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Dear Friends,

NEWSLETTER - 1993

You no doubt feel a lack of recent news about GSA (one or two have said as much in recent letters!) and we are indeed conscious that over a year has elapsed since the last newsletter. It is not really feasible at present to communicate with our "address-list" more than once a year and this time we are, for various reasons, running a little bit late. We hope you will forgive us; and we very much appreciate the regular support from subscriptions & donations.

We should like to reassure you that we have not been entirely idle in the last year and there has been some useful progress in delivering a modest quantity of aid to a number of schools in Ghana. See information later in this letter. Meanwhile, make a note of the date of this year's ANNUAL REUNION LUNCH : Wednesday 19 May, at John Adams Hall. If you would like to attend please use the enclosed booking form.

Last year's enjoyable Lunch had an attendance of about 70, including all three of our Patrons; it was a great pleasure to welcome HE The High Commissioner and Mrs. Asante. Lord and Lady Listowel and Mr. Frank Ward, Mr. & Mrs. Kofi Ohene and a number of other Ghanaian guests. Sir George Sinclair gave a fascinating talk, including references to the Elliott Committee on Higher Education, of which he had been the Secretary. It was a great pleasure too, to welcome Jimmy Moxon.

AID PROJECTS up-date: early last year, we made a grant of £1000 to provide further woodwork tools and equipment for the two schools at Abokobi and Dodowa. The funds were transferred to Robert Asiedu in Accra and realised 785,000 cedis; some 450,000 cedis have been spent on tools for Abokobi and the money for Dodowa is being with-held pending completion of a new workshop. As forecast last year, we ordered from the Child-to-Child Trust some sets of readers relating to primary health education; these, 2000 books in all (20 copies of each of 10 titles), together with ten sets of geography wall-charts (10 titles) were sent to Accra, collected by Robert Asiedu, and presented to the Secretary for Education on 8 October in a ceremony reported on the front page of the Daily Graphic. Robert Asiedu, Jimmy Anang and Michael Asiedu took part in this event which was organised by Mrs. Felicia Adofo, Head of a new Health Education Unit in the Ghana Education Service. We are exploring the possibility of further links with this Unit and the Child-to-Child Trust for the distribution of more school materials. The books and charts presented in October were then transported to a total of 18 schools by GES officers. The Secretary for Education wished to know the basis on which the GSA Trust selected schools to receive aid and Robert Asiedu explained that they were schools with which members of the Trust had some personal connection (eg the

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school in Michael Asiedu's village, Assin Achiase), or schools visited by the group in 1990 (eg West Africa Secondary School Accra, Achimota); the original two schools at Abokobi and Dodowa were nominated by Jimmy Anang and Robert Asiedu and being close to Accra can be monitored by them. We have now added Navrongo Secondary School, arranging for a supply of books to be sent via Gemini Book Supplies, a firm suggested to us by Biddy Shout; if this works satisfactorily we shall use them again.

We have now spent, in books and materials supplied, or in small grants, some £7250 out of the total c.£12000 raised to date.

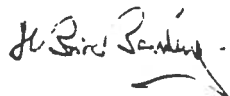
"MY AFRICA": copies of Frank Ward's splendid book are still available at the special price of £8.50; please write to Eric Earle (1 Western Down, Guildown Road, GUILDFORD GU2 5EW) if you wish to order a copy. About 40 copies were sold following the notice in last year's newsletter.

GHANA VISIT VIDEO: some 20 copies have now been supplied, after some problems in production and at a higher cost than originally estimated - if "satisfied customers" would care to make a further modest donation to meet increased costs, that would be appreciated (£3 would cover the gap). We are exploring the production of more copies; if interested, contact Eric Earle.

ADDRESS LIST: we have about 120 names on the list, revised after the response to the last newsletter. Of these, the number undertaking an annual subscription or making a fairly regular donation, is 82, 35 of whom have also covenanted their sub. (they will be aware of delays in dealing with the recovery of tax; we are hopeful of sorting this problem out very shortly). If you are on the list and not "subscribing", would you consider doing so either by undertaking an annual payment or making an occasional donation to help cover postage and other costs?

Finally, sad news: some of you will have heard that Philip Tregidgo died last year - Julian Rea and Eric & Auriol Earle were able to attend his funeral. Our sympathy to Vera. Over the past two years, we have also sadly lost Ken Strong and Felicity Kinross.

Best wishes for 1993 and we shall hope to see you at the Reunion on 19 May.



Brice Bending and Eric Earle