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Dear Donors and Friends of TSP,

2016 was another great year for growth and achievement in the village of Akatim. What was once a community created by migrant farmers is now a permanent residence for those that see hope through the education of their children.

We have been able to build new partnerships, such as solar power through SoLight Designs, and grow existing programs such as Sponsor a Student. All of which have contributed to the overall academic achievement that has gradually increased over the last two years. The Akatim Village school is now seeing academic scores that rival that of the nearby cities, something that has been improbable in the past. We are pleased to announce that we have reached the point where we are experiencing the first generation of Akatim students to pass the national exam to enter high school. In fact, for two years in a row, there is a 100% passing rate to go from Junior High School Class 3 onto Senior High School.

This success is not from one person, rather a community of collaborators, innovators, and do-gooders that have come together to do what they can to make a difference in the lives of others. Our organization has volunteers operating in four different countries around the world, not to mention the full time teaching and administrative staff that runs daily operations of the Akatim Village School. Finally, it takes you, our donors, to help us continue to move forward and we wish to whole-heartedly thank you and invite you to share in our accomplishments as they are yours just as much as they are ours. We can only do this together, and we hope that you choose to join with us in 2017 to continue to create change in the lives of others.

Ubuntu--I am because WE are.

Christopher Toone
Co-Founder & CEO
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CHANGING THE WORLD BY THE NUMBERS
TSP is still **100%** volunteer ran! Meaning **100%** of your donations go straight to our programs!

- **19%** of All Students are now Sponsored!
- **95%** Attendance Rate for Sponsored Students
- **315** Books Donated to The Akatim Village School
- Over **200** Solar Lamps Distributed to our Students and their families!
- More than **300** articles of clothing donated for our students!
- **100%** Teacher Retention Rate for the Second Year in a Row!
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OLIVIA BENNEH

Olivia has been working with TSP since the start of the organization in 2010. She was raised in Senase before moving back to Accra to continue her education. Olivia works tirelessly to supervise and promote our organization’s efforts in Ghana and goes above and beyond to care for the children of Akatim. Her dedication and compassion has brought her back to the village of Senase and she has continued to help those in need. We would not be where we are today without her.

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Our Amazing Staff

Akatim Village School

Debora Amea
Kindergarten

Diana Akrasi
Kindergarten

Francisca Adubea
Kindergarten

Elvis Takyi
First Grade

Mary Kyeera
Grade 2

Pius Owusu
Grade 3

Michael Acheampong
Grade 4

Victor Owusu
Grade 5

Felix Ansu
Grade 6

Kofi Osei
Communications and Information Technology, Grades 1-6

Issah Kbose
Religious & Moral Studies, JHS

Johnson Damoah
Social Studies, JHS

The Senase Project

Chris Toone
CEO & Co-Founder

Grant Nagaki
CFO & Co-Founder

Olivia Benneh
Director of Country Operations, Ghana

Sophie Kephart
Marketing Director

Brittany Chelette
Sponsor a Student Coordinator

Courtney Jost
Social Media Manager

Heather Elliott
Promotional Sales Coordinator

Mike Kephart
IT Coordinator
Special Thanks

SoLight Designs
We would like to extend a special thanks to Alice Min Soo Chun and her team at SoLight Designs. When we first organized The Senase Project in 2010, all we were hoping for was to be able to construct a school. This past June we were speechless as we distributed over 200 solar lanterns into the community, and saw the faces of the people as they learned how to use them. This would not have been possible without SoLight’s donation of 120 lanterns. Students are now able to study at night and families are able to keep everyone safe in the dark. Such as simple gift, but with life changing implications.

Dressed in Love
Dressed in Love is a non-profit located in Kentucky which donated over 300 pieces of handmade clothing to the village of Akatim. When we distributed these items to the school’s children, we were greeted by giggles and smiles as a feeling of excitement swept over the students. As their eyes burst with joy, we could see them become confident in their new clothing, and the next day every single student was wearing what they had received. We wish to thank Dressed in Love for making these children feel important and confident, something that has often been missing from Akatim.

Mr. John Baptist Pingle
This past September we were saddened to hear that Mr. John Baptist Pingle, previous Headmaster of the Akatim Village School for the past 2 years, had been transferred. Mr. Pingle singlehandedly took it upon himself to spread the importance of education to the village. Each day after school he would choose a cluster of homes to visit and speak with the parents, encouraging them to keep their children in school. As a result, there was an immediate increase in attendance at the school. He also played a pivotal role in helping us launch our Sponsor a Student Program. Without Mr. Pingle’s dedication and efforts, we would not experienced the successes of 2016. Thank you so much for your help, Mr. Pingle. We will continue your work in your honor!
Future Projects

- Construction of proper sanitation facilities
- Providing washing stations at the school
- Adding an additional classroom & an ICT learning room
- Adding teacher accommodations
- Implementing community outreach programs in order to bridge the gap between teachers, parents, and the community as a whole
The Senase Project

From the Entire TSP Crew to You

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