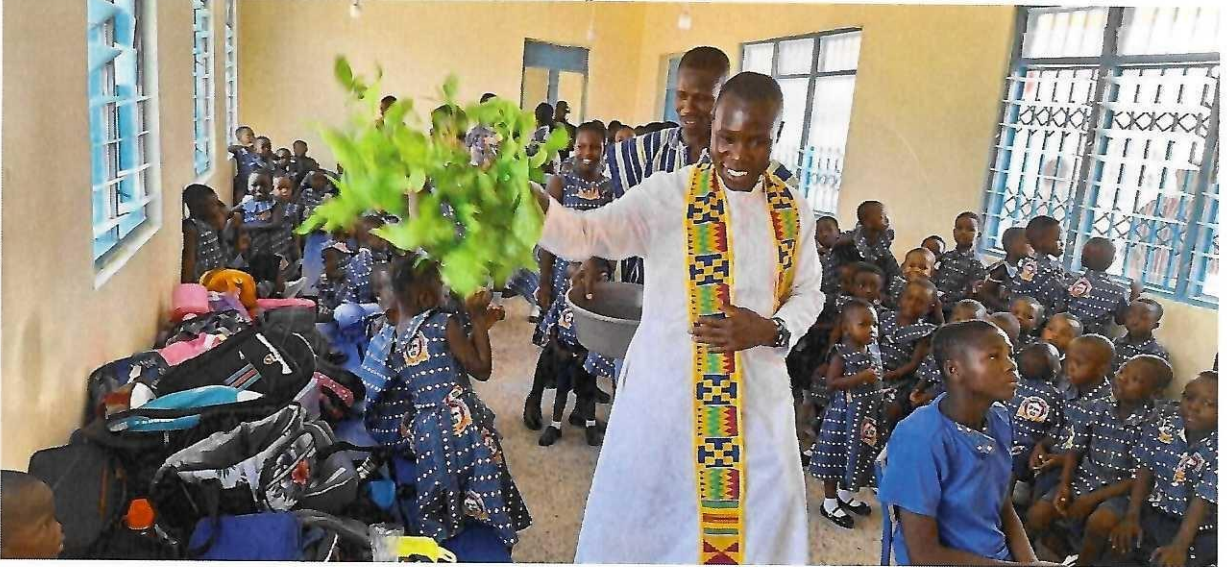


The tape cutting and unveiling the plaque by the Municipal Director of Education, Ms. Ann Estella, was assisted by Brs. Alban and Emmanuel to cut the tape and unveiled the plaque





Blessing of the building by Rev. Fr. Jonas, chaplain of the school





Inspection of the facility conducted by the head teacher

