



Newsletter 32, June 2026

Dear friends,

The world is very turbulent, as you know and you can experience this daily, but fortunately there are also a few predictable, quiet moments.

One of these is the appearance of our six-monthly Newsletter! You can sit down quietly and enjoy reading the many good news we like to share about our work at PCC and beyond. Hopefully, it makes you all completely happy and incredibly calm!

OUR RESIDENTS Emmanuella and Stephen

It was an exciting period for Emmanuella and Stephen, and consequently for the entire PCC, as they both took their Senior High School final exams. What an achievement! It will still be a while before they receive the results, but we are incredibly proud of them!

And... on July 1st, Stephen can already start an ICT course in Accra, at a partner ICT organization! Emmanuella is still thinking about her future.



Want to know and read more? See: <https://operationhandinhand.nl/en/exam-time-for-emmanuella-and-stephen/>

Three new children from OCH

We are very happy to welcome 3 new residents, all 3 from Osu Childrens Home in Accra, with various disabilities.

Their new names at PCC are: Adam, Abel, and Jeremiah. They all three require a lot of attention and care, and we hope that we can provide them with plenty of that at PCC.

Adam, Abel, and Jeremiah, you are most welcome in PCC!!



2 of the 3 new residents

Jonathan Seidu

Jonathan has been staying at PCC for a number of years. He came to our sheltered workshop as a young adult, with a (for the a bit older readers...) "Rain Man"-like form of autism. He is very happy in our Community, works hard in the kitchen, and... is also very handy and active on a sewing machine in the sheltered workshop!

Looking at Jonathan's situation and development, we recently decided, in consultation with his father, that he can stay at PCC permanently! Jonathan is absolutely thrilled! Welcome to your new family, Jonathan!

For a photo of Jonathan, see page 4

OUTREACH

As previously written, the work outside the walls of our PCC Community—our Outreach work—is becoming increasingly important. Through this, we also reach many children with disabilities who still live at home with their parents (and are therefore, fortunately, not abandoned!!).

Currently, the Outreach team led by Emma Boyan is being strengthened with a Mental Health Nurse.

New Daycare Kyeradeso Building

In the village of Kyeradeso in the Nkoranza-South District, we are currently building a beautiful new Daycare, replacing the temporary and too-small facility in an old classroom.



The new DC under construction

In just 1 or 2 months, this Daycare will be ready for use; we are looking forward to it, as are the children with disabilities from Kyeradeso and their caregivers! Daycare Forikrom Building + 2 Years We are very happy that we have been able to rent the old church in Forikrom (where we run a Daycare) for a new 2-year period (until August 2028). This old building, located in the middle of the town, is indeed very suitable for a DC!

PCC and Outreach Celebrate Easter together

As part of the Easter festivities, the children from the 4 Outreach Daycares were all brought to PCC in Nkoranza for a *joint sports and games day!*

It was a great success; we saw many happy faces. It also underscores the feeling that all our activities, both within the walls of PCC and outside, form a unified whole.



Definitely worth repeating.

OUR WORKERS

Joyce retires on October 1st

People are getting older at PCC too. One of our senior caregivers is Joyce, who has been working at PCC for about 25 years and has been caring for Emmanuella there since 2004(!), among other things! On October 1st, Joyce will retire, well-deservedly. We hope she will feel great when enjoying her retirement.

Gold medal Janet

At the Milan Winter Olympics, Ghana, as a tropical country, failed to impress as expected...

Because we felt that was a bit unfair, we awarded Janet, who has been the key person of the PCC kitchen for over 25 years, a gold medal.

Just look how proud she is!



See also:

<https://operationhandinhand.nl/en/janet-for-gold/>

Thomas is now our Rehabilitation Officer

For many years, our caregiver Thomas has been a very loyal pillar of support in physiotherapy at PCC. Also in the management of wheelchairs, fitting orthopaedic shoes, and more. For that reason, the PCC Board recently appointed Thomas as PCC's Rehabilitation Officer. A well-deserved promotion, and Thomas is proud!

New summer hut + table under the tree

Eating without a roof over your head is often perfectly fine in Ghana, but when it rains (and that happens quite often during the rainy season...), a canopy over the table where the locals sit while

eating is very nice. So we built a new summer hut over the table, where Joël, Mabel, Dela, and Patience, among others, eat 3 times a day. This way, they can sit nice and dry, no matter how hard it rains!

And at another spot in the centre, quite a few children *are sitting under a large tree, nice and shady* when the sun is shining!



The wall around the PCC grounds

For many years, a wall has stood around the PCC Community in Nkoranza. That wall is not intended to confine the residents; on the contrary, it is precisely to give them a lot of freedom, because they can now all walk around the compound as much as they want, without getting "lost" or getting lost...

That wall is quite long and by now quite weathered, which is why major maintenance is urgently needed. We started on this in recent months, thanks to our donors. A tough, but necessary job.



PCC WEBSITE

New site coming soon!

Behind the scenes, we are busy working on our digital future.

Unfortunately, our website is outdated and difficult to use. Therefore, we are building a completely new, fresh website.

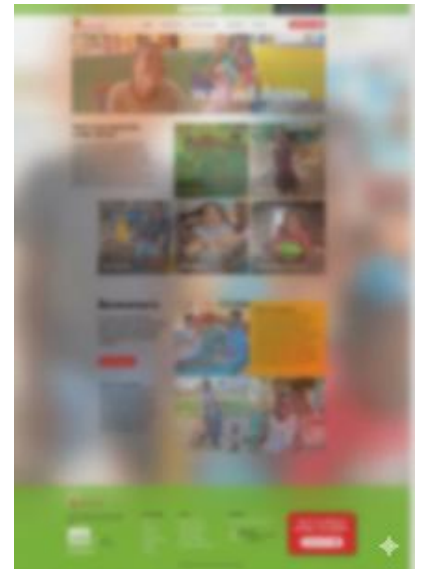
It will be faster, easier to visit on your mobile, and more secure. The site will also be more accessible, e.g., for people with a visual impairment. On the new website, we aim to inform our loyal supporters even better and comply with all laws and regulations.

At the same time, we want to appeal even more to new donors and volunteers. We also want to encourage stays in one of our guesthouses. This allows us to continue our work in the long term.

Supporting our work is being made even easier, including for the younger generation, with modern and secure donation buttons on the website.

Although the website is getting a modern makeover, our unique and distinct identity naturally remains paramount.

It will take a little while before everything is finished, but especially for you, here is a *very vague sneak preview...*



Special donation via Fountain Gate

PCC still receives most of its financial support from Europe. That is why we are always extra happy when we receive a generous donation for our work from the Ghanaian community.

Via a church in Bolgatanga, affiliated with our good friends at the Fountain Gate Chapel in Techiman under the leadership of Rev. Juliana Oppong, PCC received in February a wonderful donation of more than Cedi 30,000 (!)

from Rev. Juliana Oppong and many more generous people.

Through a special TV broadcast, *Rev. Juliana Oppong* also generated extra attention for PCC, which is amazing! We are very grateful for and very happy with this great sign of appreciation and royal support for our work from Ghana.



Rev. Julia and some of the PCC Children

Sponsoring

There are still children for whom we are looking for a full or partly sponsoring. Please check our website, for instance at the Homepage.

You can also get more information from our treasurer Jeannette Klein: mail to penningmeester@operationhandinhand.nl



The 3rd new PCC resident, coming from OCH (see page 1)

Finally

So far for this 32nd Newsletter. We hope you are now fully updated again.

Every month you can find a new update about the weal and woe of PCC in the column "*Alberts Corner*" on our website: www.handinhandcommunity.com

You can also follow us on Instagram? Nowadays already more than 120 people are following us there <https://www.instagram.com/operationhandinhand/>

Cordial greetings on behalf of the PCC Board, that is Joe Emma, Jeannette and me and of course from everyone else at PCC!

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