

Meet the Gadza/Agudzi Primary School



The children giggle at the sight of new school supplies donated by a FUTURE LEADERS OF GHANA volunteer.



Quick Facts

- 132 students
- 7 staff members (including administrators)
- 0 books
- 0 computers

Woezor! Welcome, to the school where learning takes place under a massive mango tree!

The Gadza/Agudzi Primary School is located in the village of Agudzi. Agudzi is in the Volta Region of Ghana, West Africa. It is a public school and children do not need to pay to attend. Children come from the Gadza village and the village of Agudzi to attend here. The campus is centered around a stunning mango tree that provides a shady meeting place and juicy snacks when the season is right.



Though the school is situated in a beautiful location, much is lacking in the way of academics.

This school is quite remote and lacks all items most of us consider necessities for school. The classrooms are barren of everything but chalkboards and desks. There is no school lunch offered so most children go from 8am to 2pm without a single bite to eat. There is no electricity set up at the school. Because of this, windows must be kept open for light allowing malaria-spreading insects to enter freely. Not one reading book is available for children to browse through. It is difficult for students to learn to read without any books!

What we are all about...

THE FUTURE LEADERS OF GHANA PROGRAM reaches out to underprivileged schools in Ghana. Their mission is to improve the quality of education for Ghanaian children by supporting their selected schools from the inside out.

They work closely with the staff of each school, introducing new teaching methods and providing much needed supplies,

The program also sends a steady flow of volunteers from the US to teach in

the school, modeling innovative teaching strategies for the staff.

Volunteers not only come to teach but also to help paint classrooms, sew uniforms, set up computers, build libraries, and much more.

“The drums of Africa still beat in my heart. They will not let me rest while there is a single African boy or girl without a chance to prove his worth.”
~Mary McLeod Bethune



All eyes are glued as a volunteer reads Gadza/Agudzi students their first ever story book!



Konda students show off their school shoes.



Get involved!

Below is a schedule of the donation drives that will be organized to raise funds and supplies for this needy school. Please urge your family, friends, students and local businesses to get involved. Everyone can make a difference!

September: PEN/PENCIL DRIVE

Empty out those junk drawers and give a child the gift of expression!

October/November: HOT LUNCH DRIVE

Children can't learn on empty stomachs! In Ghana a nutritious hot lunch costs just .30 a day. That's \$60.00 a year per child. Challenge yourself – how many children can you help feed?

December: TOOTHBRUSH DRIVE

This one's easy – collect new toothbrushes for our students. Ask your dentist for donations.

January/February: BUCKS OR BOOKS

Help fill our new library with books. When collecting books be mindful of where they are going. Many American children's books will be difficult for African children to relate to. Try and look for non-fiction books and story books that have universal appeal. Cash donations are also accepted.

March/April: SHOES FOR SCHOOL

Many children travel a great distance to attend our school. Therefore shoes are important! The children of Ghana take vigilant care of their shoes, hand washing them weekly, because they know how precious shoes are. Children here wear whatever shoes are available to them; some tattered and torn, some made for a colder climate, some many sizes too big for them (so that they can wear them for many years without out-growing them.)

So go ahead – clean out those closets! Collect any kind of children's shoes- used or new, dressy or not, any size for children from 4 years to 17years.

May: UNIFORM CHANGE DRIVE

Every child in Ghana is required to wear uniforms to school. Unfortunately, not all children can afford the \$3.00 it costs to have one made. Those children who do have uniforms usually wear them until there are no buttons left, the zipper breaks, and each seam is torn. The FUTURE LEADERS OF GHANA PROGRAM has proposed a new version of uniform that requires no buttons or zippers, thus making each one less expensive and more likely to last.

June: SPORTS EQUIPMENT DRIVE

All children love to play! The children at Gadza/Agudzi Primary School especially love soccer. Sadly, there are no balls available to play with. Sometimes a plastic bag filled with air is used for a ball and stacked stones form makeshift goal posts. Let's collect used sports equipment for the children to use during recess. Soccer balls, footballs, air-pumps, jump ropes, Frisbees, cones, shin-guards, and cleats are all great things to collect. Please remember that all of these items need to be shipped so make sure all air is removed from the balls.



Staff professional development under the great mango tree.